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briefs

Body found in Knott ID'd as Slone

Times Staff Report

HINDMAN — Knott County Coroner Jeff Blair verified Friday that a man found apparently murdered on Puncheon Creek in Knott County on Aug. 4 was Bypro resident Michael R. Slone.

Blair said Slone, 27, was identified following an autopsy in Frankfort, but declined to release any further information on those findings, adding that some results are still incomplete.

The incident remains under investigation by the Kentucky State Police Post 13 in Hazard.

Funeral services for Slone took place yesterday in Martin.

Court OKs home incarceration

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The start of official action to cure overcrowding at the Floyd County Detention Center got underway during a regular meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court Friday afternoon, when court members agreed to begin a home incarceration program to lessen the

number of county inmates housed at the jail.

The decision comes after months of deliberation and research into the home incarceration program that began on April 28, following a review by the court of expenditures and revenues at the jail.

State officials have given the jail until Oct. 1 to improve on the situation, citing roughly two dozen inmates sleeping on the

floor during their last inspection.

The fiscal court agreed Friday to enter into a contract with Behavioral Interventions, a company dealing with such initiatives which has an existing contract with the commonwealth to provide equipment and services the program would require.

According to fiscal court documents, home incarceration would only be applica-

ble for certain crimes.

An increased crime rate throughout the county, most significantly a spike in drug-related incidents, has filled the jail with county inmates in the past year. The trend has left little room to accommodate state inmates, for which the county receives a daily housing fee.

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photo by Ralph B. Davis

Bryan Kimberlin, of Pikeville Methodist Hospital's MedFlight of East Kentucky medical helicopter service, familiarized Prestonsburg firefighters with aspects of the service's operation. The Prestonsburg Fire Department conducted training over a 40-hour period last week, culminating in a visit from the helicopter crew Friday at the Mountain Arts Center. "This has been one of the best classes we've had in years," said Tim Johnson, assistant chief of operations.

Brothers found innocent of buying votes in Knott County

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Two brothers were acquitted Friday of charges that they bought votes in a primary election in Knott County five years ago.

A jury deliberated less than two hours before finding Brady Slone, 57, and Ronnie Slone, 55, both of Pippa Passes, innocent of the charges in U.S. District Court in Pikeville.

"This was a case of mind over matter," said a jubilant Ronnie Slone. "The FBI knew in their minds that we were innocent, but it

didn't matter. They brought scum in here to testify against us."

The key prosecution witnesses were three women, two of whom acknowledged in court that they were hooked on prescription drugs around the time of the 1998 primary election. Each testified that Ronnie Slone, an insurance agent, paid them \$100 each to vote for certain candidates. They said Brady Slone, a retired public school principal, stood nearby when the payments were made.

Defense attorneys called a Knott County physician and a pastor as character witnesses who testified that the Slone brothers had unblem-

ished reputations for integrity and truthfulness.

Ned Pillersdorf, attorney for Brady Slone, said he believes the lack of credibility of the prosecution's witnesses, coupled with the Slones' record of community service, led to the acquittal.

"Prosecutors shouldn't have selected this case, with the underwhelming credibility of the witnesses," Pillersdorf said. "There are plenty of unsavory characters that bear looking into. My client is a hero who was injured in combat. You don't try to convict a Vietnam

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Fiscal court honors Iraq war vet

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Teaberry man who fought in Iraq with the 101st Airborne Division's Screaming Eagles was honored Friday afternoon with a proclamation from the Floyd County Fiscal Court.

Shawn Newsome, of Teaberry, was wounded during conflict while serving in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom when he was

shot in the upper thigh.

Friday afternoon, his family and friends, along with many others, crowded into the county courtroom to see Aug. 16 be forever designated as Shawn Newsome Day in Floyd County.

Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, himself a Marine veteran who served in Vietnam, presented Newsome with the proclamation.

\$1,000 reward offered for missing money

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

GARRETT — A Garrett man is wondering where his money is, and he is willing to spend more to find out.

Ralph O'Quinn, of Garrett, owns the Trading Post along Route 80 and has, until recently, left his nightly deposit at the Citizen's National Bank in Garrett.

He and his family have since "cleaned out" their accounts, because, he says, on five different nights dur-

ing the months of June and July a little over \$14,684 he says he dropped in the bank's deposit vault disappeared.

O'Quinn said on July 7, he stopped at the bank to cash a \$4,000 check and was told by the window teller that he didn't have enough in his account to complete the transaction.

"One of the tellers came to me after about four or five minutes and said, 'You don't have the money,'"

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A family reunited

Siblings meet for first time following 17-year search

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

We've all watched those tearful reunions of long-lost family members on daytime talk shows, but it isn't often that we get the opportunity to hear of and witness first-hand such a reunion. On Saturday morning, August 2, the community of McDowell did just that.

Raised in Floyd County by his maternal grandmother, Christina

Williamson, Billy Williamson always knew that he had brothers and sisters. Unfortunately, he had no clue as to their whereabouts.

His later marriage to wife, Mary, provided him with the support system he needed and, 17 years ago, he and Mary began an exhaustive search that they hoped would one day unite Billy, 37, with the siblings he had never met.

"We started by going state to state to courthouses," said Mary,

"and I spent hours and hours on the computer. We didn't know anything at all about the other kids except for their first names. But we did know who Billy's mom had married, so that gave us a little something to go on."

By 1991, the couple had been successful in locating not only Billy's birth mother, but two sisters, one of whom, Michelle, had been given up for adoption, and a

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Long-lost siblings Michelle Jones, left, Billy Williamson, center, and Loretta Sellers met for the first time in early August, at Williamson's home in McDowell.

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Odds and Ends

The Associated Press

■ **NEW YORK** — Of the hundreds of New Yorkers trapped in elevators by the power outage, Laura "Lulu" Evans was surely among the youngest and the loneliest.

But after being trapped by herself for three hours Thursday in her Manhattan apartment building elevator, the 11-year-old was rescued by firefighters. And all it cost her was a wedgie.

Firefighters from Engine Co. 22, on the Upper East Side, used long axes and 3-foot rip bars to pop off the elevator doors, leaving 3 feet of space to pull Lulu up and out. "I jumped, and the firefighter said, 'I'm gonna give you a wedgie,' and he pulled me up by the back of my shorts," she said.

When Lulu emerged, she burst into tears and hugged her mother, who had come home from work just minutes after her daughter's ordeal began.

"I went hysterical," Wendy Evans said before the firefighters arrived. "I knew those

guys would just whack the door down."

Lulu kept her composure as about a dozen neighbors talked to her through the metal double doors or rushed to the firehouse for help.

"People I didn't know were being so nice to me," she said. "They were telling me to tap on the doors so they could tell where the elevator was."

Earlier, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said police and firefighters had searched all the city's major high-rise buildings and believed no one was trapped in high-rise elevators.

When Lulu's elevator stopped and went dark, the car was just 5 feet below her 10th-floor hallway.

■ **BOULDER, Colo.** — About two dozen people gathered in downtown Boulder to point at the sky and yell "It's a bird! It's a plane! It's Superman!"

But what participants in Colorado's latest "flash mob" were actually looking at was a TV news helicopter.

Reporters nearly outnumbered those assembled in front of the Boulder County Courthouse for the event and participants said that ruined what was supposed to be a spontaneous and wacky stunt.

"Flash mob" crowds are organized by e-mail lists and Web sites and converge in a prearranged location to perform harmless gags, puzzling onlookers and then quickly dispersing.

"This is supposed to seem like a spontaneous-seeming event, so if you have the media down here it doesn't work," said participant Christopher Downs, 22. "It's not really an underground thing when it's published in a media outlet."

Flash mobs have shown up recently in New York, San Francisco and London. Hundreds of people joined

Denver's first mob on Monday, in which participants pretended to play ping pong at a downtown mall.

■ **STRATTON, Neb.** — This is a different kind of fire sale.

A red-and-gold 1957 GMC fire truck sits just off U.S. Highway 34, a "For Sale" sign taped to its windshield.

It has some 11,000 miles on it, a good pumping unit and a two-cycle engine to pump high volumes of water.

"It's good enough to go back into service as a fire truck," said Larry Forch, who bought the truck from the city fire department.

Forch also owns a 1952 Chevy fire truck with 2,900 miles on it, and he no longer has room for the 1957 GMC.

He's not willing to sell the Chevy.

"It's not even ready for an oil change," Forch chuckled.

■ **NEW YORK** — An adorable Bronx newborn already has an appetite for meat - and plenty of sharp teeth.

Biscuit, a 10-pound snow leopard, was born June 5 ago at the Bronx Zoo. He was introduced Thursday to mark the centennial of the zoo's program to breed the endangered species. The zoo was the first in the Western Hemisphere to exhibit a snow leopard.

"Researchers can study these guys for years in the wilderness and literally never see one," said Penny Kalk, manager of large mammal collections, as Biscuit playfully tumbled down a natural rock habitat, landing on the back of his mother, Shakira. Biscuit became the 93rd

snow leopard born at the Bronx Zoo, which currently has 15.

Weighing less than a pound at birth, the big ball of fluff is now rambunctiously testing his fuzzy paws on the Bronx rocks as his father, Boris, also known as "Snow Prince," prowls protectively.

With temperatures hovering around 90 on Thursday, zookeepers made sure there were chunks of ice in the leopards' home of rocky outcrops and plants similar to the Himalayas.

In the wild, snow leopards are powerful, solitary inhabitants of mountains stretching across central Asia, from India through Mongolia and Afghanistan through Russia. They thrive in climactic extremes, with temperatures ranging from 100-plus degrees Fahrenheit down to minus 40.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Aug. 17, the 229th day of 2003. There are 136 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 17, 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steam Boat began heading up New York's Hudson River on its successful round-trip to Albany.

On this date:

■ In 1863, Federal batteries and ships bombarded Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor during the Civil War.

■ In 1896, a prospecting party discovered gold in Alaska, a finding that touched off the Klondike gold rush.

■ In 1942, during World War II, U.S. 8th Air Force bombers attacked Rouen, France.

■ In 1943, the Allied conquest of Sicily was completed as U.S. and British forces entered Messina.

■ In 1962, East German border guards shot and mortally wounded 18-year-old Peter Fechter, who had attempted to cross the Berlin Wall into the western sector.

■ In 1969, 248 people were killed as Hurricane "Camille" slammed into the Gulf Coast.

■ In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair concluded near Bethel, N.Y.

■ In 1978, the first successful trans-Atlantic balloon flight ended as Maxie Anderson, Ben Abruzzo and Larry Newman landed their Double Eagle II outside Paris.

■ In 1987, Rudolf Hess, the last member of Adolf Hitler's inner circle, died at a Berlin hospital near Spandau Prison at age 93, having apparently committed suicide.

■ In 1999, more than 17,000 people were killed when a magnitude 7.4 earthquake struck Turkey.

Ten years ago:

A prosecutor in Wayne County, Mich. charged Dr. Jack Kevorkian under Michigan's 6-month-old law against assisted suicide for aiding in the death of Thomas Hyde, who was suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease. A jury later acquitted Kevorkian.

Five years ago:

President Clinton gave grand jury testimony via closed-circuit television from the White House concerning his relationship with Monica Lewinsky; he then delivered a TV address in which he denied previously committing perjury, admitted his relationship with Lewinsky was "wrong," and criticized Kenneth Starr's investigation. Russia allowed the ruble to drop in value by up to 34 percent. The Federal Reserve Board approved the megamerger of NationsBank and BankAmerica.

One year ago:

In Krakow, Poland, tens of

thousands of adoring Poles gave the ailing Pope John Paul II a joyous welcome home as began the ninth visit to his native country during his papacy.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Maureen O'Hara is 83. Actor Robert DeNiro is 60. Movie director Martha Coolidge is 57. Rock musician Sib Hashian is 54. Actor Robert Joy is 52. Rock singer Kevin Rowland (Dexy's Midnight Runners) is 50. Rock musician Colin Moulding (XTC) is 48. Country singer-songwriter Kevin Welch is 48. Singer Belinda Carlisle is 45. Actor Sean Penn is 43. Jazz musician Everette Harp is 42. Rock musician Gilby Clarke is 41. Singer Maria McKee is 39. Rock musician Steve Gorman (The Black Crowes) is 38. Rock musician Jill Cunniff is 37. Actor David Conrad is 36. Singer Donnie Wahlberg is 34. Rapper Posdnuos is 34. Tennis player Jim Courier is 33. Actor Bryton McClure is 17.

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August meeting brings Arts Council to Prestonsburg

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Arts Council staff is coming to Prestonsburg on Monday to hold a community informational meeting. The meeting will take place in the Band Room at the Mountain Arts Center.

Whether you've worked with the Arts Council or never heard of it, you're invited to attend this upcoming informal meeting. There you will be introduced to the agency, programs and services. You will learn about existing opportunities, as well as changes the Arts Council has made to better serve you.

Also, you will hear about progress with the Kentucky START initiative in building participation in the arts, and be introduced to the newly launched long-range plan, Creating a Vision for the Arts in Kentucky.

The Kentucky Arts Council provides grants, awards and technical assistance to Kentucky artists and not-for-profit organizations committed to providing arts and cultural

programs and services to the public. By convening at the local level, the Arts Council hopes to build stronger relationships for bringing the arts to the general public and to offer people working in different art forms and organizations a forum to network within their own communities. The meeting is also a great time for people to learn about the Kentucky Arts Council, its programs and services, and partnering agencies.

The meeting is free, fully accessible and open to everyone. No registration is required. Light refreshments will be served, and the meeting will begin at 6 p.m. local time.

The Kentucky Arts Council, a state agency of the Education Arts and Humanities Cabinet, was established by the Kentucky General Assembly in 1965 to develop and promote support for the arts in Kentucky. The Kentucky Arts Council creates opportunities for Kentuckians to value and participate in the arts.

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Former coal miners looking to health care industry for steady work

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — As a father trying to feed a growing family on a miner's wages, Michael Trivette grew tired of the pink slips that had become as much a part of life in the Appalachian coalfields as black dust.

Miners, it seemed, had to worry more about layoffs than rock falls in the ups and downs of a struggling mountain economy.

"In the coal mines, it's feast or famine," Trivette said. "You can't count on anything, except maybe being laid off."

Trivette wanted job security, and he, like many other blue-collar workers in Appalachia, looked to the booming health care industry to provide it.

Now, they're the new faces of the health industry in the mountain region, staffing clinics and hospitals where they care for some of the same people they once worked with in and around the coal mines.

