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# Attacks continue in PVA race

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

The election controversy between two Floyd County PVA candidates shows no sign of slowing down as both candidates continue to run the ads that have attracted media attention across the state when the focus was taken off qualifications and placed on character.

The Connie Hancock campaign ran an ad May 21, which the Glen David May campaign countered was false and attacked the character of May by saying he had been "arrested for DUI," "arrested and charged 56 times" and "had bitten the ear of a man completely off."

Ray Stewart, May's campaign manager, said that although they wanted to keep the focus on qualifications, they

had no other choice but to use a video, allegedly containing footage of Hancock having an affair, when Hancock ran the "erroneous and outrageous" ad that attacked May's character.

Stewart said the campaign was not trying to offend anyone with the portion of the video that was run in the ad on WYMT-TV Thursday, but "these were two candidates who had made a lot of

mistakes" and when Hancock "attacked" May, they were left with no other alternative but to respond.

Hancock's campaign has issued denials that she is the woman in the video in May's ad, but the candidate herself released a stronger, unequivocal, signed denial on Friday.

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Hancock



May

## IAFF blasts city

Firefighter fight brewing again in Prestonsburg

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A letter sent to Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin from the general president of the International Association of Fire Fighters, Harold Schaitberger, expressed specific concerns of the organization about the city's alleged attempts to infringe on the rights of its members.

In the letter, Schaitberger says that Prestonsburg firefighters exercised their right to engage in the political process and continue to be punished for it.

The event that Schaitberger was referring to is the 2000 city council race, during which firefighters endorsed several candidates who supported public safety improvements — and all of whom were not current members of the council.

As a result of the endorse-

(See FIGHT, page nine)

## ACADEMIC HONORS BANQUET



photo by Jarrid Deaton

The Governor's Scholars honored at the academic banquet on Thursday are Jennifer Humphrey, Heath Chaffin, Nick Chaffin, Taryn Harris, Ashley Fish, Andrew Burchett, Lowell Brock, Joseph Ratliff, Mollie McMillan, Nathaniel Blackburn and Shellie Hayes.



photo by Jarrid Deaton

Floyd County eighth-grade students that were honored at the academic banquet on Thursday were Benjamin Westfall, Becky Tackett, Nathan Hamilton, Mara Biliter, Megan Castle, Brooke Boyd, Aianna Cline, Kelly Clark, Justin Jacobs, Kimberly Williams, Robert Herrick and Kimberly Ratliff.

## Informal poll shows backlash

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

"Politics have hit a new low-water mark."

That seems to be the general consensus among the citizens of Floyd County when asked their opinions on the campaign advertisements between Property Valuation Administrator candidate Glen David May and incumbent PVA Connie Hancock.

The ads in question include a commercial for Hancock which brings up May's alleged arrests and run-ins with the law, and a commercial for May that shows a woman alleged to be Hancock sitting on a bed without pants, with a man walking towards her.

"I think that the whole thing is absolutely ridiculous," said Grethel resident Sue Clark.

"At first I thought it looked worse on her, but they're both slinging mud," said Prestonsburg resident David Jarrell.

"That doesn't mean that she couldn't do her job. It's her personal life," said Garrett resident Wanda Fisher.

There were also those who seemed to hold Hancock more or less responsible for what happened.

"The way I see it, she started on him first," said

(See REACTION, page nine)

## Greathouse happy to be in the middle

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

Stuck in the middle may not be a bad place to be for the third candidate

in the Floyd County Public Valuation Administrator race,

Jerome Chris

Greathouse, who says, "It is not always the candidate that is in the spotlight that is the best man for the job."

Greathouse has had little exposure due to his \$1,800 campaign fund and with three children and one on the way, most of his money goes toward raising his family. Greathouse said that while he can't "stick a name on every stick," he is qualified for the job with his "blue collar degree that he got from building houses for a living."

Although technically the

(See MIDDLE, page nine)

## Court bans out-of-county car dealers

by LENA BASHA  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court passed an ordinance Friday at a special meeting. The ordinance will affect the regulation of auto-

mobile sales conducted within Floyd County.

The city of Prestonsburg and the Pike County fiscal court have passed similar ordinances.

The ordinance calls for several requisites that a car dealer must possess to be authorized to

sell automobiles in Floyd County legitimately.

According to the ordinance, an automobile dealer who wishes to sell automobiles in the county must maintain a proper place of business that is easily accessible to the public.

The place of business must have an office in a permanent, non-residential location, a mailing address, a telephone, a minimum of 100 square feet of office space and a minimum of 2,000

(See DEALERS, page nine)

## With failing memory, suspect enters Alford plea

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A man who was involved in a shootout at Stephens Branch was scheduled to enter a guilty plea on Friday, but instead was offered an Alford plea by Judge John David Caudill.

When Marty Tackett was reluctant to enter a guilty plea to fourth-degree assault, saying he could not remember the incident, Judge Caudill asked him if he believed that he was guilty.

"I don't want anyone who doesn't feel they are guilty to plead guilty in my courtroom," said Caudill.

Tackett said he could not remember the incident because he had been shot that night. Caudill then asked Tackett if he would like to enter an Alford plea on the basis that he had no recollection of the event and that he admitted that there may be enough evidence to find him guilty.

A defendant can enter an Alford plea by acknowledging there is enough evidence to obtain a conviction, but still maintains innocence. The defendant can still face a criminal sentence afterwards.

According to Common-

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## Dune buggy accident kills two in Breathitt

by RENEE M. SNOWDEN  
BREATHITT COUNTY BUREAU

SOUTH FORK — On May 19, Clifford Keeton Clemons and Timothy Campbell were riding a dune buggy when they lost control and overturned.

Clemons, 20, and Campbell, 20, were riding on the dune buggy at South Fork in Breathitt County. They were going around a curve when the driver apparently lost control of the vehicle and it overturned.

Clemons and Campbell were both thrown from the buggy. According to police, neither was wearing a seat belt.

The two men were taken to the Kentucky Regional Medical Center in Jackson and pronounced dead by the Breathitt County coroner.

Clemons was the son of Clifford Clemons and Sherry Keeton. He graduated Breathitt High School in 2000 and was

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# Odds and Ends

■ **DAYVILLE, Ore.** — On senior skip day, Matt Sagaser was the only one who took the day off. On graduation day, he'll be the only senior to be handed a diploma.

Matt also is the only senior at Dayville High School.

"We have the smallest graduating class in the nation, or at least we're tied," said Lori Chapman, the school secretary. It's been years since Dayville

High, with 19 students this year, had more than a handful of graduating seniors. Last year, there were five; the year before six; the year before that five. But never just one.

When Matt enrolled in the seventh grade, there were 14 students. Gradually, the others moved or transferred to other schools. As a junior, it was just Matt and an exchange student from Mexico.

Matt said he's enjoyed his high school years, especially the camaraderie in such a small student body. It was also nice being the runaway choice as senior class president and most outstanding senior.

There have been drawbacks, too: He went alone to the senior prom, held with senior classes from five other small eastern Oregon schools.

■ **WEST FINLEY, Pa.** — Bob Domske didn't spend a lot on his campaign, but he still gave his opponents a run for their money.

The West Finley steelworker and farmer earned 8,783 votes and came in third for the Democratic nomination for the 18th Congressional District in Tuesday's primary.

He thinks that's an accomplishment, considering he spent \$100 on his campaign.

His biggest expense was the tape and markers he used to update the political signs he had when he ran for U.S. Senate in 2000 as a Reform Party candidate. Domske taped over the word "Senate" and wrote in "Congress" for this year's campaign.

Now that the election is over, Domske is collecting his campaign signs, which he plans to use again in his next political campaign.

"I pulled 8,000 votes on \$100. If I had \$10,000, what would have happened?" Domske said. "I guess we'll never know."

Jack Machek won the primary with 28,430 votes and Washington County Sheriff Larry Maggi came in second

with 23,428 votes.

■ **GOLDEN VALLEY, Minn.** — After a spectacular round of golf the other day, a dentist has a riveting story to tell everyone who sits in the chair for a filling.

Jim Scheller, 63, made two holes in one during a single round.

Scheller knocked in the aces at the Golden Valley Country Club on Sunday. He nailed No. 14 from 170 yards. Scheller then bagged his second hole in one on No. 17, when his 175-yard tee shot landed in front of the pin and rolled in.

He had aced both of the par-3 holes before, but never like this.

"It was like a dream sequence," said Scheller, who won the 1990 State Senior Open and the 1991 State Amateur. "The first one happened so quick it startled me. Then when we got to 17, (playing partner) Dick Kenny said to me, 'Here's your chance to get two.'"

The National Golf Foundation estimates the odds of two aces in one round at 67 million-to-one.

That helps explain why Scheller said his unlikely story has been a hard sell among some

friends.

"I called a couple of guys," he said. "One of them said I must have been drinking. The other hung up on me."

■ **NEW YORK** — Talk about arriving ahead of schedule.

A woman from London who was seven months pregnant gave birth to a healthy baby boy on Thursday shortly after her flight arrived at John F. Kennedy International Airport. Five police officers assisted in the birth.

Sola Adeoye, 35, arrived at the airport shortly after midnight aboard a Virgin Atlantic flight and said she was experiencing severe abdominal pain, said spokesman Steve Coleman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

With help from five Port Authority officers, Adeoye delivered her second child at 12:17 a.m. in the arrivals area of Terminal 1.

Adeoye had come to town with her 15-month-old daughter to visit friends in Brooklyn, Coleman said.

Adeoye was taken to a hospital, where she and her son were "doing fine," Coleman said.

## Louisville zoo opens gorilla exhibit

by LORI BURLING  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Frank recently moved with his family to four acres of lush, green land in Jefferson County, but there's no minivan sitting in the drive — just a broken-down tour bus that has seen the wilds of Africa.

Frank is a Western lowland gorilla who is part of the Louisville Zoo's new \$15 million Gorilla Forest exhibit that opens Thursday. Frank, two adult females and three young gorillas came to the forest in March. Two of their neighbors from their prior home — Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago — joined them last week.

"A private guided tour in the wild is one place you're guaranteed to see a gorilla, that's what we've tried to create here," said John Walczak, assistant director of the Louisville Zoo.

After passing the abandoned bus and the African Outpost — a last stop for gas and food — tour groups will embark on a simulated journey into Africa in search of the gorillas and two Pygmy hippos, an added feature to the exhibit.

Visitors will follow hoof and knuckle prints through a fog-ridden, misty trail surrounded by trees and bamboo. The first chance to see Frank or a member of his family is the Mudi Bai — a 16,500-square-foot area of land including five different types of grass for the vegetarian family. Such a clearing is typical in tropical forests of west and central Africa, according to Walczak.

Before arriving at the indoor home of the gorillas, tourists will visit Hippo Falls, the pygmy hippo exhibit. The exhibit includes four animal stalls and an underwater hippo

viewing area. Educational activities line the trails to help visitors learn more about preserving animal life.

"This is a conservation project; we want to educate visitors about conservation efforts that can be made," Walczak said. "We're trying to maintain a healthy family group to guarantee the species another 100 years."

The gorilla family that just moved in includes three males — 37-year-old Frank, 3-year-old Bengati and 5-year-old

(See ZOO, page five)

## Gorilla facts

Quick facts about Western lowland gorillas:

■ Gorillas are the largest of the primates. An adult male weighs 350 to 600 pounds. But a baby gorilla may only weigh 4.5 pounds.

■ About 110,000 gorillas exist in six African countries, 80 percent are located in the Congo and Gabon.

■ An adult gorilla has no hair on its face, chest, palms or soles of its feet.

■ Gorillas can live for more than 50 years.

■ Although its head is larger, a gorilla's brain is smaller than a human's. A gorilla's hand is twice the size of a human's hand.

■ Just like humans, the faces of gorillas are different from one another.

■ Gorillas are vegetarians.

Source: Louisville Zoo

## KENTUCKY GETAWAYS

# Greens in the Bluegrass

by ANN LATTA  
SECRETARY OF TOURISM  
DEVELOPMENT

When it comes to golf, it's a safe bet that Kentucky is most remembered as the site of the 2000 PGA Tournament at Valhalla Golf Club, the state's most renowned golf course. The end of the tournament found Tiger Woods in a three-hole playoff against Bob May. It was an exciting end to a week of fierce competition that saw golf's most heralded player win the prestigious Wannamaker Trophy.

The 2000 PGA Tournament proves that Kentucky knows golf. We know golf on the professional level and we know golf on the amateur level. Most of all, we know how to do it right.

Here's a guide to some of the state's top-notch golf courses. If you get a chance this spring or summer, why not pick up the clubs and play a round?

### StoneCrest Golf Course

One of the only courses in the country developed on a former coal-mining removal site, StoneCrest Golf Course has become one of Kentucky's most attractive golf destinations.

Located in Prestonsburg, the course recorded more than 8,000 rounds in the first two months after opening in May 2001 and is experiencing golfing levels expected at more populous cities like Lexington.

According to Larry Ward, head professional at StoneCrest, the course is very popular with

residents from across the state. Each week an average about 40 golfers drive at least an hour and a half to play a round.

Much of this attraction can be attributed to the course's beauty and pristine condition. The tees, greens and fairways are all in excellent shape, but it is the view from the course that has many golfers singing its praises. At an altitude of 1,250 feet, the 72-par course has a breathtaking view of the Big Sandy Valley.

The multi-million dollar course was designed to be an 18-hole championship course for state and regional tournaments. Living up to its expectations, StoneCrest is hosting the largest pro-am tournament in the state this year on July 27-28. State residents are invited to come out and watch the excitement.

For those who want to get in on the action themselves, StoneCrest charges \$30 for a weekday round, including a cart, and \$35 on the weekends. To reserve a tee time or just find out more about StoneCrest Golf Course, call (606) 886-1006.

### Wasioto Winds

Internationally recognized golf course architect Michael Hurdzan designed this new course at Pine Mountain State Resort Park in Pineville. With a name that means "valley of the deer," golfers will be awestruck by the course's beauty. It occupies a rolling valley crisscrossed by a winding stream and edged by Kentucky mountains. Native plants such as rhododendron and hemlocks

were used to landscape the course.

Opened only a year, Wasioto Winds remains green virtually all year round due to the extensive use of an upscale, cool-weather turf called L-93 Bent Grass.

True to its links' nature, the course is relatively flat, with water coming into play from three lakes, a creek and several wetland areas. Six arching bridges span the water throughout the course. In a round that has been proclaimed "difficult...but friendly to the high handicapper," the course offers five par 3 holes and five par 5 holes.

Amateur golfers should not be discouraged, as the course boasts an indoor training center, a practice range, two practice putting greens and Jerry Shoffner, a full-time PGA Pro on staff.

Eighteen-hole golf packages are offered year-round, with fees of \$25 on weekdays and \$30 on weekends. For more information, call the pro shop at (606) 337-1066 or (800) 814-8002.

### State Park Golf Courses

On Friday, May 17, Governor Paul Patton dedicated the newly renovated golf course at My Old Kentucky Home State Park in Bardstown. The 18-hole golf course is now available for public play after a year of complete redesign and reconstruction of the front nine holes and extensive irrigation and turf improvement on the

back nine holes.

Green Fees during the months of March through October are \$18 for weekday rounds and \$20 for the weekend. The course also offers twilight rates on weekdays for \$9 and \$10 on the weekend.

Named for the state park's commissioner, the Kenny Rapier Golf Course at My Old Kentucky Home State Park is just one of the many first-rate golf courses available at 17 Kentucky state parks. There are eight 18-hole courses, six nine-hole courses and three par-three courses.

