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### briefs

## Rape charge filed in Magoffin

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

SALYERSVILLE — A Salyersville man has been charged with second-degree rape for allegedly engaging in sexual intercourse with a 13-year-old female. Joey N. Dickerson, 22, was arrested after the mother of the girl filed a criminal complaint against him alleging that he had sex with her minor daughter. Dickerson was previously arrested on March 15 and charged with possession of a controlled substance when he allegedly had a needle filled with clear liquid in his possession. He was free on bond when he was arrested on the rape charge.

## PHS council meets Monday

The Prestonsburg High School SBDM Council will hold a special-called meeting on Monday, April 7, at 3 p.m., in the school library.

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### 2 DAY FORECAST

Today  
Mostly cloudy  
High: 63 • Low: 50

Tomorrow  
Rain  
High: 71 • Low: 40

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# Inmate fees getting consideration

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said his private meeting Thursday with Jailer Roger Webb was productive and that he believes some level of progress was made in deciding how to cure the jail's money

problems, which have inherently become money problems for the county.

A drop in state housed inmates and a consequent drop in income found Webb asking the fiscal court for \$1.25 million in his budget proposal last month to offset the losses.

The budget did not gain court approval and was, instead, held for review.

To compound already existing losses, the jail recently received notification that payment for housing state inmates would soon be lowered from \$27.51 a day to \$26.51, Webb said.

The money for the jail would have to be taken from construction bonds, coal severance tax and natural gas tax from the county's road and general funds.

Fiscal court officials hoped to soften the blow through work sessions meant to generate options to increase the jail's income, but Thompson canceled a scheduled special meeting Thursday and met with Webb alone.

During the two-and-half hour long

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photo by Jarrid Deaton

Burnett Little was sentenced Friday to two years in prison on charges of trafficking drugs. Little had been accused of being a member of a criminal syndicate which included five other people. However, a syndicate charge against Little was dropped in exchange for his plea.

## Dealing charges net 2 years

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Wheelwright man was sentenced on Friday to five years in prison, with three years probated, for trafficking in a controlled substance and trafficking in cocaine.

Burnett Little, 33, was originally part of a May 16, 2002, indictment which charged him and five other people with being part of a criminal syndicate.

A charge of engaging in organized crime was dismissed as part of Little's plea with the commonwealth.

Little also agreed to testify on behalf of the commonwealth in two pending cases involving the alleged criminal syndicate members Columbus Quillen and Donald Quillen, his son.

The trial date for Columbus and Donald Quillen is scheduled for June 16.

According to residents of Little Mud Creek, dust from the road makes visibility very poor. Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said that the county plans to put something on the road to keep the dust down.



## Residents complain, but official says help coming

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

HAROLD — Some residents of Little Mud Creek in Harold believe that they are being ignored by Floyd County and that their roads have

been neglected for many years by county government.

According to Michelle Williams, resident of Little Mud Creek, the road has been in terrible

(See ROAD, page three)

## Iraqis flee Baghdad as armored convoys press in from the south

by DAVID ESPO  
AP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Army tanks and infantry, joined by elements of the 101st Airborne Division, defended the international airport outside Baghdad on Friday, newly seized as an American base on the fringe of Saddam Hussein's capital. Thousands of Iraqis fled the city, fearing urban warfare.

With U.S. commandos already inside Baghdad, columns of Army and Marine armored vehicles advanced on the city from the south. They met occasional stiff resistance, battling Iraqi tanks as well as army, Republican Guard and Fedayeen

forces. With American forces closing in, Iraqi Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf threatened "very new, creative martyrdom operations" - often a euphemism for suicide attacks - but denied weapons of mass destruction would be involved.

Saddam appeared on television - seemingly debunking American-fed speculation that he was dead - and urged his country to "strike them (advancing troops) forcefully."

But the Marines reported the surrender

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U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo

Members from the 621st Air Mobility Group Tanker Airlift Control Element secure a cargo pallet that was off loaded from a C-130 April 1, 2003 at a forward deployed location in southern Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. C-130s are bringing in cargo for personnel and operations at the base.

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# Odds and Ends

■ **GREENWICH, Conn.** — Organizers of an upcoming lecture series on French impressionism debated not serving croissants at the event, fearing anti-France sentiment

would keep people away. Grady Turner, curator of the Greenwich Historical Society, said he wasn't worried people would boycott the exhibit based on the art. But croissants

were a different story. After debating the croissant issue, organizers decided to take a chance on the baked goods.

"There was a general feeling that we could take that risk, that there will be croissants," Turner said.

Despite the debate, Turner said ticket sales for Thursday's lecture have been brisk.

But to be on the safe side, he said, "There will also be scones for those who want to show their loyalty to the Brits."

■ **NORTH PLATTE, Neb.** — Randy Carroll got quite a shock when his electric bill arrived this week.

For 33 days of service, he was charged \$12,344.16.

"It was April Fool's Day, and I thought someone was playing a joke on me," said Carroll, who lives in a small, two-bedroom house.

It turned out it was a real bill. But the amount was wrong.

A glitch in Municipal Light and Water's new billing software caused Carroll's bill to show he used 310,421 kilowatts. Usually, he uses about 300.

Carroll's bill has now been straightened out.

The real amount due: \$26.26.

"That," he said, "I can handle."

■ **MADISON, Wis.** — The Dixie Chicks might not be welcome in some parts of the country, but a Wisconsin politician wants the country music trio to know they have a home in Madison.

Alderman Ken Golden this week proposed a resolution that calls for the City Council to play a Dixie Chicks CD during meeting breaks and directs the mayor to present the Chicks with keys to the city, French wine and a suitable welcome should they ever visit. The Dixie Chicks became the target of boycotts and bans after lead singer Natalie Maines made critical comments about President Bush last month in London, including a remark that "we're ashamed the president of the United States is from Texas."

Maines later apologized, but some radio stations have banned the Texas group's music and some people have destroyed the band's CDs.

Golden's resolution is co-sponsored by 10 of 20 council members.

The resolution also says the Chicks can become the city's adopted country music group and encourages the band to change their name to the

"Heartland Chicks" or "Dairyland Chicks."

The council will consider the resolution next week.

■ **GRAND HAVEN, Mich.** — Students at a southwestern Michigan elementary school sold their own toys to raise money that will be used to help provide medical care for a badly burned and homeless dog.

Shelby, a 5-year-old Rottweiler mix, was found March 15 wandering on a street in Ottawa County's Georgetown Township.

The dog suffered second- and third-degree burns to her face, head, chest and front legs, and had neck wounds.

After hearing of Shelby's plight, students at Ferry Elementary School received permission to hold a weeklong toy sale. They raised \$160 by

selling items for as little as a penny and for no more than \$2.

On Tuesday, the children presented a \$160 check to Heidi Yates, the development director of the Harbor Humane Society, where Shelby is recuperating.

"I really want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," Yates told the students. "I'm overwhelmed. It means a lot to the shelter, and I know it does to Shelby, too."

After receiving the check, Yates delivered thank-you notes from Shelby to each of the children and answered their questions about the dog's condition.

She said there are some long-term concerns regarding Shelby's tear ducts and her ability to taste and smell. But the animal is recovering and starting to wag her tail and trust people.

## Auditors find poor electric service in Eastern Kentucky

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — An electric company serving customers in eastern Kentucky hasn't done enough to prevent power outages, particularly those caused by trees falling across transmission lines.

That's the overall conclusion of an independent audit released Thursday by the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

American Electric Power needs to widen rights of way through three mountain counties in the heavily forested region to prevent disruptions in service, according to Shumaker & Co., an Ann Arbor, Mich., firm that specializes in utility audits.

The auditors said people in Perry, Letcher and Knott counties will not receive the same level of reliability available elsewhere in Kentucky unless the electric company spends more money on improvements.

"American Electric Power will now be expected to come up with a plan of action, and to demonstrate to the PSC that they are following through on that plan of action," said Andrew Melnykovich, spokesman for the state agency.

Electrical outages became a public issue during an election on Nov. 7, 1995, when service was interrupted at several polling locations. A local grand jury looked into rumors of sabotage, but found that the outages were the result of aging equipment.

The grand jury asked the Public Service Commission to look into why the region is subject to frequent and prolonged outages. As a result, the commission recommended several upgrades, which were completed in 1996.

However, the commission has continued to receive complaints. Residents of the small town of Buckhorn filed a petition with the Public Service Commission asking for an investigation after they lost power on Christmas Day 2001.

That's when the Public Service Commission decided to hire the auditor to develop recommendations.

Ron Robinson, a spokesman for American Electric Power,

said the company has received a copy of the audit report.

"We are looking at it," he said. "We will agree with some points of it. We will disagree with some points of it."

Robinson agreed that the steep, heavily wooded terrain is the major hindrance to providing uninterrupted service in the region. He said the company has worked hard to overcome the problems.

"Our goal is to provide affordable, reliable service to all of our customers," he said.

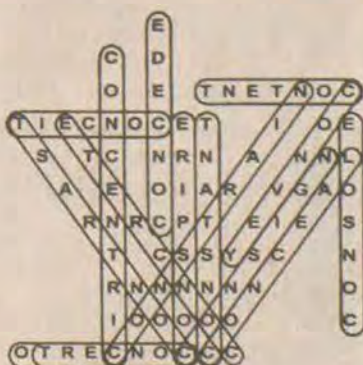
The auditors said the electric company, which serves 170,000 customers in 20 mountain counties, could prevent a significant number of the outages simply by widening rights of way, which now are so narrow that falling trees easily reach the lines.

Service will not improve, the auditors said, unless the electric company finds a way to spend more on improvements in the region. They recommended that the company explore all options for paying for the improvements, including rate increases.

The audit report pointed out that American Electric Power has not asked for a rate increase in Kentucky, even though their earnings have continually decreased over the last several years.



CON WORDS



## Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, April 6, the 96th day of 2003. There are 269 days left in the year. A reminder: Daylight-Saving Time is in effect. Clocks should have gone forward one hour.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On April 6, 1909, explorers Robert E. Peary and Matthew A. Henson became the first men to reach the North Pole. (The claim, disputed by skeptics, was upheld in 1989 by the Navigation Foundation.)

### On this date:

■ In 1830, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized by Joseph Smith in Fayette, N.Y.

■ In 1862, the Civil War Battle of Shiloh began in Tennessee.

■ In 1896, the first modern Olympic games formally opened in Athens, Greece.

■ In 1917, Congress approved a declaration of war against Germany.

■ In 1963, the United States signed an agreement to sell Polaris A-3 missiles to Britain.

■ In 1965, the United States launched the Early Bird communications satellite.

■ In 1971, Russian-born composer Igor Stravinsky died in New York City.

■ In 1983, saying rock-and-roll bands attracted "the wrong element," Interior Secretary James Watt declined to invite the Beach Boys to perform at a Washington Fourth of July celebration — a stand he later reversed.

■ In 1992, science-fiction author Isaac Asimov died in New York at age 72.

■ In 1994, Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun announced his retirement after 24 years.

### Ten years ago:

A year after ethnic warfare erupted in Bosnia, the president of the Muslim-led government, Alija Izetbegovic, tried to rally his people with a televised address that likened the nationalism that had torn his country apart to Nazism.

### Five years ago:

The Dow Jones industrial average closed above nine-thousand points for the first time. Energy Secretary Federico Pena announced his resignation. Country singer Tammy Wynette died at her Nashville, Tenn., home at age 55.

### One year ago:

President Bush repeated his call for Israel to "withdraw without delay" from West Bank towns it had occupied since launching an offensive after a string of suicide attacks. Bush also demanded the Palestinians call "an immediate and effective cease-fire."

### Today's Birthdays:

Composer-conductor Andre Previn is 74. Actor Ivan Dixon is 72. Country singer Merle Haggard is 66. Actor Billy Dee Williams is 66. Actor Roy Thinnies is 65. Movie director Barry Levinson is 61. Singer Michelle Phillips is 59. Actor John Ratzenberger is 56. Actress Marilu Henner is 51. Figure skater Janet Lynn is 50. Actor Michael Rooker is 48. Actress Ari Meyers is 34. Actor Paul Rudd is 34. Actor Jason Hervey is 31. Actor Zach Braff is 28. Actress Candace Cameron is 27.

### Thought for Today:

"History is the ship carrying living memories to the future." — Sir Stephen Spender, British poet and critic.

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War

of 2,500 members of the Republican Guard during the day. American and British warplanes bombed targets virtually at will for the 16th straight day, and the administration projected increasing confidence.

"We are almost in control of their country, and we'll be in complete control soon," Secretary of State Colin Powell said in Washington, as President Bush met with Iraqi exiles to discuss a postwar administration.

The White House also announced that Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair would meet next week in Northern Ireland, the third meeting of war allies since the fighting began.

More than two weeks into Operation Iraqi Freedom, there were fresh setbacks for the Americans, and no shortage of scares.

A car bomb killed three uniformed personnel at a checkpoint when a pregnant woman jumped from the vehicle screaming for help. Iraqi television reported two women had carried out a suicide attack, apparently a reference to the same incident.

And troops south of Baghdad found thousands of boxes of suspicious white powder, nerve agent antidote and Arabic documents detailing procedures for chemical warfare. Initial testing showed the powder to be explosives rather than weapons of mass destruction, according to one senior U.S. official, although additional investigation was planned.

There was continued American bombing in several areas of the country.

In the north, air attacks forced the way for Kurdish forces to seize a key bridge at Khazer, near the major city of Mosul.

In the southern of city of Basra, where Iraqis have held out for days, Saddam's forces shelled British troops.

But increasingly, the focus was on the fighting around Baghdad.

Inside the airport after an all-night tank and infantry battle, American troops swiftly renamed it. Saddam International Airport no longer, it is now Baghdad International Airport.

American troops moved through its underground tunnels

to clear them of danger.

One brigade of the 101st Airborne Division, helicopters included, arrived to use the grounds as a base of operation close to the capital. The 101st is high trained in urban warfare.

"We are fighting in urban terrain now, and to be effective, in this terrain you need light infantry forces. This is their forte," said Col. John Peabody of the 3rd Infantry Division.

A few miles to the east, in a city largely blacked out since Thursday, Iraqis fled northward to avoid advancing American troops. Vehicles of every description loaded with men, women, children and their possessions clogged exit routes in backups that stretched for miles.

At the same time, thousands of army troops and militiamen dug more trenches and foxholes.

American commanders were close-mouthed about the next part of the battle plan for Baghdad, although Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks told reporters that American commandos were "in key locations" in the capital.

Thousands more troops were on the way. "I could see columns of the U.S. Army and Marines moving forward," said Cmdr. Brian Corey, who flew a bombing mission over Baghdad on Thursday. "That was an impressive sight."

Marines advanced from the southeast, rolling through villages and towns past now familiar sites of discarded Iraqi military uniforms. Crowds sometimes lined the roads, and some Iraqis voiced their hopes in a blend of English and Arabic.

"Thank you. Thank you. Baghdad, Baghdad. Yallah (Go). Yallah," they said.

Marine commanders reported

the surrender of about 2,500 members of the Republican Guard along the road between Kut and Baghdad. Some told their interrogators they had been told by leaders of Saddam's Ba'ath Party that Americans would burn and pillage Iraq and take no prisoners.

Army troops advanced on Baghdad, as well, and tank units intercepted a battalion of Republican Guard armor about 25 miles outside the city. The Americans called in air cover, and reported the destruction of 10 Iraqi tanks.

"I think we're in a mad dash to destroy as much of their military as possible," said Capt. Chris Carter of Watkinsville, Ga.

Despite American battlefield successes, the war claimed the life of an American journalist for the first time. Michael Kelly, editor-at-large for The Atlantic Monthly, died Thursday along with a U.S. soldier when their Humvee went into a canal.

Flag-draped coffins carrying Americans killed in action were received at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, along with nine sets of remains found buried outside an Iraqi hospital where a U.S. prisoner of war was rescued earlier in the week. Military officials said the unidentified remains were believed to be those of U.S. soldiers.

The Pentagon lists seven remaining POWs, and the International Red Cross said during the day it had not yet received permission from Iraq to visit them. By contrast, the IRC said it has seen more than 3,000 Iraqi prisoners, in U.S. and British hands.

Iraqi television provided the

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Fees

meeting, Thompson said it was agreed that \$180,000 could be trimmed from the \$1,250,000 asked for in Webb's budget proposal last month with little problem.

However, steps to be made to come up with the \$180,000 budget adjustment — which includes various cuts in expenses

es — were not the most promising aspect of the meeting, according to Thompson. Even more promising could be an agreement to begin charging county inmates a daily fee.