"It's a tough job," said Trivette, who channels his decade of coal experience into empathy as the lone physician serving a small mining commu-

nity about 10 miles outside of Pikeville. "Only someone who has had to shovel and dig doing manual labor for 10, 12, 14 hours a day understands that."

Trivette's transition from miner to doctor is unusual. Most who trade in their hard hats, tools and trucks become nurses, radiology technologists and even medical transcriptionists.

No one tracks the shift of mining workers into health care, but Kentucky Coal Association President Bill Caylor estimated that hundreds of the 15,000 mine workers who lost jobs in the state over the past decade have made the move.

Considering the diverging fortunes of the two industries, it's plain to see why.

Over the last two decades, employment in Kentucky's mining industry dropped from 46,395 to 15,500, and some economists are predicting a 25 to 30 percent drop in earnings and employment over the next decade.

The health care and social assistance industry, by contrast, already has a higher payroll than mining in Eastern Kentucky's largest coal-producing counties, and it's still in need of workers.

A state occupational outlook predicted hospitals in Kentucky will need to increase the number of registered nurses by 23 percent over the next three years. Last year alone, the state hospital association estimated a shortage of some 1,700 nurses.

"Clearly, health care is one of the few opportunities in the Appalachian coalfields where workers can turn from the coal industry," said Ewell Balltrip, executive director of the Kentucky Appalachian Commission.

Balltrip said he sees the move as positive not just for the worker, but for the patient.

"For many of these men, especially coal miners, they have not only learned about an injury, but they have probably experienced that injury themselves," Balltrip said. "They bring a different perspective they wouldn't have had if they had been in health care all along."

For Michael McNeely, a pink slip from Coastal Coal in Whitesburg last year was his ticket to a new life.

"I'm the type person, I like being around people, and I love to help people," said McNeely, who is working as a nursing assistant while he takes nursing classes at a community college. "With the nursing shortage, health care offers job security."

Of the 60 students enrolled in the nursing program at Southeast Community College in Cumberland, 10 of them are men — three times the national ratio.

"Some are coal miners, some mechanics, some factory workers," said Milton Borntager, director of the program. "And they're excelling as nurses. Often, they're quickly promoted into administrative positions."

Patrick Bailey, a 34-year-old former factory worker from Middlesboro, said health care is about the only industry in cen-

tral Appalachia that isn't threatened with automation.

"When it comes to care of people, that can't be turned over to a machine," said Bailey, a 34-year-old nursing student at Southeast. "This work can only be done by people, and there is a growing need. That, to me, represents job security."

Jerry Gibbs, a registered nurse from Partridge, spent the first 20 years of his working life as a mechanic, maintaining the trucks used in mining and quarrying. Now, he is in his third year of caring for some of the region's sickest patients in the intensive care unit at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

The 44-year-old Gibbs said nursing brings a gratification he never would have known as a mechanic. It also more than doubled the \$24,000 a year he earned previously.

"I'm doing something now that allows me to make a real living for my family," he said. "That means a lot."

At King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, Carl Keyes is

an emergency room nurse. One of hundreds of men laid off from their jobs at a steel mill in Ashland more than a decade ago, Keyes chose nursing.

"It's probably the toughest job I've ever done," he said. "You deal with life and death. It kind of tears your heart out sometimes. But there also are times when you save someone and they come back and thank you. It makes it worth it."

Keyes, 50, said the work force at AK Steel had been anxious about job cuts that had been rumored for months. He already had been temporarily laid off four times.

"It's horrible, not knowing if you have that next paycheck coming in," he said. "You knew it was coming. You just didn't know when."

In the past 10 years, since he became a nurse, he hasn't had that worry. When the steel mill offered him his job back, he didn't hesitate to reject the offer.

"I absolutely love what I'm doing," he said. "I can't see myself doing anything else."

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O'Quinn recalled. "I asked him what about that \$5,000 deposit I made the night before and he said there wasn't one, and that, as a matter of fact, there hadn't been one in awhile."

The deposit had been dropped with his wife watching him, O'Quinn said. To say he was concerned would be an understatement.

"I asked for a 31-day printout and that's when I discovered they (the deposits) had been taken," he said.

O'Quinn said his bank statement didn't reflect the deposits, so his next move was to contact the state police and, after that, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Louisville and Pikeville offices, as well as having his attorney speak with bank officials.

His search for assistance was nominal, with one federal office saying it couldn't act unless a "suspicious activity report" had been filed and the other saying the amount reported as having been taken was not enough to warrant its involvement.

The bank did perform an internal investigation at O'Quinn's prompting, the business owner said, but failed to specifically answer many of the questions he had posed.

"In their letter to me they said the money 'mysteriously disappeared,'" O'Quinn said.

The bank official O'Quinn

Home jail

For a period earlier in the year, there was some discussion of closing the jail, but, following a meeting between Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson and Jailer Roger Webb, a number of plans were brought to the table.

Friday, Thompson's plan to incorporate a home incarceration program was started after the fiscal court voted in agreement to enter into the contract for equipment and services.

The contract will act as a trial program that will run from Aug. 15, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

Fire department drops lawsuit

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — A lawsuit against a Harold woman who had been accused of writing over a dozen bad checks to the Martin Volunteer Fire Department's bingo account was dismissed earlier this week.

The lawsuit had claimed that Reva S. Salisbury wrote 13 bad checks totaling \$690 and ranging from \$20 to \$80 between September and October of last year.

The fire department had appealed to the county attor-

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ney's office, asking that Salisbury be made to make the payment or suffer further action.

At the suggestion of Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Marcum, the fire department had agreed to allow Salisbury to make restitution payments to the fire department.

The lawsuit was dismissed without prejudice on Tuesday of this week, but the details of the dismissal were not included in court documents.

Salisbury had been scheduled to appear in Floyd District Court on Aug. 18.

Innocent

veteran with shrapnel in his head on the testimony of non-credible witnesses."

Brady Slone received the purple heart for the injury he received in February 1967.

"This government sent me to war as a combat medic and destroyed my life, and now this government treats me like scum," said Brady Slone, who wept after the verdict was read. "I don't like it."

One of the prosecution witnesses, Monica Miller, a former Hindman resident who now lives in Cincinnati, testified that Ronnie Slone paid her for her vote while Brady Slone stood nearby. Prosecutors claimed Brady Slone was acting as a lookout.

Miller and her friends Ann Slone and Jana Slone, who may have been distant relatives of the brothers, each testified that they went to the Knott County Courthouse together, voted, then

Reunited

brother as well. Disappointingly, they discovered that one sister, Lisa Brewster, had drowned in Ohio when she was 21 years old.

Earlier this month, for the first time, Billy and two of his sisters, Michelle Jones, 34, and Loretta Sellers, 30, met face-to-face, along with their birth mother, at Billy's home in McDowell. Another sister, Debra Allen, 31, and one brother, Michael Lee Allen, 32, were unable to make the trip.

When asked how he felt to meet his long-lost family, Billy replied that all his life he felt that a part of his life had been missing.

"I am so happy," he said. "I have waited all of my life for this reunion. I can't explain to anyone just how happy I am. I feel that God has surely smiled upon me this week."

One sister, Michelle, expressed awe that anyone would go to such lengths to find her. Michelle had been unaware that she had so many siblings in the world.

"I am just so happy to know that someone would want to see me so bad that they would spend 17 years looking for me," Michelle said. "I can't believe it."

drove to the outskirts of town where they were paid.

"At the time, I needed the money," Miller said.

All three of the women needed the money, said federal prosecutor Richard C. Pilger from the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington.

"These women were exploited," Pilger said. "They were poor, hard-pressed women. The kind of people susceptible to selling their votes."

FBI Special Agent Tim Johnson said he contacted the three women as part of his investigation. He said they were "very reluctant" to answer his questions.

Johnson, who testified that he had interviewed about 175 people in his investigation, said the U.S. attorney's office had agreed to grant immunity to the women for the crime of selling their votes if they cooperated.

"They didn't want to be here," Pilger told jurors in the Pikeville courthouse. "They didn't want to get these guys in trouble. They had no reason to lie. There's no reason not to believe these witnesses."

However, defense attorney Steve Owens, representing Ronnie Slone, said the women had changed their stories numerous times. He said they even acknowledged that their testimony in court differed from their original statements to the FBI.

"Out of 175 interviews, what do they bring in here and put on the witness stand?" Owens asked. "Three admitted liars."

The Slones became the second and third Knott County residents acquitted of vote buying charges in eastern Kentucky since June.

On June 20, a federal jury found Jimmy Lee Conley, 33, of Lackey, innocent of buying votes in the same primary election.

Conley was the first of about

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Also joyous over the opportunity to meet one another were the siblings' children. Billy's children, Billy Jr. and Angel, along with Loretta's children, Eric and Erica, and Michelle's children, Brittany and Joey, were more than tickled to meet one another and to discover that they had so many cousins they had never met. They have hopes of meeting Debra's children, Cody Lee and Chelsea, and Michael's first child, expected in the next few weeks, as well.

Billy and his sisters spent the weekend getting acquainted, talking and sharing stories of their lives. By weekend's end, they were making plans to get together again this fall, perhaps for Billy's October birthday. This time, hopes are that their other two siblings and their families will be able to join them also.

"Throughout this process," said Mary, "so many uncanny things happened, like for instance, us finding out about Michelle, who had been adopted. We were actually sent her birth certificate by accident, else we would have had no clue where to begin looking for her. There's no doubt, no doubt at all, that God's hand was in this all the way."

20 eastern Kentuckians indicted this year for election fraud to go to trial.

Two other people indicted in the Knott County probe pleaded guilty to vote fraud earlier this month. Phillip Slone, 53, of Hindman, and Newton J. Johnson, 40, of Brinkley, admitted to paying voters \$50 to vote in the primary election.

Five other Knott Countians remain under indictment on federal vote fraud charges, stemming from the same primary election. All have entered innocent pleas.

And in Pike County, 10 people, including a former state senator and his wife, are under indictment for vote fraud involving a race last year for district judge. They, too, have entered innocent pleas.

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— Felix Frankfurter

GuestView

Pork-barrel politics kilt Danl Boone

Daniel Boone, the trailblazing pioneer of legendary proportions, survived the dangers of life on the rugged frontier two centuries ago. But his reputation couldn't stand up to the pork barrel political pressures of today.

The government is ripping Boone's familiar name off the signs in his adopted homeland along the highway that has honored him — the Daniel Boone Parkway — and replacing them with the name of an obscure Kentucky congressman, Hal Rogers, R-Somerset.

What's done is done. But instead of honoring one of Kentucky's best-known icons, the highway now stretches across the Appalachian countryside as a monument to the mushrooming multibillion dollar annual federal budget deficit and accumulated trillion-dollar debt.

The name of Rogers, a Republican who has served 23 years in Congress, replaced Boone's because Rogers helped get the \$13 million in federal funds that allowed Kentucky to eliminate tolls on the highway and because of the "many great things for southern and eastern Kentucky" he has done.

Rogers' online biography reads like a ledger of withdrawals from the barrel of pork in Washington, D.C.: \$130 million in federal funds for PRIDE projects in the part of the state he represents; \$15 million for The Center for Rural Development.

Rogers is a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee and there might be little argument that he should use that seniority to boost the Appalachian district he represents. The region sure needs all the help it can get.

But multiply the money he has brought back to his district by 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, each of whom is able to justify spending similar amounts of federal funds for problems in the districts that elect them; plus 100 members of the Senate, who also love to tell their constituents how much they've transferred from the federal treasury to their states.

And then, surely you will have no trouble understanding why this country is tumbling once again into serious deficit-spending.

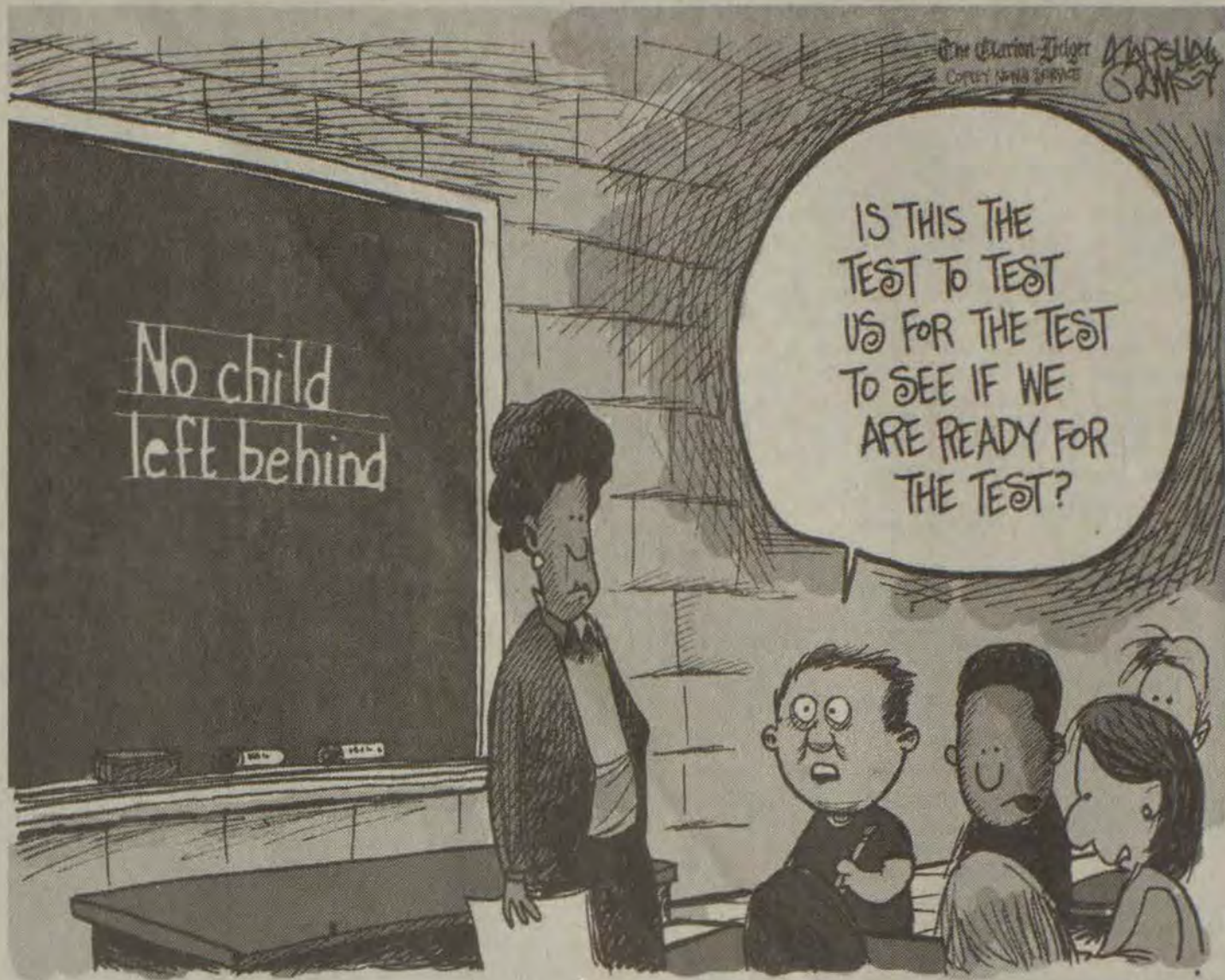
It's not just our elected officials' fault, though. We're to blame, too.