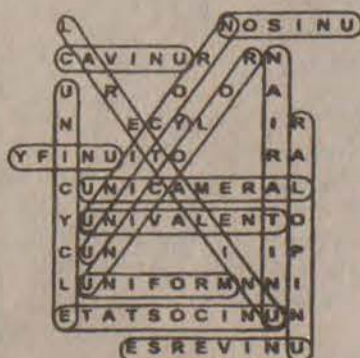
The best way to experience State Park courses is by purchasing one of the Kentucky State Park Golf Packages. Packages are now available for the spring and summer season for both the nine-hole and 18-hole courses. Rates vary according to season, but range from \$99 to \$165 per person and includes three days of golf at participating courses, two nights' lodging and two dinners.

The state Park golf courses participating in the packages include those at Barren River Lake, Greenbo Lake, KenLake, Kentucky Dam Village, Lake Barkley, Pine Mountain, Carter Caves, General Butler, Jenny Wiley, Pennyryle Forest and Rough River Dam.

To order your State Park Golf Package or find the latest information on state parks, visit [www.kystateparks.com](http://www.kystateparks.com) or call toll-free 1-800-255-PARK (7275).

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# EKSC director featured in international magazine

PRESTONSBURG — East Kentucky Science Center Director Raymond Shubinski's passion for astronomy and mechanical timepieces are adding zest to an internationally distributed publication.

Shubinski, an astronomer who has had some unusual adventures, has an avid interest in time and timekeepers. His ardor for astronomy and time-keeping devices is the topic of an article in the April edition of WatchTime, The Magazine of Fine Watches.

In the article, writer Matthew Morse hints at Shubinski's star-gazing adventures. He has been nose-to-nose with an eastern gray kangaroo at 2 in the morning outside the Mount Stromlo Observatory in Australia, surrounded by a pack of coyotes in

the desert in Arizona, crawled over by tarantulas and has argued with rattlesnakes.

The WatchTime article explains how Shubinski became hooked on the stars — through an inside look at happenings at Cape Canaveral in his younger years — and the inner workings of a timepiece — when he was 4 years old and discovered cuckoo clocks.

"As a boy, he'd visit [his aunt and uncle, who worked at Cape Canaveral] and watch the rockets as they launched towards an infinite sky that he became increasingly familiar with by visiting Chicago's Adler Planetarium. When he went inside the Adler's big dome and saw the sky projected onto the ceiling, he felt the beauty of a universal order and a sense of control deep in his bones. He was hooked. At the same time, he nursed a parallel passion for horology [the science of time] ... a jones he claims can be traced to the time he discovered a neighbor's cuckoo clock when he was 4 years old," Morse writes in the article.

Shubinski learned about watch servicing at a jewelry store where he worked while he was a student in high school. He discovered a clock's movement and a planetarium's star projec-

tor were similar when he was a freshman and served as a volunteer at a small planetarium and later when he worked at Michigan State University's Abrams Planetarium, Morse writes.

The first projection planetarium, developed by Carl Zeiss in 1923, was basically clockwork and optical devices, according to Shubinski, who learned a great deal about the inner workings of optical planetarium projectors through hands-on experiences as director of two of the nation's largest planetariums.

He also has been a guest lecturer and planetarium presenter in Italy, chased solar eclipses in Mexico and South America, observed comets from the South Pacific and become a personal acquaintance of well-known people such as the late Carl Sagan, Alan Shepard and Clyde Tombaugh, the man who discovered Pluto. After the Challenger space shuttle disaster, he worked with June Scobee to develop the Challenger Center project.

In addition to his job as director of the East Kentucky

(See EKSC, page eight)

## Highway District 12 officials honored with Environmental Stewardship award

PIKEVILLE — Among the 12 highway districts throughout Kentucky, District 12 was recently honored by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet as presenting the state's top Environmental Stewardship project.

Johnnie Ross, environmental scientist for the district; Keith Damron, P.E., planning branch manager; and Kevin Damron, P.E., pre-construction branch manager, each received a trip to the Federal Highway Administration's Southern Resource Center Environmental Stewardship Conference in Santa Fe, N.M., next month.

District 12's project, "Pine Mountain Revisited," affects 40 square acres and 36 roadway corridors. The environmental challenges for this project were unusual, since the area includes a Kentucky Nature Preserve, a Wildlife Management Area, sections of the newly-established Pine Mountain Trail, a numerous other scenic and natural elements that need to be preserved and enhanced.

In partnership with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, the Kentucky Division of Water, the Kentucky State Nature Preserves, the Pine Mountain Trails Association, and the Pine Mountain Task Force, District 12 officials are working to develop scenic overlooks, trail crossings, an entrance to Little Shepherd's Trail, overlooks, and other enhancements to make the roadway better fit into the natural environment.

Ross explained that the Pine Mountain Task Force was instrumental in moving the project along.

"After nearly 40 years of

studying the various transportation challenges associated with crossing Pine Mountain," Ross said, "we took the Cabinet's data to local residents, believing that the best way to address these challenges was by engaging people in the decision-making process. The resulting transportation investment is a unique blending of the human environment with the natural, and we did it not because we had to, but because it was the right thing to do."

At the Santa Fe conference, Ross and the Damrons will participate in sessions dealing with public involvement challenges such as environmental compliance and construction oversight as well as advancements in context sensitive design and cultural resource challenges that include preservation/mitigation/enhancements and Native American consultation in the transportation planning process. They will also take a trip to Pecos National Monument.

The national conference is set

(See AWARD, page eight)

## Court overturns Knox County occupational tax

by MARK R. CHELLGREN  
Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Knox County's occupational tax is improper because the fiscal court did not properly certify the accuracy of the ordinance enacting it, the Court of Appeals ruled Friday.

The court also criticized the fiscal court's handling of the meetings at which the tax was discussed and voted upon, but said the problems were not enough to overturn the tax on those grounds.

Judge Daniel Guidugli, who wrote the opinion, said the fiscal court did not have a summary of the tax ordinance published as state law requires.

The 2-1 decision ordered that the tax be overturned. The ruling can still be appealed to the

Kentucky Supreme Court.

Judge Paul Gudel, who wrote a dissenting opinion, said the fiscal court substantially complied with the law.

An occupational tax is essentially a local income tax. Knox County levies a tax of 1 percent of income.

The court was also troubled by the way the court went about enacting the tax. At the first meeting on Sept. 28, 1999, the meeting was moved to a larger circuit courtroom at the Barbourville courthouse. Some members of the audience said they could not hear the proceedings and a special meeting was held on Oct. 8, 1999.

On that day, though, roads around the courthouse and virtually all nearby parking was taken up for a local festival.

"While we believe the fiscal court might have better planned for a large crowd anticipated by its actions pertaining to an occupational tax, we do not believe the Kentucky Open Meetings Act was violated," Guidugli wrote.

In a separate decision, a different panel of the court said the Kentucky Human Rights Commission does not have the power to investigate the membership practices of private clubs to determine if they are eligible for special tax treatment.

The ruling was in a case that

began more than a decade ago when an individual filed a complaint against the Pendennis Club in Louisville, the Louisville Country Club and Idle Hour Country Club in Lexington that their membership practices were racially discriminatory.

The commission eventually dismissed the original complaint

(See KNOX, page eight)

## New agent takes helm of Kentucky FBI

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — The new head of FBI operations for Kentucky, J. Stephen Tidwell, took office this week, after serving several positions in the agency over the past two decades.

Tidwell, 49, arrived Thursday in Louisville, after working as an inspector at FBI headquarters in Washington since July 2001.

Tidwell said he and other top agents have made the fight against terrorism their top priority since Sept. 11.

"We are truly reinventing ourselves," Tidwell said at the Louisville office Friday. He acknowledged that since terrorism has taken top priority, other former FBI targets have taken a back seat, like drug trafficking.

"So if it is a drug organization, it's going to have to be a large one" to attract the attention of the bureau, he said. "We'll still make sure the full weight of the agency is aimed at the larger organizations."

Tidwell replaces Jeffrey Lampinski, who became head of the FBI office in Philadelphia in March.

Tidwell started his career in law enforcement as a police officer in Texas, and then joined the FBI as a field agent in 1983. In 1989, he was promoted to supervisory special agent and assigned to FBI headquarters in the Uniform Crime Reporting Section.

In Salt Lake City from 1999 to 2001, he was responsible for violent crimes, drugs and domestic terrorism programs, and he

oversaw FBI offices in Montana and Idaho.

Tidwell graduated from Howard Payne University in 1974 in Brownwood, Texas. He and his wife, Paula, have two children.

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## OurView

### Campaign antics inexcusable

We're still shaking our heads at how the Floyd County PVA's race so quickly degenerated into such a repugnant display of licentiousness. What had been a campaign year showing promise for being memorable in its civility, has now instead become infamous for sheer vehemence.

The prevailing attitude among voters to whom we have spoken is that the mudslinging on both sides is unfortunate, but that the spot run by Glenn David May accusing incumbent Connie Hancock of adultery is far over the line.

We agree. We understand May being upset by Hancock's commercial, which aired first and brought up May's appearances in court for a variety of violations, mostly traffic-related and mostly dismissed later.

In addition, Hancock's assertion that May's family is famous for not paying property taxes is, itself, over the line in that she provides no corroboration for her statement. Beyond that, we do not understand the relevance of bringing up alleged tax evasion by people not a part of the race.

But May, on the other hand, is swatting flies with a sledgehammer by airing what he claims to be a video of Hancock committing adultery. Not only is it thoroughly disgusting behavior on his part, it also has no bearing on his race.

May's use of the video can be summed up in one word — revenge. By his own admission, he is upset with Hancock's commercials about him. Obviously, he has decided to hit her with the most damaging attack he has. This vengeance is perhaps human and understandable, but hardly very noble and certainly repulsive to any voter who seeks a candidate who is not only qualified, but level-headed.

May's attack may very well have damaged Hancock, but we are shocked that it appears to have been used with absolutely no consideration for her family. It could be argued that Hancock opened herself up to attack by stepping into the spotlight, but there is no excuse for the destruction waged upon her family, particularly her children.

And for what? A state job with little power and pay that is hardly worth this price?

In a couple of days, this campaign will be over and all the efforts to secure office by both candidates will be long forgotten. But the damage inflicted on Hancock, May and their families will last a lifetime.

In the end, both Hancock and May were wrong to attack each other, regardless of who is more wrong. But there is no opportunity to unring this bell. What's done is done, and there is nothing anyone can do about that.

But what Hancock and May can both do is admit that they have each made a mistake, pull their respective attack ads and return to the positive campaigns which, until Thursday, had dominated this election year.

— The Floyd County Times



## — letters to the editor

### Sleepless in Drift

I'm confused! Did I fall asleep and wake up somewhere else? I have a feeling I'm not in Floyd County anymore. Is anyone else out there wondering just what the — is going on? When I fell asleep it was politics as usual. A little mud-slinging and finger-pointing. That was to be expected.

I woke up once to a yapping coming from my radio. I knew it was the radio because I don't have a dog. The name-calling was getting downright mean. Oh well, I thought, so much for "I don't have a dog in this race." Did they pass a law allowing pets to run for office?

Transfer after transfer, demotion, fired! Now what? Oh, I get it, someone just wouldn't play politics as usual. Just imagine that!

Vandalism! Don't worry, signs can't vote. Out of sight, out of mind? I think not. Only works with dirt.

Pornography! I think I'm going to be sick. Yep, it's finally come knocking on our front door. Right here in Floyd County. And they said it couldn't happen. I must be having a nightmare! No one would stoop that low, would they? Yep! Looks like.

Sleep? No! I don't expect I'll get another goodnight's sleep until after the election. I'm going to let these politi-

cians know just what I think of their politics as UNUSUAL!

Vote? Darn right I am. And I've got a news flash for you.

My vote does count!  
Loretta Fugate  
Drift

### Be a Chihuahua

Hi, my name is Ollie Leslie and I would like to let you know about some problems I have recently witnessed with our sheriff's department.

My son lives in the Burchett's Trailer Court just outside the city limits. A man has been harassing him and threatening harm to him. We called the sheriff's department several times on May 16 and they never did respond.

So we then put our trust in the faithful Kentucky State Police. We called them and they informed us that a trooper would come to our assistance. But when he arrived, he was very rude to us and cursed at us and told us his daddy taught him if he had a problem with someone to taken them down to the creek bank, and if you get your — kicked, you just take it and not call the law. That was not good advice for him to give a man who had been drinking and already threatened someone.

So with this happening, my son went and got a warrant for terroristic threatening and harassment. But before we

could get it served, he was threatened again and the owner of the trailer court was also threatened.

So, the people of Floyd County had better think about your safety and the safety of our children and get out and support and elect Gary Rose for your Floyd County sheriff, or these kind of people are going to control our properties and ruin our schools with drugs, because our present sheriff has quit, if he ever really started.

The present sheriff claims to have gotten grants to fight domestic violence and drug abuse, and that may be true. But where has the money gone? Was it really spent on that cause? I don't think so.

I would also like to let you know we have some good state troopers in Floyd County and some raised in Floyd County. Unfortunately, when we have this problem, they're not on duty and we get a real smart one.

So let me ask you a question. Is this just us, or does this happen all over the county?

I ask that you all get involved in the sheriff's race and elect Gary Rose for sheriff so we can have protection for our children and for the people.

It seems that Chihuahuas aren't the only thing they don't like. They don't like decent people, either. Let's all be Chihuahuas and take a bite out of crime.

Ollie Leslie  
Prestonsburg

## — Jim Davidson

### Written with prejudice

The English critic and essayist, William Hazlitt (1778-1830), once said, "Prejudice is the child of ignorance." Without question, prejudice has no place in a civilized society, because it leads to attitudes and actions based on conclusions that are preconceived, rather than information that is factual.

Prejudice is usually associated with bigotry and hatred, but prejudice in itself is not necessarily bad. It can be good, if we are prejudiced toward the right things and in the right way. The real danger is that we often let our emotions get in the way.

Some time ago, Mr. Robert C. Howe, principal of the North Kansas City High School, was in Little Rock to address a conference of school administrators and I had the privilege of being in the audience. During his speech he shared something he called "Written With Prejudice", and I enjoyed it so much I asked him for a copy. If you have youngsters of your own, or grandchildren, I believe you will appreciate it, as well.

First, a mother is speaking: "Dear Teacher, Please find attached to this note one 6-year-old boy, much cleaner and

quieter than usual and with new haircut and blue jeans. With him go the prayers of his mother and father. He's good at creating airplanes and chaos, very adept at tying knots and attracting stray dogs; he especially likes peanut butter, horses, the westerns, empty boxes and his shirt tail out. He is allergic to baths, bedtime, taking out trash and coming the first time he's called. He needs to be taught and spanked, loved and spanked, and reminded to blow his nose and come straight home after school. After having him in your class and on your nerves, you may not be the same, but I believe you will be glad to know him, because while he strews books, toys and clothes, he has a special way of scattering happiness. Written, I'm afraid, with prejudice. Signed, his Mother."

Here's the principal's response: "Dear Mother, Please find attached to this diploma one 18-year-old boy, much more mature, with loftier ideals and goals than he had when you sent him to us some 12 years ago. With him go the prayers of his teachers and friends. He's good at different things now. He has

more understanding of the world about him. He is able to do mathematical computations, knows something of the scientific approach to problem solving. He can read and write in at least the English language, and has probably developed some skills in typing, woodworking, art and driving an automobile. He is still allergic to baths, bedtime, taking out the trash and coming the first time he's called. He still needs to be taught and loved, but perhaps not spanked. He needs to be reminded of the adult responsibilities of adult membership in the American society, to uphold the ideals of good citizenship, integrity, honesty, justice, humility and priority of life. He needs to realize

that the completely successful life involves a partnership with his family, his community and his God. He should be told that education is a never-ending process and only begins at the school-house door. After having him in our classes and on our nerves, we are not the same! We're better people, enriched by his presence, broader in our understand

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# WWII vintage airplanes on display June 1-2 at Aviation Museum

LEXINGTON — American and Japanese WWII vintage airplanes will be on display June 1 and 2, at the Aviation Museum of Kentucky (AMK) June 1 and 2 when the Bluegrass Military Affairs Coalition presents "Heartland Midway 60". This special event is a commemoration of the WWII battle that restored American confidence and ultimately ended the Imperial Japanese military domination of the Pacific. It came only six months after the devastating Japanese air attack on the U.S. Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

The first of the two planes on display will be Douglas SBD-5 "Dauntless", dive-bomber. Known for its role in winning the Battle of Midway, this vintage plane is one of only three SBD-5 "Dauntless" aircraft still flying today. The completely authentic plane was restored in 1999, including 100 and 500 pound bombs and 30 caliber rear guns. This SBD-5 "Dauntless" was featured in the film Midway, the blockbuster mini-series The Winds of War and its sequel, War and Remembrance.