Thompson, who has already openly rejected ideas of expanding the jail as a solution, said both he and Webb agreed with the option and, with court approval, local inmates will soon find out that crime truly doesn't pay.

"They'll have to pay their way," said Thompson. "We're looking at having them pay anywhere from \$15 to \$20 a day, maybe more."

Such a fee has the potential to boost the jail's annual income by half a million dollars.

"All of this is still subject to fiscal court approval," Thompson said, "but I believe we've made some progress toward getting the problem fixed."

Guilty

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and incest in 1997. He pleaded guilty to a charge of sex abuse and sex offenses. One charge of sex abuse and the charge of incest were amended down.

The commonwealth originally recommended three years probation, but Judge Danny P. Caudill did not accept the offer. Compton had the option to take back his plea of guilty but opted to take the sentence imposed by the judge.

Road

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shape for over 18 years. "We tear our vehicles up in the winter and the dust is so bad in the summer that you can't see," Williams said. "The people up here that have asthma are really bothered by the dust."

Williams also said that the 10 or 11 households in Little Mud Creek are unable to get cable television or city water.

"I don't know if it is because of the road, but we can't get it," Williams said

According to Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, the county is taking steps to improve the road.

"We've put 180 ton of gravel up there. Now there is too much dust," Thompson said.

Thompson also said that the county plans to put something on the road by the end of the week in order to keep the dust down.

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## Three current, six new Appalachian Commission members appointed

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — Gov. Paul Patton has appointed eight members to the Kentucky Appalachian Commission, three of whom were reappointed to serve another term.

According to the Office of the Governor, Laurel County Judge-Executive Lawrence Kuhl will replace Sid Stewart, of West Liberty, whose term has expired, to serve as a representative of county judge-executives for a term expiring Nov. 1, 2006.

Mayor Clarice Kirby, of Mount Vernon, will be representing Eastern Kentucky Mayors for a term expiring Nov. 1, 2006. Kirby will be replacing Betty Howard, of Benham, whose term has expired.

Representing at-large members, Annie Fox, of Harlan, will replace Jane B. Stephenson, of Lexington; Mike Mullins, of Hindman, will replace Mark A. Boliner, of Barbourville; while Charles Housley, of Hazard, will replace Sanford N. Chaney, of Frankfort. All three terms expire Nov. 1, 2006.

Reappointments include Jerry D. Johnson, of Frankfort, to represent at-large members for a term expiring July 9, 2006, and Gregory Johnson, of Virgie, who will be representing the coal industry for a term expiring Nov. 1, 2006.

Ben W. Carr Jr., of Lexington, vice president for administration at the University of Kentucky, will represent the UK Office of Management and Budget for a reappointed term expiring Nov. 1, 2006.

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# expression

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— Felix Frankfurter

## GuestView

# Lost among the dollars

More and more, money is the key to being heard in Frankfort.

The most recent reports filed by lobbyists with the Legislative Ethics Commission bear that out.

Interest groups hoping to gain the ears of our legislators spent nearly \$3 million lobbying the General Assembly in January and February alone, according to a report in the Lexington Herald-Leader.

That's a 50 percent increase over what lobbyists spent for the same period in 2001, the last 30-day legislative session.

Still to come are final totals on lobbying expenses from the rest of the session. Those are due April 15.

The money spent is not just to build a case for what lobbyists want done but also for what they want to be left undone.

Take, for example, tax reform that would entail higher taxes for corporations — a case Gov. Paul Patton sought to make during the recently ended session.

Richard Beliles, chairman of the government watchdog group Common Cause of Kentucky, told the newspaper, "The corporations aren't stupid. It's a good investment to spend \$100,000 lobbying the folks who write the budget if you can save \$1 million or more on taxes. Meanwhile, the tax burden shifts more every year to the poor and working class, who don't have anyone promoting their interests."

And so instead of reform, Kentucky continues to have a tax system that puts a disproportionate burden on the poor.

The voice of money speaks on a wide range of issues, from keeping the issue of expanding gambling before the General Assembly to arguing against cuts to education. Everybody and every interest seemingly have a lobbyist.

Everybody, that is except the average Joe Citizen.

Our form of representative government is eroded if his voice is drowned out by the moneyed voices of special interest.

— The Kentucky Post, Covington



— Jim Davidson

## A miracle in the mountains

You may have heard the old saying that goes, "There is no limit to what a person can do so long as he or she does not care who gets the credit." This is a truism that I have seen work many times in my own life as well as in the lives of countless others.

However, if we took a moment to make a slight change in this saying, our power to get things done would be increased a millionfold. The change that I would suggest is simply this, "There is no limit to what a person can do if he or she made absolutely sure that God got the credit."

The reason I have shared this with you is because of a recent letter I received from a male reader in Hot Springs National Park, Ark. This gentleman had some nice things to say about my column and he also included a recent annual report for the Charitable Christian Medical Clinic.

As I began to read this report I came under strong conviction that God had performed and is still performing a "Miracle in the Mountains" through many, many volunteers who did not want their name used in any way. As this man who wrote me stated, "For anyone to claim credit for what God has surely done would be wrong."

Because of their compassion and

love for Jesus Christ, doctors, nurses and countless other volunteers have made it possible for the poor and needy in this community to receive free medical care. If you had a chance to read this annual report, you would find a story that would bring tears to your eyes as you realize that people really do care and they are willing to selflessly give of their time and resources to help others who are less fortunate.

Permit me to share just a small portion of an article titled, "A Bedtime Story" that will give you a glimpse of what I am saying.

"Once upon a time, near the end of the second millennium, God looked down on a beautiful city surrounded by lakes and mountains and forestland. He saw pain and suffering because many of the people He loved needed medical care for their bodies and for their souls. In the city, God found a compassionate man of medicine who loved Him. God asked this man to provide treatment and medicine and to show God's love to people who could not afford medicine. This man did not know how to do this because there were so many who needed help.

"The man looked for help. He looked among people with various knowledge, skills and abilities. All of them knew and loved God. The man called them together and they came. There was a

person of business, a person of law, a person who sold medicine, a government worker, a preacher, even an old soldier and others. This man asked them if they thought this task, which the Lord has laid on his heart, could be done in the beautiful little city. He asked them for their help in ministering to the sick.

"After a considerable amount of time spent in prayer, organization, identifying needs and securing a building they began to pool their resources."

The story continues, "They began to organize the volunteer workers and train and practice as if preparing for battle. When they were ready they invited the sick people who could not afford treatment or medicine and more than twice as many people came as were expected. None were turned away."

The Charitable Christian Medical Clinic in Hot Springs, Ark., continues to grow. When they outgrew their building God provided a bigger building. When I read the list of all the volunteers who give their time and talent free of charge, I knew without a doubt that God had truly performed and is still performing a "Miracle in the Mountains."

There is no limit to what anyone of us can do when we give God the credit.

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



— beyond the beltway

## The Geneva Convention covers everybody

by DONALD KAUL

I don't care what anyone says. I think the war started well — better than we had any right to expect. Oh sure, the Iraqis didn't fall on their backs and roll over to have their stomachs scratched when we unleashed our "shock and awe" attack right there at the beginning, but how likely was that?

And the Iraqi people don't seem to be flooding the street with gestures of joy and gratitude as we liberate them, but that didn't figure either. Those people have been invaded before. They're going to wait to see who sticks around before they take sides.

The only people who truly believed any of that was going to happen were television commentators, conservative columnists and right-wing radio talk-show hosts: Groups that will believe anything. (That the Bay of Pigs invasion we sponsored in the '60s would inspire the Cuban people to rise up against Castro, for example.)

But we've made pretty good progress in the early days of the war and, as of

this writing, we haven't suffered too many casualties, nor inflicted massive civilian casualties on the Iraqis, not yet at least. The worst, I fear, may be yet to come.

You see, I'm operating on the premise that the Iraqis really do have Weapons of Mass Destruction and will use them. That's why we got into this mess, isn't it? Saddam was a danger to us because he had Weapons of Mass Destruction and was a threat to his people, the region and the world.

So if he's got them, he'll use them, right? And the war will get a lot nastier.

I must confess, however, to some confusion as to WMDs (to use the Washington jargon). For the life of me I can't see why a supersonic aircraft that is invisible to radar and can drop a 2000-pound bomb on an enemy handkerchief is not a Weapon of Mass Destruction but a canister of nerve gas is. Being at the wrong end of either one will produce pretty much the same result and I'm afraid I don't understand the moral difference.

Nor do I fully understand the righteous outrage being exhibited by the

Pentagon over the Iraqi practice of showing pictures of American soldiers it has taken prisoner.

"It is a blatant violation of the Geneva Convention to humiliate or abuse prisoners of war or to harm them in any way," said Pentagon spokesperson Victoria Clarke.

True enough, perhaps, but we are hardly the people to make that case. Not after we showed pictures of Taliban prisoners held at Guantanamo hooded, shackled and kneeling.

Oh, I forgot. They weren't prisoners of war. John Ashcroft said so. We can do anything we want to them — and pretty much have.

We have also complained that Iraqi soldiers are dressing as civilians and pretending to surrender in order to draw American and British troops into ambush. Again, a violation of the Geneva Convention.

But again it is unseemly for a nation that has been so contemptuous of international law to now seek to wrap itself in the cloak of such law. The position of this administration (and the Republican Congress) has been that we don't need international law. We can stand alone.



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# Faith Extra

MINISTER'S MOMENT:

## It's all in how you look at it

by REV. TOM BIDDLE

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS  
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Recently in one of the articles written by area ministers, it was mentioned that with the Easter season we are about to enter a

time when we begin to reflect upon Christ more than ever. That is true. However, in a couple of days I face one of those times that you really begin to take a long, hard look at yourself. I will be turning the big 40.

It is hard to believe that I have

reached this point. I remember several years ago, as I was working in a dangerous situation with another gentleman, I told him to be careful because my life was just beginning and his life was just about over. He was 35 at the time. Oh, to be so young and immature.

With my big day drawing ever closer, I decided to consult the one place of wisdom that I know I can always count on to give me good advice — God's word. So I got my study Bible off the shelf and looked in the concordance for any references about the number 40. It was amazing what I found.

Moses went onto a mountain and fasted for 40 days. In the New Testament, Jesus fasted and was tempted for 40 days in the desert for 40 days. It makes me feel kind of bad that I got upset just waiting in life for five minutes at

McDonald's.

As I continued my search, I found out that in Exodus, it said the people ate manna for 40 years. Can you imagine eating the same thing every day for 40 years? On another occasion, the people wandered the wilderness for 40 years. I've met some people who have kind of wandered through life for 40 years. I wonder if it is the same thing. In another article I read, it talked about the significance of the number 40 in the Bible. It also said that 40 usually meant a maturation point for a person. I'm not sure how that relates to the whole mid-life crisis so many people have when they reach 40.

Perhaps the best news I read was that the number 40 always seemed to reflect a major change or event was about to take place. That certainly gives me a new perspective on things. I can begin to look forward to tomorrow again. I can think I have a whole new, exciting world out there just waiting for me. As they say in the

musical "Annie," "The sun will come out tomorrow."

The truth is, though, that is something I have known all along. God has promised me that at whatever age I am. One of my favorite passages in the Bible is Isaiah 43:19. It says, "Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it." What God is saying to me and to all of us is that He is constantly ready to do new things in our lives if we would just let Him. If we will seek His will, he can change our lives.

I know of a man who went on his first mission trip to Brazil at the age of 72. I just hope I can still move at that age. I've known other people who have been called to the ministry well past their fortieth birthdays. Sadly, I've known people who did not come to accept Christ as Savior until their 60s or 70s. The one thing all of those people have said is that they wish they had not waited so long to come to Him.

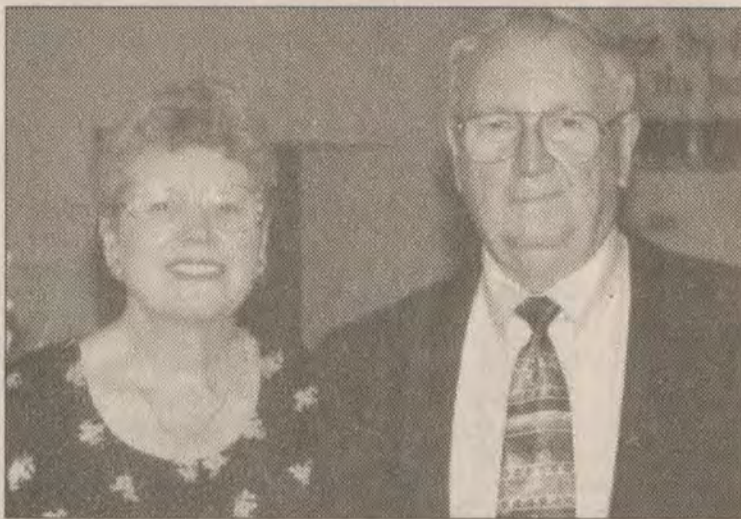
Don't put off getting to know Jesus any longer. Trust me, there is nothing to fear. It will be one of the best things you have ever done in your life. As for me, I just hope my family and friends have not planned some "Over the Hill" party with black balloons and party favors, but God is good and I know He'll see me through it.

### War

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strongest indication to date that Saddam survived an attack on an Iraqi leadership compound on March 19. The Iraqi leader appeared in a broadcast urging Iraqis to fight the Americans, and referring to a U.S. helicopter that went down four days after the missile attack.

Later, state-run television also showed scenes of a man said to be Saddam walking among adoring Iraqis.



Pastor Edmon Bolen and his wife, Eleanor. The Bolens are currently serving in the ministry of the Wheelwright First Baptist Church.

## Wheelwright First Baptist names Interim Pastor

Edmon Bolen was recently named Interim Pastor at the Wheelwright First Baptist Church. He and his wife, Eleanor (Watts) Bolen, are extremely pleased with the appointment. Pastor Bolen grew up in Garrett, the son of Bee and Dovie Bolen. Eleanor is from Hindman, the daughter of Ruby and Effie Watts. The two met when they were each attending Caney College (now known as Alice Lloyd College), where they both served under the ministry of Dr. J.S. Bell. Pastor Bolen has served in the ministry for the past 45 years in Kentucky, Ohio, and Virginia. He and his wife helped to organize churches in the Ohio mission field.

Pastor Bolen professes a deep love for Jesus Christ and says that his "heart's desire is to see people come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior." Pastor Bolen says that he envisions that God will continue to bless the Wheelwright Baptist Church. "My prayer is that our Lord will be lifted up, that the Word of God will be preached, and that many will come to know Jesus Christ," he said. Pastor and Mrs. Bolen welcome all to services at the Wheelwright First Baptist Church. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., with Sunday morning services at 11 a.m. and Sunday evening services at 6 p.m. Wednesday night prayer meeting begins at 7 p.m.

### Beltway

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So stand already and stop whining.

In truth, we haven't given enough credit to the Iraqi troops for the fight they're putting up. I rather expected them to fold like a cardboard card table at the first sound of guns, but they haven't.

Despite the fact that they are stupendously outgunned, that they have no air force and no air defense system worthy of the name, they are putting up a hell of a fight. So if they resort to underhanded, dirty tactics, it's because they have no choice. As nice as it would be, you can't expect your enemy to commit suicide. If that sort of thing is the worst that befalls us in this war, we shall have gotten out of it cheaply.

May peace descend upon all of us, sooner rather than later.

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. For more information, email: donaldkaul@aol.com.

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# Regional Obituaries

## Floyd County

Johnny Darrell Allen, 31, of West Prestonsburg, died Saturday, March 29, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Tennessee Crum, 88, of Hippo, died Saturday, March 29, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Evelyn Combs Griffie, 88, of Milford, Ohio, formerly of McDowell, died Thursday, March 27, in Anderson Mercy Hospital, Milford, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 31, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Oley Hall, 61, of Beaver, died Saturday, March 29, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital emergency room. He is survived by his

wife, Lizzie Jane (Mae) Johnson Hall. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lester Kennis Hall, 44, of Elizabethtown, native of McDowell, died Monday, March 31, at the Hardin Memorial Hospital, in Elizabethtown. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mary Keeton, 87, of Greenup, died Monday, April 1, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 3, under the direction of Evans Funeral Home.