We elect these men and women and send them to Washington on a schizophrenic crusade to cut federal spending and bring as much money as they can back home with them.

The real problem might be in the answer to this question: Can you recall ever hearing of a federal building, a bridge or a parkway being named for some politician who saved the taxpayers' money?

Not likely.

— *The News-Enterprise, Elizabethtown*



— Jim Davidson

The return on a 'good will' investment account

It is common knowledge among consumers who fuel the marvelous American free-enterprise system that one of the greatest assets any business can have is something we call "good will." The good will of a business simply means that the vast majority of the people who patronize it or who are connected in any way hold it in high esteem and feel good about shopping there or doing business on a regular basis.

The "good will" of a business, over time, can literally mean the difference between success or failure because no amount of positive advertising can offset a firestorm of negative comments made by dissatisfied customers who spread the word about its products and services.

What may not be common knowledge is that for individuals to be successful, we need a great deal of good will as well. We can increase our success many times over if we understand that other people have deep subcon-

scious needs and we can help to meet these needs.

Over the past several years, psychologists have identified many of our subconscious needs, but here is a list of nine of these that every person has. The more of these needs that we can help to meet in the lives of other people, the more successful we will become.

No. 1: The need or desire to feel accepted.

No. 2: The need or desire to feel they are approved of.

No. 3: The need or desire to be admired.

No. 4: The need or desire to be appreciated.

No. 5: The need or desire to feel important.

No. 6: The need or desire for other people to agree with us.

No. 7: The need or desire for attention.

No. 8: The need or desire to feel needed.

No. 9: The need or desire to have outside help, help from God and from other people.

Now, when you read this list of subconscious needs that we all have, you may not automatically make the connection between helping to meet these needs for others and your own personal success. You will make the connection however, if you will stop to consider



that almost everything we need is in the hands of others.

If we need more money, other people have it. If we need a job, other people can give it to us. If we need love and approval from others, you guessed it. Same for a promotion and a thousand other things.

Here is a suggestion that I would like to make that can make a tremendous difference in your life. Clip out this column and place it in a location where you can review it often. Human beings are creatures of habit and it will work best if you can do it each day. At this point begin your own "good will" investment account. Over the coming weeks and months, do your best to meet one or more of these subconscious needs for every person you meet or spend time with.

Just think of all the rewards that will come to you if you will begin to make every person feel important, appreciated, needed and assured that you admire them. When we take the time to make other people feel special, good things will be coming our way very, very soon.

It's just human nature to want to be around people who accept us and like us as a person. We will give them our support, our cooperation and if there is not a dominant reason to do business some

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— guest column

News fragments are not enough

by JASON SALZMAN

Here's the latest threat to news in America: the cell phone.

Instead of listening to the news on the car radio, more people are talking on cell phones, eliminating yet another source of news from their depleted news diet.

For many bored commuters trapped in their cars, radio news was the best option. Now comes the cell phone. Why listen to the news when you can talk to your girlfriend or tidy up a loose end at the office?

For most people, there's no reason to dedicate any time to the news. Even the people who never focus on news absorb enough of news-like information to talk to their friends about it.

And we do talk. Americans blab constantly about current events and news, even though we're consuming less news and the news we do consume is more entertaining than informative.

Visit any McDonald's and listen to the customers. We don't talk about ourselves all the time. We care about the bigger world.

But more and more, we're getting news on the run. We get it from the magazine in the dentist's office. We get

news from a random e-mail. We get it for five minutes during breakfast and as we fall asleep. We get it from the guy who happens to be standing next to the water dispenser at work.

We might get less news from the radio in the car, because we're talking on cell phones, but we get enough news fragments elsewhere that we feel satisfied. And as the sources for these news fragments increase with the explosion of "information" technology, we'll continue to feel as if we are informed. And we'll have plenty to discuss with our friends.

So what's the problem? Random news fragments, even in combination with random news snippets, do not provide much information. The criteria for becoming a viable news fragment are quite different from the criteria you'd set for the news citizens need to make decisions in a democracy. News fragments have to be immediate and engaging. They can't be very complex, because there's no time for that. A news fragment must be instantly understandable to the guy by the water dispenser.

So, this means that today's "news" is the most likely to spread as news fragments. Celebrity news, like the Kobe Bryant case, is golden. So are the heart-wrenching disasters like the failed separation of the women whose heads were stuck together. The more visual, the better. Funny is great. Titillating is always a plus.

There's plenty to talk about, but not much of it matters.

Meanwhile, all the information that cannot be uttered in a news fragment gets ignored: global warming, world poverty, the health insurance crisis, the homeless, and so much more. As Neil Postman put it a decade ago, we are entertaining ourselves to death. The proliferation of news fragments is only the latest development in a trend that's been growing for years.

What to do about this? We don't want to force people to choose National Public Radio over their cell phones in the car. We can't tell people to slow down, smell the roses, and read more substantive news.

There's no simple solution, but there are signs that we are beginning to understand the danger. Witness the recent vote by the House of Representatives to limit giant news conglomerates from merging with each other and further degrading news content. This bipartisan vote reflected an emerging awareness about the danger our nation faces from within if our fellow citizens remain addicted to news fragments — and uninformed about news that matters.

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Minister's Moment: Blowing away the cover

by PASTOR STEVE PESCOSOLIDO

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Recently I spent some nights staying at my parents' home so they could take a vacation. I was companion and security for my

sister and the occasional caretaker of their small, indoor dog.

Now the dog and I got along, well most of the time, until it came time for her to be put into her cage. Like most of us, we don't like to be caged up and sometimes we express our displeasure rudely. Her form of rude

expression was to growl and bite my hand. It is possible to pick up a growling, aggravated little dog and hold on and endure the pain. I did this a time or two. But there is a better way.

My daughters helped me in a moment of need with a wonderful suggestion. They told me, "Dad,

put a towel over her and then pick her up." I tried this. I put a towel completely over the worked up dog and then tried to pick her up. To my pleasure, she did not try to bite my hands. I could easily put her in the cage.

I am reflecting on two spiritual lessons from this experience.

First, the devil at times works to throw a towel or a cover over the Christian's spiritual senses. This cover can take the form of anxiety, confusion, fear, pride, etc. Once this unholy cover is upon us, we cannot see to fight back with truth or love, and we can be moved into various kinds of cages — thus trapped.

The enemies of Nehemiah "conspired together to come and attack Jerusalem and create confusion." (Nehemiah 4:8 NKJV) These same enemies wanted to trap Nehemiah in the Temple using fear. Fear itself is a cage — keeping us often from doing what God would have us to do. We miss the blessing that God had in mind for us to give and to receive.

Now if my little dog could have gotten the towel off her head, she could have taken a bite of my hand. If we can come out from under the heavy cover of confusion or doubt, we can work accurately and fruitfully for Jesus. The best way to blow away this cover that can be put upon us is to trust what God has promised — even though you "see" no way for it come about. Then thank God

that He is working and praise Him.

Prayer, worship, study, and Christian conversation help also to remove this cover. Once we see what the enemy is doing, we have instructions in the Word about how to counter.

A second lesson that I am learning again, is that God can also put a cover of confusion over our spiritual enemy. God says to His people Israel as they are traveling in the wilderness: "I will send My fear before you, I will cause confusion among all the people to whom you come" (Exodus 23:27 NKJV).

God has power to put confusion on people, situations and powers that are against Him. But please also remember that He required Israel's obedience to His angel on this journey. If Christians are genuinely obeying the Father's greatest messenger, Jesus Christ, then we will be escorted through life with this same kind of protective power.

As a pastor, I know Christians at times get confused and feel like

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Amish-Mennonites in Kentucky face dilemma of faith vs. national security

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LIBERTY — From the swing on his Kentucky homestead's front porch, Lester Beachy exchanges waves with a family from his church as they return home in their van.

Like people in other rural farming communities, people here rely on their cars and trucks for almost all their transportation needs, whether that means shopping or worshipping. But for Beachy, a bishop in an Amish-Mennonite congregation, and others in his religious community of about 200 people statewide, driving has created a new problem.

Their faith allows them to get behind the wheel, but not sit for a driver's license photo as state law requires. Members of Beachy's enclave — one of at least three in the state — must now decide whether to bow to the demands of national security and keep driving or stand firm for a religious principle.

"It would open the door to what we consider unscriptural," Beachy said. "I can see the state's concern, but I am not convinced that the state granting us an exemption on a religious basis would endanger the situation."

State law has for years required Kentucky motor vehicle licenses to bear the owner's photo. Some circuit court clerks, however, have quietly and unofficially exempted people who had religious objections.

Following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, state officials have cracked down. For the sake of homeland security, state Transportation Cabinet officials ordered clerks not to issue licenses without photos.

Dealing with a similar issue in June, a Florida judge said a Muslim woman could not wear a veil in her driver's license photo, agreeing with state authorities that the practice could help terrorists conceal their identities. The woman said her faith required her to keep her face and head covered out of modesty.

For many Amish-

Mennonites, photos are a symbol of self-admiration and pride, contrary to their beliefs and way of life. Taking a picture is tantamount to creating a graven image — a sin in their faith.

Cora Beachy, Lester Beachy's 22-year-old niece, says that relatives in her extended family have upset her by covertly snapping her picture.

Her driver's license, which

expires in March 2006, has a blue box which reads "valid without photo." However, she realizes the growing possibility the state may one day force her to break her religious convictions.

"I really don't care to have a picture," she said. But she also knows her family needs her help

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Yet death can be defeated; it can be conquered, and it already has been.

For when this wretched life is over, it is not the end; it is the beginning.

To the believer, it is joy; joy never felt by the presence of life on this earth.

For, with death, comes the truth; the truth of your soul; the truth of your heart.

If therein lies a hope, a faith, a love, then there I shall be in the Heaven above.

And why? Because I believe.

Sadly missed, but still living in our hearts.

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Kentucky Getaways...

Are you getting ready for the state fair?

by ANN LATTA
SECRETARY OF TOURISM
DEVELOPMENT

In the shadow of its centennial year, the Kentucky State Fair kicks-off an eleven-day run August 14-24, filling the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center in Louisville with an entertaining mix of old traditions, new attractions, family adventure and fun. From the wild excitement of the Kentucky State Fair Thrillway to the sophistication of the World's Championship Horse Show, and exhibits showcasing everything from blue-ribbon livestock to the upcoming Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, the Kentucky State Fair certainly has perfected the art of family fun in its 99 years.

Ninety-Nine Years of History

The fair will officially celebrate its 100th birthday in 2004-though 1904 actually is one of only three years during the last century in which a fair was not held. Two non-fair years during World War II accounted for this year's being the 99th.

The first State Fair was staged in 1902 at Churchill Downs, and it was deemed a success, with a crowd of 75,000 and revenues of \$17,000. Critics complained, however, that the metropolitan city of Louisville did not adequately represent agricultural and livestock interests. The 1903 State Fair went to Owensboro but big crowds didn't follow. Then a legal dispute arose over money, resulting in the absence of the Fair in 1904. It was reinstated in Lexington in 1905 and then returned to Churchill Downs for 1906 and 1907. The state acquired land southwest of Louisville and completed the first buildings there in time for the 1908 Kentucky State Fair.

Over the years, Fair attendance grew and a State Fair Board was created. During World War II, the fairgrounds were transformed into a defense industry site. The Fair was cancelled in 1942 and 1943 and moved temporarily back to Churchill Downs in 1944 and 1945.

Following World War II, the State Fair felt growing pains again and planners broke ground on a new 357-acre fairgrounds site in south Louisville. The new facility — its present-day home — opened in 1956. The largest exposition facility of its kind in the world at the time, it became a model for others and a major draw in itself for fairgoers and participants.

Today, the Kentucky State Fair pulls in more than 650,000 people over 11 days and operates on an \$8 million budget. The Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center rests on more than 500 acres and its indoor facilities pass the one million square feet mark. The physical plant isn't the only thing that's expanded over the years; the Kentucky State Fair has extended its focus far beyond agriculture and rural life to accommodate the urbanization of Kentucky. Along with farm and livestock exhibitions, you'll find educational displays, a trade exposition and a full lineup of entertainment. Be sure not to miss concerts by Kenny Chesney, Kentucky natives Montgomery Gentry, and other chart-topping artists — several offering free shows — who round out an impressive line-up of headliner concerts scheduled in Freedom Hall. Visit www.kystatefair.org for the complete concert schedule.

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Harness/Hackney Ponies and Standardbred Road Horses, celebrates 100 years during this year's Fair with the "Centennial of Champions," August 17-23. The event will bring together more than 2000 select horses from all over the world to compete for the coveted title of World's Grand Champion. Among the 200 competition classes is the Five Gaited World's Grand Championship, August 23. The class will award the largest amount of prize money given in a performance class for the American Saddlebred — \$100,000. Total awards for the entire horse show are in excess of \$1.2 million.

For rewards of your own, visit www.kystatefair.org and click on "Horse Shows" for a complimentary voucher (available to groups of four or more) to purchase half price seats for the World's Championship Horse Show. The voucher applies to upper level individual seating only and gate admission to the Fair is required. Free morning performances also are offered at 9 a.m. with paid gate admission to the Fair, August 18 - 23. Public seating is available in the upper level of Freedom Hall.

Historic Expeditions & New Exhibitions

Two hundred years following the famous Lewis & Clark Expedition, the Kentucky State Fair invites fairgoers to explore an educational exhibition that centers on the Expedition to the West. Interactive experiences, living history performers and large-scale interpretive sets are all part of "Lewis & Clark +200: Relive the Adventure," Kentucky's largest exhibit to interpret one of the greatest ventures in American history — focusing particularly on the Kentucky chapters of the Lewis and Clark story. The exhibit, a continuation of the State Fair's educational series, is located in the South Wing of the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center.