The SBD was first developed before WWII then first flown in July of 1935. In 1940, the contract for the SBD was transferred from Northrop Corporation to Douglas Aircraft. Five thousand aircraft were built and delivered to the U.S. Navy in 1940. By December of 1941 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, the SBD was considered obsolete. Although the production of the SBD ceased in 1944 because the aircraft was underpowered, vulnerable, lacking in range, and exhausting to fly, the SBD helped to turn the tide of war at the Battle of Midway. In fact, it played an integral role in sinking four major aircraft carriers of the Japanese Imperial Navy. Additionally, the SBD was the first American combat aircraft to

shoot down a Japanese Zero fighter over Pearl Harbor and was the only U.S. aircraft to fight from the beginning to the end of the war.

The second plane to be on display will be the Nakajima B5N "Kate" which is a torpedo bomber that was used at Pearl Harbor. Because there are no known original B5Ns known to exist today, this vintage aircraft is a rare replica built by 20th Century Fox for the movie Tora! Tora! Tora!

The "Kate" served many roles in WWII, the most prominent of which was a torpedo bomber. It was the main carrier-borne torpedo bomber of the Japanese Imperial Navy, serving throughout the Pacific War from 1937 to 1945. It was ordered into production in 1935 as the Imperial Japanese Navy Type 97 Carrier Attack Bomber and was a key aircraft used in the attack on Pearl Harbor. During the next year, "Kates" eliminated the carriers USS Hornet, Lexington, and Yorktown. An attack by "Kates" was an eyeball-to-eyeball experience where highly trained Japanese pilots and allied anti-aircraft gunners confronted each other in a very personal way as the aircraft rushed at its target, hitting with consid-

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## Davidson

ing of humanity for having known him. We think we have provided him with an unbounded opportunity to learn in an atmosphere that has as its principle purpose the development of well-informed citizens who carry on the great traditions of America. We love him, too. Written also with prejudice. Signed, his principal."

To amplify my own senti-

## Zoo

Jelani — and five females — 36-year-old Debbie, 43-year-old Helen, 4-year-old Mumbali and 5-year-olds Madini and Rollie.

The gorillas are on loan from the Chicago zoo while it remodels its ape house. Four more gorillas will arrive at the Louisville zoo in the fall, according to Steve Taylor, general curator for the zoo.

Each gorilla family is led by an adult male, known as a silverback. Frank is the silverback of the Louisville family. In that role, he makes important decisions such as meal, rest and play times, Taylor said.

"He sets the tone for the gorillas. You can see he's very comfortable here," Taylor said as Frank rolled onto his back, stretching his legs and arms — which reach about 3 to 4 feet above the floor.

The gorillas' indoor home includes a 9,300-square-foot building divided into six rooms built in a circular format. Each room is divided by 14-foot-tall glass barriers. There are only two other zoos worldwide that have the circular homes for the apes, Taylor said.

"The gorillas communicate visually. The circular room allows Frank to see the rest of the family at any given time," Taylor said.

The forest-painted walls enclose a mulch-covered floor that provides a soft play area and sleeping quarters for the young gorillas. Natural trees and plants line the walls, while ropes, nets and hooks line the ceiling.

During the interview, Debbie

— who acts as a surrogate mother to the young gorillas — watched them play with cardboard boxes from a platform near the ceiling. One played with a box while perched in a net made of rope.

Helen, the oldest gorilla in the group, sat near the window watching zoo workers put the finishing touches on the exhibit, which has been in the works since 1998. Construction began

in 2000.

"Our long-term goal has always been to preserve the gorilla species," Taylor said. "This is a way we can study them on a long-term basis."

After leaving Frank's home and the African village, tourists can get a last glimpse of Frank's family at a second outdoor clearing.

Zoo officials have anticipated Thursday's opening for near-

ly four years.

"We're completely fortunate to be opening with a family group," Walczak said. "I hope everyone enjoys it as much as we have."

The zoo, which has more than 1,000 exotic animals, will give its first public tour of the gorilla forest on Thursday. Zookeepers held private tours earlier in the week for zoo members and employees.

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**Experienced:** The nature of the Constables office is one of Law Enforcement and Business; I am experienced in both, and can handle any requirements as Constable.

**Dedicated:** I will be dedicated to serving my Community, District and County with all the resources available as your Constable.

**Courteous:** I have always been kind by nature, and I believe a smile and a friendly handshake go a long way.

**Dependable:** If I say it, you can count on it. I will serve court papers in a timely, responsible and professional manner. I will also be quick to respond when called on to help my fellow citizens.

# JAMES BRANDON SPENCER CONSTABLE, DISTRICT #1

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ELECTION PREVIEW

CONSTABLE, DISTRICT 1

**Homer D. Neeley, 70, Prestonsburg**

Why do you feel you are the best qualified candidate for the position you seek?

Experience, tenure, honesty, desire and previous accomplishments.



Homer Neeley

What issue, event or belief prompted you to run for office, and how will you address it if elected?

Present term will expire Jan. 1, 2003. By continued efforts to perform

in a fashion which will bring recognition and acceptance of the constable's office as a viable part of overall law enforcement.

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**James Brandon Spencer, 27, Prestonsburg**

Why do you feel you are the best qualified candidate for the position you seek?

I have experience in law enforcement and business. I have always tried hard to help anyone in need, and most of all I know how to treat people right. Although I have law enforcement experience and the position doesn't require training, I will become full qualified through the Department of

Criminal Justice Training in Richmond. This will help you trust my judgment and give the constable's office respect like never seen before.

What issue, event or belief prompted you to run for office, and how will you address it if elected?

I believe anyone elected into any position should use their office to help the people. I also believe anyone who is a public servant should treat people with the same respect they demand for themselves. There are several ways I intend to use the office of constable to benefit our district. I will work traffic control for school zones, provide security for after-school events and support community crime watch programs. I will do anything possible to keep drugs out of the hands of our youth and will always be on call to help in your time of need. And most of all I promise to always treat you with the respect you deserve.

CONSTABLE, DISTRICT 2

**Lenard Hall Jr., 28, Martin**

Why do you feel you are the best qualified candidate for the position you seek?

I feel I am qualified because I have experience in law enforcement. I have been a deputy sheriff and also a coun-

ty detective. I have a deep desire to serve the people of my district because I think I can make a difference, a safer, better place to live.

What issue, event or belief prompted you to run for office, and how will you address it if elected?

Our children are the reason that I am seeking this office. I believe that there is an increasing need to deter kids from drugs. I will try to help our youth.

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**Gary Nelson, 39, Lackey**

Why do you feel you are the best qualified candidate for the position you seek?

From my previous experience as a basketball referee. I feel like I can communicate with our youngsters and I have the personality to work with all our citizens. In today's society, people are looking for leadership qualities and I feel I am the best candidate.

What issue, event or belief prompted you to run for office, and how will you address it if elected?

I plan on being a full-time constable for District 2. I will work cooperatively with the Floyd County Sheriff's Office and Kentucky State Police to ensure safety for District 2. I will also work with all our school principals to provide security at school functions. I will also work with all businesses to provide the much-needed security they need.

CONSTABLE, DISTRICT 3

**Randy "Hoot" Bryant, 44, Martin**

Why do you feel you are the best qualified candidate for the position you seek?

Lifelong resident of District 3. Five years service with Kentucky State Parks, dealing with various people, businesses and park administrators. Seventeen years as coal miner learning to work smoothly with coworkers and foremen. Three years as a rental homes manager. I am young enough to understand young people's problems and old enough to have dealt with problems myself, which gives me the experience to deal with our youth. Family tradition of involvement with law enforcement. Grandfather, uncle and great-grandfather were all deputy sheriffs.

What issue, event or belief prompted you to run for office, and how will you address it if elected?

Interest in being a full-time constable, able to help the people seven days a week. I am a family man, a father and a husband interested in families and their problems. I intend to be available to assist with funerals, ball games and any other community activities, as well as to assist motorists with

problems. I plan to continue the duties of serving court documents and other official papers.

CONSTABLE, DISTRICT 4

**Allred "June Bug" Newsom**

Why do you feel you are the best qualified candidate for the position you seek?

I believe I am better qualified because I have four years experience as a deputy jailer in the Floyd County Detention Center. Also, I have been a volunteer firefighter for five years. I have always treated people the way I would expect to be treated, and that is with fair treatment and a friendly attitude! I will be a friend, not an enemy.



Allred "June Bug" Newsom

What issue, event or belief prompted you to run for office, and how will you address it if elected?

I think that a constable should, as with any elected office, be active in supporting the voters and organizations in his or her district, such as churches, schools and fire departments.

When elected, I will do all I can do for the churches. I will support our schools during sporting events, proms, graduations, etc. I will work with all fire departments in District 4 to help in any way possible. I will be a friend to the people in District 4.

FLOYD COUNTY CONSTABLE



Correction

In the Floyd County Election Preview in Friday's Floyd County Times, the wrong picture was run alongside Bob Hackworth's survey answers. Hackworth, of Martin, is seeking the District 2 magistrate's seat. The picture which ran in the preview was of another man, also named Bob Hackworth, of Abbott Creek. A correct picture of Bob Hackworth candidate appears above. Also, responses from constable candidates did not appear in the preview. They appear today, instead.

KYTC Memorial Day announcements honor people from District 12 who lost their lives

PIKEVILLE — On Thursday, May 23, nine monuments were unveiled at welcome centers throughout Kentucky. Each of the nine is dedicated to Kentuckians who lost their lives on Kentucky highways in years past.

"We lost 849 of our loved ones on Kentucky roads last year," said Lt. Gov. Steve Henry when unveiling the memorial in front of the State Office Building in Frankfort on Thursday. "Seventy-two percent of the drivers and passengers in these vehicles were not buckled up. That means 611 people might be alive today if they had buckled up."

Kentucky ranks among the nation's lowest in seatbelt usage at only 60 percent, compared to a national average of 73 percent. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet asks that everyone who reads or hears this story pause for a moment of silence in remembrance of these fellow Kentuckians.

Citizens from Highway District 12 whose next of kin gave permission for their names to be used to publicize the memorials include the following:

FLOYD COUNTY:

Joshua S. Fitch, Jeffrey A. Fleming, Michael Joe Lewis, Diana Belcher Lewis, Paula Hall Mitchell, Dwight Pennington, Sterling Smith, Paula Michelle Stanley.

JOHNSON COUNTY:

Sam Allen Jr., Ernest L. Ferguson, Lucas Lee Home Jr., William Thomas Money Jr., Deborah M. Pennington, Danielle Nicole Ward.

KNOTT COUNTY:

Johnny Davidson, Glenda Hall Holbrook, Ricky Patton, Mitchell Gary Wicker.

LAWRENCE COUNTY:

Thomas Douglas Mullins.

LETCHER COUNTY:

Geria Shaoun Brock, Patrick Wayne Fitzpatrick, Benny Donald Hicks, David E. Holbrook, Samuel Dean "Sammy" Johnson, Heather O. Mitchell, Corbett Dale Neice, Bennett "Allen" Tyree.

MARTIN COUNTY:

Luther W. Smith, Brent Weaver.

PIKE COUNTY:

Kathleen Adkins, Calista Blackburn, Kenny Lee Blackburn, Gregory N. Hamilton, David Michael Slone. "The Transportation Cabinet is committed to

reducing the number of fatalities on our roads," said Secretary James C. Codell III. "We are asking citizens from across the commonwealth to join us in the crusade to eliminate deaths on Kentucky highways."

District 12 Chief Engineer Linda Wagner Justice cautioned motorists to "Be especially alert during this Memorial Day weekend. Expect an increase in traffic. Leave earlier to get to where you are going, and try to be a patient driver. We wish you safe and enjoyable traveling, this holiday and every time you travel the roads and highways of District 12."

Plane

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erable accuracy. The standard bomb load was a 1,760 pound torpedo. More than 1,200 "Kates" were built before and during WWII.

Both vintage planes were assigned to the Dixie Wing by headquarters of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF), which is a patriotic organization dedicated to the preservation of the world's greatest

WWII combat aircraft (flown from 1939 to 1945). CAF is the 16th largest Air Force and owns more WWII aircraft than any other organization or individual. The Dixie Wing was approved as the 83rd CAF unit on February 28, 1987, and has since displayed its collection of vintage WWII aircraft in numerous air shows throughout the Southeast. Membership in the wing has grown steadily to its present level of over 200 Colonels, with maintenance and restoration activities being carried out in the Atlanta area. For more information about the Dixie Wing Commemorative Air Force at Falcon Field, go to [www.dixiewing.org](http://www.dixiewing.org).

"Heartland Midway 60"-the only such celebration to be held in the continental United States-is sponsored by the Bluegrass Military Affairs Coalition, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting awareness and appreciation of the vital role of the U.S. armed forces and its veterans.

For additional information about the event and background material on the historical significance of the Battle of Midway, please visit online at [www.heartlandmidway.org](http://www.heartlandmidway.org).



Nurses worked on "victim" Dr. George D. Edwards, president of PCC, during a mock disaster drill at the school.

PCC students drill for terror attack

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg Community College's nursing and law enforcement students tested the school's readiness for a bio-terrorism attack. Many faculty and staff members along with several community responders helped bring to life the training exercise.

The exercise began when the switchboard operator received a

call of a bomb located in the college mailroom and that Anthrax could be involved. An explosion was then heard as smoke filled the Johnson Administration Building. Lying on the ground outside and inside of the Johnson Building were students and faculty with various injuries. Medical emergencies

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First contingent of the 101st returns from war on terrorism

by KIMBERLY HEFLING ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT CAMPBELL — Newborn babies and smiling girlfriends sporting red, white and blue on Thursday greeted the first set of soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division returning from fighting in Afghanistan.

"It's just such a rush," said Leah Parsons, 31, after hugging her boyfriend, Capt. Lou Bauer, 30. "I've been waiting for this for six months."

An Army band played "When the Rakkasans Go Marching In" — the 187th Regiment's nickname — as family members waved flags and cheered.

The men left as "teen-agers," but came home as "veterans of this great division," said Maj. Gen. Richard Cody, the division commander.

Cody shook the hands of each of the 225 soldiers as they departed from the plane at Fort Campbell wearing desert fatigues.

The soldiers deployed as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, America's war on terrorism, in November to Jacobabad, Pakistan. After helping to secure the airfield there, they were rotated to the U.S. bases at Bagram and Kandahar in Afghanistan, Cody said.

They participated in Operation Anaconda, the largest U.S. ground operation in the war, and Operation Mountain Lion, the U.S.-led search for Taliban and al-Qaida holdouts earlier this month in eastern Afghanistan.