Anita Fay Stacy Maggard, 75, of Pinetop, died Tuesday, April 1, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

William Carl Mullins, 73, of Hi Hat, died Tuesday, April 1, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Patsy Moore Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

William (Buddy) Newsome, 57, of Hi Hat, died Monday, March 31, at the Prestonsburg Health Care. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Gary Wayne Robinson, 39, of Printer, died Sunday, March 30, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Kelsie R. Stapleton, 77, of Dana, died Friday, March 28, at the Pikeville Healthcare. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Roger Dean Stephens, 39, of Wayland, died Tuesday, March 25, at home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Allen Taylor, 79, of Wheelwright, died Wednesday, April 2, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Gladys Lee Hyden Wallen, 90, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, March 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 30, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

## Knott County

Brittany Roxanne Bailey, 8 months-old, daughter of Raymond and Mable Ann Blevins Bailey, died Thursday, March 20, at home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 22, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Daniel Campbell, 79, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, formerly of Knott County, died Monday, March 24, at Ypsilanti. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 29, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Joel Thomas Combs, 68, of Fisty, died Sunday, March 30, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. He is survived by his wife, Martha June Combs. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 2, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Joshua Bradley Combs, 24, of Hazard, died Friday, March 28, at home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 30, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Birchie "Granny" Howard, 88, of Morehead, a Knott County native, died March 29, at St. Claire Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 2, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Opal Daniels Richmond, 86, native of Johnson County, died Friday, March 21, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 23, under the direction of Phelps and Sons Funeral Home.

Gladys Slone, 71, of Auburn, Indiana, native of Pippa Passes, died Saturday, March 22, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, in Auburn. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 25, under the direction of Feller Funeral Home.

Virgil Roy Slone, 56, of Pippa Passes, died Tuesday, April 1, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## Martin County

Harold Dean Henry, 55, of Louisa, died Thursday, March 27, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 30, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Bruce D. Holt, 49, of Fort Gay, West Virginia, died Saturday, March 29, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly D. Austin Holt. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

William D. Preece, 84, of Johnstown, Ohio, a native of Inez, died Tuesday, March 18, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 22, under the direction of Crouse-Kauber-Sammons Funeral Home.

## Johnson County

Carmen E. Green, 92, of Sitka, died at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 31, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Robert Earl King, 59, of Wittensville, died Monday, March 31, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Rosa L. Napier King. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 3, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Donald Litton, 57, of Meally, died Friday, March 28. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Ann VanHoose Litton. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 1, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Brenda Joyce O'Bryan Lewis, 48, of Paintsville, died Saturday, March 29, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 31, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Edith Payne Sherman, 89, of Rowlett, Texas, formerly of West Van Lear, died Thursday, March 27, at Senior Care Lake Points, Rowlett, Texas. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 30, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

## Pike County

Quentin Allen "Bo" Adkins, 42, of Pikeville, died Saturday, March 29, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Lockhart Adkins. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 3, under the

direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Tommy "Tom" Anderson, 56, of Shelby Gap, died Tuesday, April 1, at Jenkins Community Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 3, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Otis Bishop, 81, of Mouthcard, died Sunday, March 30, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Janie Ramey Bishop. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 2, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Tony Chaney, 46, of Atwood, Tennessee, a native of Pikeville, died Monday, March 31, at the Huntington Health and Rehabilitation Center, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 3, under the direction of Chase Funeral Home.

Meda Thacker Elkins, 88, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, April 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 5, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Howard "Buck" McPeck, 52, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, April 1, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Katherine Smith McPeck. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 4, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Joyce Ann Mullins, 39, of Pikeville, died Friday, March 28, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 1, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

John Paul Robinson, 73, of Pikeville, died Sunday, March 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 1, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Fayette Scott, 49, of Hardy, died Saturday, March 29, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 2, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Joyce Virginia Senters, 77, of Canton, Ohio, formerly of Draffin, died Sunday, March 30, at Mercy Medical Center, Canton. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 4, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Callahan Slone, 88, of Kimber, died Monday, March 24, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 27, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Charles Quinton Stewart Sr., 82, of Havelock, North Carolina, died Tuesday, April 1, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 4, under the direction of Pollock-Best Funeral Home, New Bern, North Carolina.

Tony Jeffery Ward, 42, of Cynthia, died Saturday, March 29, at Bourbon Community Hospital, Paris. He is survived by his wife, Carol Rife Ward. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 2, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Alexander Ryan Woods, 15, of Toler, died Saturday, March 29, in the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital Emergency Room. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 1, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Caleb James Wright, infant son of Joseph J. and Azure Tucker Wright of Pikeville, was stillborn, Monday, March 31, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, April 1, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

## Magoffin County

Edna Marie Prater, 80, of Salyersville, died Sunday, March 30, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 2, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Leo Mitchell Sansom, 82, of Delaware, Ohio, formerly of Magoffin County, died Wednesday, April 2, in Delaware. Graveside services will be conducted Sunday, April 6, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

# Obituaries

## Charles Garrett

Charles Garrett, father, grandfather, friend, and smiling optimist, died Sunday, March 30, 2003. He was 71.

Born in Kentucky, Charlie was a longtime resident of Culver City. He worked in the aerospace industry, was an avid golfer, and a devoted bluegrass music fan. He will be remembered and missed by his children, Darrell, Dale, and Diana; his son-in-law, John; his grandchildren, Gianna, Eliza, and Liam, and others whose lives were brightened by his.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, April 6, 2003, at 3 p.m., at Gates, Kingsley & Gates/Smith Salisbury, 4220 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, CA. (310) 837-7121. (Paid obituary)

## James Preston "Prez" Harrod

James Preston "Prez" Harrod, infant son of Reid Kimble Harrod and Jennifer Johnson Harrod, of 303 Princess Circle, Versailles, was born Tuesday, April 1, 2003, and died Wednesday, April 2, 2003.

In addition to his mommy and daddy, he is survived by his maternal grandparents, Glenda Newman Johnson of Versailles, and Berlin Johnson of Lexington; his paternal grandparents, Frances Claire Harrod of Frankfort, and Reed Harrod and his wife, Betty, of Jamestown.

Additional survivors include a great-grandmother, Evelyn Harrod of Frankfort; five aunts, Stephanie Johnson (Mrs. Jim) Webb of Louisville, Rousalyn Johnson (Mrs. Greg) Valdez of Hawaii, Melody Harrod (Mrs. John) Stratton of Simpsonville, Julieanne Harrod, and Paula Joan Harrod, both of Frankfort; one uncle, Eric Berlin Johnson of Versailles; and several cousins.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 5, at the Blackburn & Ward Funeral Home, in Versailles, with Rev. James Stillwell officiating.

Interment was at the Rose Crest Cemetery, Versailles.

Memorials are suggested to the Ronald McDonald House charities. (Paid obituary)

## Card of Thanks

The family of Emma Wells would like to extend their appreciation to all the friends, neighbors, and families, who offered comfort and kind words at the passing of their loved one. Thank you to all those who sent food, flowers, or just offered some kind words. A special thanks to Carter Funeral Home, and Mountain Manor.

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Those individuals wishing to comment on the proposed District Facility Plan may present oral or written comments at the local State Board public hearing. The local Board of Education, after due process, will forward the approved District Facility Plan to the Kentucky Department of Education for ultimate approval by the State Board of Education.

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## Thank You

The family of Harold D. Bates would like to thank family, friends, and all who sent flowers, and food during our time of need.

We are thankful for all the kindness, love, support, and kind words that were expressed; we shared tears, laughter, and fond memories, and are grateful you were there.

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COMMENTARY

## Tar Heels opening has many seeing blue

by BILLY REED  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Now that North Carolina finally has put poor Matt Doherty out of his misery, you might be wondering who'll be the third successor to Dean Smith. You'll hear names such as Buzz Peterson, Larry Brown, and George Karls, all Carolina blue to the bottom of their Guccis.



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You can bet that Dick Baddour, the UNC Athletics Director, won't make the call. He'll do whatever Dean tells him to do. When the campus gym is named in your honor, and you're the all-time winningest coach in college hoops history, you do have a bit more clout than the average alum.

The way I see it, Carolina has two excellent choices, either one of which will mean big trouble for Coach K. At Duke and the rest of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The first depends upon how Kansas does at this weekend's Final Four in New Orleans. If the Jayhawks win the title, it's possible that Coach Roy Williams will feel that he has fulfilled his obligations in

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COMMENTARY

## Final Four & Much More

by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Maybe nobody cares, but the similarities are interesting ...

The biggest story in sports this week is and should be college basketball, but the goings-on at two of its elite programs

are overshadowing what should be the top news, the Final Four.

Perhaps that's because some of the luster was taken from The Big

Show last weekend when three top seeds, including the teams that spent the season ranked 1. and 1a., were fallen. Or maybe that's the feeling coming from a bitter fan of one of those teams.

But beyond question the other reason is the enormous status afforded the men's basketball programs at North Carolina and UCLA. Think of the elite of col

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Bentley

The 2003 NASCAR Winston Cup schedule and standings, with winners in parentheses:

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 16 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Michael Waltrip)
- Feb. 23 — Subway 400, Rockingham, N.C. (Dale Jarrett)

MARCH

- March 2 — UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas. (Matt Kenseth)
- March 9 — Atlanta 500, Hampton, Ga. (Bobby Labonte)
- March 16 — Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Darlington, S.C. (Ricky Craven)
- March 23 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kurt Busch)
- March 30 — Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas. (Ryan Newman)

APRIL

- April 6 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala.
- April 13 — Virginia 500, Martinsville.
- April 27 — Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif.

MAY

- May 3 — Pontiac Excitement 400, Richmond, Va.
- May 25 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.

JUNE

- June 1 — MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.
- June 8 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.
- June 15 — Sirius Satellite Radio 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
- June 22 — Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.

STANDINGS

1. Matt Kenseth, 1,090.
2. Kurt Busch, 935
3. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 824
4. Michael Waltrip, 898.
5. Jimmie Johnson, 885.
6. Jeff Gordon, 884.
7. Tony Stewart, 849.
8. Ryan Newman, 848.
9. Ricky Craven, 840.
10. Kevin Harvick, 802.
11. Bobby Labonte, 784
12. Ricky Rudd, 780.
13. Mark Martin, 773.
14. Rusty Wallace, 771.
15. Dale Jarrett, 762.

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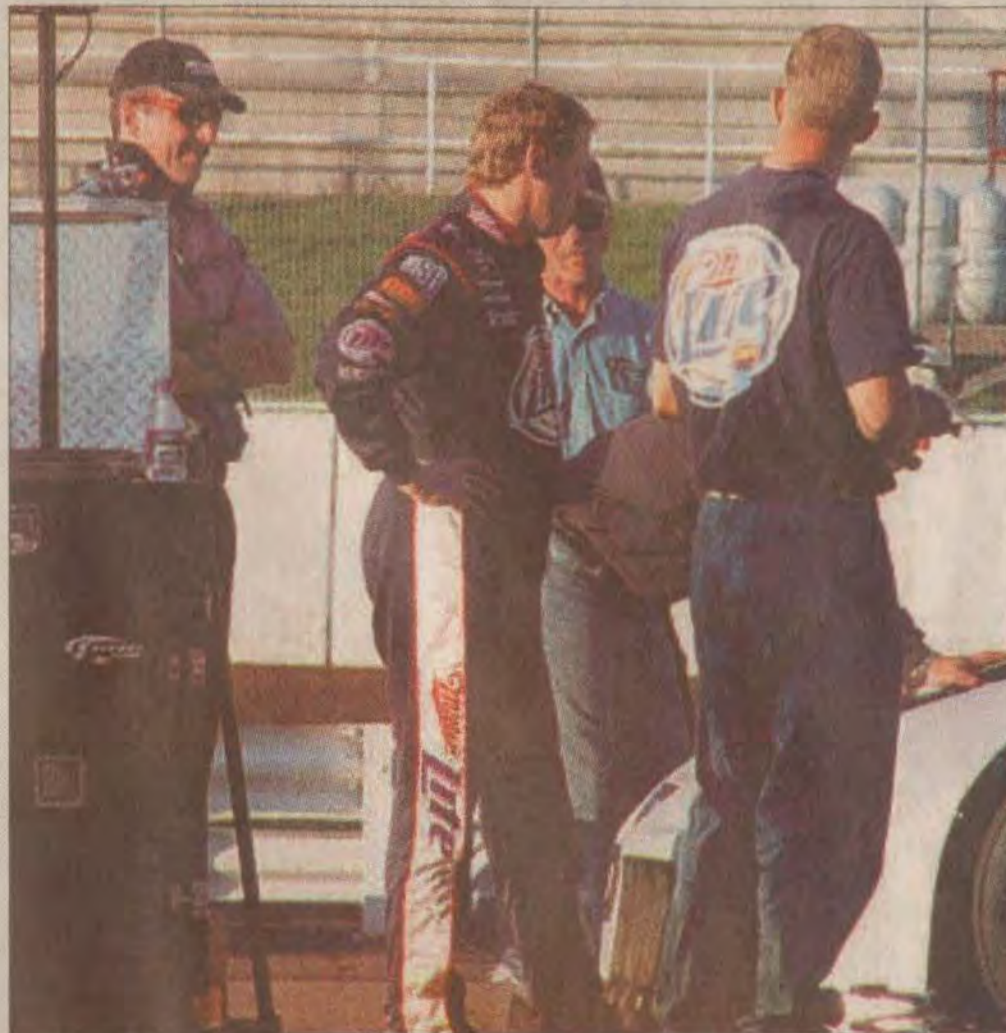


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Rusty Wallace worked out at Lonesome Pine Raceway in Coeburn, Va. in preparation for the upcoming Winston Cup race in Martinsville.

## Wallace looks for Martinsville answers

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Coeburn, VA- Rusty Wallace and the #2 Miller Lite Dodge team took to Lonesome Pine Raceway Tuesday in preparation for the upcoming Virginia 500 at Martinsville

Speedway.

Wallace used the 3/8 mile NASCAR Dodge Weekly Racing Series track as a platform to test and tune the #2 Dodge he will

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Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Racing will begin at 7 p.m.

## Intimidator still influences racing

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Dale Jarrett learned a lot of what he knows about restrictor-plate racing watching the late Dale Earnhardt race at Daytona and Talladega.

Those are the tracks where NASCAR requires horsepower-sapping carburetor plates to keep the cars from racing at speeds

above 200 mph. They are also the places where the rule is racing in huge two- and three-wide packs with constant movement up and down the field.

"There are ways of slowing cars down that you're racing up against," said Jarrett, who will race Sunday in the Aaron's 499 at

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NEWS & NOTES

## Long-lost bat contracts signed by legends

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Long-lost contracts signed by baseball legends while they were still minor league players will go on display at the Louisville Slugger Museum this weekend.

"Safe at Home: the Historic Contracts of Louisville Slugger," features 30 con-

tracts signed by players that include Pee Wee Reese of Louisville, Joe DiMaggio, Jackie Robinson and Roberto Clemente.

The contracts are among 100 of Louisville batmaker Hillerich and Bradsby's most valuable. The batmaker recovered them through an out-of-court settlement last fall after believing for years the documents had been lost or dis-

carded.

Often, the contracts show players gave H&B rights to use their names in advertising and merchandise in exchange for compensation considered minimal by today's standards.

In the case of Robinson, the second-

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NAIA HONORS

## 3 PCC players named All-Americans

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Three Pikeville College basketball players have been listed among the best players in the country.

In information given at the end of the NAIA Division I national tournament, senior Jason Robinson was named Second-Team All-American. He joins two Lady Bears, seniors Tecco Gallion and

Amanda Collins, with these honors. Gallion was named to the Second Team and Collins Third Team by the NAIA.

Robinson is a 6-foot-6 senior from Seattle. He played 25 games for the Bears this season, averaging 19.0 points and 6.3 rebounds per game. He was also named All-Mid-South Conference this season.

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Jason Robinson

TENNIS

## PCC women's tennis moves up in poll

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Three wins and a loss in the most recent ranking period was good enough to move the Pikeville College women's tennis team up two spots in the latest NAIA ratings.

The Lady Bears are now ranked seventh in the nation. "We're very proud of our team and the start we have gotten off to," said Coach Rodrigo Puebla, who helped guide the team to its first trip to the national tennis tourna-

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ALC NOTEBOOK

## ALC Eagle baseball splits with Centre

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — The Alice Lloyd College baseball team took the first game of a double header from Centre College on Wednesday behind a powerful offense and great pitching from ace Bryan Worley. Michael Marcum went three-of-four from the plate with two doubles. Doug Clark, Derrick Whitaker, and Ben Monroe all went deep for the Eagles. It was Whitaker and Clark's third homerun of the season and Monroe's first.

Worley went the distance for his third win of the season. ALC let one slip away in the second game as a 6-4 lead going into the last inning turned out to be a 7-6 defeat. Freshman David Hatfield pitched his guts out for six innings in receiving a no decision. Second Baseman Derrick Whitaker hit his second homer of the day and fourth of the season. Michael Marcum went 5-8 in the two games.

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photo by Jamie Howell

Play in the East Kentucky Youth Soccer Association continued over the weekend. Results from many games played in the first two weeks of the spring season will appear in Wednesday's edition.