Among the many features fairgoers will discover in this 22,000-square-foot interactive exhibit are

Lewis & Clark artifacts, hands-on displays, living history demonstrations and a living garden highlighting the many plants and animals discovered by the explorers. Visitors to "Lewis & Clark +200" also will be introduced to the Kentucky men who formed the foundation of the Corps of Discovery: William Clark, his slave York, and a dozen "hunters and woodsmen" from the area. Trace the steps of the famous expedition team through murals or a series of recreated campsites that explore their adventures through Kentucky, or relive the epic story through a 30-minute musical stage production, "The Nine Young Men from Kentucky," presented several times daily on the South Wing's Lewis & Clark Stage.

Kentucky's history also will be on display in the Pride of the Counties, an exhibit area sponsored by Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance in South Wing B. Representatives of more than fifty of Kentucky's 120 counties will feature booths with information about their area's history, points of pride and tourism attractions, including special designations for those counties with connections to the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

In back-to-back booths at the head of the Pride of the Counties area, staff from the Kentucky Department of Travel and Kentucky State Parks will be on hand to help fairgoers plan their next Kentucky getaway. Stop by the booth to pick up a variety of travel publications, including the Great Getaway Guide, the Kentucky State Parks Guide and the new Kentucky state map, among other helpful Kentucky travel resources. Free commemorative pins and information related to Kentucky's role in the bicentennial of the Lewis & Clark Expedition also will be available.

For more information on the Kentucky State Fair, visit www.kystatefair.org or www.kentuckytourism.com, or call 800-225-TRIP (8747). Travel the Commonwealth and find out why it's that friendly!



In memory
Arnold Freeman
May 22, 1942 - August 14, 2002

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It's hard to believe it's already been a year
A year without your laughter & smile
Sometimes I wonder how we'll get by
We miss you so much words can not say
You are thought of every minute of everyday
I guess with time the pain will ease
But you will live on through your family
A family so grateful for all the times we shared,
Your laughter & love and caring ways,
Will help us through the most difficult days.
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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Harris "Peg" Campbell, age 88, of Prestonsburg, died August 11, at Jewish Hospital, in Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 13, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Bill Canterbury, age 86, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, August 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle E. Burchett Canterbury. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Samuel M. Childers, age 64, of San Antonio, Texas, formerly of Garrett, died Saturday, August 2. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Childers. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 6, in San Antonio.

Joseph Richard "Jody" Collins, age 80, of Honaker, died Thursday, August 7, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Ola Kidd Collins. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Fred G. Francis died June 12, in Sarasota, Florida. He was a former resident of Prestonsburg. Memorial services were held Saturday, August 16, in Lexington.

Randall Lee Hager, age 63, of Auxier, died Sunday, August 10, at Highlands Regional

Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Judith Porter. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bennie Hall, age 53, of Elkhart, Indiana, formerly of Floyd County, died Saturday, June 28, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Emily Hall. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 3, under the direction of Gunder-Hall & Folk Funeral Home.

Martha Caroline Harrington Howell, age 97, of Harold, died Friday, August 15, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 17, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Margie Hall Hunter, age 85, of Harold, died Thursday, August 14, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Martha E. Patton Mace, age 83, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, died Saturday, August 9. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 13, under the direction of Schoedinger East Chapel.

Elmer Nichols, age 78, of East Point, died Sunday, August 10, at Riverview Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 13, under the direction of

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Credie Robinson, age 71, of Martin, died Monday, August 11, at Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center, at Phelps. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bobby Larry Wilson, age 60, of East Point, died Tuesday, August 12, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Patty Workman Wilson. Funeral services were conducted on Thursday, August 14, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Johnson County

James R. Bowens, age 31, of Van Lear, died Tuesday, August 5, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 8, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Allan Scott Perry III, age 49, of Paintsville, died Thursday, August 7, at St. Mary's Hospital, in Huntington, W.Va. He is survived by his wife, Celeste Preston Perry. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 12, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Larry Wayne Poindexter Sr., age 51, of West Van Lear, died Wednesday, August 6, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Sherry Salyers Poindexter. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 10, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Knott County

James "Fox" Jacobs, age 77, of Pippa Passes, died Wednesday, August 6, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

Edna Pauline Childers, age 88, of Louisa, died Monday, August 11, at Three Rivers Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 13, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Grettie Sparks Wells, age 71, of Blaine, died Friday, August 8. She is survived by her husband, Robert "Bob" Wells. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 11, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Amos Joshua Bailey, age 18, of Salt Lick, died Wednesday, August 6, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 10, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Johnny Conley, age 82, of Salyersville, died Thursday, August 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Ola Mae Williams Conley. Funeral services were

conducted Sunday, August 10, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Mary Sue Owens, age 72, of Salyersville, died Thursday, August 7, at the Salyersville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 10, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Arvel Russell, age 86, of Salyersville, died Thursday, August 7, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Martha Montgomery Russell. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 10, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Martin County

Arthur Chester Hale, age 85, of Lovely, died Thursday, August 7, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, in Williamson, W.Va. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 10, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Paul T. Branham, age 57, of Inez, died Monday, August 11, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Diana Harmon Branham. Funeral services were conducted under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Pike County

Kathryn "Sissy" Arnette, age 55, of Dorton, died Monday, August 11, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, J.D. Arnette. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 13, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Teddy Bumgardner, age 92, of Burdine, died Saturday, August 9, at the Johnson City Medical Center, in Tennessee. He is survived by his wife, Hattie Potter Bumgardner. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 12, under the direction of Polly & Craft Funeral Home.

Pebble Damron, age 73, of Ferrells Creek, died Sunday, August 10, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Eugene "Bob" Damron. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 14, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Daniel Hall, age 80, of Chloe Road, died Tuesday, August 12, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Justice Hall. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 15, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Vannie Jane Hollyfield, age 87, died Sunday, August 10, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 13, under the direction of Polly & Craft Funeral Home.

Vivienne F. Howell, age 89, of Rising Sun, Maryland, for-

merly of Pikeville, died Saturday, August 9, at Calvert Manor Healthcare Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 13, under the direction of R.T. Foard Funeral Home.

Betty Maggard Johnson, age 72, of Pikeville, died Sunday, August 10, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted August 12, under the direction

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Obituaries

Martha C. Howell

Martha Caroline Harrington Howell, age 97, of Harold, died Friday, August 15, 2003, at Pikeville Health Care Center.

Born May 28, 1906, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of Jim Harrington and Lizzie Marshall Harrington. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, the late William Crit Howell.

She is survived by six sons, Don Howell, Joe Howell, John Howell, Paul Howell, Bobby Howell, and Cecil Howell, all of Harold; two daughters, Phyllis Keathley, of Columbus, Ohio, and Gracie Rogers, of Harold; 25 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; 29 step-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was also preceded in death by a son, Frank Howell; and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, August 17, at 11 a.m., at the Upper Toler Church of Christ. Preachers Tommy Bush and Junior Kidd will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Sturgill-Spears Cemetery, on Keathley Branch.

Visitation and nightly services were held at the church. (Paid Obituary)

Mary Allene Riffe

Mary Allene Riffe was born June 5, 1922, in Ashland, Kentucky. She passed away on August 12, 2003, in Folsom, California, after an extended illness.

Mrs. Riffe resided in Ashland, Lexington, and Prestonsburg, Kentucky, and Phoenix, Arizona. She retired to the Sacramento, California area in 1990, after 25 years as a successful businesswoman.

Mary Allene was preceded in death by her husband, Carl D. Riffe.

She was a devoted mother to her daughters, Mary Karlene and her husband Robert Butt of Carmichael, California, and Grayce Riffe Dahlin of Lexington, Kentucky; a loving grandmother to four grandchildren, and was called "Great" by her seven great-grandchildren.

Interment will be in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. (Paid Obituary)

Margie Hall Hunter

Margie Hall Hunter, age 85, of Harold, died Thursday, August 14, 2003, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Born September 25, 1917, she was the daughter of the late William (Tack) and Lizzie Case Hall. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Little Dove Old Regular Baptist Church, at Honaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, the late Lawrence Hunter.

She is survived by two sons, Rodney Hunter, of Angola, Indiana, and Sammy Hunter, of Castala, Ohio; a daughter, Olga Helen Ferrell, of Harold; seven brothers, Vardie Hall, of Louisville, Kadus Hall, of New London, Ohio; of Banner, Carl Hall, of Betsy Layne, Walker Hall, of Mousie, Billy Hall, of Virgie, and Otis Hall, of New London, Ohio; two sisters, Alice Boyd, of Banner, and Zinnie Collins, of New London, Ohio; eight grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Emmitt Hunter; and a brother, Curtis Hall.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, August 17, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin. Regular Baptist ministers will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Tackett Cemetery, at Little Mud, at Honaker.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid Obituary)

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Democrat makes national economy prime issue in Kentucky governor's race

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — At every campaign stop, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ben Chandler leaves little doubt about what he believes is the source of Kentucky's economic woes: the federal government.

Republicans have respond-

Moments

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they are missing the will of God. Be aware that some of this can come from our enemy (some from our own selfishness or spiritual negligence too). Let the power of Jesus Christ lift off this cover of confusion and give you a clear sense of His love for you and His daily work for you. Ask Him to clear your head. He will answer. Be patient and watch for His answer.

Davidson

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where else, they will do business with us as well.

Please understand that I am not talking about being someone who goes around patting other people on the back all the time. The key word is genuine. When we are genuine in our relationship and our dealings with others we will get a return on our "good will" investment account that is far greater than just material things. This will give us a sense of purpose and a peace about ourselves that only comes to a person who truly cares about others.

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ed by branding Chandler a "guinea pig" for national Democrats who want to gauge President Bush's vulnerability in a contest considered a proving ground for the 2004 presidential race.

Kentucky is one of three states with a regular governor's election this year, along with Mississippi and Louisiana. Bush carried the state by 15 percentage points over Al Gore in 2000, but Democrats believe their chances are better at a time when unemployment is rising.

The Republican candidate, U.S. Rep. Ernie Fletcher of Lexington, says Chandler wants to "federalize" the race. "I think he's being used as a guinea pig doing that," Fletcher said.

Chandler's strategy is a bit daring, said JoAnn Ewalt, who teaches American politics and is chairwoman of the Government Department at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

"You would think it would be very risky, given how popular President Bush is, but I think it does seem to be working and the economy has a lot to do with that," she said.

Chandler, the state's attorney general and grandson of former Gov. A.B. "Happy" Chandler, never directly attacks Bush. But he pounds on the economy, blaming federal tax cuts and the administration's other economic policies for Kentucky's problems.

"It's clear that we in Kentucky are facing tough times," Chandler told a recent audience. "I meet moms and dads who can't afford to take their kids to the doctor or help their parents pay for prescription drugs."

Will voters relate a national issue to a state election? "If they don't have a job, they're

going to connect it real quick," Chandler said in an interview.

The Kentucky Democratic Party has a mascot for the campaign — "Fletcher-Bush, the Job Terminator," a guy in a giant Fletcher head with wrap-around sunglasses, a la Arnold Schwarzenegger. He shows up at many of Fletcher's campaign events, passing out "pink slips."

Kentucky's unemployment rate was 5.9 percent in June, an 18-month high. The national rate was 6.4 percent. In addition, the state's revenue forecasters expect a \$274 million shortfall in the budget this fiscal year.

Incumbent Gov. Paul Patton is barred by term limits from seeking a third term. Scandals associated with an extramarital affair effectively ended his political career anyway.

Fletcher, who is trying to become Kentucky's first Republican governor in 32 years, sticks to a "time for a change" theme. He and his running mate for lieutenant governor, former U.S. attorney Steve Pence of Louisville, say Chandler wants the public to disregard any consequences of the Democrats' long hold on power in Frankfort.

"It's an easy thing to say (that) everything is President Bush's fault in our state," Pence said. "We have to take responsibility for our own actions. ... It is fundamentally wrong for us to blame our problems on someone on the outside."

Undeterred, Chandler continues to criticize the administration and the presumed role of Fletcher, who he says "has voted regularly for policies that have harmed the prosperity of Kentucky."

"It's really not a nationalization of the race as much as it is, I think, a very appropriate

conversation about the record of my opponent," Chandler said.

As for Bush's federal tax cuts, Chandler claims he was not opposed to the concept but that a quarter of Kentuckians, "the very poor people," received nothing.

Republican National Chairman Ed Gillespie, who met with state party leaders Friday in Frankfort, predicted

Chandler would be unable to turn the gubernatorial election into a referendum on Bush.

"I think that when people go to the polls in Kentucky here in November, they're going to look at the candidates. They're going to look at who has the best agenda," Gillespie said.

Chandler's strategy wasn't playing to Kay Richmond, a Republican who had a booth Friday at the Kentucky State

Fair.

"That is just ridiculous. It's like saying Mother Goose is responsible," Richmond said.

Joe Williams, a Democrat and union trustee from Shelbyville, said he believes Bush isn't the only culprit for Kentucky's economic troubles.

"I'm not going to put blame on just the president or just the governor, but also to the House and the Senate," Williams said.

Top federal health officials pitch Medicare modernization

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Three top Bush administration doctors pitched Medicare modernization Friday that they claimed would give senior citizens a prescription benefit and better access to treatments.

Surgeon General Richard Carmona, flanked by the heads of two federal health agencies, said seniors deserve "better choices, more benefits." He called on Congress to pass the changes this year.

Carmona toured Jewish Hospital's new outpatient medical center with Julie Gerberding, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Elias Zerhouni, director of the National Institutes of Health. U.S. Rep. Anne Northup, R-Ky., accompanied the doctors.

The three health leaders are traveling across the country to promote Medicare changes being hashed out in Congress. Both houses passed legislation this year to add a prescription benefit and promote competi-

tion. Private companies would be invited to set up health care plans to compete with Medicare, the federal health insurance program for 40 million Americans — those aged 65 and over and the disabled.

Carmona said the 38-year-old program has served seniors well but hasn't kept pace with medical advances.

"The fact is that science and technology, and things that were not even thought about 40 years ago ... now are at our forefront," he said. "And there's no mechanism to accommodate that in Medicare."

Gerberding said she knows firsthand, from still practicing medicine, that drug costs keep some seniors from getting needed medicine.

"I know there are times when I write prescriptions to my Medicare patients and I hand them the prescription that there is no way they are going to get that medication because I know they don't have the extra money for it," she said. "And that's just not fair."

Zerhouni said seniors are paying top dollar for prescrip-

tions because they aren't purchasing medicines as a bloc, a buying tactic used by other groups to drive down prices.

"It's not right for us to have our seniors be left as freestanding negotiators in a world of prescription drugs that is extremely complex and requires purchasing power," he said.