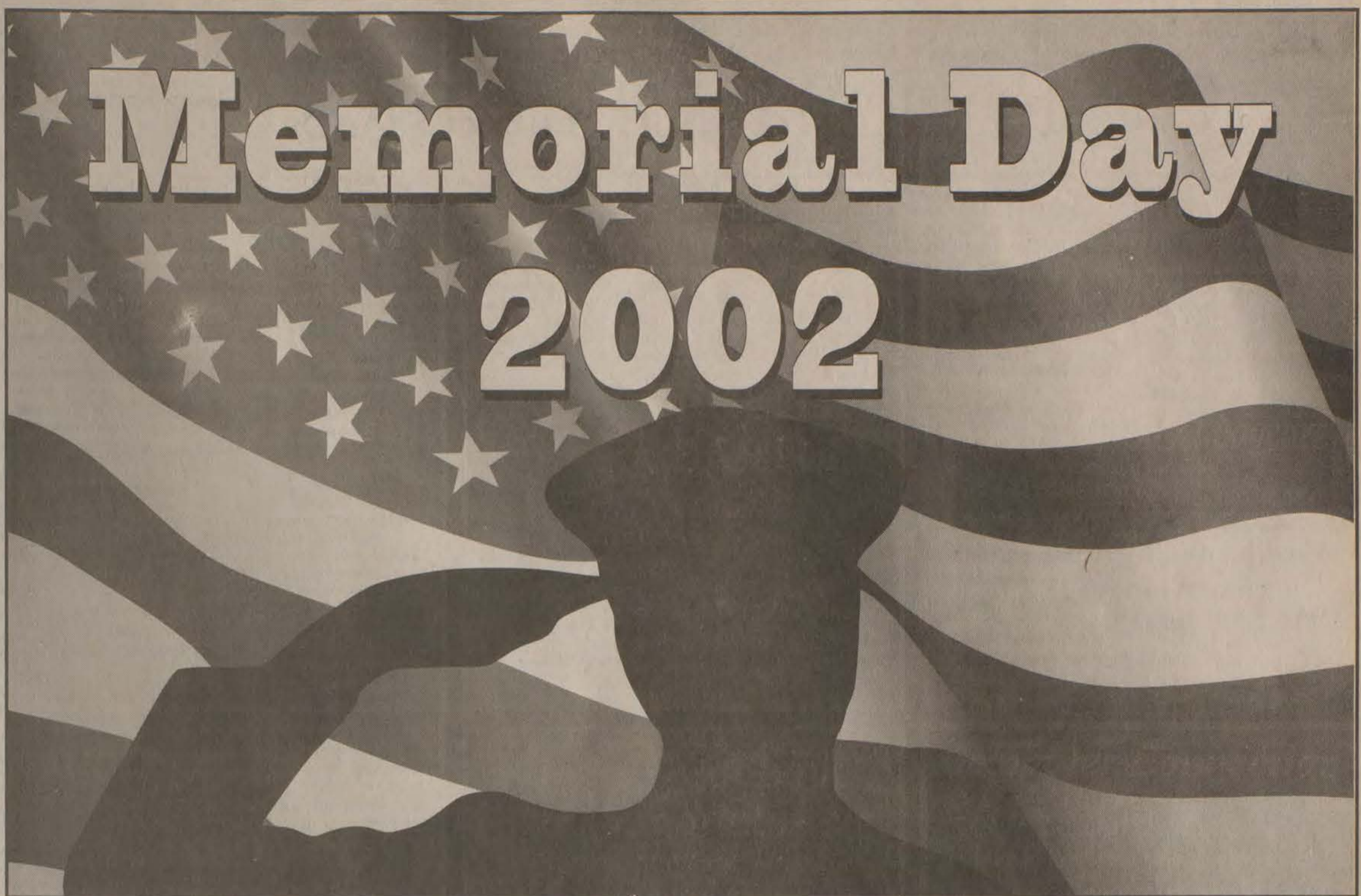
The men described living in extreme cold and hot temperatures, often going weeks eating prepackaged meals ready to eat

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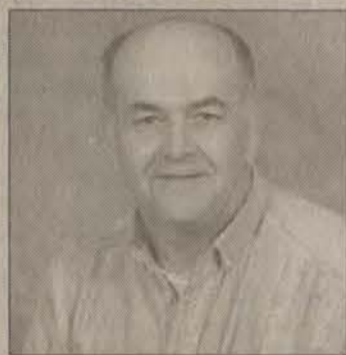
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### Campaign

"I have never allowed anyone to film me and my husband in an intimate situation, or with anyone else, in all my lifetime..." Hancock said in her statement. "All I know is [the video] is the product of a sick-minded, desperate and dangerous man who will do anything to win this elec-

tion. He has hurt me and my family beyond description, but I will not let such an evil person stop me."

Stewart said Hancock had requested May's record for their sources and although he would say that May "has a lead foot," Hancock's allegations were

false.

"They attacked with lies and we responded with truth," said May.

Dale Emmons, Hancock's campaign manager, said the video was a fabrication and echoed Hancock's assertion that it is "the product of a sick-mind-

ed, desperate, and dangerous man who would do anything to win this election."

Emmons said their reasons for the ad against May were to disclose a pattern of behavior. He said everyone is capable of faltering, but May had been faced with 56 charges and only

paid a fine in three instances.

Records in the Floyd County Justice Center show May has been arraigned on 30 charges between 1992 and 2001, mostly for speeding. Of those, he pleaded guilty to having improper equipment, had one charge amended, and 26 others were dismissed. One charge is currently in a diversion program and is scheduled to be heard in court June 20, when it could be

dismissed if May has successfully completed the program. The record does not show any arrests for DUI.

Emmons said the May campaign sent word through a reporter that his campaign would pull the ad containing the footage if Hancock would quit accusing him of being arrested for DUI. Emmons said reference

(See CAMPAIGN, page ten)

## Second evaluation ordered for Johnson

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Luther Johnson, 65, was scheduled to be sentenced for violating probation on Friday, but he was instead scheduled to undergo a competency evaluation based on his courtroom behavior and his attorney's request.

According to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, Johnson was on probation for an incident in which he went into Archer Clinic and waved a gun, scaring those inside. He said it was believed at that time that

Johnson would be declared incompetent. When he was not, Johnson pleaded guilty to the crime and received probation.

Johnson had violated probation and was scheduled to be sentenced on Friday, but Judge Caudill scheduled him to be re-evaluated for competency at his attorney's request.

Attorney Harolyn Howard said that based upon her conversation with Johnson, he was incompetent.

Johnson disputed what his attorney was saying and continued to talk about unrelated events which prompted Caudill to order a re-evaluation.

## Perkins pleads guilty to pharmacy burglary

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Matthew Perkins, 26, the man accused of breaking into The Martin Prescription Center on January 22, pleaded guilty to two felonies and four misdemeanors in Floyd Circuit Court on Friday.

After breaking into the drug-store in January, Perkins was arrested on eight charges, including criminal possession of a forged instrument and first-degree possession of LSD, which were later dropped by the prosecution.

Perkins pleaded guilty to two

felonies, third-degree burglary and first-degree criminal mischief, and four misdemeanors, possession of drug paraphernalia, public intoxication, second-degree possession of a controlled substance and third-degree possession of a controlled substance.

The commonwealth recommended that Perkins serve two years in jail to be followed by three years probation due to the fact that he had completed drug treatment.

Judge John David Caudill set sentencing date for June 28, after a pre-sentencing investigation is complete.

### Terrorism

and days without showering.

"You wouldn't even believe it," Spc. Jake Lopez, 21, said of the conditions while holding his 2-year-old son Dominick.

With a wink, Lopez's wife, Kristin, said they plan to "relax" the next few days to make up for the time he was gone.

Some of the soldiers like Spc. Bryan Reed, 22, laid eyes for the first time Thursday on babies born while they were deployed.

"It was horrible," Reed said of missing his daughter Isabella's birth May 9. "I'm really glad everything turned out all right."

Spc. Scott Figueiredo, 20, said he was glad to make it home before his wife, who is nine months pregnant, gave birth.

After two years of knowing each other, the two got married in September before his deployment.

"We're just going to take the

time to talk and get to know each other," said his wife, Melanie Figueiredo, 25. "I just hope this baby's not born this weekend."

During the next three months, the 3,500 soldiers from the 101st serving in central Asia are scheduled to return to Fort Campbell, which is based on the Tennessee border 50 miles north of Nashville.

The regiment earned its nickname during its post-World War II occupation of Japan from residents. Loosely translated, Rakkasan means "falling down umbrella."

The 101st is a rapid-deployment air assault division with about 24,000 soldiers based at Fort Campbell who are trained to go anywhere in the world in 36 hours.

Cody would not comment on whether the 101st would be receiving further deployment orders.

### PCC

included victims with multiple trauma injuries and chest pains.

This exercise gave nursing students an opportunity to respond to real life trauma and deal directly with serious injuries. Approximately three minutes after the smoke infiltrated the building sirens were heard in the background.

The local police and fire departments, along with several ambulance services arrived and began to secure the area. Once the area was secure, the PRECC law enforcement students monitored the line to prevent bystanders from crossing.

Many of the "participating victims" were pronounced dead, some were placed in ambulances and transported to a participating local hospital. The less serious injuries were treated on site. The exercise took place without any rehearsals leaving the nursing and law enforcements students to act on impulse.

"What a great opportunity for two college programs to work together," stated Mike Dixon, Law Enforcement Program coordinator.

Patsy Jackson, associate professor of nursing, confirmed the comment by adding, "Hands-on learning is true learning."

Community groups participating in the exercise included PRECC administration, faculty, students, Prestonsburg City Police Department, ambulance personnel, Floyd County Sheriff's Department, Kentucky State Police, Prestonsburg Fire Department, Department of Transportation, Highlands Regional Medical Center and Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center.

Dr. George D. Edwards, president of PCC and CEO of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College District, a casualty in the simulation said, "This was a wonderful community event and one that tests our ability to respond to a disaster. The tragedy that occurred in our nation on Sept. 11, 2001, continues to haunt us. It is vital that we work together as a community to respond to simulated events so we can be better prepared should an emergency occur close to home."

### Middle

only requirement to run for PVA is passing a qualifying exam. Greathouse said that his best qualification is that he "has the value of a two-by-four and a hard-earned dollar and he has put those two together to try to make it easier for the man who works for a living."

Greathouse said he doesn't agree with his opponents' mudslinging and that the repercussions are devastating for the families involved. He said he feels Floyd County should focus on the race and the issues involved in order to send a clear message throughout the state that those types of tactics will not be tolerated.

"I pray that we can live peaceful afterward, because it is not election day that we are working toward, it

is the rest of our life," said Greathouse.

Greathouse said that his standpoint from the beginning has been fair taxes for everyone, friendly service because he feels the government has lost sight of that, and commitment to the people by active participation in community events. He also said that he had planned to donate a portion of his salary back to the community for a worthy cause.

Greathouse believes that the negative campaign tactics of his opponents and the attention they have attracted from the media have greatly influenced his chances of winning the election.

"They never thought of me as a threat," said Greathouse.

### Reaction

Prestonsburg resident Tracy Lane.

"I believe she should have been more mindful. He shouldn't have run it, but she shouldn't have done what she did in the first place," said Allen resident Jimmy Conn.

The majority of the comments, however, tend to view May's ad as distasteful.

"I think that the whole thing is false. It's going to hurt his campaign more," said

### Alford

wealth's Attorney Brent Turner, the only evidence in the case was Tackett's statement to police. Tackett said he came home after midnight from a night of partying when he discovered a confrontational message on his answering machine from Stephen Bartram, who was allegedly dating Tackett's ex-wife. Tackett called Bartram and agreed to meet him to settle the conflict.

Tackett said he then got a gun and went to meet Bartram and when he got there he could see a vehicle that he believed to be Bartram and after both parties fired shots, Tackett got hit. Tackett was unclear as to who fired first and never saw who shot him.

Turner said all the original charges in the case were against Bartram only, but after the grand jury heard the case they returned indictments against both men.

In court, both men decided to assert their Fifth Amendment rights and not testify. Turner said that left the commonwealth with no evidence to prosecute either case.

Turner said it was his feeling that both men were in the wrong and "Tackett should not be rewarded simply because he was not a good shot."

In the way that the case was resolved, Turner said that assuming Bartram enters the agreed plea, both will have admitted wrongdoing and stand convicted of a crime. He said that probation will allow the court to monitor their conduct so they will have some incentive to obey the law in the future.

Tackett entered an Alford plea and was given a 12-month suspended sentence and placed on probation.

### Dealers

square feet of automobile display space.

According to fiscal court officials, the ordinance was designed to protect the public from frauds and impositions when purchasing new or used automobiles.

### Wreck

currently engaged to Tonya Campbell.

Campbell was the soon of Lloyd Jr. and Ida Mae Wilder Campbell. He was a construction worker and an assistant coach for the Jackson City Schools baseball team. Campbell was also a 2000 Breathitt County graduate.

### Fight

ments, the letter says, four new members were elected to the city council.

Schaitberger alleges that city officials retaliated by firing three firefighters, reducing others' hours and pay, and hiring a private company to replace the now-defunct city-run ambulance service.

A lawsuit was filed by the firefighters against the city in response to the event.

Schaitberger goes on to say in the letter that city officials continued their act of revenge even after the lawsuit was filed.

The letter alleges that three firefighters were suspended without pay after the fire truck that they were driving ran out of gas.

According to the letter, the incident was a result of a broken

fuel gauge that the city had known about for a decade.

Schaitberger also mentions two firefighters who were recently disciplined for minor accidents involving fire trucks.

Schaitberger ends the letter by saying he is confident that a jury will render swift and appropriate justice after the case is heard.

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin has his own opinion concerning the motives of the IAFF.

"The main thing is, they got us sued through the union. They just want to build up the case to get money out of the citizens of Prestonsburg," Fannin said.

The IAFF maintains the case is to protect the community and the interests of its members. But Mayor Jerry Fannin doubts that those are the true motives of the

## Fiscal court passes budget

by LENA BASHA  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court held a special meeting Friday to finalize budget allocations for the coming fiscal year.

The projected budget is \$20.5 million. In that budget \$7.2 million will be allocated to the general fund, \$1.57 million to roads and \$1.83 million for the jail fund.

Salaries for Floyd County elected officials and workers were also finalized at the meeting.

Effective Jan. 1, 2003, the

judge-executive, jailer, county clerk and sheriff will make \$71,152 a year.

Almost 8 percent of county revenue is expected to come from the three property taxes — real, personal and motor vehicle. More than \$2 million will come from state grants, \$900,000 from the county road aid, \$550,000 from state prisoner fees and \$1.69 million from Floyd County solid waste revenue.

Also approved in the meeting were resolutions to purchase land in Auxier for a sewer project, advertise for bids for fiscal court supplies and hire seasonal road department employees.

## Attention

### To All Floyd Countians:

I have many concerns about the election, May 28, 2002. But my major concern as a parent is the constable race. I found out that James Brandon Spencer was arrested for operating a vehicle, DUI, no insurance, and involved in a wreck. He said he had only 2 beers, but he failed three field sobriety tests given by Steve Little, city police. My kids and your kids deserve more than someone out here, drinking and driving, for constable. There are three others running for constable. I hope friends, family, and voters of District 1, I would select one of the other three for the safety of our kids. He also got a Knott County attorney appointed to represent the Commonwealth. A judge from Pike County, had the DUI amended down to reckless driving. On May 28, 2002, don't vote for a 20-some year old guy to be our next constable, with the powers of a Sheriff, to arrest our kids.

I'm asking you as a concerned parent, to consider all of the other candidates. And these are the facts, on public record at the courthouse.

*Bill Skeens*

Prestonsburg, Ky.



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**WILDLIFE**

## AEP, KDFWR dedicate new Lewis County Wildlife Management Area

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

ST. PAUL – Local elected officials and outdoor enthusiasts joined representatives from American Electric Power (AEP) and Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) in Lewis County today for the dedication of

Kentucky's newest wildlife management area.