HUNTING

## Turkey season runs April 15 to May 5 in Ky.

BY STEVE VANTRESE  
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — The potentially ticklish thing about turkey hunting is that the sounds and sights that can fool a cautious gobbler can also fool another hunter.

The nature of the spring game is that a hunter obscures himself with camouflage and mimics hen turkey talk in an effort to entice a tom turkey to what he thinks is an available mating partner.

Hunting in general proves to be a safe undertaking compared to other sports, but turkey hunting lends itself to particular confusion that can grow into danger if hunters don't apply common sense rules of the pursuit.

Kentucky's ranks of turkey hunters are growing as an expanding turkey population has brought increased opportunities and lured more people into the sport, said Jim Lane, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources biologist and turkey program coordinator.

"Last spring we sold turkey hunting permits to 55,331 hunters, and it's fair to say that a lot of them don't have a lot of experi-

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Lawrence and decide it's time to go home and rescue the Tar Heels.

He was Smith's No. 1 choice when Bill Guthridge decided to hang it up in 2000 after three seasons in El Deano's shoes. Williams worked as one of Smith's assistants and recruiters in the late 1970s and early '80s.

So just as Denny Crum took the Louisville job in 1971 thinking it would be the perfect springboard for him to return to UCLA as John Wooden's successor, so did Williams take the Kansas job thinking it would position him perfectly to replace

Smith.

But just as Crum fell in love with Louisville, so did Williams fall in love with Rock-Chalk-Jayhawk basketball. Had he been able to win a national title for the Jayhawks before Smith retired, he might have been more interested in being Dean's replacement.

Yet Williams is the sort of decent, honorable, old-fashioned guy who believes in fulfilling his commitments. He simply didn't feel right in leaving Kansas at that particular time because he had unfinished business.

But if Kansas wins the national championship in New Orleans, who knows?

He'll have accomplished his mission with the Jayhawks. He might want to accept, as his final challenge, the job of restoring Carolina to the top of the hoops world.

Smith reportedly was furious with Williams for not taking the Carolina job when Guthridge retired. But considering the way Carolina has slipped under

Doherty, he might be willing to forgive Williams and welcome him back to Chapel Hill.

The second choice, and the one I like, is far more audacious. I'm talking about Michael Jordan. Don't laugh. Who ever would have thought that Jordan would have left the NBA for a year to play minor-league baseball?

This, finally, is Jordan's last

season in the NBA. He has proved whatever points he wanted to prove. So what's he going to do now? Go back to being a part-owner and front-office executive for the Washington Wizards?

Personally, I don't think that would satisfy Jordan's need to be in the spotlight. But the North Carolina coaching job would. He would be THE hot national story next basketball season.

Jordan has never been a college head coach, but so what?

Hunting

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ence," Lane said. "I'd say 20 to 25 percent of them have been turkey hunting for less than three years."

Lane recommends that hunters of any experience level adhere to a list of defensive safety rules promoted by the National Wild Turkey Federation:

—Never stalk a turkey. The chances of sneaking into shooting range on a gobbler are slim, and stalking raises the odds of slipping up on another hunter who might mistake your approach as that of a turkey.

—Don't wear anything that shows even a glimpse of red, white or blue — colors that occur on turkeys. You don't want to give another hunter a wrong impression if he sees only a sliver of color from socks glaring over boot tops or a bit of T-shirt at the collar.

—Don't move, wave or make turkey sounds if you see another hunter. A confusing movement or sound could draw his fire. Instead, shout in a clear voice to alert him to your presence.

—Don't try to approach a gobbling turkey on its roost any closer than about 100 yards. Chances are a closer approach will spook the bird — and, too, you could also walk up on another hunter who's being drawn to the same gobbling.

—Avoid using a gobble call in most circumstances. On public land or even private proper-

ty where other hunters might be nearby, the sound of a tom turkey is likely to draw other hunters intent upon shooting the turkey that your calling would represent.

—When setting up to call, don't pick a spot that hides you so well as to obscure your vision. If something approaches, a hunter needs a clear view to recognize the difference between turkey and fellow hunter.

—For self-defense, chose a calling position that provides a background at least as wide as the shoulders.

—Remember that camouflage only conceals the human identity instead of hiding the hunter. Minimize movement, which is readily seen and possibly misidentified.

—As in any hunting pursuit, never shoot before you are 100 percent certain of your target. Legal game for the spring hunt is specifically a gobbler with a visible beard, so visual confirmation of the target should be explicit. Mere sound or movement does not make a valid target.

—Assume that every sound you hear and every movement glimpsed is made by another hunter. Expect another hunter until an indisputable view of a turkey gobbler proves otherwise. It doesn't hurt to be wrong on the side of caution, but a hunter can't afford to err by assuming "something coming" is a tom turkey.

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ered assistants to relieve him of some of the recruiting duties and the nuts-and-bolts stuff.

Jordan loves Carolina so much that money would be no object. Heck, he's already so filthy rich that he can't live long enough to spend all his millions. He could afford to be the Carolina coach for a salary of \$1 per year, if he wanted.

And since he's already so wealthy, Carolina fans would never have to worry about him being lured away for financial reasons.

If it comes down to a choice between Williams and Jordan, Carolina can't lose. Both would be able to restore the Tar Heels to the national prominence they enjoyed under Smith.

But if the decision were up to me, I'd go for Jordan. Why not? It would be the best thing for college hoops since Rick Pitino left the Boston Celtics and took the Louisville job.

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Hillbilly Days Softball Tournament accepting teams

PIKEVILLE — This year's Hillbilly Days men's softball tournament will be held April 12-13 at the Pikeville YMCA Softball Field. An entry fee of \$100 has been set. Awards include a team trophy for each of the first three squads in the tournament. The first and second place teams will also receive 15 T-shirts. On MVP and one home-run award will also be handed out. To enter a team in the tournament call Carl Mullins at 606/432-4658

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pilot in the April 13th Winston Cup race. The crew tested numerous shocks and different setups to find a winning combination to use at Martinsville.

Wallace, who has not won the spring race at Martinsville since 1996, looks to combine yesterdays test session with past notes and tests to find victory lane once again. Overall, the team says the test was very beneficial.

The Virginia 500 at Martinsville Speedway is Sunday, April 13th. The race is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

Lonesome Pine Raceway, in

Coeburn, VA, kicks off its weekly racing season with the Reno's Roadhouse 260 on Saturday, April 19th. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Racing will begin at 7 p.m.

The evening schedule includes the Morgan-McClure Late Model Stock Cars, Honda of Prestonsburg Limiteds, Grand Stock, Vic's Decorating Modified 4's, Community Trust Bank Pure Stock 4's and Legends. The evening will conclude with a fireworks show.

Drivers rally around Vickers after NASCAR rules against him

JENNA FRYER ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Brian Vickers was just another new kid in the Busch Series a week ago. Then he had an almost-certain victory taken from him and the list of big-name drivers rallied around him.

From Dale Earnhardt Jr. to Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson, all supported the 19-year-old after NASCAR ruled against a pass he attempted in the Busch race at Texas last weekend.

"Winston Cup drivers that I didn't think even knew I was racing have called me," Vickers said. "They just said they were real impressed with the way I have handled this situation, that they wish I had won the race and that I got robbed."

That's been the overall perception in the days since Vickers, the youngest competitor in NASCAR, lost his chance at his first-ever NASCAR victory when the sanctioning body ruled against him.

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lege sports, and those two are there, for better or worse, alongside the men's basketball programs at Kentucky and Duke, the women of Tennessee, Connecticut and Louisiana Tech, and the football teams at Notre Dame and Alabama.

This week, one of those apparently hired a coach. UCLA seemed destined to name Pitt's Ben Howland its newest leader on Thursday.

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after its own Wizard, Dean Smith, retired.

Smith, you may recall, spent 36 seasons on the Tar Heel bench, winning 879 games — the most by any coach ever — and a couple of national titles along the way.

They replaced him with his longtime assistant Bill Guthridge, who compiled a .741 winning percentage and ended his run in the Final Four. Yet despite all that, few were sad to see him leave when he stepped down after the 1999-2000 season.

Then came Doherty, whose apparent sin was becoming surly and hard to get along with before reaching legendary status. It's hard to imagine him being more difficult than, say, Bobby Knight, but he couldn't get along with his players, and that combined with two seasons in a row without an invitation to the Big Dance meant he was expendable.

At UCLA, the average lifespan of a coach since the Wooden era has been 3-1/2 seasons. In North Carolina, it's been two three-year stints since Smith stepped aside.

The folks in Carolina also seem to be further hampering themselves by their mob-like hiring practices. Listen to whomever you choose and you hear them all say the next coach, like the previous two, must come from within "The Family."

UCLA has had its ups and downs since Wooden retired, there's no doubt about that. They've made some good hires that went bad, some bad hires and some that just never got to develop.

You'd think North Carolina would look west and see the mistakes UCLA has made. Or look to Kentucky, which has overcome its own legend (Adolph Rupp) with such success I felt compelled to name him in fear you may think I was referring to Rick Pitino.

But instead, they'll wait until the Final Four concludes and hope that Roy Williams does what he wouldn't three years ago. Then they'll turn to George Karl to see if he'll be allowed to do what he wasn't three years ago.

And then they'll turn to Larry Brown, who ironically enough is one of the successors to the Wooden throne. You'd think he'd know better.

Meanwhile, we'll sit here and view from afar, and hope our coach realizes that we do cherish him, despite what all those onlookers in the national media think.

The happenings at UCLA and North Carolina are just another reason for us to be thankful for Tubby Smith.

PCC

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"We knew Jason had a tremendous amount of basketball ability," said Coach Randy McCoy. "To receive this honor after sitting out more than a year is a credit to that ability and his desire to be successful."

Robinson is the first men's basketball All-American since Todd May at Pikeville College and is only the fourth in school history.

Gallion, another Second-Team pick, was co-player of the year in the MSC and a First-Team All-American as selected by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. She averaged 18.1 points and 7.9 rebounds per game this season for the Lady Bears, and finished in fifth place on the all-time scoring list at the school.

Collins was named a Third-Team All-American for the third time after averaging 17.5 points and 7.0 rebounds per game this season. A two-time First-Team WBCA All-American, Collins was a four-time all-conference selection and finished her career third on the all-time scoring list.

"Tecco and Amanda were certainly deserving of this honor," said Coach Bill Watson. "They have had four tremendous years as their numbers show. But they'll be as difficult to replace off the court as on. They are two terrific players and outstanding people."

Poll

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ment last season. "We have a busy week ahead of us, but we're excited about it."

Puebla's team is now 6-1 on the season and 3-0 in the Mid-South Conference. They were to wrap up play in the MSC this week, with a match against Lindsey Wilson College on Thursday and Lambuth University on Friday.

Additionally, the Lady Bears were to play three other matches this week, all against teams who are also in the Top 25. They will play at No. 25 Freed-Hardeman and also play No. 19 Oklahoma Christian and No. 21

Cumberland (Tenn.) University.

"That's a very tough week, but we need to play the best teams we can," said Puebla. "To get where we want to be, we'll have to play a lot of matches against good teams in a short period of time. This will be a good test for us."

Puebla's team has already played two teams ranked in the Top 25. The Lady Bears own a 7-2 win over No. 16 Southern Nazarene (Okla.) and suffered its only loss of the season to No. 4 Embry-Riddle (Fla.).

The next poll will be released on April 16.

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# National Sports Briefs

## BASEBALL

**MINNEAPOLIS** — Hall of Famer Kirby Puckett was cleared of all charges in the alleged sexual assault of a woman in a restaurant bathroom.

A jury of six men and six women deliberated nearly 12 hours over two days. Puckett sat

still as the verdicts were read, then hugged his lawyers.

The 43-year-old Puckett, who played his entire career for the Minnesota Twins, was accused of dragging a woman into the men's room, forcing her into a stall and grabbing her breast hard enough to leave a bruise.

## BASKETBALL

David West became the first Xavier player to earn AP All-America honors as the leading vote-getter on the 2002-03 team.

The three-time Atlantic 10 player of the year was joined on the first team by fellow seniors Nick Collison of Kansas and Josh Howard of Wake Forest, along

with junior Dwyane Wade of Marquette and sophomore T.J. Ford of Texas.

The women's first team included Connecticut's Diana Taurasi, Duke's Alana Beard, Mississippi State's LaToya Thomas, Kansas State's Nicole Ohlde and Penn State's Kelly Mazzante were picked to the first team.

**ATLANTA** — Michael Jordan criticized his alma mater, saying North Carolina shouldn't have forced coach Matt Doherty to resign.

Doherty, who played with Jordan on the Tar Heels' 1982 national championship team, stepped down Tuesday after several players complained about the coach's intense demeanor.

Remembering his days at North Carolina, Jordan said the school should have sided with the coach instead of malcontent players.

**NEW YORK** — Marcus Hatten scored 22 points and made a key free throw as St. John's won its record sixth National Invitation Tournament with a 70-67 comeback victory over Big East rival Georgetown.

**BLACKSBURG, Va.** — Seth Greenberg joined Virginia Tech, agreeing to a six-year contract and hoping to turn around the men's basketball program after three consecutive losing seasons.

Greenberg replaces Ricky Stokes, whose teams went 10-38 in three seasons in the Big East.

Greenberg is 213-170 in 13 years of coaching, six at Long Beach State and the last seven at South Florida.

**NEW YORK** — Ron Artest was fined \$20,000 by the NBA for his latest outburst on the court: an obscene gesture to the crowd after being struck by a coin during Indiana's victory at Cleveland.

**PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)** — Portland forward Zach Randolph was suspended for two games and fined \$100,000 by the team after he punched teammate Ruben Patterson in the face during practice.

The fight Wednesday began with an argument between rookie Qyntel Woods and Patterson, with Randolph stepping in later.

**FIGURE SKATING**  
**BALTIMORE** — Olympic champion Sarah Hughes dropped off the Champions on Ice skating tour that begins Friday in Baltimore.

Hughes, who finished sixth at last week's World Figure Skating Championships, indicated she was uncertain if she wanted to continue skating. A high school senior, she also is considering several college options, including Harvard, to which she received an early acceptance.

## TENNIS

**SARASOTA, Fla.** — Anastasia Myskina, Russia's top-ranked player, avoided becoming another upset victim in what has become the norm at the Sarasota Clay Court Classic.

The 21-year-old Myskina, seeded second, won over Nadia Petrova when her fellow Russian retired with a right ankle sprain in the third set.

Myskina came back to win 6-4 after losing the opening set 7-5. She was leading 1-0 in the third set when Petrova, ranked 110th in the world, pulled out.

The upsets continued when Clarisa Fernandez ousted sixth-seeded Anna Pistolesi 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Also, Paola Suarez, who knocked off top-seeded Jelena Dokic in the opening round, defeated Maja Matevzic 3-6, 6-2, 6-0 and fifth-seeded Elena Dementieva ousted Mary Pierce, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2. There were three seeds left heading into the quarterfinal.

## HORSE RACING

# Keeneland spring meet has 14 graded stakes

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**LEXINGTON** — The \$750,000 Blue Grass Stakes headlines 14 graded stakes scheduled for Keeneland's 2003 spring meeting, which begins Friday.

The 1 1/8-mile Blue Grass has long been considered an important prep race to the Kentucky Derby, although the last horse to win both was Strike the Gold, in 1991. Spectacular Bid (1979), Riva Ridge (1972) and Northern Dancer (1964) are among other past winners of the Blue Grass and the Derby.

Louisiana Derby winner Peace Rules, Risen Star winner Badge of Silver and Calumet Farm's Region of Merit are the lead contenders for the April 12 Blue Grass.

The featured race on opening day is the \$100,000 Grade III Transylvania Stakes, a mile run on the turf.

The first Grade I race of the meet is Saturday's 1 1/16-mile Ashland Stakes. Similar to the

Blue Grass, the \$500,000 Ashland is considered a key prep to the Kentucky Oaks, the traditional race for 3-year-old fillies run the day before the Derby.

Santa Anita Oaks runner-up Elloluv, Fair Grounds Oaks winner Lady Tak, the Bob Baffert-trained Santa Catarina and Claiborne Farm's Yell lead the list of contenders for the Ashland.

Other featured races in the spring meet include the \$100,000 Lafayette Stakes (Grade III, April 6), the \$250,000 Stonerside Beaumont Stakes (Grade II, April 10), the \$200,000 Maker's Mark Mile (Grade II, April 11), the Shakertown Stakes (Grade III, April 12), the \$250,000 Commonwealth Breeders' Cup Stakes (Grade II, April 13), the

\$100,000 Jenny Wiley Stakes (Grade III, April 13), the \$325,000 Coolmore Lexington Stakes (April 19), the \$150,000 Elkhorn (Grade III, April 23), the \$100,000 Bewitch (Grade III, April 24) and the \$100,000 Ben Ali (Grade III, April 25).