Too often, Medicare pays to treat diseases, but doesn't cover preventive treatments that could ward off illness, the doctors said.

"With Medicare, you can get very advanced surgical coverage for coronary bypass," Zerhouni said. "But you cannot get reimbursed for the pills that reduce cholesterol, ... that will reduce the likelihood that you will need surgery in the first place."

Gerberding said Medicare should give blanket coverage for screenings to detect cancer, diabetes and other diseases. Patients now pay some expenses out of pocket or have to obtain supplemental insurance, she said.

Northup also supports legis-

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Covering Floyd County in the region

Feds say park built around coal sludge pond in no danger of collapsing

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — A former coal mine site in Pike County has been turned into a community park that's become a hot spot for weddings and reunions, despite lingering concerns about the safety of its central attraction, a 13-acre sludge pond.

In a report that may allay those concerns, the U.S. Office of Surface Mining found that the impoundment, which holds 339 million gallons of water and gooey black coal waste, is in no danger of rupturing.

Damas Ramey, head of parks for Pike County government, said findings by the federal inspectors were reassuring.

"People love the park," Ramey said. "It's used frequently for family reunions. We have a couple of weddings scheduled. People fish. They picnic. It's constantly busy."

The impoundment contains the same material as one that failed in nearby Martin County three years ago, dumping more than 300 million gallons of sludge into residential areas and streams. The sludge here, however, is well hidden beneath a layer of lush grass and 44 feet of water.

Jeff Vansant, an environmental engineering assistant in the Kentucky Division of Waste Management, raised concerns about the Pike County impoundment in an April 2001 memo to his supervisors.

He said the pond, which contains a layer of coal sludge 96 feet deep, has a network of underground mines beneath it just like the one in Martin County had before it ruptured.

Bill Kovacic, director of the Office of Surface Mining in Lexington, said his agency conducted the latest study as a result of Vansant's concerns about the Pike County impoundment, built on the side of Stone Mountain overlooking the community of McVeigh.

Vansant, who declined to comment on the latest federal report, said in the memo that he feared the pond might fail and release a torrent of water and sludge that could devastate communities downstream.

The U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration classifies the Pike County impoundment as "high hazard," meaning that if a failure did occur, it could cause loss of life or serious damage to homes and businesses.

Stone Mining of Matewan, W.Va., donated the sludge pond and adjacent land to Pike County two years ago, after spending nearly \$1 million refurbishing the site, planting grass, paving roads, and building picnic shelters. Stone Mining is a subsidiary of Massey Energy, which also is the parent of Martin County Coal, the company involved in the 2000 sludge spill.

The Rev. Tommy Reed, a Baptist minister in McVeigh, said the park is a welcome addition to the community.

"It's just beautiful," he said. "There's no place prettier. People go up there and sit and read. Kids line the banks with fishing poles. A cool breeze comes off the mountain. It's wonderful."

Reed said he has been asked to officiate at a wedding in the park later this year.

In his memo, Vansant expressed concern about what lies beneath the beauty. He

questioned the strength of the rock strata between the bottom of the pond and the underground mines. However, the Office of Surface Mining, after its review, said 165 feet of rock separate the two.

Vansant had recommended that Pike County pay to drain the lake and fill it with soil to eliminate the possibility of a spill. By doing that, he said, residents won't have to worry

about being hit by a wall of black water.

"This type of disaster is very difficult, if not impossible, for engineers and geologists to predict," he said in the memo. "It could happen tomorrow or it might not happen until another 20 years have gone by. One thing is for certain, as long as the slurry is left behind the Stone Mountain Dam, the chance for something bad to

happen is always there."

Tom FitzGerald, director of the environmental advocacy group Kentucky Resources Council, said he also believes people downstream would be safer if the impoundment didn't exist.

"No high hazard impoundment should be allowed to remain as a permanent impoundment when it is constructed of coal waste," he said.

Single shooter could be to blame in three convenience store killings around W.Va. capital, police say

by JOEDY MCCREARY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A single shooter could be responsible for the apparently random killings of three people this week outside convenience stores in and around West Virginia's capital, authorities said Friday.

"We are now investigating into what could be a possible serial-type murder," Kanawha County Sheriff David Tucker told reporters at a news conference.

Chief Deputy Phil Morris

said he was concerned that the shootings resembled last year's sniper shootings in the Washington, D.C., area. At least one victim was hit the head, another in the neck.

The latest two killings came late Thursday night at convenience stores with gas pumps in the county surrounding the capital. Another man was killed Sunday outside a third store on Charleston's west side, and authorities are not ruling out a possible connection to a fatal shooting at a supermarket in Kanawha City in March.

Investigators believe a rifle was used in at least the last two killings because the shots were from relatively long range — a man gunned down from 60 to 70 yards away while he paid for milk at an outside window, and a woman hit from 30 to 40 yards as she pumped gas.

"That was a difficult shot, no question about it," Morris said. "It's unlikely a handgun would be used. We do feel it was a smaller-type caliber."

Police stepped up patrols of convenience stores and were scrutinizing surveillance tapes from the crime scenes. They also advised residents Friday not to travel alone to such stores and to keep their eyes open, stressing caution over panic.

"I don't want people living in fear," Tucker said.

Police identified the victims of Thursday's shootings as Jeanie Patton, 31, who was shot about 10:20 p.m. outside the Speedway store in Campbells Creek, less than 10 miles east of Charleston. Okey Meadows, 26, was killed an hour later and 10 miles further

east outside a Go-Mart in Cedar Grove on U.S. 60.

Gary Carrier Jr., 34, of South Charleston, was shot in the head and killed Sunday night while using a pay telephone outside a Go-Mart on Charleston's west side.

"The investigation so far is that they did not know one another, but we are still looking into those possibilities," Tucker said.

Witnesses told police that a black pickup truck with tinted windows and an extended cab was spotted around the last two crime scenes and was parked partially on the lot at the Cedar Grove store. It moved suspiciously from end to end of the parking lot for

about 20 minutes before the shooting.

Witnesses said they could not see inside the truck's cab but believed one person was inside, Morris said.

"Something just didn't seem right about that pickup," Morris said. "Right after the shooting it sped out from the parking lot, spinning its tires."

Cedar Grove Town Recorder Carolyn Greene Bennett said Friday the shooting is unusual in a town just 20 miles and a world away from city life in Charleston.

"U.S. Route 60 is the only road through town, but we usually just watch the traffic go on by. Nothing ever happens here."

Household and Beneficial borrowers to receive \$3.7 million

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Ben Chandler announced today a settlement relating to alleged predatory lending practices by Household and Beneficial Finance that will mean \$3.7 million dollars for 8,000 Kentucky consumers who have had loans with the company. Under the settlement distribution plan, all Household and Beneficial borrowers who obtained a mortgage loan from Jan. 1, 1999, through Sept. 30,

2002, will receive payments this year ranging from a minimum of \$50 to over \$11,000.

"This is the largest consumer protection restitution settlement of a predatory lending case on record. Kentucky consumers who were misled or deceived by the lending practices of Household and Beneficial, will be getting money back. The settlement also makes sure this company doesn't do it again," said Attorney General Ben Chandler.

Household International, through its subsidiaries Household and Beneficial Finance, is one of the nation's largest sub-prime mortgage lenders. The settlement resolved an investigation and lawsuit into allegations of unfair and deceptive mortgage lending practices by Household International. The Commonwealth of Kentucky alleged in its lawsuit that Household and Beneficial had overcharged borrowers with exorbitant fees and interest, and had misled borrowers about other loan terms such as interest rates, points, prepayment penalties and credit insurance.

As part of the settlement, Household also agreed to implement a series of reforms in its

lending operations, which restricts prepayment penalties on current and future home loans, prohibits loan "flipping," limits up-front points and origination fees, and improves loan disclosures. The amount of payments to customers will depend on the presence of those loan factors and the amount of the loan.

Eligible Household customers will receive claim forms next week. Any eligible Household or Beneficial customer who does not receive a settlement payment should contact the Attorney General's office at 502-425-4825. Household mortgage loan customers who have questions about the settlement payment procedures can call 1-888-780-2156 or visit the website at www.household-beneficial-settlement.com.

Faith

running their cattle farm 60 miles south of Lexington, and that includes running errands in that family's 1989 Dodge.

"If I had to (get a photo), I would," she said. "I guess I would just accept it."

People should not have to compromise their religious convictions to qualify for state benefits, said John Whitehead, president of The Rutherford Institute, a religious freedom organization in Charlottesville, Va.

"You have to protect these people or they get wiped out," Whitehead said. "And they shouldn't have to violate their beliefs to get a driver's license."

Within the larger Mennonite church, Amish-Mennonites are more modern than old-order Amish who ride in buggies and don't use electricity, said Al Keim, director of the Valley Brethren Mennonite Heritage Center in Virginia. Nevertheless, their convictions are strong, he said.

"They take very seriously the biblical injunction that they are not to make any images of themselves," said Keim, who grew up Amish.

John Miller, 29, an Adair County Amish-Mennonite, works as a carpenter. He said he doesn't judge those who take

pictures. Likewise, he said, he wants to make that decision for himself.

Miller's license doesn't expire until 2007. Without a change in state law before then, Miller said he's not sure what he'll do.

"That's one thing I would like to avoid," Miller said.

Rather than submit to pressures from the religious majority, Joseph Borntrager is asking the state to allow his community an exception.

"We feel we are obligated to submit to the authority and to the laws of the land, providing it does not overstep biblical principle," said Borntrager, a bishop of Hickory Amish-Mennonite Church in Graves County, in western Kentucky. "But in that event — which we feel this is something that does — then we feel our calling is higher to God."

Borntrager has enlisted the help of state Rep. Fred Nesler in trying to change the law. Nesler said he plans to introduce legislation next year that, if enacted, would allow a fingerprint or Social Security number instead of a photo on the license.

To guard against impostors posing as Amish-Mennonites, the state could require some form of affidavit, he said.

Two-year-old boy dies, mother ill with mysterious illness

The Associated Press

HENDERSON — Officials have not determined what caused the death of a 2-year-old boy and hospitalized his mother this week.

Trevor Allen Wayne Ligon, of Henderson, was flown to Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville, where he died Tuesday.

Methodist Hospital after developing a fever and neurological symptoms on Aug. 4. His mother — Dana Ligon, 40 — remained in fair condition Friday at St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville, Ind., with similar symptoms.

Marsha Alexander, a supervisor for the Henderson County Health Department, said Methodist Hospital alerted the agency about the medical situation on Tuesday but, "said they didn't have a diagnosis." The hospital precaution was in the event that the sickness is an illness such as West Nile or tick-related infection.

Henderson County Coroner Don Cantley said an autopsy was performed on Trevor, but the results are not yet known.

Family members said that doctors have considered the possibility of West Nile encephalitis, meningitis, or a tick-related infection such as Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever or Lyme disease.

Trevor's grandfather Kenneth Foster said initial tests for West Nile and tick-borne illness came back negative, and testing hasn't yielded conclusive results in regard to his mother.

Three Kentucky residents have been diagnosed with West Nile this year, according to the state Cabinet for Health Services.

Dana Ligon was admitted to Methodist Hospital last week, but was later transferred to St. Mary's.

Gwendolyn Bond, a spokeswoman for the Cabinet for Health Services, said they are assisting the local health department in its investigation.

Obit

of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Billie Lynn Elswick Layne, age 58, of Meta, died Friday, August 1, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Bill Layne. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 4, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Juanita "Lou" Lewis, age 64, of Douglas Parkway, died Sunday, August 10, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Dale Lewis. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 12, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Mary Ellen Phillips, age 55, of Williamson, W.Va., died Monday, August 11, at

Williamson Memorial Hospital. Funeral arrangements under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Eric Roberts, age 34, of Pikeville, died Thursday, August 7, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Sherry Madden Roberts. Funeral services were conducted August 12, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Phillip Stanley, age 54, of Canada, died Saturday, August 9, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Nyoka Rose Stanley. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 13, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

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by ELLEN R. STAPLETON
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LOUISVILLE — Visitors to the first day of the Kentucky State Fair didn't just get their fill of thrillway rides and corn dogs — they also got lessons in state history.

Schoolchildren and families took a trip back in time as they journeyed through a 22,000-square-foot educational exhibit about the bicentennial of Meriweather Lewis and William Clark's groundbreaking expedition to the West.

These present-day explorers

started by walking the route Lewis and Clark traveled from Council Bluffs in Iowa to Camp Disappointment in Montana on a colored floor map. Outside the exhibit, they read a copy of a recruiting poster for the Corps of Discovery: "Wanted. Good hunters, stout, healthy, unmarried men accustomed to the woods and capable of bearing bodily fatigue for expedition to the western ocean."

Nine Kentucky men responded to the call. Charles Floyd, who suffered a burst appendix, was the only member of the corps to die. The youngest, George Shannon,

almost lost his life when he went missing for two weeks.

Clark, a Virginia native, grew up near Louisville and became friends with Lewis as an Army captain. Lewis went on to become President Thomas Jefferson's personal secretary and was selected to lead the expedition after the Louisiana Purchase.

"The primary thing we want people to come away with is an understanding of the importance of the Kentucky connections," said fair exhibit curator Stephanie Darst. "We want to be entertaining and reach everyone through the various ways they learn."

About 700 pupils toured the exhibit on field trips Thursday

morning, Darst said. About 10,000 are expected by the end of the fair's 11-day run.

The children enjoyed interactive activities, such as touch-screen computer games, animal skin displays and a garden of plants Lewis and Clark discovered. There are also models of a frontier trading post, Mandan earth lodge, temporary camp and Fort Clatsop, where the expedition rested in Oregon during December 1805.

A Hudson Bay Co. fur trapper stood in between two teepees telling the crowds why he opposed the expedition — and showing them a period animal trap he joked the men used as fingernail clippers.

"They just want to see how much money can be made," said the re-enactor, Wendell A. Williams, founder of Living History Productions Inc. in Fort Mitchell. "Next thing we know, everyone will be moving west. And I'll be out of work."

Jennifer Livingston, 15, of Louisville, said she had learned about Lewis and Clark in school, but appreciated the exhibit's visual aides. She especially found the fur trapper's utensils and traps interesting.

"Now I've seen what they look like," she said.

Teens from the Jefferson County Young Performing Arts School also put on a musical titled

"The Nine Young Men from Kentucky" and artwork from Kentucky students appeared throughout the area.

The exhibit, sponsored by The Gheens Foundation, is just the beginning of bicentennial celebrations, since the Corps of Discovery returned home in fall 1806. In several weeks re-enactors will board the keelboat Discovery and float down the Ohio River to Louisville to recreate the first phase of the expedition. An eight-foot bronze statue of an important expedition member — Clark's black slave, York — will be unveiled Oct. 14.