*"The department is very pleased through this partnership with American Electric Power to be able to offer wildlife enthusiasts a place to enjoy the outdoors on this beautiful property along the Ohio River," said KDFWR Deputy Commissioner Roy Grimes.*

A memorandum of understanding was signed between AEP and the KDFWR to jointly manage a 1,161-acre tract located near the community of St. Paul for wildlife-related recreation. The Lewis

County WMA primarily consists of croplands, bottomlands and forestlands. It is expected to be open for hunting seasons and other nature-related recreation this fall after area boundaries are marked.

The area contains various types

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**FOOTBALL**

## Cumberland interested in P'burg pair

Slone, Spriggs could wind up in Williamsburg

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

WILLIAMSBURG – Two very talented Prestonsburg High senior football players remain undecided on their college choices. Both Matt Slone and Chris Spriggs are currently undecided when it comes to future college plans, but could sign with a Mid-South Conference school in the coming weeks. The Mid-South Conference, an NAIA conference, boasts several talented players, and one of its football programs, Cumberland College, is real interested in the pair.

Carson-Newman product Chuck King leads the CC grid program as its head coach. Cumberland plays the likes of Pikeville College, defending national champ Georgetown College and Lambuth College. Matt Slone's brother Josh, plays for Pikeville College.

Cumberland College offers a wide range of sports for both men

(See P'BURG, page five)



photo by Jamie Howell

The Betsy Layne Ladycats captured their second straight 57th District softball title Thursday night after a win over South Floyd.

**SOFTBALL**

## Betsy Layne softball team makes it back- to-back district titles

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Despite trailing 3-2 at the end of the first inning, the Betsy Layne girls' softball team stormed back to post a 13-3 Mercy-Rule victory. The Ladycats scored 12 unanswered runs en route to the win.

(See BETSY LAYNE, page five)

# Castle receives honors, awaits draft

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Four St. Catharine College Patriots were named to the All-Tournament Team for their performances in the Itawamba Community College Shootout. Pitchers Heath Castle and

Byron Hurst, second baseman Casey Hayden and third baseman/DH Brian Coffman were those named. Castle, a Johnson Central High School graduate, helped lead the Pats in another successful campaign this past season.

Prior to the start of the season, Collegiate Baseball magazine named

three Patriot players JUCO Players to Watch in 2002. The publication tabbed sophomores Castle, Roman Cox and Eddie Smith as top junior college players across the nation.

Castle, a left-handed pitcher, was a 32 round draft pick last year. He won four games and averaged a strikeout

per inning pitched in '01. Cox, an outfielder, batted .409 with 13 doubles and 15 stolen bases last year. Smith, a middle infielder, led the Patriots in batting last year with a .422 average. He also led the squad with 22 stolen

(See CASTLE, page five)

## 17-0 ROUT OVER BOBCATS TO WIN



photos by Jamie Howell

The Allen Central High School baseball team captured another 58th District crown on Thursday night when it downed the Betsy Layne Bobcats 17-0. Both Allen Central and Betsy Layne will be in the upcoming 15th Region tourney at Shelby Valley High School. A talented group of Allen Central players lead the Rebels into next week's tournament.

# 58TH DISTRICT CHAMPS



**FOOTBALL**

## Pikeville College Football Camp set for July

by JAMIE HOWEL  
SPORTS WRITER

PIKEVILLE – Pikeville College head football coach Zak Willis announces the first annual Pikeville College Football individual camp to be held July 10-12. The camp will



Willis

run from 9 a.m. - noon, for players in grades 9-12, and 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. for student-athletes in grades 5-8. Campers will receive one on one coaching from members of the Bears staff. The camp is limited to 150 campers. All campers must provide proof of insurance and a recent physical form at registration. The camp registration will start at 8 a.m. on July 10th for 9-12 graders and at 4 p.m.

(See PIKEVILLE, page five)

**NAIA**

## Skeans settles on Alice Lloyd

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – Joe Skeans is closer to continuing his baseball playing career. On Thursday at 10 a.m., Skeans, a South Floyd senior, will sign to play baseball with Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes. The move up to the college ranks should be a smooth transition for Skeans, travel-wise.

For South Floyd, Skeans played shortstop and was the ace of the Raider pitching staff for the past couple seasons. He also played on three 58th District and one 15th Region basketball teams. He will join several area baseball players on the ALC team. He also joins Floyd County resident Jad Deaton, who is an assistant

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**H.S. BASKETBALL**

## Spurlock named new head coach at Hazard

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR



Spurlock

HAZARD – Hazard High School has a new boys' basketball head coach. He is Allen Central High School alumnus and former head baseball and football coach, and assistant basketball coach Kevin Spurlock.

He was named the new head coach of the program last week. On Friday,

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# Safety important for traditional start of boating season

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

National Safe Boating Week is May 18 through May 24, 2002 and serves as a pre-season

reminder to not overlook important safety considerations as boat owners put their boats in the water for the first time of the year this Memorial Day weekend.

"The law enforcement target this year is to try and get more people to wear their personal flotation device, especially fisherman," said Sargeant Mike Fields of the Division of Law Enforcement of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR). "Seven of our fatal accidents last year involved fisherman."

Many anglers won't wear a personal flotation device, commonly called a lifejacket, in warm weather because they seem bulky and hot, but a little discomfort may save your life. "Eighty percent of people who die in boating accidents die as a result of drowning," Fields explained.

Modern personal flotation devices not only keep you afloat in case of an accident, they also keep your head out of water if knocked unconscious.

All boats in Kentucky longer than 16 feet, with the exception of canoes and kayaks, must have Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices that are readily accessible for everyone on board. All persons under the age of 12 must wear their personal flotation device when the boat is under power.

Every boat in the Commonwealth with a gasoline engine must have a working fire extinguisher. A signaling device must be on board in the form of a

whistle or boat horn. Other highly recommended, but not required, items on your boat include a first aid kit, tow rope, flashlight, boat paddle, spare batteries, jumper cables, an anchor, an extra sheer pin for your propeller, tool kit, extra food, water and a two way radio or cell phone. These items are indispensable, especially on our bigger rivers and lakes.

Water sports such as fishing and boating grow in popularity each year. This year there will be more boats on the water than last year and safety becomes more important each boating season.

"Make sure have all your safety equipment on board along with

your registration receipt," Fields explained. "Let somebody know where you are going and when you plan to return. Stay away from alcohol. Almost half of all boating accidents involve the use of alcohol."

When boating Kentucky waters, the most important thing you can do is pay attention at all times. You can't relax if you are the operator of the boat.

The majority of accidents in Kentucky involve operator error. Searching for sunglasses, fiddling with the radio or moving fishing poles can easily distract the boat operator.

(See SAFETY, page four)

■ NAIA

## Georgetown wins MSC Presidents Cup

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

GEORGETOWN

Georgetown College has won the 2001-02 Presidents Cup presented by the Mid-South

Conference. The Cup is awarded annually to the conference's all-sports champion. The win marks the school's second consecutive all-sports championship, and the fourth in six years, which includes 1996-97 and 1999-2000. The Presidents Cup is awarded annually to the school with the highest regular season finish in each of the MSC's 15 championship sports, based on a point system for each sport. The award is the most coveted honor sought by member institutions.

The Tigers had 82 points, edging out Cumberland College who finished with 76. Georgetown posted regular season championships in volleyball, football, men's basketball, men's golf, women's golf (tied with Union) and softball.

"It's an honor always to receive the Presidents Cup of the Mid-South Conference, the finest conference in the NAIA, in my opinion," said Dr. Bill Crouch, Georgetown President. "I congratulate our coaches and player for the success they con-

(See MSC, page four)

## Pikeville High School baseball team to sponsor horse show

The Pikeville High School baseball team is sponsoring its first annual horse show, which will be held on Saturday, June 1 at the Jenny Wiley Saddle Club located at Intersection 23/80 towards Jenny Wiley State Park. Many categories including pleasure and pacing with 100-percent pay-back on open pacing and mares and gelding with 12 entries or more.

■ IRL

## Indy's 'Spin Row' just looking to finish

by MICHAEL MAROT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The "Spin Row." It's not a nickname relished by the three drivers in the third row for the Indianapolis 500.

Last year, Sarah Fisher, Scott Sharp and Sam Hornish Jr., three of the Indy Racing League's brightest stars, each spun early in the race.

Sharp and Fisher crashed and were out of the race in the first seven laps. Hornish saved his car, but lost four laps after flattening all his tires and limping to pit lane for repairs.

This year, all three are back, near the front of the lineup and ready to prove last year's problems were an aberration.

"Scott sure doesn't want to spin out, and I sure don't want to spin out," Fisher said. "It's really spin row, if you think about it."

Fisher laughs now, but her Indy career hasn't exactly been filled with success.

She started from the 19th and 15th spots the last two years, and both times she hit the wall. The only woman in this year's lineup completed just 78 laps in those two races, including only seven last year.

This time, she starts from the ninth spot in the 33-car field — the second-highest by a woman — and Fisher believes that

should help keep her out of trouble.

"Every year, I've been starting in the middle, and that's the worst place to start for any race, let alone the Indy 500," Fisher said.

The accidents weren't entirely her fault, either.

In 2000, Lyn St. James hit the wall, then slid down the track and took out Fisher. Last year, on a cool day, Fisher's car spun on the white painted stripe at the bottom of the banked oval and slammed into the turn two wall.

Sharp did the same thing, only his embarrassment came on the first turn of the race after starting from the pole.

Hornish spun in turn four on a restart on lap 18 and two-time Indy winner Al Unser Jr. hit the wall trying to avoid Hornish.

The problem on that day, Fisher believes, wasn't the drivers. It was the weather.

"There was trouble up front, in the middle and in the back," Fisher said. "It was just unfortunate, because we hadn't run in weather that cold. When you get into something you don't expect, you get into trouble."

This year has been different.

Fisher's four-lap qualifying average of 229.439 mph made her the fastest woman in Indy history. Sharp has been fast all month, but his 229.486 mph

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The 2002 All-Floyd County Conference Team.

photo by Jamie Howell

■ NASCAR

## Dallenbach wins judgment against former team

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR driver and broadcaster Wally Dallenbach has won an \$11 million judgment against his former race team owner in a breach-of-contract lawsuit.

Dallenbach sued Galaxy Motorsports owner Darwin Oordt last year in Mecklenburg Superior Court in North Carolina. He accused the Tennessee-based team owner of

renegeing on a multi-million-dollar racing contract.

Superior Court Judge Susan Taylor issued the \$11.3 million judgment against Oordt Wednesday after he failed to show up Monday for a one-day bench trial.

Oordt's lawyer says not a penny will be paid.

Dallenbach says he's still hoping to return to racing, but that NASCAR's youth movement makes it difficult for a 38-year-old driver to get a ride.

# Read Reed

## Billy Reed IS Basketball

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courtesy photo  
D.J. Ousley had an inside the park home run against the Cardinals on Monday night as the Reds won in a 9&10 contest.



courtesy photo  
Floyd County Panther forward Taylor Clark dribbled the ball toward the goal in recent play.



courtesy photo  
Floyd County Panther defender Christian Smith closed on the ball during his team's game on Saturday, May 18.

## Petty Charity Ride winner gets ride in Harley

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

TALLADEGA, Ala. — When the winning bidder wakes up in Hot Springs, Va., on June 30, a shiny Harley-Davidson Motorcycle complete with a touring sidecar will be ready for the final leg of this year's Kyle Petty Charity Ride.

The winning bidder on talladegasuperspeedway.com will step into the sidecar and take in an exciting day en route to Trinity, N.C., and the Petty Farm. Perhaps the best part of the day will be knowing that the winning bid has been donated to the Victory Junction Gang Camp, which will be built on 62 acres in Randleman, N.C.

Talladega Superspeedway's auction for a spot on the last leg of this year's Kyle Petty Charity Ride ended Saturday, shortly after noon. Fans can enter their bid through the track's website, talladegasuperspeedway.com.

The highest bidder will receive the opportunity to ride in a luxurious touring 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 Camp.

Talladega Superspeedway will cover all expenses involved.

The touring sidecar offers people the opportunity to take part in the Charity Ride, without having to know how to drive a motorcycle. "We all support the

Pettys in this great cause and through this auction fans who don't even own a motorcycle can take part in it," said Grant Lynch, the track's president.

All 200 slots for the Ride have been filled. NASCAR stars Kyle Petty, Richard Petty, Steve Park, Ken Schrader, Jeff Green and Matt Kenseth plan to make the Ride.

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 over-

sized 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.

■ LITTLE LEAGUE

## Rangers top Reds

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Little League 9&10 Rangers improved to 5-1 on the season on Thursday night with a 17-4 run over the Reds.

The Rangers got a big first inning and started off soundly with seven runs in the opening stanza.

Cody Vanhose, Austin McKinney, Robbie Grigsby, J.D. Head, Alex Griffith, Evan Hayes and Chase Caudill all scored in the initial inning for the Rangers. Aaron Ward and Luke Williams also too their turn at-bat, but failed to reach base for the Rangers.

The Reds went down in order in the first frame as Erica Meade, Josh Blackburn and Josh

Craynon were all retired. Haylee Hicks became the first base runner for the Reds in the second inning when she reached base. Vanhose came around to score again for the Rangers in second inning to extend the lead to 8-0.

The Rangers got one more run in the third inning when Grigsby scored. All four Reds runs came around in the third inning when Tyler Poe got things started by reaching base on a walk. Scott Collins, Josh Blackburn and cleanup-hitter D.J. Ousley also scored in the inning for the Reds.

The Rangers put the game out of the reach for the Reds in its next-to-last at-bat when it plated six runs.

Prestonsburg Little League plays its games at Archer Park in Prestonsburg.

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continue to have on and off the field." "Georgetown College is again honored to receive the MSC Presidents Cup," said Dr. Ben Oldham, GC Athletics Director. "The MSC is highly

competitive in all sports and is always represented in NAIA national championship events. To be honored by the MSC for another year reflects the dedication to excellence by Georgetown's coaches and ath-

letes. We are equally pleased by our student-athletes' performance in the classroom. Forty-two of Georgetown's athletes have been named MSC Scholar-Athletes and six have been recognized as NAIA Academic All-Americans. I am proud to be associated with such a fine group of athletes and coaches."

### Spin

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qualifying speed was only good enough for the middle of the third row. Hornish increased his speed throughout the month and posted a 229.585 mph in qualifying, then was second-fastest on the 2 1/2-mile oval Thursday — the last practice for Sunday's race — at 225.279 mph.

Rookie Tony Kanaan, who will start from the middle of the second row, posted the day's fastest lap at 225.752 mph as all 33 starters were on the track.

Hornish, also starting his third Indy race, has no intention of making the same mistake.

"You just have to try and come back and see if you can do a better job," said Hornish, the defending IRL points champion and a two-time winner this year. "Last year, I made a mistake, and I'm looking to limit the problems this year."

So are Fisher and Sharp. While some people have joked that the row is an accident waiting to happen, it has another distinction: The three could well be the IRL's future.

Hornish, at 22, and Fisher, at 21, are two of the IRL's youngest and most recognizable drivers. The 33-year-old Sharp is personable, a former series co-champion, and is coming off a victory in the IRL's last race at Nazareth, Pa.

"This is a league I've always dreamed about being in," Fisher said. "But first, I've got to have a job. I'm not a one-race hitter, I'm a race car driver."

Fisher finished fourth in Nazareth, but needs another

good showing to keep her ride with Dreyer & Reinbold, which signed her during the first week of practice at Indianapolis. Her ride in Nazareth was as a fill-in for injured Robbie Buhl, now her teammate.

To keep her ride, Fisher knows she must do well Sunday — and that starts with finishing the race.