The track will also once again host the \$150,000 Royal Chase for the Sport of Kings, a Grade I steeplechase race, on April 25, the final day of the meet.

Kent Desormeaux, a two-time Kentucky Derby winner, joins the spring meet's top-flight jockey colony, which includes Pat Day, Robby Albarado and Jerry Bailey.

The list of trainers is just as impressive, with Neil Drysdale, Bobby Frankel, D. Wayne Lukas, Bill Mott, Todd Pletcher and Nick Zito among those expected to saddle entries.

## Drivers

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After dominating most of last Saturday's race, Vickers was black-flagged for pulling alongside Chad Blount's lapped car before the start/finish line on a restart with 22 laps to go.

Vickers and his Hendrick Motorsports team argued that he had to drive around Blount because Blount had a problem on the restart, and not moving to the left of him would have caused an accident.

NASCAR didn't care, and Vickers had to pit for a stop-and-go penalty that erased any chance of winning.

Even worse, when he got back on the track he was stuck in a pack of traffic and unable to avoid a late wreck that left him with a devastating 25th place finish.

Near tears after the race, Vickers is slowly bouncing back behind the support of the NASCAR community.

"I have to respect NASCAR's decision, it's their show," he said. "But I still disagree with it, and I still think they made a mistake. It's a real tough pill to swallow, to have a win taken away like that."

"But what has helped is I had so many crew chiefs, car owners and drivers come to me after the race or call me after the race and tell me that it was a bad call. That makes me feel a little better."

There will be more chances for Vickers, starting this weekend when he makes his first visit to Talladega Superspeedway.

Already, the controversy at Texas has helped him: Earnhardt Jr. told him he wouldn't hesitate to draft with him this weekend.

Like any hungry, young competitor, Vickers is anxious to get back to the track and work toward his first victory. And a win would prove he's where he belongs, even at such a young age.

Vickers was most recently known as the kid who skipped his prom last year to race at Bristol, then juggled May race activities at Lowe's Motor

Speedway with his graduation from Trinity High School.

He made 21 Busch Series starts last year in a car his father partially owned, but didn't have sponsorship lined up for this year. As late as January, Vickers had no idea if he'd be in Daytona a month later for the season-opening event.

Then he got a call from Ricky Hendrick, the 23-year-old son of car owner Rick Hendrick, who fields cars for Gordon, Johnson, Terry Labonte and Joe Nemechek and the Busch car Ricky drove until a shoulder injury led to his retirement.

Ricky's first job as owner of the No. 5 Busch Series car was to find a full-time driver to replace him.

After a short search, he picked Vickers.

Vickers knows that because of his age and his lack of experience, the Hendricks were gambling on him.

But growing up traveling from race to race, moving to Greensboro and into his own apartment as a senior in high school, and chasing after a NASCAR dream have made Vickers far wiser than his years.

"I grew up really fast just from racing," he said. "When you are 14 racing late models, they say 'You're supposed to be 16 just to be here and you really should be 18, so act like it.' So you give up being a kid pretty fast and concentrate on racing."

His first hard lesson came last week in Texas.

Not even a meeting with NASCAR, a review of the rule book or countless replays have convinced Vickers he was wrong.

"I didn't get the answers I was looking for, not from talking with them, not from the rule book and not from watching the replays," he said. "I still think they were wrong, but NASCAR isn't going to admit they made a mistake."

But NASCAR did admit it erred last weekend, confessing Tuesday that it was wrong on another passing under caution ruling that went against Gordon in Sunday's Winston Cup race.

There was no mention of Vickers' situation.

So Vickers is trying to move on, rally his team and get ready for Saturday's race at Talladega.

"This is just one incident in a long season and it will be put aside," he said. "If anything, it has lit a fire. The fire inside of me to win a NASCAR race is just that much stronger. This just put rocket fuel on top of it. I want to go out there and prove to NASCAR we deserved that race."

## ALC

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### ALC softball drops a doubleheader to Union

The ALC softball team, coached by Tim Rice, lost game one of a double header on Wednesday to Union College by the score of 6-3. Freshman Kim Tackett took the loss despite pitching six solid innings giving up six hits and striking out three while walking none. The Eagles lost game two 21-10, but it wasn't because they didn't swing the bats. Erin Bingham, Devon Reynolds, Erin Mullins and Kim Tackett all went 3-4. Reynolds and Tackett are both graduates of Betsy Layne High School. One of Reynolds hits was a double. Lora Mullins, Jessica Justice, and Krystal Caudil went 2-3. Bingham took the loss on the hill, pitching five innings giving up 11 hits and striking out 3.

## Racing

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Talladega Superspeedway. "I've worked long and hard to figure out these things. There are ways you can affect other cars without hitting them or anything like that."

"I learned that by watching a guy who was probably the best at it and that was Dale Earnhardt. He'd tend to figure it out before anyone else would and, if you just paid attention to what Dale was doing, then you could learn a lot in a short period of time."

"I would watch him on the track and then kind of verify what I thought I was seeing on tape to make sure that's what I was seeing," added Jarrett, who has one victory at Talladega.

## Legends

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baseman and first black player in the major leagues received only a set of golf clubs. Robinson signed it in 1946, when he played for Montreal, the Brooklyn Dodgers' top farm club.

DiMaggio signed his contract in 1933, receiving \$1 and a set of golf clubs.

H&B officials discovered in 1999 that collector Barry Halper had acquired many of the contracts thought to be lost. H&B

sued Halper to keep him from selling them and regained the contracts in October through an outside settlement.

Also on display with the contracts are letters the players wrote to the batmaker, photos of them swinging Louisville sluggers and an old pantograph machine that made brass labels used to burn names on the bats.

The exhibit opens Saturday and runs through Oct. 19.

# Sports Calendar

### Officiating • Umpires needed

The Big Sandy Umpires Association is looking for umpires for the upcoming high school baseball and softball seasons. For more information, contact Robert Staggs at 606/432-1807, 606/353-0388 or 606/218-5357.

### Golf • Hillbilly Shootout

The Pikeville High School Football Boosters have scheduled the fourth annual Hillbilly Shootout golf tournament for 9 a.m. Friday, April 11 at Mountain Pub-Links. It is a four-man scramble and costs \$50 per person to register. Cash prizes will be awarded. To sign up contact Larry Lynn at 606/754-4936 or Pikeville football coach Chris McNamee, 606/432-0185.

### Basketball • Boys' tournament

The fourth annual Northern Kentucky Tar Heels Spring Shootout is scheduled for April 4-6 in Covington. The tournament will have 12-and-under, 13-and-under and 14-and-under divisions. For more information, contact James Pouncy at 859/491-5478 or via email at jamespouncy@hotmail.com

### Running • Tug Valley Road Runners Club

The Tug Valley Road Runners Club and the city of Williamson, W.Va. will present a 10k run on Saturday, April 26. The race will start at 8 a.m. at the SWVCTC campus in Williamson.

Later this year, the Hatfield-McCoy Marathon/Half marathon will be held. Saturday, June 14 is the date slated for the Hatfield-McCoy races. The half marathon will start in Goody in Pike County and end in Matewan, W.Va. The full marathon will also start in Goody, but will end in Williamson.

Both the half marathon and the marathon will begin at 7 a.m. For information on any of the aforementioned races, contact David Hatfield by calling 606/353-1626 or email tvrcc@hotmail.com.

### Fishing • Appalachian Wireless Bass Classic Open Bass Tournament

The Tug Valley Bass Anglers will be holding an open bass tournament at Dewey Lake Saturday, April 19. The event will be a day tournament from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. The entry fee will be \$100.00 per boat. Registration and pre-tournament meeting at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 18 at the Appalachian Wireless store in the Prestonsburg Village Plaza. Tournament payout is guaranteed. Payout will be as follows First- \$1,800; Second- \$800; Third- \$300. The weigh in show will be held at the Appalachian Wireless store at approximately 4 p.m. The weigh in show will be televised. There will also be Casting Kids events during the day at the Appalachian Wireless store starting at 11 a.m., all kids are encouraged to attend.

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The Tug Valley Bass Anglers meets the first Thursday of each month at the Johns Creek School at 6:30 p.m. Call 606/237-5907, 606/631-5786, 606/478-9676, 606/631-5786 Or 606/237-7223 for more information.

## NTI

# St. John's 70, Georgetown 67

by ANDREA SZULSZTEYN ASSOCIATED PRESS

**NEW YORK** — Marcus Hatten ended his collegiate career with something that always eluded him: a championship.

Hatten scored 22 points and made a key free throw as St. John's won its record sixth National Invitational Tournament with a 70-67 comeback victory over Big East rival Georgetown in front of 12,406 Thursday night at Madison Square Garden.

Boisterous St. John's fans rushed the court after the game as "New York, New York" played. Fans then crowded around Hatten and lifted him up on their shoulders. Hatten won tournament MVP honors.

"We were in purgatory, now we're in heaven," coach Mike Jarvis said.

Freshman Elijah Ingram made two free throws with 4.1 seconds remaining to seal the game. Tony Bethel missed a 3-pointer that would have tied it as the buzzer sounded.

Georgetown big man Michael Sweetney led the Hoyas with 25 points and nine rebounds.

The game came down to the final two minutes. After the Hoyas (19-15) trailed for most of the second half, Bethel tied it at 67 with 1:27 remaining.

Hatten made one of two free throws to give St. John's a 68-67 lead with 1:13 to go.

The Hoyas had another chance to take the lead, but Gerald Riley missed with 4.1 seconds to go. That's when Ingram made his final free throw.

Georgetown led by as many as eight in the first half and was up 38-34 at the break. But the Hoyas started the second half in a funk.

It took nearly six minutes for them to score, and St. John's (21-13) took advantage. Hatten scored the Red Storm's first seven points, and they led 43-38 after a dunk by Grady Reynolds five minutes into the half.

The Hoyas briefly took the lead back 44-43, but St. John's led 60-54 with 7:40 to play. St. John's held the lead until Bethel tied it.

Sweetney, who scored 32 points against Minnesota in the semifinals, dominated in the first half. He scored 15 points, including 5-of-6 from the free-throw line, and had five blocks to lead the Hoyas. Riley added 10.

St. John's shot 29.3 percent from the field, and missed nine of 13 shots from 3-point range in the first half.

St. John's won the meeting during the regular season 77-72 in Washington.

Texas Tech beat Minnesota 71-61 in the consolation game.

# iHigh Girls' basketball All-State Team

Sarah Elliott, Jackson County, Jr.; Crystal Kelly, Sacred Heart, Jr.; Chelsea Chowning, Lexington Catholic, Sr.; Jade Perry, Muhlenberg North, Jr.; Megan Gearhart, West Carter, Sr.; Arnika Brown, Christian County, Fr.; Nicole Chiodi, Newport Central Catholic, Jr.; Carly Ormerod, Sacred Heart, So.; Charlotte Marshall, Shelby County, Sr.; Ashley Lewallen, Butler, Jr.

### Honorable Mention:

Toni Slaughter, Shelby County; Savannah Wynn, Cawood; Megan Gray, Harrison County; Jenn Skaggs, Holy Cross; Destiny Mattingly, Woodford County; Patrika Barlow, Barren County; Casey Geiman, Bishop Brossart; Becca Kopple, Sacred Heart; Heather Taylor, Whitley County; Courtney Watts, Mercer County



# Sunday Comics

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by Mike Marland



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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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## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



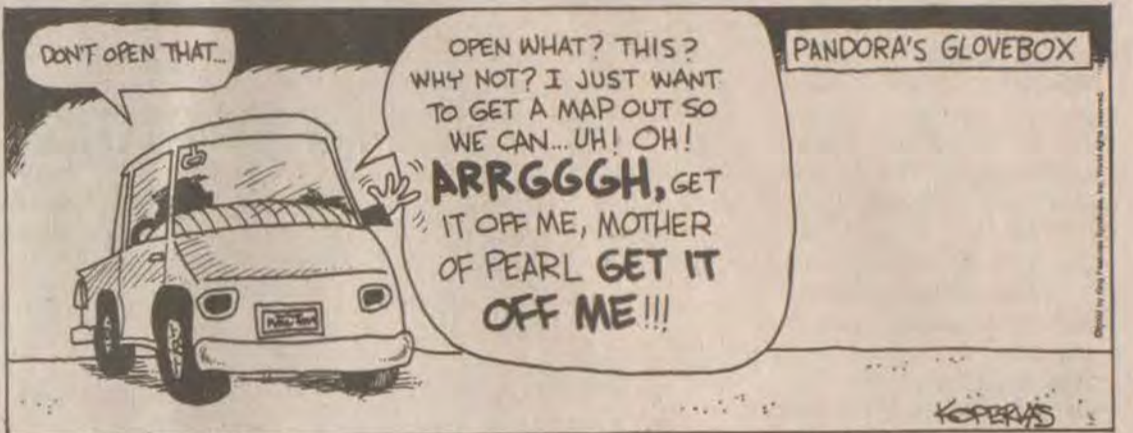
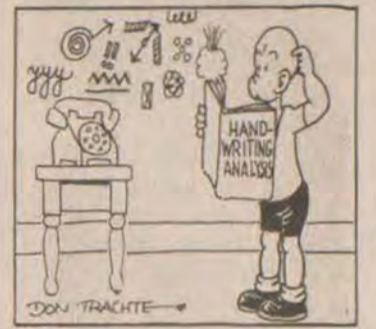
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. "Complaints" sign is missing. 2. Woman has no hat. 3. Bell is on counter. 4. Box has no stripes. 5. One shopping glove is missing. 6. Shopper's hat is black.

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



## Super Crossword BEFORE AND AFTER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Warts and all
  - 5 Model Beverly
  - 10 Desert growth
  - 15 27th president
  - 19 Comic Carvey
  - 20 Fills the hold
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  - 22 Sutherland solo
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  - 42 "— go bragh!"
  - 43 Pres. Bush, e.g.
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  - 45 Loser's locale
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  - 60 Join the leisure class?
  - 62 Let up
  - 63 "SNL" bit
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  - 69 "Marathon" (76 film)
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  - 87 HAPPY ENDINGS
  - 91 Long or Peebles
  - 92 Caffeine effect
  - 93 "Trinity" author
  - 94 A speck with wings
  - 95 Connecticut campus
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  - 98 French philosopher
  - 100 Light touch
  - 103 Silence a squeaker
  - 104 He had a golden touch
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  - 124 Neon —
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  - 126 "Saving Private —" ('98 film)
  - 8 Aspin or Paul
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  - 31 Delivery trucks
  - 32 Cavalry soldier
  - 33 Decorate glass
  - 34 Philatelist's purchase
  - 35 Columnist Herb
  - 37 — vu
  - 38 North-western st.
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  - 50 Approximately
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  - 54 Sundance's sweetie
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  - 62 Sunday supper
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  - 64 "On the Waterfront" director
  - 65 Japanese porcelain
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  - 68 Act like Vikings?
  - 71 Effluvia
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  - 76 Uncluttered
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  - 79 Strauss' — Rosenkavalier
  - 81 On — (doing great)
  - 83 Baseball's Aparicio
  - 84 Add color
  - 85 Fruit-tree spray
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  - 88 California resort
  - 89 A shake in the grass?
  - 90 Taj town
  - 95 Mr. Ma
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  - 100 Sealed
  - 101 Skirt shape
  - 102 Unadorned
  - 104 Hardy's "The — of Casterbridge"
  - 105 Vital sign
  - 107 He's Devine
  - 108 It may be square
  - 109 See 118
  - 110 Bunch of birds
  - 111 Bailiwick
  - 112 Knitter's need
  - 114 Purrfect pet?
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  - 116 Summon mommy
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## Kentucky companies contribute to war effort

by BRUCE SCHREINER  
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COVINGTON — Bryan Baldwin spends his days packaging powdered sanitizer that protects U.S. soldiers

from germs while fighting in Iraq. Baldwin is part of the team at H&S Chemical Co. that works to keep pace with the military's demand for the disinfectant. He feels good about his contribution to keep the troops strong and

healthy in the battlefield. "You've got to do your part," Baldwin said as he sealed packages filled with the powdery substance at the hilltop company in northern Kentucky. "It might seem little, but their stomachs

will feel better." The sanitizer is poured into 25 gallons of water. Fresh fruits and vegetables and cooking utensils are dunked into the mixture. H&S Chemical is among several

Kentucky companies contributing to America's war effort, providing products meant to keep troops safe or comfortable. Military orders are up at

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### Medicare AND YOU



Donna R. Morton  
Medicare Beneficiary  
Outreach Coordinator  
AdminaStar Federal

As a result of the federal law, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Medicare is required to provide you with a notice of privacy practices. This notice is found in your 2003 Medicare and You Handbook in the section titled 'Medicare Rights'.