Until then, Kentuckians have the state fair with all its trimmings.

There will be plenty of corn dogs, which was the lunch of choice Thursday for Jennifer Yates of Louisville and her three children. They had already checked out the petting zoo and a special exhibit on the centennial of flight by NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va.

And, like many at the fair, 17-year-old Heather Adams of Mount Vernon is a blue-ribbon hopeful. She showed several Brown Swiss cows.

"We're pretty much just up here for the fun of it," said Adams, who captured third place at one state fair. "It's like a second vacation for us. We hope to do well, but it won't break our hearts if we don't."

KCTCS Board of Regents approves changing PCC

HENDERSON — The KCTCS Board of Regents, meeting Friday in Henderson, approved Big Sandy Community and Technical College as the new name for the recently consolidated Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College.

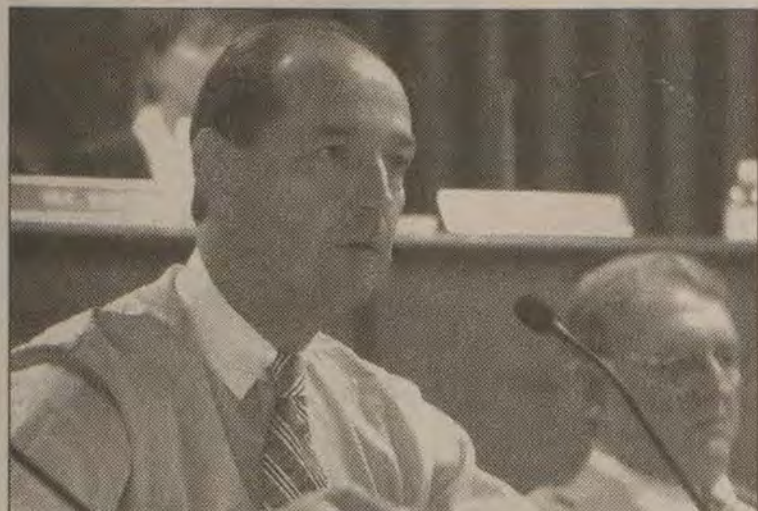
Dr. George D. Edwards, president of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College said, "Choosing a name for the consolidated college has truly been a college and community endeavor. Opinions and suggestions were requested and collected from the community at large, the student population, our boards and committees as well as staff and faculty. The process represented community involvement at every level. Our recommendation to the board was based on the response of all of these groups."

Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College have rich traditions and history in Eastern Kentucky. Mayo first became an educational institution in 1938 and PCC became a community college in 1964.

The Big Sandy Community and Technical College will continue to have four campuses;

Pikeville, Prestonsburg, Hager Hill and Mayo. Students will still be able to pursue coursework leading to transfer degrees or immediate entry into the workforce with technical credentials.

The Big Sandy Community and Technical College is one of 16 colleges or districts in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. Since 1998, enrollment in KCTCS has grown by 20,800 students — an almost 45.8 percent increase.



Rep. Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, asks a question at the Special Subcommittee On Energy meeting August 15.

Landfill gases will soon be used to make electricity in state

FRANKFORT — In the wake of a vast power outage in the Northeast, state lawmakers were told today of an energy source that will soon be producing electricity here at home — your garbage.

Three plants that will use landfill gas to produce 10 megawatts of electricity are under construction in Greenup, Boone and Laurel counties and will begin production this fall, East Kentucky Power Cooperative representative Ralph Tyree told the Special Subcommittee on Energy. Tyree said methane gas in landfills produces "green power," or environmentally friendly energy.

"Instead of this gas flowing outwardly, we're pulling it inward," reducing odor and making use of the gas, he said. "We're using methane gas that usually goes into the atmosphere as our fuel source."

Tyree said there's a significant customer demand for green power programs, and noted that the programs are voluntary.

"You don't have to do it, you're not in a restructuring state," Tyree said. But he also called attention to green power's growing popularity: East Kentucky Power has measured strong support among its customers for green energy, he said, and Toyota is already using green power imported from another state for its operations in Northern Kentucky.

Committee Co-Chairman Sen. Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, indicated that green power would be desirable

in countries like Japan that have few natural resources.

"I spent several weeks in Japan last year," he said. "They're looking at burning their trash ... for energy."

Rep. J.R. Gray, D-Benton, asked Tyree if methane gas produced by large hog and poultry farms could be used in green power production. Tyree said it can.

"The poultry, hog waste and dairy operations are a good example of how you can take similar technology (as used in landfills) and use it to build gas," he said.

Committee Co-Chairman Rep. Tanya Pullin, D-South Shore, said a letter will be sent to the state universities asking them to inform the committee of research being done on the use of landfill gas to produce power.

Public Service Commission Executive Director Tom Dorman then answered questions on whether Kentucky is susceptible to power blackouts like those that occurred in New York City and several other northern cities Thursday.

Stivers asked Dorman if Kentucky's power could be affected if there was a load failure at a plant in a nearby state. Dorman said although Kentucky is connected to some degree with regional power systems, the interconnectivity is less than what is found in the Northeast.

"We have adequate generation in Kentucky to take care of Kentucky. As a result, we do not believe we would have a similar occurrence," Dorman said.

Former Kentucky foster children can apply for new educational vouchers

FRANKFORT — Many students who have aged out of Kentucky foster care have a golden opportunity to obtain last-minute financial assistance for the fall term of school or vocational training.

Federal authorities recently gave the go-ahead for Kentucky to use about \$150,000 for educational and training vouchers for young adults who essentially grew up in foster care. The money

was left over from other, related assistance programs, and the state must spend it by Sept. 30.

The good news doesn't end there for former Kentucky foster youths ages 18-21 who entered legal adulthood from foster care or were adopted from foster care at or after age 16.

Kentucky will receive nearly \$500,000 for the educational and training vouchers in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. Eligible applicants can receive vouchers for up to \$5,000 per year for expenses related to postsecondary education or job training that are not already covered by other forms of financial assistance.

Applicants approved for the grants before their 21st birthday may continue to receive them until age 23, provided they remain enrolled full-time in education or training and make satisfactory progress toward completion of their programs.

"That'll really help a lot of these kids, because hardly anybody finishes college in four years anymore," said Fawn Conley, Kentucky director for the Chafee Independence Program.

The federally funded Chafee Program helps current and former foster children pursue education and training and teaches them a wide range of skills they will need to become self-sufficient after they are released from care. It also helps former foster children educate the public and policy makers about the needs of youth in foster care.

Congress authorized the vouchers as an addition to the Chafee Program last year, but it did not provide funding for them

until recently. Conley said expenses that can be covered under the vouchers include tuition, books, room and board, transportation, any equipment and clothing required for a student's program and day care for students' children.

"If we can stretch it to relate to education, I think we can cover it," she said.

Conley said she is trying to get word about the vouchers to former foster children who lack resources to pay for education or training or who are approaching their 21st birthday, when they will lose eligibility for the vouchers if they aren't already approved for them.

She said she is mailing notices about the program to more than 300 former foster children who have been approved for tuition waivers at Kentucky's universities and colleges. In 2001, the General Assembly approved mandatory waivers of tuition and fees for eligible foster children and children who were adopted from Kentucky foster care.

Conley said an average of 350-400 Kentucky foster children leave care at age 18 each year, and "every one of those kids might potentially be eligible" for the new federal vouchers.

She urged foster and adopted children who want to use vouchers this fall to contact her immediately at 800-232-5437, ext. 4497, or by email at fawn.conley@mail.state.ky.us. Those who are interested in the voucher program but are not seeking a voucher for the fall may contact either Conley or their regional Chafee Program coordinator.

Chandler, Fletcher agree to hourlong TV debate Oct. 22

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — Republican Ernie Fletcher and Democrat Ben Chandler have agreed to a debate that could have an extensive television and radio audience, their campaigns confirmed Friday.

The debate is scheduled to air at 8 p.m. on Oct. 22, 13 days before the gubernatorial election. The live broadcast is to originate from the studios of WKYT-TV in Lexington.

Sponsors include The Lane Report and Gray Television Inc., owner of WKYT, WYMT-TV in Hazard and WBKO-TV in Bowling Green, all of which

will carry the program. Also sponsoring are Greater Louisville Inc. and the Greater Lexington Chamber of Commerce.

Another station, WKAG-TV in Hopkinsville, agreed Friday to be part of the network. In addition, WUKY radio at the University of Kentucky has agreed to a live broadcast of the program and to coordinate a network with other public radio stations, organizers said in a statement.

Two other stations — WLKY-TV in Louisville and WPSD-TV in Paducah — are being invited to join a TV network, the statement said.



photo by Sheldon Compton

The Floyd County District Court Clerk's Office finished the month of July tops in the state for the Trust For Life initiative, which funds organ donation awareness programs. A month earlier the office finished second in the state, but in July the staff saw 80 percent of the 801 county residents who were issued licenses make a donation. "We're thankful for the generosity of the people of Floyd County who made us number one in the state," said District Court Clerk Doug Hall. Pictured from left to right in the back row are Doug Hall, Johnnie Calhoun, Paula Layne and Amy Moore. In the front row from left to right are Teresa Lafferty, Lisa Jarrell and Pam Music.

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COMMENTARY

Those with special needs important

by **BILLY REED**
TIMES COLUMNIST

LEXINGTON — Today I'd like to introduce you to friend of mine. It's certainly not my intention to embarrass him, although I'm sure that I'll get a lot of guff from him.



Billy Reed

His name is Dan Farley. When I first met Dan in the late 1960s, he was as healthy as anybody. As a youngster, he was a good baseball player in his hometown of Princeton, Ind.

Because of many misspent days in various pool halls and Ellis Park in Henderson, he fell in love with thoroughbred racing.

One of his youthful pals was Mike Pegram, whose father owned a pool hall in

Princeton. You may have heard of Mike. He was the owner of several nice horses, including Real Quiet and Captain Steve.

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BENTLEY'S COMMENTS

Midwest baseball fans suffer

by **RICK BENTLEY**
TIMES COLUMNIST

CINCINNATI — For baseball fans in the Midwest, it's been a long, miserable season.

The 2003 campaign was supposed to be the year for the Cincinnati Reds, with the organization pointing to the first season in the Great American Ball Park as the time the club should be hitting on all cylinders.



Rick Bentley

It would be the perfect time, right? A new park and a club in the pennant chase, both in perhaps the greatest baseball town in the country. What could be better?

A better question is what could go worse.

The club struggled and was ultimately unable to stay afloat in a very mediocre division, and

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RANKINGS

Date for first AP grid polls announced

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

High school football fans around the state will get their first look at Associated Press football polls for all four classes for the 2003 season just over one week from today.

The first Kentucky Associated Press high school football polls of the 2003 season will be released at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25.

The Class 2A poll is likely to include a handful of area teams as

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VOLLEYBALL

Georgetown choice for MSC Volleyball

TIMES STAFF REPORT



Robert Staggs

Georgetown College has been tabbed as the choice of the Mid-South Conference coaches to win the 2003 season volleyball championship. The Tigers, defending champions with a mark of

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The high school volleyball season got underway this past week. Early season results and information will appear in editions next week. Pictured is action between Prestonsburg and Johnson Central.

H.S. SCRIMMAGE



Junior running back Joe Blackburn executed a fake on offense for the host team.

Blackcats hit paydirt five times in win over Bourbon

by **JAMIE HOWELL**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER



photos by Jamie Howell

Junior Trevor Compton (7) went back to pass for the Blackcats in a scrimmage against Bourbon County Thursday evening.

PRESTONSBURG — If the preseason scrimmage on Thursday evening was any sign of things to come for the Prestonsburg Blackcat offense in 2003, then the Cats should pile up the points this year.

Coach John DeRossett's squad scored early and often against former coach Chuke Williams team and went on to outscore Bourbon County on Thursday evening.

Prestonsburg will be without Joey Willis at quarterback in 2003, but it looks as if junior Trevor Compton will step in and provide a spark for the cats. The Prestonsburg quarterback threw a touchdown pass to Jesse Chaffin and looked good running the team.

Chaffin, a junior wideout, had two touchdowns and senior Nicholas Jamerson scored for the cats

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CROSS COUNTRY

Cumberland, PC picked 1-2 in MSC men's cross country

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Cumberland College has been installed as the coaches' favorite to win the Men's Cross Country title this fall in the Mid-South Conference. Voting was conducted at the annual conference meeting in Pikeville at the beginning of August.

Many of the six Mid-South teams will begin their meet races over the Labor Day weekend at the end of August. The Mid-South Conference Championship will once again be held in Louisville, Kentucky at E.P. Tom: Sawyer Park on Saturday, November 8th.

The complete poll is as follows: 1. Cumberland College; 2. Pikeville College; 3. Campbellsville University; 4. Lindsey Wilson College; 6. Georgetown College; 7. Lambuth

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John Biery

Little League to focus on baseball after two years of scandal

by **DAN LEWERENZ**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — After two years of rampant rumors and scandals about player eligibility, Little League officials are hoping to keep the focus on the field at this year's World Series.

In one respect, the organization is already off to a good start.

"Last year, we had 11 lawsuits where we ruled a certain way and a parent or someone went to court to try to keep that ruling from standing. Our record last year was 8-2-1," Little League spokesman Lance Van Auker said. "Our record this year is 1-0 — we've

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FISHING

May finishes first in Paintsville tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

STAFFORDSVILLE — On Saturday, Aug. 9, the Tug Valley Bass Anglers held its sixth tournament of the 2003 season at Paintsville Lake in Johnson County. Seventeen boats competed in the tournament. Paintsville Lake has a slot

limit, fish measuring under 12" and over 15" could be weighed in. With that, a lot of fish were caught and weighed in. The fishing was decent with a little slower than normal but a lot more fish over 15" was brought in than in recent years.

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Former heavy-weight boxing champion George Foreman was recently inducted into the National Job Corps Association's Hall of Fame at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. Foreman, a former Job Corps graduate, began his boxing career while enrolled in Job Corps in the 1960s. He is pictured with Perkins Job Corps Center Director Debbie Burchell.

Reed

And so it came to pass that Dan worked on a thoroughbred farm. He later became editor of The Thoroughbred Record, a publication that was the forerunner of today's Thoroughbred Times.

A few years after we became friends, Dan was stricken with a hereditary disease, a form of muscular dystrophy.

Over the years, I've watched Dan's condition get worse. I've watched him go

from where he could walk to needing crutches to being confined to a wheelchair.