"It's important to me," she said. "If something were to happen, and I get caught up in something, nobody's going to be more disappointed than me."

### Safety

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A person must be at least 12 years old to operate a personal watercraft or motorboat greater than 10 horsepower on Kentucky waterways. Those persons operating a boat or personal watercraft between the ages of 12 and 17 must possess a boater's certificate.

Keep in mind these safety considerations as you launch your boating season. It is a time to celebrate the return of summer, not a time for tragedy. For more information, contact the Law Enforcement Division of the KDFWR at 1-800-858-1549 or by writing KDFWR, #1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, Ky., 40601.

Free Fishing Weekend and Kids Fishing Events

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will host the 14th annual Kids Fishing

Days on Friday, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday, June 1, 2002 from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Game Farm off U.S. 60 in Frankfort. There is one pole restriction per child and adults are requested to assist their own children.

Kids Fishing Days kicks off Free Fishing Weekend. The weekend of June 1 and June 2, 2002 are free fishing days in which no license is required to fish anywhere in the commonwealth open to fishing. Although the fishing is free, all other fishing regulations remain in effect.

Free Fishing Weekend commences National Fishing and Boating Week that runs from June 1 through June 9.

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**Snead**

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limber he could kick the top of a door frame even when he was in his early 80s.

"He was a man who was very important to the popularity of the game," Palmer said. "I'm so sorry these things have to happen."

Phil Mickelson spoke for anyone who ever saw Snead play: "I don't think there's ever been a golf swing as aesthetically pleasing as Sam Snead's."

The records it produced were staggering.

His first victory came in the 1936 West Virginia Closed Pro. His last was the 1982 Legends of Golf, when he teamed with Don January.

Snead was the oldest winner on the PGA Tour, capturing the 1965 Greater Greensboro Open at 52, and remained a threat well into his 60s. He tied for third in the 1974 PGA Championship at 62, finishing three strokes behind Lee Trevino.

Five years later, Snead became the youngest player to shoot his age — 67 — in the Quad Cities Open. If that wasn't enough, he shot a 66 two days later.

"I was never amazed at anything he ever did," Byron Nelson said.

Snead was famous for his straw hat, cocky grin and homespun humor. A three-time Masters champion, Snead had been an hon-

orary starter since 1983. He would jaunt to the first tee, show off that flowing, flawless swing and then tell stories outside the clubhouse.

This year was different. He didn't close the annual Champions Dinner with any jokes. And for the first time, he needed someone else to tee up the ball at the Masters. The ceremonial shot flew into the gallery and struck a fan in the face, breaking the man's glasses.

Although he didn't feel well, Snead never considered passing on the tradition of hitting the ceremonial first drive.

"Anyone else wouldn't have done it, but Sam was tough as nails and very determined," Anne Snead said. "He was never a quitter."

For all his victories — independent record keepers place his total at 160 — Snead never won the U.S. Open, which haunted him the rest of his career.

He was a runner-up four times, but his most infamous U.S. Open occurred in 1939 at Philadelphia Country Club.

There were no scoreboards on the course, and Snead thought he needed a birdie on the final hole to win the U.S. Open, when all he needed was a par. Playing aggressively, he hit his drive into the left rough and never recovered, making a triple bogey.

"That night, I was ready to go

out with a gun and pay somebody to shoot me," Snead said. "It weighed on my mind so much that I dropped 10 pounds, lost more hair and began to choke even in

years later, and earned his final Masters victory in 1954 after beating Hogan by one stroke in an 18-hole playoff.

He had nine finishes in the top

**"It was a gift, something you can't teach," two-time U.S. Open champion Curtis Strange said. "His hands looked like they were born to have a golf club in them."**

practice rounds."

The Masters, however, was his domain.

Snead won the Masters for the first time in 1949, the year club members began awarding a green jacket. Snead won again three

five and 15 finishes in the top 10.

"We are profoundly saddened by the death of Sam Snead," Augusta National chairman Hootie Johnson said, noting Snead's participation in 63 consecutive Masters.

**Spurlock**

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Spurlock, who coached last season at Trimble County High School, was scheduled to meet with Hazard officials.

Spurlock will replace Bill Fannin, who led the Bulldogs to a 14th Region championship two years ago. Hazard High School head football coach Maurice Dixon, an individual who had a hand in the selection of Spurlock, feels the Allen Central High alum will do fine.

"I think we've got the right person for the job," said Dixon. "There's definitely some basketball talent to work with here."

"Kevin is really excited about the job," said Allen Central head coach Johnny Martin. Spurlock's former high school coach. "Hazard has some bas-

ketball talent there and he will do a good job because he's a real hard worker. They're always real competitive at Hazard."

Spurlock, who could not be reached for comment last week, accepted the Trimble County job last year.

During his playing days at Allen Central, Spurlock played three sports, football, basketball and baseball.

Before serving as the Trimble County head coach last season, Spurlock spent eight years as an assistant to Johnny Martin on the ACHS boys' basketball bench.

At Hazard, Spurlock will oversee all of the basketball programs in the Hazard Independent Schools system.

**ALC**

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coach at the Knott County college.

Scott Cornett is in his twelfth season as the head Baseball coach. Coach Cornett received his 200th win last spring on April 4 with a 10-0 victory over Centre College. He played at Alice Lloyd from 1985-1989 where he set several school records. After he graduated he signed with the Chicago White Sox organization and played his minor league ball in Sarasota, Fla.

Cornett is from Hyden. He graduated from Leslie County High School in 1985 and Alice Lloyd College in 1989 with his bachelor's in Education. He also received a masters from Union College in Education and Special Education. Coach Cornett and his wife Kim have two children Haley, 11 and Dalton, 3. Kim also teaches at Leslie County High School and part-time at Alice Lloyd College.

Alice Lloyd plays in the Appalachian Athletic Conference. Other AAC members include Milligan College (Tenn.), Bluefield College (Va.), Montreat College (NC), Brevard College (N.C.),

Tennessee Wesleyan College (TN), Bryan College (Tenn.), University of Virginia at Wise (Va.), Covenant College (Ga.), Virginia Intermont College (Va.) and King College (Tenn.).

**Castle**

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bases.

Eight St. Catharine College Baseball players, were named Honor Students by the Vice President of Academic Affairs for their Grade Point Averages on the fall semester. These student-athletes had to record a GPA of 3.0 or higher for the semester. The players were Castle, Joe Bradley, Wes Bugg, Patrick Finnegan, Bret Masterson, Alex Pena, Morgan Smith, and Aaron Wehunt.

The Johnson County lefty became the second Patriot baseball player, in the short history of St. Catharine College Baseball, to be drafted by Major League Baseball. The left-handed pitcher was drafted in the 32nd Round by the Chicago White Sox. Castle returned to this year's team and is looking forward to another great year.

The 2001 St. Catharine College Baseball Team finished the season ranked 9th in the last NJCAA Baseball Poll. The Patriots finished with a record of 36-13.

Castle is once again looking to drafted this season.

The order of selection for the 2002 first-year player draft (Rule 4), scheduled for June 4-5, includes 11 compensation picks between the first and second rounds, nine for Type A free agents lost after the 2001 season and two additional picks for the failure of the Reds and Indians to sign first-round draft picks in 2001.

Teams are awarded compensation in the form of draft picks based on the type of free agent involved. A team losing a Type A free agent gets the first-round pick of the team that signs the player, as well as a supplemental pick. A team losing a Type B free agent receives only the signing team's top pick. In both cases, a team selecting in the top half of the draft rotation cannot lose its first-round pick. The loss of a Type C free agent provides a team a pick between the second and third rounds.

Following is the order of selection for the first round and supplemental rounds, along with adjustments in the second, third, fourth and fifth rounds.

Teams losing Type C free agents to minor-league contracts will only be compensated if the player makes another club's major-league roster.

**SUPPLEMENTAL FIRST**

- 31. Dodgers Chan Ho Park
- 32. Cubs David Weathers
- 33. Indians Juan Gonzalez
- 34. Braves Steve Karsay
- 35. Athletics Jason Giambi
- 36. Cubs Rondell White
- 37. Athletics Jason Isringhausen
- 38. Cubs Todd Van Poppel
- 39. Athletics Johnny Damon
- 40. Reds Jeremy Sowers
- 41. Indians Alan Horne

**SECOND ROUND**

- 51. Dodgers Rangers Chan Ho Park (A)
- 56. Cubs Mets David Weathers (A)
- 65. Braves Yankees Steve Karsay (A)
- 71. Yankees Cardinals Tino Martinez (B)

**SUPPLEMENTAL SECOND**

- 72. Indians Marty Cordova (C)

**THIRD ROUND**

- 82. Indians Rangers Juan Gonzalez (A)
- 87. Tigers Mets Roger Cedeno (B)
- 96. Cubs Yankees Rondell White (A)

**FOURTH ROUND**

- 112. Cubs Rangers Todd Van Poppel (A)

**FIFTH ROUND**

- 142. Rockies Rangers Jay Powell (B)

**P'burg**

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and women. Intercollegiate programs for men include football, basketball, tennis, golf, baseball, soccer, swimming, track, wrestling, judo, cross country and cheerleading. Women Patriot teams compete in basketball, tennis, volleyball, soccer, cross country, softball, swimming, golf, judo, track, wrestling and cheerleading.

A new basketball arena was completed in 1990. In 1995, a new football field, all-weather track, and soccer field were completed. Baseball completed construction on a new field in

the spring of 1998.

Playing with great facilities, Cumberland athletes take their sports and academics seriously. Already during the 2001-2002 school year, Cumberland has had a total of 14 NAIA All American Honors and eight NAIA Academic All-Americans.

Cumberland competes as a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and the Mid-South Conference. There is no lack of stiff competition for Patriot teams.

**Wildlife**

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of songbirds and birds of prey, rabbits, quail, dove, waterfowl, deer and wild turkey.

"The department is very pleased through this partnership with American Electric Power to be able to offer wildlife enthusiasts a place to enjoy the outdoors on this beautiful property along the Ohio River," said KDFWR Deputy Commissioner Roy Grimes.

AEP acquired the land along the Ohio River in the mid-1970s as a potential location for an electrical generating facility. To date, AEP has not needed to use the property to build generation. The agreement with KDFWR provides an good alternative use for the property but still allows for future development.

"We at AEP are thrilled to be able to make this property available to outdoor enthusiasts and know that the experts at the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will do an excellent job in managing the property for the benefit of the native plants and animals while at the same time providing quality outdoor recreation opportunities," said Tim Mosher, AEP Kentucky State President.

"This is an example of good corporate environmental stewardship," said KDFWR Commissioner Tom Bennett, "and will benefit Kentucky's wildlife and its citizens."

"It's rewarding to see AEP taking a leadership role in responsible resource management, and an interest in their community's quality of life," Bennett concluded.

In the terms of the agreement, AEP will maintain ownership of the property. KDFWR will have full responsibility for managing public access to the site including developing an annual plan to sustain and enhance native populations of wildlife and provide opportunities for wildlife-related public recreation such as hunting, bird watching, fishing and wildlife photography.

To commemorate the agreement and as a first step toward enhancing the site, AEP donated and planted trees on the property honoring attendees at today's dedication. Each tree planted will bear a commemorative tag including the name of the dedication attendee.

The mission of the KDFWR is to help manage wise use of all of Kentucky's wildlife and fish-

eries resources and habitats, and help provide wildlife-related resources for public enjoyment through public-private partnerships.

American Electric Power is a multinational energy company with a balanced portfolio of energy assets. AEP, the United States' largest electricity generator, owns and operates more than 42,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the U.S. and select international markets. AEP is a leading wholesale energy marketer, ranking among North America's top providers of wholesale power and natural gas with a growing wholesale presence in European markets. In addition to electricity generation, AEP owns and operates natural gas pipeline systems, natural gas storage, coal mines, and the fourth-largest inland barge company in the U.S. AEP is also one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, with almost 5 million customers linked to AEP's wires. The company is based in Columbus, Ohio.

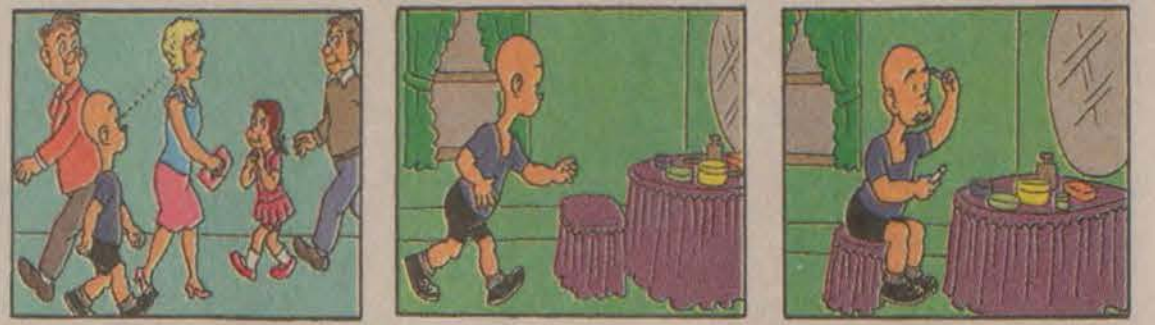
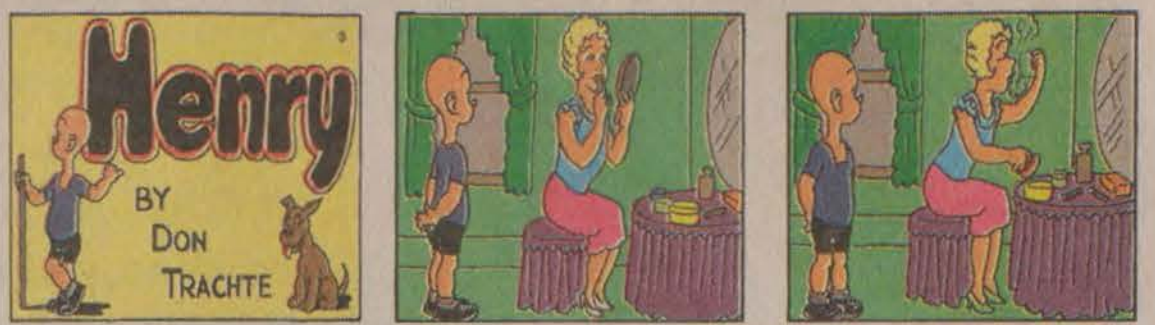
News releases and other information about AEP can be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.aep.com>.