**Q** When does the notice of privacy practices become effective?

**A** The new notice of privacy practices becomes effective April 14, 2003.

**Q** In what situations does Medicare have the right to use and give out my personal medical information?

**A** Medicare has the right to use and give out your personal medical information to pay for your health care and to operate the Medicare program. For example:

- Medicare contractors use your personal medical information to pay or deny your claims, to share your benefits payment with your other insurer, or to prepare your Medicare Summary Notice.

- Medicare may also use your personal medical information to make sure you and other people with Medicare get quality health care, to provide customer services to you, or to resolve any complaints you have.

**Q** Are there any other situations when Medicare may use or give out my personal medical information?

**A** Yes. A complete list of these can be found in the Medicare Rights section of your 2003 Medicare Handbook. By law, Medicare must have your written permission to use or give out your personal medical information for any purpose that is not included in the notice of privacy practices. You have the right to revoke your written permission at any time, except if Medicare has already acted based on your permission.

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### - GRAND OPENING -



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Paul Aiken, pastor, Emma United Methodist Church and Christian Messenger columnist, left, joined (standing next to him) Kim Frasure, the newspaper's founder, Jim Caldwell, WYMT-TV, Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, Gary Williamson, and Randall Wells, in the ceremonious cutting of the ribbon as the Christian Messenger newspaper celebrated not only its third birthday this past Friday afternoon, but also the grand opening of its new office.

## Prayers answered for Christian newspaper

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

Wiping tears of joy from her eyes, Kim Little Frasure, who, along with husband, Ronald "Ronnie" Frasure, founded the Christian

Messenger newspaper three years ago, said Friday that "the road had been tough" along the way, but that she never lost sight of her dream.

"This is a dream come true," she said, "a prayer answered. I am so, so happy."

The Christian Messenger started three years ago in the living room of the Frasures' home.

Using "cut and paste" methods, along with a borrowed computer, "the little paper that could" has seen tremendous growth and a multitude of inspiring

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**"It's our birthday," Kim Frasure said, "and a more wonderful blessing could not ever have been received."**



### NEWS & NOTES

## Hurricanes, cost of crude boost average gas price

ORLANDO, Fla. — The nationwide average price of self-serve regular gasoline has increased 4.4 cents per gallon since mid-September, from \$1.404 to \$1.448 per gallon, AAA said today, bringing an end to a six-month streak of steady prices. Since April the nationwide average gasoline price has hovered around 1.40 per gallon.

The increase in the nationwide average gasoline price has been expected following a rise in the price of crude oil and

brief interruptions to industry operations weeks ago due to hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico.

Since mid-September, gasoline prices rose an average 7.5 cents per gallon in the Midwest to \$1.475. Prices have increased 6.6 cents to \$1.394 in the Southeast, and moved 6.4 cents higher in the Great Lakes to \$1.501 per gallon.

Southwest gasoline prices have increased 3.8 cents per gallon to \$1.409 since mid-September, while the Mid-

Atlantic states have seen an average 3-cent increase to \$1.442 per gallon. Prices in New England are up 1.1 cent per gallon to \$1.463. Prices in the West are down an average .9 cent per gallon to \$1.518.

Nationwide, the price of self-serve, mid-grade averages \$1.54, an increase of 4.9 cents per gallon since last month, and 10.8 cents higher than last year. Self-

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### MSU WORKSHOP

## Financing Your Small Business

Have you thought about expanding your business or starting a new business? Will you need to pursue financing? This seminar will address the basics of small business lending, including the prerequisites and documentation required for various loans as well as SBA guarantee programs.

This FREE session will be held on April 10, from 1-3:30 p.m., at the Mayo Technical College - Hager Hill campus. For more information, or to register, call the Paintsville Small Business Development Center at 606-788-7331, or email to: k.hall@moreheadstate.edu.

### RADIO AWARD

## Appalshop radio producer wins national award

WHITESBURG — The National Federation of Community Broadcasters honored WMMT producer Tom Hansell with a Golden Reel award at its recent annual conference.

Hansell produced Coal Bucket Outlaw, a three-part series about Kentucky's coal truck drivers. The series won the award for best local news and commentary. The Coal Bucket Outlaw series was originally broadcast on WMMT in June 2002 and will be re-broadcast the week of April 21-25.

Coal Bucket Outlaw tells the story of coal haulers from both sides of the windshield. The

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### NEWS & NOTES

## Statewide essay contest

Good Samaritan Foundation announced today that the topic for their 2003 statewide essay contest is "Why do Teens Smoke?". The contest will begin on September 3, and end October 31, according to R. Scott Davis, foundation chair.

"The contest is open to all students who will be in high school in Kentucky beginning in the fall of 2003," Davis said. Awards totaling \$25,000 will be given. One \$5,000 first place award, 10 second place \$1,000 each and 20 third place at \$500 each.

Further information will be provided through Good Samaritan Foundation announcements on WKYT-TV, Commonwealth Broadcasting Communications, Clear Channel Radio, Good Samaritan Foundation web site www.pslky.org and through high school guidance counselors.

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## Education hotline invites questions on schools

If you want your questions on children and education answered, call the National Principals' Hotline in April. You can speak directly, but anonymously, with a school principal or school psychologist. On April 13, 14, and 15, 2003, the National Association of Elementary School Principals

(NAESP) holds its fourteenth annual Hotline. It's a once-a-year, toll-free phone and email service in English and Spanish for parents, grandparents, or anyone with a question to ask about schools, children, and education.

Approximately 150 school principals will staff the phones and comput-

er terminals while they are attending NAESP's annual convention. Their purpose is to ease difficulties and encourage constructive communication between schools and families. Family members who are curious, troubled, or simply need some reassurance regarding their child's education may speak

confidentially with a principal or get specialized advice from a school psychologist from the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). Spanish translators will be available.

Call toll-free, 1-800-944-1601, or e-mail the Hotline by accessing

www.naesp.org during the following days and times in your area. (Note: computer users can e-mail on Saturday, April 12.)

■ Sunday, April 13; Eastern, 4 p.m.-10 p.m.; Central 3 p.m.-9 p.m.;

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**NEWS & NOTES**

### Cisco and Novell among new offerings for PCC

The Information Technology Department of the Business and Professional Programs Division of Prestonsburg Community College will be expanding course offerings beginning Fall 2003. Included in this expansion will be networking courses in both Cisco and Novell.

Students will now be able to choose networking tracks of study in Cisco, Microsoft Windows or Novell NetWare 6.

The Cisco track will include four Cisco courses, two technical networking elective courses and the student's choice of either a course on Windows Server or UNIX. The first two Cisco courses will be offered on the Pikeville Campus in the fall and the remaining two will follow in the spring. The four Cisco courses will prepare students for the Cisco CCNA certification exam.

The Microsoft track includes all courses needed to prepare students for all required certification exams leading to MCSE certification. The next Microsoft track will begin in January 2004, with plans to offer instruction on Windows 2003.

The Novell NetWare 6 track

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### EKU's alumni weekend scheduled April 25-27

RICHMOND — Alumni and friends of Eastern Kentucky University are invited to visit the campus April 25-27 when the University hosts its annual Alumni Weekend.

This year's event features special reunions for the graduation classes of 1928, 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973 and 1978.

One of the highlights is the annual Alumni Awards and Recognition Banquet on Saturday, April 26, at 7 p.m. in the Keen Johnson Ballroom. Tickets for the awards banquet are \$20 each.

"Graduates from any year are welcome to attend any or all of the festivities," said Ken Tippett, Versailles, president of the EKU National Alumni Association. "Alumni Weekend is a celebration to be enjoyed with friends and family. We hope graduates will make an extra effort to join us for this special time."

The April 25 schedule at the Arlington House includes a faculty/alumni reception at 6 p.m. and an alumni dinner at 7, followed by student entertainment.

The fun continues Saturday, April 26, at the Keen Johnson Building.

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— PIKEVILLE COLLEGE —



David Atcher, Art Mize, and Robert Tincher make up the spirited music group Pale, Stout & Amber. The trio has been delighting first-time listeners and Celtic music fans across central Kentucky with their spirited performances.

## Pale, Stout & Amber shares beauty of Irish folk music

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College is pleased to present the Celtic musical group Pale, Stout, & Amber in a free concert Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Booth Auditorium.

Pale, Stout, & Amber's sound is

all-acoustic and true to the austere beauty of Irish folk music. It is built on the fiddle's melodic drive, the mandolin's lilt, and on the sparkle of the Irish-style tenor banjo, accompanied by the cittern's modal drone and the savage soulfulness of the

goatskin drum. Drawing from Ireland and Scotland's rich heritage of dance tunes, ballads, laments, and slow-airs, Pale, Stout, & Amber swings from the fast and furious to

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## HCC holds writers conference

HAZARD — Hazard Community College will hold the Seventh Annual HCC Spring Writers Conference on Friday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants can attend workshops on writing fiction and poetry with workshop leaders Gurney Norman, Jane Gentry Vance, and Sharyn McCrumb, all of whom have

strong ties to the region. The conference is sponsored in part by a grant from the Kentucky Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Gurney Norman is the author of Kinfolks and Divine Rights Trip. He is currently working on his third novel. Norman is a native of Hazard

and he runs the creative writing program at the University of Kentucky.

Jane Gentry Vance is a poet, a critic, and a professor at the University of Kentucky. Her collection of poetry is entitled A Garden in Kentucky. Her poems have appeared in many jour

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## EKU graduation split in two



RICHMOND — Spring commencement at Eastern Kentucky University on Saturday, May 10, will be split into two separate but largely identical ceremonies.

Degree candidates in the Colleges of Arts & Sciences and Business & Technology will be honored at 10:30 a.m., and candidates in the Colleges of Education, Health Sciences and Justice & Safety will be honored at 2:30 p.m. Both ceremonies will be held in Alumni Coliseum and are open to the public.

College receptions for the morning graduates and their families and friends will be held in the Keen Johnson Building from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Receptions for the afternoon graduates will be held from 1 to 1:45 p.m. in the Keen Johnson Building.

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**CAMPUS CONNECTION**

## Take the challenge

by RACHELLE BUCHETT

Most people dream about doing things but never give themselves the opportunity to accomplish it. Some lack confidence but most just lack information. Others are intimidated by their dreams because they view them as an obstacle too big to conquer instead of a challenge with endless opportunities.



Day in and day out we stay at the same job with the same pay scale and although we are thankful for our jobs, wouldn't it be great to get up every morning and look forward to going to

work? So why do we do it?

Of course, the bills have to be paid and food has to be on the table, but with four convenient locations and flexible scheduling, Mayo Technical College and Prestonsburg Community College have all you need to begin making your dreams come true.

Take the first step, which is getting information about the colleges and the programs that are available. You can do that by stopping by one of our campuses, calling the college and requesting an information packet to be sent to you, or visiting us on the web at www.bigandy.kctcs.edu.

Once you have decided what field is right for you, then it is time to complete the proper paper work. You will need to submit an application for admission to the college, provide transcripts and other needed documentation, and then let us do the work.

Upon approval of your application you will schedule an entrance test. Don't let the word test terrify you. It is a test to help the college help you get started on the right road to getting your education.

You will then talk to a counselor who will review everything with you and assign you to an advisor. Your advisor will help you determine which classes you need to take and they will help you

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**CALENDAR**

## Community and technical colleges raise tuition by 16 percent

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — Community colleges will follow the lead of four-year universities by increasing tuition next semester to offset state budget cuts.

The governing board of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System voted Wednesday to increase tuition by 16 percent, making one of the largest increases among public colleges and universities.

Under the plan, in-state tuition will jump from \$68 per credit hour to \$79 per credit hour.

Community college officials attribute the dramatic increase to a reduction of \$7.7 million in their budget and an enrollment that surged by 15,000 in the past two years.

Funding for state colleges and universities dropped by 2.6 percent this year as legislators tried to deal with a budget shortfall.

More than 67,000 students are served by Kentucky community and technical colleges across the state.



# Disaster unemployment benefits available

RICHMOND — Self-employed residents of the 29 Kentucky counties eligible for individual federal disaster assistance may be eligible for unemployment benefits if they lost income as a direct result of the violent weather.

Federal disaster assistance extends unemployment benefits to self-employed people, farm workers and others in the declared counties who have lost income due to the disaster and are not eligible for state unemployment compensation.

"This is designed to help people get on their feet so they can recover from the economic losses imposed by the storms," said Cash Centers, assistant director of the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management. "This is sorely needed help for many families."

"The 26-week program is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and administered by the Commonwealth through its unemployment offices. Applicants will need to show documentary evidence of pre-disaster employment and earnings before their eligibility is determined," said Centers.

The benefits are administered in the same manner as the regular unemployment program. Disaster unemployment assistance may be available to residents of any county who lost their source of income in a declared county as a direct result of the disaster.

To apply for other types of disaster assistance residents should register using FEMA's toll-free telephone number, 1-800-621-3362 (1-800-462-7585 for persons with hearing or speech impairments).

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public charity that is both independent and completely devoted to health related issues. Operating as an endowed health-related philanthropy, the foundation initiates, participates

in, and supports activities which focus on improving the health status of Kentuckians. Good Samaritan has no political, religious, institutional, or other affiliations.

## Hotline

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Mountain 2 p.m.-8 p.m.; Pacific 1 p.m.-7 p.m.

Monday, April 14, Eastern, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Central, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Mountain, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Pacific, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15, Eastern, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Central, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Mountain, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Pacific, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Co-sponsored by the National Association of Elementary School Principals, TIAA-CREF, and Family Circle magazine, the Hotline averages more than 1,000 calls each year from the continental U.S., Hawaii, Alaska, and Canada. Callers ask about a variety of topics, including children's reading problems, school discipline, special education policies, testing, learning

difficulties, kindergarten entrance, and school safety. Calls on any subject are welcome.

The 2003 Hotline originates from Anaheim, CA, where approximately 5,000 K-8 principals will attend the NAESP annual convention. Educators volunteer in two-hour shifts. Callers may also request a free copy of Fears Through the Years: A Parent's Guide to Helping Children Cope, a booklet produced by NAESP and TIAA-CREF.

Established in 1991, the National Association of Elementary School Principals serves 29,000 K-8 educators in the United States and overseas. NAESP is located in Alexandria, Virginia.

## Effort

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some homefront plants, which in turn have bolstered employment to keep pace with production demands.

Some of the Navy's potential firepower originated in Louisville.

U.S. warships stationed in the Persian Gulf are equipped with a defensive weapon system built at the Raytheon Co. plant in Louisville.

The Phalanx Close-In Weapon System is a computer-controlled, radar-guided gun system designed to thwart missiles and other air and surface threats. The system features a 20 mm Gatling gun that fires 4,500 rounds a minute. Its radar computer system tracks and targets incoming threats.

Since the war broke out, the Navy has relied on offensive firepower, so the self-defense system hasn't been used, said John Eagles, spokesman for the Raytheon plant in Louisville.

The warships also feature the Mk 45 Naval Gun System, a five-inch gun made at the United Defense plant in Louisville.

In Catlettsburg, a Calgon Carbons plant manufactures carbon that goes into respirators/gas masks that would protect coalition soldiers if Iraqi forces unleash chemical weapons. Once produced in Catlettsburg, the carbon is sent to other Calgon plants for treatment that enables it to ward off chemical agents, said Calgon spokeswoman Gail Geroni. Every American and British soldier sent

to Iraq is given a mask.

Another company's product literally clings to soldiers. Campbellsville Apparel Co. has doubled production of undershirts and briefs for the military in recent months, said company President David Dickson.

The company rushed production of 28,000 undershirts specially treated with a chemical to make the troops more comfortable in the desert heat.

The shirts are meant "to move the sweat away from your body and have it evaporate into the air quicker so that you stay cooler," Dickson said.

"It's a niche that can differentiate us from the other T-shirts in the operations," Dickson said.

Two years ago, the active work force at Campbellsville Apparel dwindled to 25 to 30 people for some weeks, Dickson said. About 100 others were laid off. Now, employment has risen to about 200 in a region hit by the decline of the textile industry, he said.

In McCreary County, Outdoor Venture Corp. produces military tents that are being used in Iraq. The tents are set up as sleeping quarters as well as to treat the wounded, prepare meals and plot strategy.