I've taken him to Indiana

University basketball games because, other than racing, that's one of his loves. One year, I was even able to talk Bob Knight into letting him sit, in his chair, at the end of the Hoosiers' bench during a game in Rupp Arena.

Complications have arisen.

A few years ago, as an outgrowth of his disease, Dan developed a serious skin problem. His wife, Betsy, and I thought we were going to lose him, but he beat it. Recently, as an outgrowth of the same disease, he has developed an immune system problem and must receive infusions once a

month.

Of the various things that have kept him going, one of the most important is thoroughbred racing. He writes a weekly column for the Racing Post of London, England. He just returned from a weekend trip to Ellis Park, and he's planning on attending this year's Breeders Cup at Santa Anita in California.

Nobody except Betsy truly understands what it takes to get Dan out of bed every morning and to meet his various needs. But he's just so darned game.

His spirit and zest for life is truly incredible.

I don't know how he does it. I would have given up a long time ago. Yet he remains upbeat, positive, funny, and an inspiration to his friends.

To me, Dan is sort of a human version of "Seabiscuit." He has overcome so much and continues to fight, every day of his life. I truly feel humbled to be counted among his friends, along with Keeneland pressbox regulars such as Steve Moody, John Asher, Tom Leach, and many others.

I don't write this to engender pity or sympathy for Dan. He neither wants it nor needs it. My only intention is to make you readers aware of him and others whom, I'm sure, are equally courageous.

Because of Dan, I've become conscious of handicapped accessibility at public venues. I've learned about the importance of ramps and parking and special seating.

So I'd like to encourage

every university, high school, race track and professional franchise in our state to redouble their efforts to accommodate those who may have been dealt a bad hand in life, but still have the determination and will to want to attend public events.

Sometime soon, Dan and I are going to crack some crabs that we'll have flown in from Maryland. We'll laugh and lie and reminisce and speculate and argue and fight, as good friends tend to do.

I must tell you: The man does love to eat.

My point, other than expressing my admiration for Dan's courage and spirit, is only this: I urge everyone in charge of our public institutions and facilities to redouble their efforts to accommodate those who aren't as fortunate as most of us.

I hesitate to use the word "handicapped."

My friend isn't handicapped; he only has some special needs.

To quote a song, he ain't heavy.

He's my brother.

Wiffle celebrates 50 years

Wiffle, one of America's favorite backyard games, turns 50 this year, and is celebrating its anniversary in style with the opening of the Wiffle Ball Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame, which will reside on Candystand.com, offers fans the chance to honor those who have championed this family-friendly sport throughout the past half century.

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FOOTBALL PLAYER PROFILE

Abney rates among nation's finest kick returners

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — In the history of college football, there have been few kick returners as productive as Derek Abney of Kentucky.

He set an NCAA record last season by returning four punts and two kickoffs for touchdowns, earning first-team All-America honors in the process. Abney needs just two more kicks returns for touchdowns this season for an NCAA career record in the category.

How does he do it? Abney hears the question all the time.

"It goes back to when you're little and you play all those games where you have one ball and everybody's trying to tackle you," the 5-foot-10, 175-pound senior from Mosinee, Wis., said. "You do not want to get tackled if you're the smallest guy out there! That's how it goes. You can't really teach people. It just kind of happens."

It just kind of happened twice in a 41-34 loss to Florida last season, when he became the seventh player in NCAA history to return

both a punt and a kickoff for touchdowns in the same game.

"When you've got guys that have been through it and understand that you can score at any point in the game, that helps out a lot as a returner," Abney said. "You understand that every play can be a potential touchdown."

Abney doesn't compare himself to other top returners in the college game, like Wes Welker of Texas Tech or Keiwan Ratliff of Florida. But his new coach at Kentucky, Rich Brooks, said Abney reminds him of Tim Dwight, the Iowa product who's made a living in the NFL returning kicks for five seasons for the Atlanta Falcons and the San Diego Chargers.

"Abney is that kind of guy," Brooks said. "He's physically strong. He's a very bright young man and he's in outstanding shape. I'm not going to have to worry about resting him."

Abney also plays receiver, and his 146 catches are third on Kentucky's career list.

"When you're a senior, bring it on," Abney said. "I think that's part of it. If you don't want it, then you're not playing your hardest or trying to be your best. So I hope I get a little bit more wear and tear. That means I'm doing a little bit more."

Abney needs just 277 receiving yards and 243 punt return yards this season to become only the third player in NCAA history to have 2,000 receiving yards, 1,000 kickoff return yards and 1,000 punt return yards. The others are Dwight and Anthony Carter of Michigan.

"I feel like, if I prepare to the best of my ability and I give it all I've got all the time, the things that happened last year will happen this year," Abney said. "Granted, last year was an incredible year."

Paydirt

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on a 75 yard run. Joe Blackburn put six points on the board for Prestonsburg on a 35-yard cutback run. Prestonsburg scored four times in the first half and put another touchdown on the board in the second half.

The Blackcat defense gave up three scores on the night but one of those came on the last play of the game. The Cats offensive line showed more improvement in the contest and the passing game was probably the bright spot of the night.

Tourney

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Angler Brad May was the top finisher in the event. The lake was in good shape. It was up maybe 2' higher than normal with clear to very lightly stained conditions all the way to the back end with a temperature in the low 80s.

The weather for the tournament was sunny and hot with daytime temperatures in the mid 80s and night-time temps in the low 70s.

The fishing for the tournament was good with most everyone weighing in a fish. Most of the quality fish were caught shallow in water less than 7-feet on the main lake as well as in the creeks. Smaller fish were caught just about anywhere. The main pattern was to work soft plastics around any available cover on either steep banks on the main lake or flats in the upper end.

The club brought 81 legal fish to the scales, weighing 77.85 pounds.

Top Finishers

- Brad May — (5 bass) — 8.51 lbs
- Mark Compton — (5 bass) — 8.01 lbs
- Kevin Runyon — (5 bass) — 7.21 lbs

For more information about the Tug Valley Bass Anglers check out their website at www.se-tel.com/~tugvalleyanglers

Scandal

only had one time where someone actually went so far as to file papers in court."

Two years ago, Danny Almonte threw the first perfect game the series had seen in 44 years, leading the Rolando Paulino Little League of the Bronx, N.Y., to a third-place finish.

Team officials were constantly showing Almonte's birth certificate to combat rumors that he was too old to play Little League.

It was only after the 2001 series ended that Little League officials learned Almonte's father had falsified his son's birth certificate so he could play. Almonte was 14 years old — not 12 — and he lived in the Dominican Republic, nowhere near the Bronx.

The Rolando Paulino team was stripped of its third-place finish, and Almonte's perfect game was erased from the record books.

Last year, Harlem Little League was dogged by rumors about players living outside the league's boundary lines. Although some players did live outside the district, Little League ultimately determined they met the criteria for residency waivers and that the team was eligible.

Harlem had to send representatives back to New York to find the documents that proved their players were eligible. That won't happen this year, because Little League now requires teams carry all documentation with them throughout the international tournament.

Members of the tournament committee were on hand at

regional sites to verify each player's eligibility.

"Certainly if you're one of the faithful, if you're following your particular team, this makes you feel that it's a concern that is being addressed," said Bob Jarvis, who teaches sports law at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "But to the average person in the public, they don't know about this."

This year's field does have story lines that could eclipse past scandals.

Matt Keen, of Tallmadge (Ohio) Little League, will try to win a title on the field where his father placed fourth in 1974. Japan's Musashi Fuchu Little League of Tokyo is back three years after a third-place finish. And hard-throwing pitchers, like Chandler (Ariz.) National's Cory Bernard, and heavy hitters, like David Mastro of Naamans

Volleyball

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24-7 overall, received 25 points and five first-place votes. Cumberland College, who was 28-12 last season, finished second in the balloting with 21 points and one first-place vote.

Locally, Pikeville College was picked to finish sixth in the conference. Robert Staggs enters his second season as head coach at Pikeville College. He took over in 2002 for Missy Gragg, who returned to coach in her native state of Tennessee.

The Mid-South Conference Championship will once again be played at the Mid-America Sports Center in Jeffersonton, Kentucky (metro Louisville) on November 14 and 15.

The complete poll is as follows:

1. Georgetown College	25 points	5 first-place votes
2. Cumberland College	21 points	1 first-place vote
3. Campbellsville University		13 points
4. Lambuth University	(tie)	12 points
4. Lindsey Wilson College	(tie)	12 points
6. Pikeville College		7 points

Country

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University. Pikeville College is coached by John Biery. He is the first Cross Country coach in Pikeville College history. A 1988 graduate of Pikeville College, he played for the men's basketball team during his undergraduate days under current Marshall University coach Greg White.

Biery graduated from Bishop David High School in Louisville in 1984, and received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Pikeville. He has been employed at the college since his graduation. In addition to coaching the Cross Country teams, he is Assistant to the Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services.

Rankings

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Breathitt County returns as the defending state champion, while Sheldon Clark, Belfry and Prestonsburg should all contend. Pikeville, Paintsville and Hazard are among the top Class A teams in the area. Lawrence County, among area Class 3A teams, leads the charge.

BASEBALL

Cincinnati outfielder has surgery, set to begin rehab

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Reds outfielder Austin Kearns had surgery Thursday on his throwing shoulder and will wear a sling for two weeks.

Kearns injured his right shoulder in a home plate collision with Atlanta catcher Ray King on May 21 and will begin a rehab program Friday. He is expected to

fully recover by spring training.

He had arthroscopic surgery to repair the posterior and superior labrum, rotator cuff and AC joint in his right shoulder.

Kearns has been on the disabled list since July 17. In 45 games prior to the injury, he hit .309 with 13 homers and 44 RBIs. In 37 games after it, he batted .208 with two homers and 14 RBIs.

Suffer

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when Junior Griffey took his season-ending sabbatical just after the all-star break, the wheels totally came off.

The general manager and skipper were fired. The closer was traded, followed by two set-up men, a rising, very low-paid star was dealt and then the former manager's son, one of the lone bright spots in a dark season, asked to be let go.

The result has been ownership without a clue (something those of us who have followed Cincinnati baseball dating back to the Big Red Machine have come accustomed to), no general manager, and a Triple-A manager who should be familiar with what he's seeing — a collection of largely minor league talent.

All of this means those of us who had planned ahead to take in some major league action had better hope the other team would provide some star power, because with the exception of Sean Casey and an aging, hobbling Barry Larkin, there are none in the white with red pinstripes.

Fortunately for us, Tuesday night meant an opportunity to see one of the game's best pitchers in Arizona's Curt Schilling, and he didn't disappoint. The big right-hander was too much for a young, largely inexperienced Reds lineup and cut a pretty wide swath through it: In seven innings of work, Schilling fanned 11, scattered six hits and threw 83 of his 113 pitches over the plate.

He got all he would need in the top of the fifth when Steve Finley hit a solo homer into the Reds' bullpen en route to a 2-0 blanking, but there was a bright spot for the home team as well. Starting pitcher Paul Wilson matched Schilling pitch for pitch, giving up only three hits and striking out four in his seven frames.

Wilson, who had a hit off Schilling to boot, deserved a better fate, but it was not to be on Tuesday. Perhaps one of the reasons for that sat beside me in seats behind the Diamondback dugout: Pikeville College women's basketball coach Bill Watson is not only 0-for-2 watching his hometown team live this season, but through 18 innings in the new ball park has yet to see them score a run.

During the seventh-inning stretch, I told him I expected the Reds to pick out a couple of games next season and send him \$50 to stay home.

Still, it's a great place to watch a baseball game. Food vendors are plentiful, and sometimes can get too close to the action. One poor cotton candy guy got nailed by a foul ball

early in the game. Speaking of fouls, our section was the place to be on Tuesday. Not only did Ray Knight toss a ball to the kid sitting next to Watson, but also five foul balls were hit into our seating area.

Our seats also provided an up-close look into the D-Back dugout, where three of the biggest names in the business were comfortably enjoying the action.

■ Arizona first-base coach Robin Yount is a Hall of Famer, and for good reason. The two-time AL MVP amassed 3,142 hits in his 20-year career, and only 16 players in baseball history have more. In addition, his 583 doubles are 13th all-time, and during the 1982 World Series, he hit .414 in a seven-game loss to St. Louis.

And he did all this while playing in Milwaukee, one of those dreaded small-market towns.

■ Not only has Randy Johnson won the Cy Young Award five times, he's finished second twice. That means seven times in his career, he was arguably the best pitcher in his league. His 3,806 strikeouts are fourth on the all-time list, and he's won 227 games.

■ Yount is in Cooperstown, Johnson is on his way, and a solid case could be made for Mark Grace. On the disabled list, Grace reported no discomfort after taking batting practice on Tuesday with the club. Soon, he'll be adding to numbers such as 2,442 career hits, 1,178 runs scored and 1,146 RBIs. In addition, Grace has won for Gold Gloves in his 16-year career.

Still, two stars shone brightly on this comfortable August evening: Schilling, who won his 161st game, and the Great American Ball Park, a splendid facility that deserves a better team.

On Tuesday, the crowd was announced as 31,485, and I wouldn't be surprised if nearly that many were actually there. It's a great place to see a game, with lots of between-inning action to keep even the most casual fan interested for a few hours.

But it's difficult to be in Cincinnati without thinking back to the days of the Big Red Machine, when Rose, Morgan, Bench and Perez had the place buzzing night after sensational night.

The Queen City has its Great American Ball Park, all right, and it's a place befitting the name. But ask fans what they'd really like and to a person they'd all say they'd trade it in for another year with that Great American Ball Club.