The 2002 All-58th District Baseball Team.

photo by Jamie Howell

# Sunday Comics



## Super Crossword R U READY?

- ACROSS**
- 1 Wished undone
  - 5 In fact
  - 10 Vance or McCormick
  - 15 Callao's country
  - 19 Proverb preposition
  - 20 Flare of "Big Trouble"
  - 21 Annual award?
  - 22 Authentic
  - 23 "My —" ('65 hit)
  - 24 Romance
  - 25 Host a roast
  - 26 Forearm bone
  - 27 Monotony
  - 29 States briefly?
  - 31 Hit man
  - 33 Actress Schneider
  - 34 Touches
  - 36 Pecs' partners
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  - 42 Considers carefully
  - 46 Bouquet
  - 47 Green and Gore
  - 48 Interstate exit
  - 50 Cowboy star Lash
  - 51 Young boxers
  - 52 Navigation hazards
  - 54 Fireplace fragment
  - 56 Valueless
  - 57 Zoo attraction
  - 58 Greeted the general
  - 60 Jason's wife
  - 62 Ram's remark
  - 101 Dentistry material
  - 63 Acted like a peacock
  - 65 Scoffed at
  - 67 Orchestra section
  - 104 Iran's Abolhassan — Sadr
  - 70 Keep an eye on
  - 71 Destroy
  - 72 Show indifference
  - 74 Model Beverly
  - 75 "Wall Street Week" host
  - 79 Mauna —
  - 80 Michelangelo work
  - 82 Potsdam pastry
  - 84 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
  - 85 Not give — (be indifferent)
  - 87 Actress Samantha
  - 89 Adjusted an Amati
  - 90 "Educating —" ('83 film)
  - 91 Certain sharks
  - 93 Actress Sharon
  - 94 — -de-lance
  - 95 Jabber away
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  - 101 Dentistry material
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  - 117 Pianist Gould
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  - 122 "Zip — -Doo-Dah"
  - 123 Uneven
  - 124 It comes from the heart
  - 125 Eye drop?
  - 126 Tamblin or Westover
  - 127 Celtic cultist
  - 128 Pancake topping
  - 129 Stocking shade
  - 38 Let out the lava
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  - 40 Viva voce
  - 41 Inlay
  - 43 Baby beetles
  - 44 Sinuous dances
  - 45 Actress Ward
  - 47 "Go!" to Gounod
  - 49 Word form for "foot"
  - 52 Exhaustion
  - 53 Smooth transition
  - 55 Told off
  - 58 Play the mandolin
  - 59 Push-buttons' predecessors
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  - 74 Heathen
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  - 77 Singer John
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  - 79 It becomes ewe?
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  - 90 Ponder
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  - 95 Tahoe town
  - 97 Set apart
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  - 100 Zeno's zeus
  - 101 Afternoon refresher
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  - 107 Some shirts
  - 108 Teri of "Tootsie"
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  - 112 Composer Wilder
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  - 116 "A Fool Such —" ('59 hit)
  - 118 Powell co-star
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  - 121 Capote, on stage

**"UNI" MAGIC MAZE • WORDS**

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

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 Unicorn    Uniform    Unipolar    Univalent  
 Unicorn    Unify    Unitarian    Universe  
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**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Word is missing. 2. Glove is added. 3. House is missing. 4. Business has been added. 5. Letters added to man's shirt. 6. Boy is wearing shorts.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A2

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**Citizens National expanding to Pike County**by LENA BASHA  
STAFF WRITER

COAL RUN — Citizens National Bank will open its first branch bank in Pike County this fall.

"We're real excited about Pike County," said Citizens National Bank president and CEO Dennis Dorton. "It's a very big and growing market and we think that our brand of banking will do real well in Pike County."

The new branch will be located in Coal Run Village in Pikeville at the site of a closed Burger King restaurant.

The Burger King building was demolished Friday. Dorton and several other Citizens National Bank officials attended the ceremony.

Already in Pike County is the bank's CNC Mortgage Company, which is located in Weddington Plaza.

"We are going to move the CNC Mortgage Company and incorporate it with the branch in an adjacent building," Dorton said. "This will be a full-service location here. We will have two lending officers, a full-service drive-thru and an ATM."

Citizens National Bank, which was founded in 1910 in Paintsville, has a total of 12 locations throughout Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin and Pike counties.



photo by Lena Basha

Citizens National Bank president and CEO Dennis Dorton looked over blueprints of a new branch bank in Pikeville with architect Charles Chrisman. Construction of the full-service branch will begin June 1. It is scheduled to open this fall.

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## BEST SPRING DECORATING THEME

**HEART TO  
HEART FLORAL**by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

**H**ear to Heart Floral and Gifts was recently recognized by the Prestonsburg Woman's Club for their outstanding spring season window decor and exterior decorations. Owners B.J. Ousley and Susie McCoy were presented with a framed certificate "Business Holiday Decoration Award" by Joyce Allen, the club's Conservation/Community Improvement chairperson.

Speaking of the floral design and delivery business, both women said that their days are hectic and they often find themselves in a rush, but that they enjoy the work immensely. "It gets in your blood," said Ousley.

The business is beautifully decorated both inside and out and both owners are very appreciative.

(See **HEART**, page four)

photo by Kathy J. Prater

Owners, Heart-to-Heart Floral, Susie McCoy, left, and B. J. Ousley, right.

**Q** Does Medicare help to pay for bone mass measurement tests?

**A** Yes. Medicare coverage of bone mass measurement tests began on July 1, 1998. The test is covered under the Medicare Part B benefit and is subject to the annual \$100 deductible and co-insurance amount.

**Q** Who is eligible for a bone mass measurement test under Medicare?

**A** People that have Medicare Part B and fall into one of the following groups are eligible for this type of test:

- Women who are being treated for estrogen-deficiency and are at clinical risk for osteoporosis based on their medical history

- Men and women whose x-rays show previous fractures

- Men and women on prednisone or steroid-type drugs or who are planning to begin such treatment

- Men and women diagnosed with primary hyperparathyroidism

- Men and women being treated with a drug for osteoporosis to see if the therapy is working

**Q** How do I know if I am fall into one of the high-risk groups listed above?

**A** Your doctor knows your medical history and risk factors. He or she can determine whether you meet the Medicare guidelines for this test.

**Q** How often will Medicare help pay for bone mass measurement tests?

**A** Medicare will cover tests every two years or more frequently if medically necessary.

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](http://www.medicare.gov) on the internet.

Check out what the Sunday @ Home Section for Today's Special Recipe

**Summer jobs offer chance to test career waters**

LEXINGTON — Summer is a time for no school, fun in the sun and no work. Right? Not so right. A summer job may just be the thing you and your child need, say University of Kentucky family and career experts.

"Summer jobs are so invaluable," said Sharon Childs, an assistant director with the UK Career Center. "Most people think of summer jobs in terms of earning money to buy a special item. They can be very beneficial for career planning."

Childs said summer jobs offer an opportunity to test potential careers, before or after enrolling in college, as well as work experience for resumes.

"Many people make decisions on their careers based on what they think the work will involve," she said. "The only way to learn the pros and cons of any career is first-hand, on-the-job experience."

Career plans aren't the only benefit of summer jobs, said Gladys Hildreth, a UK professor of family studies and chairperson of the Department of Family Studies.

"Older children and teens need to develop a work ethic and responsibility independent of their parents," Hildreth said. "It gives them an introduction to the world, while still safe at home."

A summer job can help teach children responsibility, money-

(See **JOBS**, page four)**Anheuser-Busch donates canned water to aid Eastern Kentucky flood victims**

SOUTH WILLIAMSON — In response to steady storms that have swamped parts of Kentucky and caused flooding, Anheuser-Busch Inc. announced a donation of approximately 2,200 cases of canned drinking water to Pike and Martin counties.

The flooding came at the end of a week of damage from weather in Kentucky, including tornadoes in the western part of the state. Gov. Paul Patton declared Kentucky in a state of emergency due to the storms.

"This has been a devastating flood, causing widespread loss and need," said Doug Skrobback, Pikeville Red Cross relief operation director. "It will take all aspects of the community working together to help the people of Eastern Kentucky. That is why we are so grateful to Anheuser-Busch for their generous donation."

"Donations of goods and services provide vital support

(See **RELIEF**, page four)**Warning: Investors haven't forgotten terrorism's affect on stocks, economy**by AMY BALDWIN  
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK — Wall Street's fears about terrorism seemed to have slipped into a state of near-dormancy in recent months, but this past week they moved painfully back into the market's consciousness. A string of warn-

ings about possible attacks sent stock prices sliding and investors back to the sidelines.

While the losses came nowhere near the selloff that followed Sept. 11, the decline was enough to erase much of the gains from the previous week's big rally. The threat of terrorism loomed throughout the week amid warnings from

Vice President Dick Cheney and the FBI.

"The tendency is not to ignore it but to think back to September and what the market's reaction was then," said Ned Riley, chief investment strategist for State Street Global Advisors in Boston. "It's causing people to act very defensively."

Indeed, investors this past week were taking few chances. They sold shares and adjusted their portfolios to reduce risk ahead of the Memorial Day holiday. Some of the threats were pegged to the long weekend.

"Investors are satisfied with

(See **STOCKS**, page four)

THERE'S NOT ENOUGH ART IN OUR SCHOOLS.

NO WONDER PEOPLE THINK  
**LOUIS ARMSTRONG**  
WAS THE FIRST MAN TO  
WALK ON THE MOON.

It's a long way from the Apollo Theatre to the Apollo program. And while his playing may have been "as lofty as a moon flight," as Time magazine once suggested, that would be as close as Louis Daniel Armstrong would ever get to taking "one small step for man."



Instead of a quiet lull, Louis Armstrong delivered one giant free-form, crazy jazz groove for mankind.

the trumpet was as a guest in a correctional home for wayward boys. If only today's schools were as enlightened and informed as that reformatory was.

Alas, the arts are dismissed as extravagant in today's schools. This, despite all the studies that show parents believe music and dance and art and drama make

their children much better students and better people.

If you feel like your kids aren't getting their fair share, make some noise. To find out how, or for more information about the benefits of arts education, please visit us on the web at:

AmericansForTheArts.org. Just like the great Louis Armstrong, all you need is a little brass



Armstrong life his fragments in the jazz world, weaving his up as for his

But as the jazz musician of the 20th century, giant leaps were simply a matter of course for Satchmo. For no one has ever embodied the art form the way he did. It was he who helped make virtuoso solos a part of the vocabulary. It was he who was honored with the title "American goodwill ambassador" by the State Department. It was he who was the last jazz musician to hit #1 on the Billboard pop chart.

Not bad for a kid whose first experience with

ART. ASK FOR MORE.

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For more information about the importance of arts education, please contact [www.AmericansForTheArts.org](http://www.AmericansForTheArts.org).



**Workshop to help entrepreneurs**

JACKSON — Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center is offering a workshop for anyone who wants to start a new business.

The session will be held on Tuesday, June 4, at the Lees College campus of Hazard Community College in Jackson. The class will be held in the Administration Building, Room

203. There is a \$5 per person fee and pre-registration is necessary because of limited seating.

The issues to be discussed will include developing and understanding budgets, assessing the feasibility of business ideas and projecting revenue and other costs.

Training programs sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC are

available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed, or national origin. Special arrangements for those with disabilities will be made if requested in advance.

Additional information on registration is available by calling Morehead State University at Jackson at (606) 666-2800 or (800) 729-5225.

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**Relief**

to our relief efforts when disasters strike. Support from companies such as Anheuser-Busch helps ensure that we are always there, ready to provide the helping hand people need. We thank these companies and all their employees who have made significant contributions to the Red Cross to help the

victims of disasters."

The shipment was delivered May 10 to the Red Cross Relief Operation in South Williamson. The Red Cross is coordinating the reception and delivery of canned water to flood victims.

"It's important for communities to pull together and lend

a helping hand in times of need," said Mike Harding, vice president of operations for Anheuser-Busch. "Anheuser-Busch is proud to provide fresh water to the people in Pike and Martin counties who have been affected by the flooding."

The water was canned at the Anheuser-Busch Cartersville, Ga., brewery, and Metal Container Corporation in Rome, Ga., a subsidiary of Anheuser-Busch Companies, supplied the cans.

Helping communities cope with natural disasters has been an Anheuser-Busch tradition since 1906, when Adolphus Busch made a donation to victims of the San Francisco earthquake. Today, in addition to providing monetary support, Anheuser-Busch breweries package fresh drinking water and donate it to emergency relief organizations for distribution to those in need. In the past five years, Anheuser-Busch has donated more than 40 million cans of water to victims of natural disasters.

**Jobs**

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management skills and independence, while it gives them a better sense of self-esteem and self-worth. And summer is a good time for this experiment, away from the needs of school and other activities.

"There's always a chance that jobs can impact school work negatively and could keep students from extracurricular activities that will be important for college and life," said Celia Hayhoe, UK assistant professor of family studies. "Summer can be a good time for jobs, but parents need to look closely at the child's needs and the job situation to determine what is doable and within reason for the child. Parents also should use the experience to teach children how to manage their money and save for the long term."

She suggested parents might even want to encourage a little entrepreneurial spirit in their children. Babysitting, mowing lawns and doing extraordinary chores are typical children's

vocations that also steer clear of being out late or a mandated schedule.

Here are four guidelines for considering summer jobs.

■ What are the hours, duties, locations and risks of the job?

■ Will this reinforce career plans for the child or help the child find a path?

■ Know the managers and bosses and how to contact them.

■ Keep communication open with your child. Talk about work experiences, problems and opportunities.

**Stocks**

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playing it safe," said Alan Ackerman, executive vice president of Fahnstock & Co.

On the surface, it might appear that Wall Street has largely forgotten about terrorist threats as stocks generally rebounded from the lows that followed the attacks. But the fear of future terrorism has lingered at least subconsciously and held stocks back, analysts said.

In fact, some of the market's current malaise can be attributed to investors having factored in the possibility of future attacks, they said.

"It does give those that have been disenchanted with equities and those who have been punished for their investment strategies another excuse to stay away or sell," Riley said.

Combined with an ongoing earnings and economic slump and concern about corporate accounting following the Enron collapse, the possibility of terrorism gives investors more than enough reason to be nervous.

"We really have a lethal combination of negatives to keep us less than enthused about the short-term part of the market," Riley said.

In the past, investors worried that staying out of the market could mean missing profits when stocks eventually headed higher. But in the current political climate traders say that's a small sacrifice given the potential risks attached to stocks now.

"There is no screaming reason out there why you have to buy today," said Michael Murphy, head trader at Wachovia Securities. "Some money managers feel they wouldn't mind missing the first

5 or 8 percent (advance) rather than be wrong again."

That wait-and-see attitude isn't going to change anytime soon change, not until investors have less to worry about.

"It is going to be a volatile market," Murphy said. "We will still have rallies, but I don't think we will have people making a major commitment ... until the end of the third or fourth quarter when we will hopefully have a clearer picture of how the economy is recovering and a better picture of the Middle East."

It was a down week for all the market's major indexes.

The Dow Jones industrials fell 248.82, or 2.4 percent, for the week, after dropping 111.82 to 10,104.26 Friday. The Dow gave up about 60 percent of the previous week's gain of 413.16.

The Nasdaq had a weekly loss of 79.90, or 4.6 percent, after falling 36.14 to 1,661.49 Friday. The Nasdaq gave back nearly 57 percent of the previous week's advance of 140.54.

For the week, the Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 22.77, or 2.1 percent. On Friday, the S&P declined 13.26 to 1,083.82.

The Russell 2000 index, which tracks smaller company stocks, had a weekly loss of 15.30, or 3.0 percent. On Friday, the Russell fell 7.60 to 493.64.

The Wilshire Associates Equity Index, which represents the combined market value of all New York Stock Exchange, American Stock Exchange and Nasdaq issues, ended the week at \$10.250 trillion, off \$223.540 billion from the previous week. A year ago, the index was \$11.849 trillion.

**Heart**

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ciative of the women's club recognition award and have it proudly displayed in the business' front office.

The Business Holiday Decoration Award will be presented on a seasonal basis to the business best exemplifying holiday spirit through both exterior decorations and window decorations. The next holiday decoration award will be presented in early July to the business with the Best Independence Day display. Fall and winter holiday decorations will be presented in October and December.

"The goal of these awards is to recognize those who show civic pride through their investment of time, resources, and care. The result is a positive

environment for all of us to live and work in. We're grateful to Heart to Heart, and all the others in town, for the efforts they make," said Pam Weiner, club president.

Any citizen or business can make nominations for the Business Beautification Awards. To qualify, the business must be located within the Prestonsburg city limits. To make a nomination, contact either Joyce Short Allen at 886-2523, or Pam Weiner at 889-9639. Be prepared to give the name of the business, its location, and which award you are nominating it for.

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Akers  
receives UK  
pharmacy  
degree

LEXINGTON — Valerie D. Akers, of Glasgow, was awarded a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy at a special commencement ceremony held May 3, at the Singletary Center for the Arts.

Akers is the wife of Brandon Akers.