The company tries to provide the troops with the most comfortable shelter possible, said J.C. Egnew, its president and founder. "Obviously, it's no substitute for being at home, but we do our best,"

## Alumni

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where registration and a "Getting Reacquainted Continental Breakfast" begin at 9 a.m. The day also includes class buffet luncheons (cost \$11) at 11:30 a.m., class meetings and photographs, and recognition of ECU Pioneers (those who graduated from the University at least 50 years ago).

The afternoon also includes the spring intrasquad football scrimmage, the first under new head Coach Danny Hope.

Also, the weekend includes several events for ROTC alumni: a breakfast meeting from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday in the Keen Johnson Building, a golf scramble at 2 p.m. at Gibson Bay (for more information, call Maj. Lance Patterson, 859-622-1211) and a hospitality room after 9

p.m. April 25 and 26 at the Hampton Inn.

The weekend festivities conclude Sunday, April 27, with a memorial service in honor of all veterans who have lost their lives in service to our country. The event will be held at 9 a.m. in the Meditation Chapel. Anyone who would like a name to be read should call Col. Brett Morris, 859-622-1207.

Any graduate from 1953 and earlier who would like to be recognized this year as an ECU Pioneer should contact the Alumni Relations office, 859-622-1260 or, toll-free in Kentucky, 1-800-262-7493, ext. 1260. For more information about Alumni Weekend, or to make reservations for any of the events, call the Alumni Relations office, or e-mail alumni.event@eku.edu.

## You

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What if I believe Medicare has violated my privacy rights as named in the notice?

You have the right to file a complaint with Medicare. The mailing address for such complaints is also found in the Medicare Rights section of the handbook. Filing a

complaint will not affect your benefits under Medicare.

If you can't seem to locate your 2003 Medicare handbook you can find a copy on the Internet at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). The Customer Service Representatives at 1-800-MEDICARE can also answer your questions about Medicare's privacy notice.

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three short reports examine why Kentucky coal haulers say they have to break weight laws to stay in business, then examine the consequences of overweight hauling. Listeners learn how the economics of the coal business demand that both drivers break the law every day.

A veteran independent trucker shares his daily routine — including the "cops and robbers" game he plays with the weight crew from the Department of Transportation. A young driver debates whether to keep hauling coal or to move his family to the city. A mother worries about a one-lane bridge shared by coal trucks and school buses. And a father describes a collision with a coal truck that killed his teenage son.

WMMT is committed to the

discussion of issues important to Appalachian life and culture. The Coal Bucket Outlaw series is a part of this ongoing work. WMMT-FM is a community public radio station, a project of Appalshop, and broadcasts to parts of three states in central Appalachia and streams live worldwide on the internet.

Hansell has also produced a public television documentary titled Coal Bucket Outlaw. Media clips and background information are available on the web at [www.appalshop.org/film/coal-bucket](http://www.appalshop.org/film/coal-bucket)

Production of the radio series was made possible by the Appalshop Production and Education Fund and by the Paul Robeson Fund for Independent Media.

## Irish

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the laid-back and introspective.

The group's name playfully refers to three styles of ale found everywhere in the pubs of Great Britain and Ireland. It also offers a few descriptive clues about the men who make up the trio. Pale, Stout, & Amber evolved out of the long-standing duo of musicians Robert Tincher and Art Mize. Seeking to expand into a larger ensemble, in the late 1990's Tincher and Mize began performing with guest musicians and eventually invited David Atcher to join them as a third partner.

Atcher, Mize, and Tincher all have deep family roots in Kentucky and grew up playing

folk, bluegrass, and old-time string band music. Before joining forces, they were well-known and respected in Lexington's traditional music and dance community. But individually, they were also exploring the roots of the music they already knew and loved. This quest would lead them each back to a common ancestry in the traditional music of the British Isles and would ultimately bring them together as Pale, Stout, & Amber.

Since 1999, the group has become a popular alternative at events all over central Kentucky, delighting first-time listeners and Celtic music aficionados. The group mixes story and song with history and personal experience, taking listeners on a journey that is not only entertaining, but also capable of teaching them something about the music, its cultural heritage, and its connections to Kentucky's own music traditions.

The community is invited to join Pikeville College for this delightful evening of toe-tapping entertainment. For more information, contact the Office of Public Affairs at 606-218-5271.

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includes five Novell courses and two technical networking elective courses. The first Novell course will be offered in Prestonsburg in the fall.

Currently, curriculum for the IT Program is being revised at the state level in order to better meet the demands of the industry. As such, over the next year, additional courses will be offered in areas such as information security and global information systems.

## Campus

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find classes that will accommodate your schedule.

Then you are ready to go to class where you will meet some of the most wonderful instructors who have tremendous ability to teach you and guide you. While on campus you will also meet the amazing staff who help make the college a success as they will assist you and direct you to where you need to go.

The steps to making your

dream of getting an education have been set within your reach. All you need to do is take the challenge and open the door of endless possibilities and opportunities.

We are waiting for you. Call us at 606-789-5321, 606-886-3863 or toll free at 888-641-4132, stop by one of our campus locations, or visit us on the web. We are the students' choice for education in Eastern Kentucky.

## Split

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In all, 1,312 degree candidates will be recognized: 1,005 bachelor's degree candidates, 205 master's degree candidates and 102 associate degree candidates.

On several occasions in recent years, rain or the threat of rain has forced spring commencement to be moved from Roy Kidd Stadium to the alternate site, Alumni Coliseum.

"Alumni Coliseum is simply not large enough to comfortably seat all the family members and friends who wish to attend commencement," said Dr. Mark Wasicsko, interim provost. "We regret that this split arrangement will inconvenience some, but the other alternative, and last recourse, would have been to limit the number of guests that our graduates may invite. It's an important day in the lives of our graduates and their families and friends, and we want to make sure they are all able to share in the moment."

Two highly successful ECU alumni will deliver the commencement addresses. Col. Finley Hamilton, commander and conductor of the U.S. Army Field Band, will speak at the morning ceremony. The afternoon ceremony will feature Rev. Kevin Cosby, pastor of St. Stephen Baptist Church in Louisville, the state's largest predominantly African-American congregation. Both speakers will receive honorary doctor of humanities degrees.

Hamilton, a Richmond native,

earned bachelor's and master's degrees in music from ECU and was commissioned through the ROTC program as an officer in the Army. He was appointed commander/conductor of the Field Band in 1999. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and the Armed Forces Medal.

Bands under Hamilton's baton have performed throughout the world and for numerous U.S. presidents and international leaders.

Cosby, the grandson of the first African-American graduate of the Southern Baptist

Theological Seminary, assumed the St. Stephen pastorate in 1979, a year before he completed a bachelor's degree at Eastern. During his tenure, the church has grown from 500 members to more than 8,000. St. Stephen also became the first African-American church in Kentucky to establish a family life center.

He has been featured on numerous television programs and in many newspapers and magazines, including: "48 Hours," a PBS special hosted by Phil Donahue, Jet Magazine, The Atlanta Constitution and The Baltimore Sun. He frequently appears on lists of Louisville's most influential citizens.

## Crude

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serve premium averages \$1.596 per gallon, up 5.1 cents since mid-September, and 11.2 cents since last year.

Average regional prices for self-serve regular in October of last year were: West, \$1.606; New England, \$1.391; Mid-Atlantic, \$1.338; Southwest, \$1.311; Great Lakes, \$1.269; Midwest, \$1.269; and Southeast, \$1.257.

The national average prices for self-serve regular unleaded gasoline for AAA's mid-October survey for the last five years are: 2001, \$1.349; 2000, \$1.522; 1999, \$1.293; 1998, \$1.066; and 1997, \$1.264.

AAA's Fuel Gauge Report is based on data from Oil Price Information Service, the nation's most comprehensive source of petroleum pricing information.

As the nation's largest motorist and leisure travel organization, AAA provides more than 45 million members with travel, insurance, financial and automotive-related services. Since its founding in 1902, the not-for-profit, fully tax paying AAA has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers. AAA clubs can be visited on the Internet at: [www.aaa.com](http://www.aaa.com).

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nals and anthologies. She will offer a workshop on writing poetry.

Sharyn McCrumb is one of the region's most popular novelists. She has written 17 novels celebrating Appalachian history, music, story, and life. Her most recent work is *The Songcatcher*, the sixth novel in her very popular "Ballad" series. She has been honored by the Appalachian Writer's Association for Outstanding Contribution to Appalachian Literature (1997)

and twice for Best Appalachian Novel. Her novels have been named Notable Books by both the New York Times and the Los Angeles Times. Her work has been translated into 10 languages. She will offer talks on writing fiction.

Admission to the conference is free. For more information, call HCC at 436-5721 or 800-246-5721; ask for Tim Dunn at ext. 8018 or Scott Lucero at ext. 8034. You can also e-mail Tim Dunn at [Tim.Dunn@kctcs.net](mailto:Tim.Dunn@kctcs.net).

## Messenger

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moments since that time.

This past Friday, April 4, the Christian Messenger founders and family celebrated the grand opening of their new store-front office. Three years to the day that "The Messenger" first hit the streets.

"It's our birthday," Kim Frasure said, "and a more wonderful blessing could not ever have been received."

Frasure said that she and her husband have known for quite some time that The Messenger

needed a store-front office in order to really achieve its purpose in the community. That prayer was answered recently when Gary Wright, the owner of Wright's Barber Shop in Prestonsburg, offered the Frasure's a small office adjacent to his barber shop for their use - rent free.

The Frasure's also report that "many, many community members and very, very good people" have offered assistance in a variety of ways, from donating office furniture and supplies to cash donations to making sure that the

newspaper hits the streets each month.

"Without all of you, it could never have been done," Frasure told those in attendance Friday afternoon.

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, who attended the opening ceremony, told Frasure that he was "proud of her" for the good work she is doing for her community, and "proud to see someone stand up for the Lord like you've done."

The Christian Messenger's new office is located on North Arnold Avenue.



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## Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

### Tin-Can Gardens to Grow and Give

Think green, think spring — in a tin can! Save six tin soup cans, remove the labels and lids, and enjoy this indoor gardening project with the whole family. Stir up the dirt, plant the seeds, and you'll have a beautiful living centerpiece by Easter Sunday morning.

An adult should first make



DAVID LAROUELLE

sure there are no sharp edges on the cans. Then, fill the sparkling-clean 10-3/4-ounce soup cans 3/4 full with sterile potting soil. Sprinkle ryegrass seeds or fast-growing whole-wheat berries (available in bulk at natural food stores). Mist the soil with water until it is damp. Set cans in the sections of an empty, cardboard, six-pack soda or bottled-water container. This caddy is ideal for children to use when watering and tending the minigarden. They'll love their own portable garden in a six-pack!

Cover the caddy with plastic wrap to retain moisture in the cans, and place it in indirect sunlight. Keep the soil moist until seeds sprout, about four to five days. Remove plastic wrap. For extra fun, set a magnifying glass nearby and take a look at the germinating seeds each day to watch them sprout and grow.

Set the caddy in a sunny window, and the grass will grow quickly.

For your Easter Sunday centerpiece, remove cans from caddy and paint the outside of the caddy in a solid color. Let dry, then decorate by painting designs in contrasting colors or adding Easter stickers. Tie ribbon or raffia around each can near the rim and place them back in the caddy.

Write greetings on a small piece of paper, such as "Happy Easter," and weave through the end of a wooden skewer. Poke skewers in each can so the messages are popping out of the grass. Set an Easter egg decorated with the name of a family member or guest in the grass.

At the end of the day, give a tin-can garden to each person to enjoy in the days ahead.

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



## POUND CAKE IS A SPRINGTIME FAVORITE

If you don't already have one, you might consider investing in a two-part egg-shaped cake pan and surprise your family with a spectacular showpiece. Be assured it won't be a showpiece for long. It's not only a beauty, it's delicious. It has the wonderful taste and texture of pound cake and is studded with ground nuts. Use any kind of nut — they're all compatible with this batter.

It's an uncomplicated batter, and if you don't want an egg-shaped cake, make a traditional loaf pound cake, swirling the nuts into the batter to produce a marbling effect when sliced.

### PLANTATION POUND CAKE

- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup dairy sour cream
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/4 cup ground nuts
- Prepared frosting or confectioners' sugar, optional

1. Stir together flour, lemon peel, baking soda and salt. Set aside.
2. In a large mixing bowl, beat together butter and

sugar at medium speed until light and fluffy. Thoroughly blend in eggs, sour cream and lemon juice. Add flour mixture, 1/2 cup at a time, beating on low speed just until blended.

3. Pour half of the mixture into greased and floured 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf pan. Sprinkle with nuts. Top with remaining batter. With narrow spatula, gently swirl through batter to marble.

4. Bake in a preheated 325 F oven until cake tester inserted near center comes out clean, 60 to 70 minutes. Cool on wire rack 10 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely. Frost or dust with confectioners' sugar, if desired. Makes 1 loaf; 8 servings.

\*To make cake in a two-part egg-shaped cake pan, double the recipe. In each part of egg pan, layer 1 cup batter and 2 tablespoons nuts. Repeat once and top with batter. Bake in preheated 325 F oven until cakes spring back when lightly touched with finger, 50 to 55 minutes. Cool in pans on wire rack 10 minutes. While in pan, carefully cut top of cakes level with pan rims. Remove from pans and place cut sides down on wire rack. Cool at least 1 hour. To assemble, cut about 1/4 inch off rounded bottom of 1 layer. Using a total of about 3 1/2 cups frosting, frost rounded surface. Invert onto serving plate. Frost flat surface. Top with remaining layer and frost remaining rounded surface. Frost and decorate as desired.

### THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Philomena Corradeno

top with batter. Bake in preheated 325 F oven until cakes spring back when lightly touched with finger, 50 to 55 minutes. Cool in pans on wire rack 10 minutes. While in pan, carefully cut top of cakes level with pan rims. Remove from pans and place cut sides down on wire rack. Cool at least 1 hour. To assemble, cut about 1/4 inch off rounded bottom of 1 layer. Using a total of about 3 1/2 cups frosting, frost rounded surface. Invert onto serving plate. Frost flat surface. Top with remaining layer and frost remaining rounded surface. Frost and decorate as desired.



by JoAnna M. Lund

If you're like me and love broccoli, I can almost promise that this tasty side dish will become a favorite. If you're like my husband, Cliff, and hate broccoli, then I guess you'll just

### Calling all broccoli lovers

have to skip over this recipe. But, oh, what good food you're missing!

#### BROCCOLI-CORN SCALLOP

- 3 cups frozen chopped broccoli, thawed and drained
- 2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder
- 3/4 cup water
- 2 eggs or equivalent in egg substitute
- 1 teaspoon dried onion flakes
- 10 reduced-fat butter-flavored crackers, made into crumbs
- 1 (8-ounce) can cream-style corn

- 1 (8-ounce) can whole-kernel corn, rinsed and drained

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray an 8-by-8-inch baking dish with butter-flavored cooking spray. Evenly arrange broccoli in prepared baking dish. In a large bowl, combine dry milk powder and water. Add eggs, onion flakes and half of the cracker crumbs. Mix well to combine. Stir in cream-style corn and whole kernel corn. Spread corn mixture evenly over broccoli.

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## Dear Diane...

### DEAR DIANE:

My husband, "Merrill," is a well-respected accountant in our community. We have a good social life, two beautiful children, and we are financially secure. However, last month our life was turned upside down.

For some reason, Merrill has become infatuated with death. He has started visiting cemeteries, and he watches "Six Feet Under" religiously. On a few nights I have awoken to find Merrill in the living room, sitting in the dark, crying. When I ask him what's the matter, he tells me he's thinking about his death.

To top things off, he has suggested — seriously — of quitting his job and working for a funeral home.

Diane, I am at my wits' end. I don't know what to do. I can't go to my friends about this, because if it ever got out that Merrill has gone off the deep end, his accounting career will suffer. You are my only hope, Diane. What do I do about my husband?

— GOING BONKERS  
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

### DEAR BONKERS:

It's obvious that Merrill's obsession with death is impacting seriously on his home life, and it won't be long before it affects his work life. You need to get him into counseling, specifically with a professional who specializes in depression; one who can properly diagnose the affliction and prescribe any medication your husband may need to fight this demon.

It's perfectly normal for a person to reflect on his or her mortality, but Merrill has taken this to a much deeper, dangerous level. You must act now, or things may progress to a situation that will be more difficult to control.

I wish you the best of luck in this trying time. Please write back to me and let me know how things go.

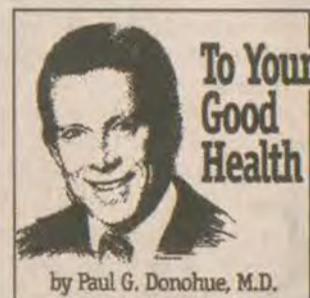
You are in my thoughts.