NASCAR: Unassuming Newman rolls on

Ryan Newman smiled when reminded that he was considered a superstar before he completed his first lap in a stock car. "You just do the best job you can and hopefully everybody is satisfied at the end," he said. That's about as much emotion as Newman displays. He simply shrugged one day three years ago as boss Don Miller gushed over the attributes of a kid who made his reputation racing midgets and

sprint cars while working toward a college degree. "Oh, he'll win," the normally reserved president of Penske Racing South guaranteed at the time. Fast forward to 2002, and Miller wasn't wavering a bit even though Newman was 0-for-34. "As good as he is right now, you are only seeing the tip of the iceberg," Miller said. Hours later, Newman won in

New Hampshire and parlayed that into a fifth-place finish in the Winston Cup standings. Now, 11 months later, Newman leads the circuit with four victories, five poles and self-proclaimed unimportance. "It's the total package," he said. "It's all about teamwork, it's all about communication." Never does he suggest that the awesome driving talent that seduced Miller, team owner Roger Penske and many more is anything other than a contributing factor. That doesn't surprise crew chief Matt Borland, who is amazed by the degree of maturity the 25-year-old Newman has shown from the start. Without fear of sounding even the least bit complacent, Borland easily anoints Newman as one of the best in the business. "I believe pretty much every

race, he's the driver to beat," Borland said. "He has the ability and the talent to drive his race car at a level that most people can't." All that's missing is a series championship. That will have to wait for another year because Newman was victimized by early-season mechanical failures and crashes not generally of his making. He takes it in stride. "It's just a matter of getting all that stuff out of your system," he said. "Hopefully we've done that and we can go on." This week, that will mean a trip to Michigan, where Newman will hope to improve on a ninth-place finish in Watkins Glen, N.Y. He's ninth in points, noting that he's ahead of last year's Rookie of the Year pace but further off the lead only because Matt Kenseth is

romping toward the title. Newman will calmly approach his job and satisfy all the demands being made on a modern-day NASCAR icon. Then he'll get in the car and give his 31-year-old crew chief another example of what Borland calls "Ryan's cool." "I usually never have to calm him down," Borland said. "If anything, it's the opposite and he's talking me through stuff. Ryan's growing pains were over when he started." When Newman speaks of the future, he understands that means success. No one stays on top in the sport unless they win. Newman has five victories in his first 66 starts, a ratio slightly better than that of four-time series champion Jeff Gordon and surpassed only by current champ Tony Stewart. Newman isn't

counting, but understands the impact success has in a multimillion-dollar industry. "Wins are great," he said. "Championships are awesome. A sponsor wants everything they can possibly get." Part of that is dealing with the media in an age where controversy sells. Newman is no darling to the print or broadcast reporters because he isn't controversial or extremely quotable — unlike Gordon and Stewart. Newman is rarely involved in hassles on the track. Away from the speedway, the closest he comes to excitement is fishing, and restoring old toys, cars and boats. "I'm a genuine person," he said. "To me, that's what it's all about, being truthful and honest and being polite." — The Associated Press

Pikeville in the mix in women's cross country

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Georgetown College has been tabbed as the coaches' choice to win the Women's Cross Country title this fall in the Mid-South Conference. Voting was conducted at the annual conference meeting in Pikeville at the beginning of August. Many of the six Mid-South teams will begin their meet races over the Labor Day weekend at the end of August. The Mid-South Conference Championship will once again be held in Louisville, Kentucky at E.P. Tom Sawyer Park on Saturday, Nov. 8. The complete poll is as follows: 1. Georgetown College; 2. Cumberland College; 3. Lindsey Wilson College; 4. Pikeville College; 5. Campbellsville University; 6. Lambuth University.

Wiffle

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From the time David N. Mullany crafted the original Wiffle ball in 1953, the concept quickly grew into a game that was synonymous with backyard fun. The first ball, developed from a plastic sphere used for Coty perfume, is now made out of hollow plastic and has perforated slots along the top perimeter to facilitate dipping and rising. David originally created it so that his son David (who now runs the family-owned business with his sons David and Steven) could play in the yard without breaking the neighbors' windows. Wiffle balls can execute a variety of feats, including being made to curve, cut and fly past the greatest hitters — and over the past 50 years, Wiffle has done everything but strike out. "I am so pleased that the game my father invented and that I've been playing since I was 12 is still going strong after 50 years," said David A. Mullany, Wiffle President. "I never imagined that Wiffle would become such a staple of childhood and an American icon."

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by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Rich Brooks can claim one successful building project as a head coach, having taken Oregon from the bottom of the Pacific-10 Conference to the league championship and a Rose Bowl appearance. Now the new coach at Kentucky, Brooks is convinced he can work the same kind of magic with the Wildcats in the Southeastern Conference. He has assembled a veteran coaching staff. Defensive coordinator Mike Archer won an SEC title while the head coach at Louisiana State and spent the last seven years as an assistant with the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers. Offensive coordinator Ron Hudson left a perennial power at Kansas State. Linebackers coach Ron McBride spent 13 years as Utah's head coach. Three other assistants have NFL coaching experience, as does Brooks, a former NFL head coach.

Brooks said the situation he inherited at Kentucky is much better than the one he started with at Oregon in 1977. Kentucky is still on NCAA probation and facing scholarship limitations, but the Wildcats are coming off a 7-5 campaign and enjoy strong fan support despite only five winning seasons in 25 years. "It's a great league," Brooks said of the SEC, mentioning programs at Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Auburn. "My goal is to have Kentucky mentioned in some of those circles in the next several years. That's a big goal, obviously, and I don't think it's something that's going to happen overnight, but I'd like to make some rumbblings this year that it will happen sooner than most people think." Brooks will have seven returning senior starters on offense, a group led by senior quarterback Jared Lorenzen. Lorenzen passed for 2,267 yards and 24 touchdowns with only five interceptions last season. Lorenzen's backup, junior Shane Boyd, should also see plenty of playing time, as Brooks plans include having both quarterbacks on the field at the same time. He's called the quarterback position the team's strongest.

UK FOOTBALL

New Kentucky coaching staff hopes to build on last season's success

At tailback, the Wildcats will be without SEC rushing champion and offensive player of the year Artose Pinner, a fourth-round draft pick of the NFL's Detroit Lions. Three sophomores — Alexis Bwenge, Arliss Beach and junior-college transfer Draak Davis — are the top competitors for the job. Senior wide receiver and kick returner Derek Abney brought back six kicks for touchdowns in 2002 and was a first-team All-America selection. Abney, who is third on Kentucky's career list with 146 receptions, is part of a seasoned receiving crew that includes another returning starter, junior Tommy Cook. Five returning offensive linemen have a combined 86 starts between them, including Antonio Hall at right tackle. On defense, the Wildcats will switch to a 3-4-4 set from a 4-2-5. Four starters are back from a unit that allowed 401.2 yards (next-to-

last in the SEC) and 25.1 points per game last year. Two of them are defensive ends. Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns, a junior, had 65 tackles (14.5 for loss), while senior Jeremy Caudill moved to end during spring practice after three years as a tackle. Redshirt freshman Lamar Mills surprised coaches during the spring and was battling junior Ellery Moore for the nose tackle job. No seniors and only two juniors are listed among the team's top 12 linebackers, and no clear-cut starters emerged during the spring. Senior cornerback Leonard Burress and junior strong safety Mike Williams (53 tackles, two interceptions) are the returning starters in the secondary. Brooks said a primary goal this season is for the Wildcats to play in a bowl game, which would be their first since 1999. Kentucky's schedule includes seven home

games, including the season opener against in-state rival Louisville on Aug. 31.

KENTUCKY AT A GLANCE

- 2002 Record — 7-5, 3-5 Southeastern Conference.
- Offense — Multiple.
- Defense — 3-4.
- Starters returning/lost — 11/11.
- Lettermen returning/lost — 58/27.
- Key players — Quarterback Jared Lorenzen, quarterback Shane Boyd, receiver Derek Abney, receiver Tommy Cook, running back Alexis Bwenge, defensive end Vincent Burns, defensive end Jeremy Caudill, cornerback Leonard Burress, safety Mike Williams.
- Coach — Rich Brooks (0-0, first season; 91-109-4, 19th season overall).



A group of baseball players from Johnson County (pictured) finished second in a tournament held at Magoffin County last weekend. A team from Harold-Allen-Prater Little League also participated in the event.

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PGA: The wild ride of John Daly

by DOUG FERGUSON
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ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Sweat soaked his royal blue shirt and the back of his pants down to his knees as John Daly waited 20 minutes for the tee to clear Tuesday at Oak Hill.

He leaned on his driver, tilted his head against his shoulders and smiled.

What was so funny?
"Life," he said. "It's unbelievable sometimes."

When it comes to the life of John Daly, believe anything.

Imagine a roller coaster that climbs into the clouds and drops into the abyss, with a dozen corkscrew turns along the way.

That doesn't describe his career — that's one month.

Daly was overjoyed by the July 23 birth of his third child, "Little John," his first son. Five days later, his wife and her parents were indicted in a Mississippi federal court on drug and illegal gambling charges.

He says he knew nothing about

allegations that his wife was part of a conspiracy to buy and sell cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana from 1996 to 2002; or the 47 bank deposits just under \$10,000 between 1998 and 2001.

They married in the summer of 2001, seven weeks after they met.

Sherrie Miller Daly is his fourth wife.

"I really don't know anything," Daly said. "It hit me like a brick house. I'm more in shock about it than anything."

He asked everyone to be slow to judge.

"There's been so many ups and downs," Daly said. "It's not fair to kick someone down when they've not proven anything. I just have to wait and see what happens."

The PGA Championship is a magical major for the 37-year-old Daly. He won it in 1991 as the ninth alternate and introduced the golf world to his grip-and-rip-it style, on and off the course.

Perhaps this might be a week to take his mind off the turmoil.

But when Daly arrived at Oak

Hill on Tuesday morning, he no longer had a caddie.

He says Mick Collins, who was on the bag during his latest turnaround, told Daly to dump his wife or find another caddie.

"I was in the parking lot waiting for him when he called," Daly said.

Daly found another caddie.

"It's weird," he said. "You find out how many people love you for you. When things are great, you've got all the friends in the world. When something goes bad, they all just ... turn on you."

Daly isn't about to leave his wife, who faces 20 years in prison on each of the two counts in the indictment. Not yet, anyway.

His wife and son accompanied him to Oak Hill in their customized motor home.

"I might not stick with her if she's guilty," he said. "But let's find out first. I just know she's a good mom."

The frightening thing for Daly is he has no idea if he has hit rock bottom. The indictment is only the latest chapter in a book

that is hard to fathom.

Two majors in five years. Three ex-wives. Two trips to alcohol rehab.

Does Daly ever wonder why so much controversy visits one guy?

"Every day, man," he said. "Every day."

Still, he remains one of the most popular draws in golf. Daly played nine holes of his practice round behind Tiger Woods, and he and Phil Mickelson still drew an enormous gallery.

As he waited between nines, a young woman talked her way past a marshal and onto the tee to beg Daly for an autograph. He obliged, as always, and she scurried back to the ropes.

"Don't I at least get a hug?" Daly said.

The crowd roared as the woman returned for an embrace. Emboldened, she then asked for a group picture.

"Is there anything else I can do for you?" Daly said.

He has enough problems of his own.

They started not long after Daly won in 1991 at Crooked Stick. He tanked rounds at overseas events where he was given money just for showing up. He was forced off an airplane for confronting a flight attendant while drunk.

Every episode only made him more popular. Along with his behemoth drives, this was guy with whom everyday people could relate. He wasn't perfect, and he admitted it.

After his second stint in alcohol rehab — following a drinking binge at the 1997 Players Championships — Daly stayed sober for 30 months.

He resumed drinking in September 1999, giving up \$3 million over the final two years of a contract with Callaway Golf. He claimed he was given antidepressants, feeling more like a lab rat than a two-time major winner.

He was happy, and he was determined.

Finishing the 2000 season at No. 507 in the world ranking, he worked hard to bring notoriety to his game, and not just his life. He won the BMW International Open

in Germany in 2001, his first victory since the British Open at St. Andrews in 1995.

His game has gone south since then, but Daly had every reason to believe his life was finally stable — especially after the birth of his son.

Daly picked out the name — John Patrick Daly.

"We named him after his daddy," he said.

Then he paused and managed a self-deprecating smile.

"I don't know if the world can handle another one."

FOOTBALL

Cincinnati gives former Kentucky player second chance

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Almost two years after he was charged with arson for starting a fire in a University of Kentucky dormitory, Brett Hamblen is getting a second chance at his football career with the University of Cincinnati.

Hamblen is practicing with the Cincinnati Bearcats as a walk-on player. He hasn't been promised a football scholarship but could eventually earn one, coach Rick Minter said.

"We'll play it one year at a time. I think he's a good addition to us," Minter said. "His past is behind him. We don't want to revisit it."

Hamblen played last year at Pasadena (Calif.) City College, the same school that produced wide receiver Hannibal Thomas, now in his first year with Cincinnati.

Hamblen was a redshirt freshman at Kentucky when he was charged with arson in December 2001 along with two other Kentucky players in connection with the fire set in the dormitory. No one was injured in the fire, which destroyed a bulletin board and caused smoke damage to the dorm's second floor.

Hamblen was suspended from Kentucky's football program and then left the school. He was indicted in March 2002 and pleaded

innocent. He was sentenced in Fayette County Circuit Court in Lexington, Ky., to a year in a diversion program that is an alternative to possible incarceration. Last month, the court ended Hamblen's diversion sentence and expunged the charge from his record.

Pasadena City coach Tom Maher said Hamblen was a model citizen who made the most of his year at the California school.

"He lived about 30 miles from campus in the summertime at a relative's house," Maher said. "I drove him home every night. He was a quiet, respectful guy."

Hamblen has three years of eligibility remaining.

He told Cincinnati officials he doesn't want to be interviewed until he is farther along in the team's training program.

He was a defensive back at Pasadena but will be tried as a wide receiver at Cincinnati.

He played both positions at Highlands High in northern Kentucky, where he was a teammate of Gino Guidugli, now Cincinnati's quarterback. Hamblen's older brother, Chris Hamblen, played baseball for Cincinnati and is now playing in the Texas Rangers' system, Cincinnati spokesman Tom Hathaway said.

CINCINNATI FOOTBALL

Bengals QB Carson Palmer has foot injury

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GEORGETOWN — Cincinnati Bengals rookie quarterback Carson Palmer missed practice Tuesday with a strained tendon in his right foot but expects to be able to play Saturday against Detroit.

Palmer, the Heisman Trophy winner and top pick in this year's draft, could miss a few days of practice, the team said.

Bengals spokesman Jack Brennan said the injury isn't severe and will be treated mainly

with stretching and rest.

The injury occurred in Sunday's preseason loss to the New York Jets.

Palmer said he sprained his plantar fascia — a tendon in the arch of the foot — in a spring minicamp, and had not been able to sprint since then.

"It has been bugging me a little bit since that minicamp," he said. "Then I sprinted in the game and tore it."

Palmer finished the game, in which he was 12 of 22 passing for 140 yards with one touchdown and

two interceptions — both of them returned for touchdowns. He was scheduled to see a doctor Wednesday.

"He has a chance to be out here (Wednesday) at some point, and for sure on Thursday if things continue to progress," coach Marvin Lewis said. "It's not a debilitating thing at all."

It's a pain injury that you can just deal with and play with."

Palmer and Lewis said they expected Palmer to play in Cincinnati's preseason home opener Saturday against the Lions.

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