The College of Pharmacy offers a four-year professional curriculum leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy degree (Pharm.D.) with a current enrollment of about 350 students; a graduate program in the pharmaceutical sciences leading to the Doctor of Philosophy degree (Ph.D.) with 65 to 70 students; a post-doctoral scholars program with 20-25 students; and in collaboration with UK Hospital, the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Lexington, and St. Claire Medical Center in Morehead, a pharmacy practice

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## MSU

to preview college  
for incoming  
freshmen

MOREHEAD — Future students will have an opportunity to learn more about Morehead State University in five Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) programs this summer.

The SOAR sessions are scheduled for June 7, June 8, June 22, June 28 and July 20. They are designed to acquaint students and their families with the University, including academic programs, special services, student activities and residence hall life.

As all the SOAR programs will feature the same agenda, it will be advantageous for all new students to attend one of the sessions, according to Joel Pace, associate director of admissions.

"It's very important for students to attend SOAR because not only does it allow them to register for fall classes, but it gives them an opportunity to meet other students who are beginning their careers at MSU," Pace said.

Each SOAR day's activities will begin with 9 a.m. registration at the Adron Doran University Center where representatives from academic departments as well as a variety of organizations will be available to answer questions and provide information.

At approximately 10:30 a.m., SOAR activities will shift to Button Auditorium. Students will be divided into groups of their chosen educational discipline and proceed to that academic department for advising and course reg-

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Pikeville College student Tara McKenzie will head to South Africa for a field trip this summer. She has been spending the past few weeks preparing for her journey.

ANCIENT  
HISTORYOpportunities await student in  
South African adventure

PIKEVILLE — This summer, Tara McKenzie will trek across ancient ground where scholars have unlocked the secrets of 3 million years of human evolution. She'll spend her nights camping out under the stars and her days watching the wildebeests and lions laze in the hot, South African sun.

McKenzie, a junior at Pikeville College, will join 16 other students from colleges

across the country to attend a summer paleoanthropology field school in the Makapansgat Valley, an area noted for its anthropological significance.

The research team, organized by the Institute of Human Origins at Arizona State University, in conjunction with the University

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Martha J. Davis, president and COO of New Providence Stables Inc. of Van Lear, presented a check for \$1,000 to Pikeville College student Tara McKenzie who will use the donation to help with costs to attend a paleoanthropology field school in South Africa this summer. From left are, Davis, McKenzie, Peggy Davis, associate professor of anthropology at Pikeville College, and college President Hal Smith.

Johnson students  
receive Curtis  
scholarships

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University has announced that Brandy Castle of River, Matthew James King of Sitka, and Sheena L. Scott of Keaton were among those students receiving a Thomas Raymond Curtis Memorial Scholarship during the past school year.

Castle, the daughter of Donnie Joe and Easter Castle, is a junior elementary education major with

an emphasis on P-5 grades with a component in social studies. She is a member of the Church of Christ.

King is the son of Jim and Kay King of Sitka.

Scott is the daughter of Tina Scott and Kenny Cantrell and the late Danny B. Scott. She is a freshman biology education major with a minor in chemistry. She received a

(See CURTIS, page four)

West Virginia student  
graduating with  
record five degreesby VICKI SMITH  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — It seems Daniel Miller was born to be a student. He taught himself to read watching "Sesame Street" and asking people to identify the oversized first letters of "Readers' Digest" stories.

Now, at 23, he's graduating from West Virginia University with a school record of five bachelor's degrees and a 3.6 GPA, earned mostly on scholarship over six years.

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Shady Spring native, who had expected to graduate magna cum laude Sunday with degrees in biology, English, geography and history. He learned Friday he

has enough credits for a fifth degree in liberal arts and sciences.

"I'd already done so much work on each one, I couldn't see switching," he says. "I have been given a lot of really great opportunities, and it would have been letting myself down not to take them."

Miller started out as a biology major contemplating medical school but dis-

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PCC names  
president's and  
deans lists

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg Community College has named the students who excelled academically during the spring 2002 semester.

Special recognition was extended to those on the president's list who achieved a 4.0 grade point average for the semester and those named to the dean's list who obtained a 3.5 or higher on the 4.0 scale.

The Floyd County

students named to the president's list and or dean's list are James Allen Akers, Loria Mae Akers, Jessica Renee Akers, Kaye Allen, Sheena Renee Allen, Lesa Gwen Bentley, Kristin Diane Boyd.

Also, Jonathan Bradford, Frances Raye Branham, Emily Anne Brown, Kelli Lee Campbell, Lenora Lynn

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## End of the year a busy time at PCC

PRESTONSBURG — At the close of the spring 2002 semester, Prestonsburg Community College was engaged in many activities.

On April 17, Pennie Little, student activities coordinator, organized a Spring Fling Picnic for the faculty, staff, and students.

"As with all the activities the picnic was to allow students, faculty, and staff to interact on a more personal level," Little said.

The picnic turned out to be a suc-

cess, Little said. Lines formed around tables that were filled with a variety of pastas, chips, drinks, hot dogs and hamburgers.

A bake-off took place with Jeff Hicks, counselor, winning first place with his marvelous homemade cheese-cake.

Students gathered in the Pike Auditorium for a competitive game of "The Weakest Link," with faculty and staff members as the contestants.

James W. Fitzwater, a custodial

worker proved to be the strongest link and took the win over faculty.

Elexas Thornsberry, a second-year student, said, "It was great and it gave everyone a chance to relax before finals began."

May 3 was yet another busy day at the college. To kick off the events the Wellness Center held an Open House with food and refreshments for everyone, provided by the Wellness staff and Fitness Committee.

"Our purpose is to celebrate the end

of a healthy and successful semester and to give the students an opportunity to share their health awareness posters," said Jenny Dearden, instructor at PCC.

Launa and Thelma Patrick, sisters and students, submitted posters to hang up in the Johnson Building. Launa Patrick chose to create a poster on cholesterol and the advantages of having a healthy heart.

"It was during this class that I found out that my cholesterol was too

high and now, thanks to this class, I have it checked every two months," Launa Patrick said.

Thelma Patrick's poster focused on the benefits of exercise.

"The Concepts of Health and Fitness class has really opened my eyes," Thelma Patrick said. "I now realize that it doesn't matter what we do as long as we get our heart rate beating to a

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## Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

### Sick Day Surprise

My kids love to be pampered when they're under the weather. I think extra attention helps them with the healing, so I don't mind at all. And when they're hungry or just need a little treat, the TLC is fun to deliver when it comes to "meals in bed."

Presentation is key! And there are so many tasty little possibilities. I've come up with my edible suggestions that rate high in our household, but feel



DAVID LAROCHELLE

free to choose your own, depending on the aches and pains your child is feeling.

Here's a tip: Think finger food. Think bright. Think tasty and smooth (for sore throats).

First, take out a metal muffin tin to use for a handy bedside tray for your "room service" delivery. Now fill in the mini-sections:

Spread some peanut butter down the center of a piece of celery and then line up some raisins on top for a childhood classic, "Ants on a Log."

Put a spoonful of cold pasta in one cup of the tray, dried fruits such as apricots, raisins and sliced apples in another, and a pile of dry cereal such as Cheerios in another.

If your child wants a slice of toast, turn it into a smiling face by cutting the edges to form a circle and arranging raisins, banana slices and pretzels on top to make the face. If she has chickenpox, humor her with a few red-hot candies dotting the portrait.

Sore throats will love small hunks of frozen fruit on a Popsicle stick. It feels so nice as the sweet, icy juice trickles down.

A little glass of orange or apple juice fits nicely in the final section of the muffin pan.

Cut a small bannerlike shape from a piece of construction paper, write down the words "Get Well Soon!" and weave the mini-sign along its straight edge onto a toothpick. Stick it upright and proud in the pile of pasta or dried fruit.

Knock-knock. Room service!

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



## Kids will love these budget-friendly meals

Looking for a budget-friendly meal? Think casserole. I don't mean a clean-out-the-fridge type of dish. I mean one rich with freshly cooked noodles, a vegetable or two and a protein such as cheese or meat.

Today's Cottage Casserole does the job well. Frozen spinach, a bit of onion, egg noodles and low-fat cottage cheese are held together by a custard sparked with nutmeg. The few minutes it takes to cook the noodles and drain the spinach plus the 35 to 45 minutes in the oven are a wise time investment.

Another thrifty meal is the Frugal Carrot Quiche. You'll have carbohydrates, vegetables and protein in an attractive presentation. The "crust" is mashed potatoes.

Both dishes will appeal to even the pickiest little eater because they're like dessert to the kids.

### COTTAGE CASSEROLE

6 eggs  
1 cup (8 oz.) low-fat (2 percent) cottage cheese  
2 tablespoons instant minced onion  
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1/4 teaspoon salt, optional  
1 (10-oz.) package frozen chopped spinach, cooked, drained and pressed  
1 (8-oz.) package egg noodles, cooked and drained

### Cooking spray

1. In large bowl, beat together eggs, cheese, onion, nutmeg and salt, until well-blended. Gently stir in spinach and noodles.

2. Evenly coat an 11-by-7-by-1-1/2-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Add noodle mixture. Cover with aluminum foil. Bake in preheated 350 F oven until knife inserted near center comes out clean, about 35 to 45 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

### THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Philomena Coradeno

### FRUGAL CARROT QUICHE

1 1/3 cups shredded carrots (about 5 oz.)  
2/3 cup sliced celery  
1 teaspoon instant minced onion  
6 eggs, divided  
2 cups mashed cooked potatoes, cooled  
1 cup (4 oz.) shredded pasteurized processed American cheese  
1 cup milk  
1/2 teaspoon salt

1. In medium saucepan bring 1 inch water to boiling. Add carrots, celery and onion. Cover and cook until tender, 7 to 8 minutes. Drain well. Set aside.

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### Did you say hamburger salad?

Sometimes the best flavors come from the most unexpected combinations. Don't turn your nose up at this unusual sandwich before giving it a try. Then, I can almost promise you'll be trying it often!

### HAMBURGER SALAD SANDWICHES

1 pound extra lean ground sirloin or turkey breast  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
1/4 teaspoon dried minced garlic

1/2 cup fat-free mayonnaise  
1/4 cup dill pickle relish  
2 tablespoons prepared yellow mustard  
1/8 teaspoon black pepper  
1 cup peeled and chopped fresh red tomatoes  
6 lettuce leaves  
6 small hamburger buns

In a large skillet sprayed with butter-flavored cooking spray, brown

(See **COMFORT**, page six)

by JoAnna M. Lund

# Chicken Soup for the Soul: Bring us a flag

Jon Sterloff  
(FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL OF AMERICA")

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I was involved in a radio contest, which involved 12 contestants living at the state fairgrounds for two weeks in "Survivor"-like conditions: no electronics, little sleep and competitions every day. The contest took place from Sept. 7 to the 21st. Each day a contest member was voted out. The contest prize was \$10,000 for the last person left.

There I was, locked up in a 30-by-30 foot cage, playing a silly game that had all of a sudden lost all meaning. The only information we had was from

radio news reports heard on the pop station that was running the contest. The only pictures we could see were the

ones my lovely wife showed us as she held up a newspaper to the fence. Six of us lived in our little camp, but at that moment, we felt alone. My tribemates and I considered walking out and ending the contest. All we could think of was holding our loved ones.

Each day we were interviewed on the radio and shared our thoughts and feelings. Speaking for all of us, one of my tribemates, Jim Severn, made a plea to those listening to bring us a flag. We

felt at that time that we needed to see an American flag — nothing else seemed real.

Later that same morning, we heard a woman on the radio say she was sending her husband to our camp with a very special flag. She spoke of her grandfather who had been at Pearl Harbor. During the attack, he was responsible for saving many lives.

His commander had been so impressed and inspired by this man's actions that he gave him one of the flags from the ruins of Pearl Harbor. His granddaughter now wanted us to have this flag because she was so touched by our simple request.

An hour later, we watched as a man walked toward us. In one hand was the flag, holding the other was his son who looked no older than 5 or 6. The pride he felt as he attached the flag to our fence was overpowering. As he finished displaying the flag, the most magical thing happened: Where there was once no wind, all of a sudden the flag began to wave as a flag should. At that moment, the radio began to play "I Will Remember You" by Sarah McLachlan. Her words touched all of us deeply.

Something else magical happened. While the flag was waving proudly, the leaves on the nearby trees were still. It was as if there was a spirit inside this flag causing it to move. Without saying one word during the entire song, we all shared the same thoughts, and not a dry

eye was to be found.

When we first heard the news of the terrorist attacks, we wanted to walk out. When we felt the power of that one flag, we wanted to stay and stand strong. By the end of the competition, you could hardly see through our fence: It was covered with flags, streamers and decorations brought to us by young and old. People made special trips to visit us and see our flag. Each person expressed the same feelings we had felt as they gazed upon it.

Years from now, people will ask me where I was when the tragedy happened. I will tell them that I was surrounded, not by a chain-link fence, but by the love and patriotism of unfamiliar faces who became a family that I will always be part of.

## Dear Diane... Mullett Madness

### DEAR DIANE:

I am so upset, I can barely hold my pen steady enough to write this letter.

I am the mother of a wonderful 4-year-old boy, "Danny." Because my husband and I are trying to save up to buy a house, we've decided to save money on day care by having my mother-in-law, "Carla," watch Danny while we are at work.

Yesterday, when I got off work, I went to Carla's house to pick up Danny and found out that she had given my precious little boy a military haircut — without my permission!

When I confronted my mother-in-law, she told me that Danny's haircut was called a "mullet" and is considered low-class.

Carla said she was doing Danny a favor by giving him a "proper" haircut because she felt that children in her neighborhood would tease Danny because of his "redneck" hair.

Danny is now terrified of the thought of going back to Carla's. He thinks that she's going to shave him bald the next time he goes to her house.

What should I do about this?

— SCALPED  
IN SCRANTON

### DEAR SCALPED:

Even though Carla may have been correct about the fact that a mullet cut is considered a joke, she had no right to cut the boy's hair without your permission.

You should call Carla and let her know that she has overstepped her authority when it comes to her guardianship of Danny.

However, because you are getting free day care from Carla, you can't afford to be too harsh with her. Try to explain to her that this hair-cutting experience was upsetting to her grandson, and that she should not attempt such a thing again — for the sake of the boy.

Another route might be to have your husband talk with Carla. She is, after all, his mother, and he might be able to sort things out with her without any serious ramifications.

## Thyroid tests confuse patients

### DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

Please help me understand thyroid tests. My doctor says my thyroid gland is not working well. He has me on thyroid medicine. My lab tests, however, indicated high thyroid numbers. My TSH, which my doctor depends on to adjust my medicine dose, is high. He says that means I need more medicine. If it's high, should I not need less? — B.A.



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

### ANSWER:

The thyroid gland in the neck makes thyroid hormone that keeps body cells and organs moving at a brisk pace. Without a sufficient amount of the hormone, body chemistry slows. Skin dries. Hair becomes brittle. Constipation is a common complaint. Overwhelming fatigue engulfs the body.

Production of thyroid hormone by the thyroid gland depends on another hormone, TSH — thyroid stimulating hormone. It comes from the pituitary gland at the base of the brain. When thyroid hormone levels fall, thyroid stimulating hormone rises to jump-start the thyroid gland into producing its hormone.

A high blood level of TSH, therefore, indicates the exact opposite of what you would logically think a high value ought to indicate. It is not an indication of an overabundant production of thyroid hormone. It's an indication

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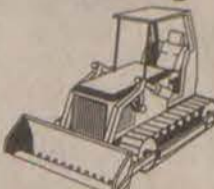


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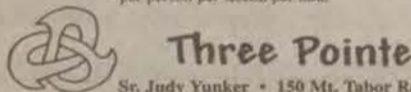
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