## Many women suffer from endometriosis

### DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

My husband and I have been trying to have a baby for more than a year. During my fertility work-up, I told the doctor that I have painful periods. That lit a bulb in his brain, and he thinks my problem might be endometriosis. How is the diagnosis made, and how is the condition treated?

— M.K.



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

### ANSWER:

The endometrium is the lining tissue of the uterus. Every month, from the stimulation of female hormones, the endometrium grows and matures into a lush soil that provides the ideal terrain for nurturing a fertilized egg. If no egg is fertilized, the lining is shed during the menstrual period.

Pieces of the shed lining can find their way to places they shouldn't be. They can implant on the ovaries, the fallopian tubes, many pelvic structures and even the lining of the intestine. Then, a woman has transplanted uterine lining that responds to the monthly stimulation of female hormones just as it would if it was in the uterus. That is endometriosis.

You have two endometriosis symptoms: infertility and painful periods. Pain during intercourse is another common symptom.

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# Chicken Soup for the Soul: War Story

### Maureen Read

(FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE WOMAN'S SOUL")

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It was England, 1939. I was 15 and so excited I could hardly keep my mind on my studies. I was too busy preparing to travel from England to France, where I would spend an exciting summer month as an exchange student. The family with whom I would stay had a daughter my age, and she was to come for a month to my home later that summer.

The day of my departure finally arrived, and I was ready. My mother came with me on the train ride to London's Victoria Station, where she saw me safely onto the "Channel train" that would take me the rest of the way to Dover. There was never even the suggestion that she would come all the way to the coast with me. I had always been given credit for having a lot of common sense, and it didn't occur to anyone that I wouldn't be able

to cope with this trip alone.

And so I took the boat across the English Channel, and my big adventure began. My "French family" met me in Paris, where we saw incredible sights — I especially remember the spectacular chateaux along the Loire — before making our way by car to the little village of Argent-sur-Sauldres, my home for the next four weeks. But I was there only three weeks. They were a happy three weeks. I



was surrounded by many young people, and I still believe that they learned more English from me than I learned French from them. But as time passed, I began to gather that things were not going well on the Continent. There was even talk of war.

Now, war really doesn't fit the thinking of a 15-year-old. One gentleman who spoke a smattering of English took me aside and pointed out the headlines in the paper. Did I want to go home? I felt no urgency. France really wasn't so far away from home; it hadn't taken me that long to get over here.

But I began to sense a growing ten-

sion in the air and to feel that something was very wrong. My parents had no telephone and there hadn't been a telegram, so I was unsure of how bad things really were.

Then one morning, I woke up and just knew I had to go home. I had a deep intuition that I must get back to England. I immediately talked over my feelings with my host family. They had never given me any outward signs that they wanted me to leave, but once I had made the decision, all plans were put into high gear.

In the wee hours of the following

(See SOUP, page five)



# Books: Recommended Reading

Baghdad Express: A Gulf War Memoir  
by Joel Turnipseed  
(Da Capo Press, \$25)

Reviewed by David Smith

"Even though I felt deep within me that this was a stupid war, an avoidable war, I wanted very badly to see the worst of war."

So writes Joel Turnipseed, a college philosophy major and

Marine reservist who served in the first Gulf War with the Sixth Motor Transport Battalion — The Baghdad Express — a convoy that hauled ammunition and explosives to the front lines and ferried POWs back.

Humpin' the trail with his M-16 rifle and philosophy books, Turnipseed is a Nietzschean Sad Sack, the brunt of his comrades' jokes and a pathetic excuse for a Marine to his senior NCOs.

Sergeant Major: "Turnipseed, how long you been in the

Marine Corps?"

Turnipseed: "Four and a half years — or so."

"And you're still a lousy lance corporal?"

"Well, you know, I've been a corporal a few times"

"All right ... let me ask you this (smart guy), what's your seventh General Order?"

"To learn the other ten?"

"Baghdad Express" is the rarest of war memoirs — it's worth reading. It's filled with wit, humor, insight and heart. The book is part "Catch-22,"

part "Catcher in the Rye" with a little bit of "Full Metal Jacket" thrown in for good measure.

Turnipseed eventually gets his wish. He does see the worst of war. The madness, the carnage and the folly. He sees all of this along the Baghdad Express and in the process learns more about man — and himself — than any philosophy book could teach.

Books reviewed in this column are available from your local bookstore.

## A broken clock is still accurate twice a day.

By Samantha Weaver

■ In ancient Rome, most marriages were performed by women.

■ Gucci, the company that today makes high-fashion accessories, got its start in business by making saddles.

■ Author Kurt Vonnegut received a Purple Heart during his service in World War II.

■ Turkeys can run up to 20 mph and can fly up to 55 mph.

■ The only difference between oil and fat is that fat is a solid at room temperature. Both have about 9 calories per gram. Alcohol is in second place with about 6 calories per gram.

■ Augustus Juilliard, founder of the famed Juilliard School of Music, was not,

## Strange BUT TRUE

himself, a musician.

■ Real estate developers spent enormous sums of money for many decades trying to turn Florida into a tourist and resort destination. They consistently failed until the 1950s, when air conditioning became widespread.

■ No government agency regulates what you can see on television. The Federal Communications Commission has the power to levy fines or revoke broadcasting privileges, but it will only do this if the public

complains loudly. Each station or network has its own "Standards and Practices" department to determine what can be said or shown.

■ Broadcast journalist Charles Kuralt once pointed out that the worse the economy, the better looking the guy working at the service station.

■ High-octane gas has only one advantage: it prevents the sudden, explosive burning of the fuel-air mixture called "detonation" (or, more commonly, "knocking"). Only a small percentage of cars on the road today have engines that run hot enough for this to be a problem.

Thought for the Day: "I find television very educating. Every time someone turns on the set I go into the other room and read a book." — Groucho Marx



by Samantha Weaver & Amy Anderson

## Gypsy for a Day in Southern France

As with so many things, no one knows how it began. But for as far back as the history is told, the gypsies have been coming to southern France, to Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, to celebrate and pay homage to the woman they consider their patron saint, Saint Sarah. It's the Pelegrinage Gitane, or Gypsy Pilgrimage, May 24-26.

While Sarah has been consecrated by the local church, she's not an official saint according to the Roman Catholic Church. But the gypsies don't care. Black Sarah is believed to be the first, the mother of the gypsy tribe, and she belongs to them.

The town of Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer is named for two Marys from the time of Jesus himself — his relatives, to boot: Mary Salomé and Mary Jacobé. Legend has it that Mary Magdalene, Lazarus, his sister Martha and others were on board the boat that ferried these persecuted Christians away from Judea around 44 A.D. and washed up on the shores

of what would become Provence.

Some say that Black Sarah was the maid to Mary Salomé and Mary Jacobé. Some believe she already lived in the region, warmly welcomed the Marys, converted and became their servant. Others say she was among the women who discovered Christ's empty tomb, and still others, a survivor of Atlantis. A 682-year-old text speaks of Sarah as a traveling woman who begged for alms to help the Christians in the Camargue region.

Pick the story you like best. There are relics of two female bodies in the local church, believed to be the Marys. Of Sarah, however, there is no such relic — only the wooden statue housed in the crypt of the town church and the fervent devotion of her gypsy descendants.

Here's the rundown: The gypsies begin to arrive in mid-May in anticipation of the ritual celebration, 10,000 from all over the world, their numbers swelled by thousands of

observer-tourists. Early on May 24, a mass begins the celebration. During an afternoon mass, the relics of Saintes Maries are brought down. The gypsies reach for the reliquary, cry, sing and shout "Vivent Saintes-Maries!" The statue of Sarah is brought out next. A parade of gypsies, priests, local residents and tourists carry it to the sea, flanked by "les gardiens" on white horses. They all wade right in without a second thought, passing Sarah over their heads to the water for her ritual cleansing.

May 25 belongs to the Saintes Maries. The whole thing happens again with a statue of the saints in a boat to commemorate the voyage that brought them to France. There is more celebrating on May 26, but by then, most of the gypsies have traveled on.

For lodging help, local activities and other information, talk to your travel agent or go to [www.saintesmariesdelamer.com](http://www.saintesmariesdelamer.com).

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## Coupon cutter: Spring cleaning



By Marge Svenson

Cleaning your house is a little more pleasant than it used to be, thanks to a number of new scented products. And disposable products make chores go a little faster because you don't have to stop and wring out cleaning cloths or mops.

Here are this week's savings in cleaning coupons:

■ Mr. Clean has a \$1 coupon on any size of its all-purpose cleaner in orange, citrus, apple, spring garden and invigorating breeze

scents. Expires April 30.

■ Save 55 cents on any Lysol Orange Breeze scrubbing wipes or sanitizing wipes. Expires June 30.

■ Glass Plus offers a 50-cent coupon on any of its cleaning wipes or spray cleaner. Expires May 31.

■ Spic and Span has a 55-cent coupon on its soft powder cleanser in fresh citrus scent, plus a 55-cent coupon on any of its liquid cleaning products. Expires April 30.

■ Save 75 cents on any Brillo steel-wool soap pads, which include a free gripper in each box to help protect your hands. Expires April 30.

■ Formula 409 offers a 75-cent coupon with purchase of any two packages of Sparkle paper towels and any size of its spray cleaner. Expires April 30.

■ Fantastik offers a 50-cent coupon on any

of its all-purpose cleaner. Expires April 30.

■ Save 55 cents on any size of Soft Scrub cleanser. Expires April 30.

■ Clorox offers a 55-cent coupon on any of its disinfecting wipes. Expires April 30.

■ Tilex has a 55-cent coupon on any of its mildew and soap scum removers, and fresh shower sprays to reduce mildew growth. Expires April 30.

■ Save 55 cents on any S.O.S. steel-wool soap pads or scrubber sponges. Expires April 30.

■ Pine Sol offers a 55-cent coupon on any of its liquid, all-purpose cleaners. Expires April 30.

■ Windex has a \$1 coupon on any size of its new multi-surface spray cleaner in orange scent. Expires April 12.

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## Vacation fitness



From start to fitness  
by Kelly Griffin

Spring break is here, and often that means taking a vacation. Vacations can be tricky when it comes to maintaining an exercise routine. Finding the time, equipment and motivation to continue to be active can be just as difficult as when you initially began.

But here's the good news: A break in your normal routine doesn't have to result in a fitness setback. The key to maintaining your fitness sanity on vacation is to maintain overall good habits. The following tips can be used during any break in your normal fitness routine:

■ Develop a Plan B. Anticipate and prepare for a change within your everyday fitness routine. While on vacation, Plan B may involve using a day of walking through an amusement park or city as your cardiovascular workout. Back home, if you use a fitness facility for cardiovascular workouts such as running, your Plan B may include a planned route around your neighborhood that can give you the same workout. And if your work schedule is really busy, you may need to create Plans C, D or more.

■ Bring the gym with you. Resistance bands, water-inflated free weights or your favorite fitness video are great ways to avoid missing a beat in your routine. Don't forget that one of the best forms of resistance training uses your body weight. Body-weight exercises such as push-ups,

crunches, lunges and squats don't require much space to complete, and besides, you don't have to worry about forgetting to pack your body weight!

■ Pack with your fitness program in mind. If you seriously plan to stay active while you are away, don't forget the appropriate clothes and shoes. If you are planning to visit Florida, packing your heaviest workout clothes may not be the best choice and may even discourage you from exercise due to discomfort. Check the climate of the location you will be visiting and plan accordingly.

■ Use your time wisely. The point of going on vacation is to have FUN — not worry about how many crunches you failed to do that day. Mesh the two together! Find activities that are not only fun but will keep you physically active. Try new and challenging activities. You never know — the change in activity and routine may introduce you to something you may want to continue when you get home.

■ Remain sensible with your nutrition while you are away. Enjoy yourself, but make wise choices.

The bottom line is to use what you know and keep moving. Be creative and have fun. As fitness becomes more and more a part of your lifestyle, you will find vacationing to be a great opportunity for working out in new ways.

## Foods

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Sprinkle remaining cracker crumbs evenly on top. Lightly spray top with butter-flavored cooking spray. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes. Place baking dish on a wire rack and let set for 5 minutes. Divide into 6 servings.

• Each serving equals: 142

calories, 2 g fat, 8 g protein, 23 g carb., 242 mg sodium, 3 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1 Vegetable.

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## Soup

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morning, I was on the Paris-bound train, accompanied by my wonderful

French mother. The streets of Paris at 6 a.m. were eerily deserted ... except for truck after truck filled with French troops. They were headed for the Maginot Line in a brave attempt to ward off the Nazis.

After saying a sad farewell to my dear hostess a week earlier than scheduled, I set out alone on my journey. It was a tense trip home and a long one — three times as long as it should have been — and I was still only 15. I arrived in England at midnight, and there were no buses or taxis to take me the last mile home from the railway station to my house. Although we had sent a

telegram, my parents had no idea what time to meet me because transportation schedules had now gone completely haywire. So, almost 24 hours after leaving France, I had to walk the last dark mile alone. No words can describe my feelings the moment I finally rang my doorbell.

Just a few days later, war was declared!

I'll never really know what made me go home when I did. Certainly, the common sense that my parents had instilled in me had stood me in good stead. But I will always believe that it was really my intuition that saved me from spending the war years far from my family in a foreign land.

## Health

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The test that gives solid evidence for a diagnosis is a laparoscopic exam of the pelvis. A laparoscope is a telescope-like device through which the doctor can see the interior of the pelvis or abdomen or whatever cavity is under inspection.

Treatments for endometriosis are many. For mild pain, anti-inflammatory medicines such as Motrin or Advil suffice. For more severe symptoms, birth-control pills can create a state similar to pregnancy, and that causes endometrial transplants to shrivel. Other hormonelike drugs — leuprolide, nafarelin and goserelin — can also achieve estrogen suppression and wither the transplanted pieces of endometrium.

Many women suffer from endometriosis, and many of them would like a more complete exposition of it. They can obtain a copy of the new endometriosis pamphlet by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 1105W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash, U.S. funds only) for \$4.50 with the recipient's name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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ANSWER:

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Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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## This Is a Hammer

### Spring debugging

By Samantha Mazzotta

Q I was checking the masonry foundation for cracks and I noticed thin lines of dirt trailing along the bottom of the outside wall. What causes these? — Joyce S., Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

A Those "dirt lines," unfortunately, are most likely caused by termites. Get a closer look at the foundation and outside walls. In addition to the

lines, do you see small holes surrounded by what looks like dirt? These are caused by termites, as well. The "dirt" is actually digested wood — termites literally eat through wood as they burrow into the framework of your home. The damage they cause can be quite expensive; in addition to exterminating these pests, there is the cost of replacing the affected wood.

The trouble that termites cause isn't limited to just making holes in the wood; those small holes make the material very porous and susceptible to moisture damage. In Florida, where humidity is already an issue, an additional danger inside a termite-infested home is a secondary invasion of carpenter ants. These ants take advantage of the work termites do, moving into the newly

gnawed areas and enlarging them to create a comfortable nest. Damage in this case can be extreme.

So, take action right away to eradicate these termites. Schedule an inspection of your home by an exterminator and get a written estimate of the treatment needed.

While you're waiting, do an inspection of your own. Use a flashlight to look inside cracks in the masonry for insects or more of that "dirt," and check crawl spaces and all areas near the ground and note all potential trouble spots. If any of the visible woodwork appears decayed, poke the area with a small knife — if the knife goes in easily for more than half an inch, the damage may have been done by termites. Note all areas of concern and have the

exterminator check them.

How do you prevent an infestation from occurring? Ideally, this starts while the house is being built, by laying a secure foundation and using pressure-treated lumber (which resists both weather and termites). After you move in, preventative measures include regular inspection and extermination (the frequency of this is determined by the type of treatment and the area in which you live).

Always use a licensed, bonded pest-control service and insist on a written estimate of the costs before treatment begins. If the damage is extensive and repairs will be costly, get estimates from several companies before approving any work.

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### Official Contest Rules

- Up to eight consecutive clues will be published, one per day, beginning Friday, April 4, 2003.
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  - If the \$500 prize is not claimed by April 28 at 4 p.m., The Floyd County Times will donate the money to a worthy charity in Eastern Kentucky.
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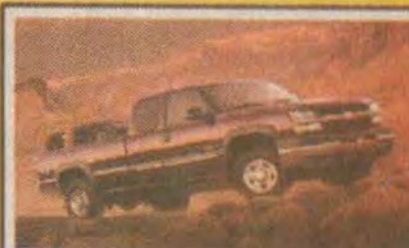
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