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Football Action...

Blackcats tangle with Lexington Catholic this weekend

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briefs

Pikeville businessman, political activist dies

PIKEVILLE — William Ernest "Bill" Elliott Jr., a businessman, died of complications from a brain tumor Tuesday at his home. He was 75.

Elliott was president of W.E. Elliott Jr. Oil and Gas Co.

He was perhaps best known for his involvement in local politics and government. He was a former Pike County Republican Party chairman and county election commissioner. He was a delegate to the 1980 Republican National Convention.

Elliott, a Pikeville native, was on the Pikeville Urban Renewal and Community Development Agency and the Pikeville Methodist Hospital boards for several years.

He was president of the Elizabeth Akers Elliott Trust, named for his mother. The trust was established to support the Elizabeth Akers Elliott Nursing Program at Pikeville College.

Elliott is survived by his wife, four sons, 11 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Pikeville United Methodist Church.

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High: 83 • Low: 58

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Students suffer rash of fainting spells

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — Since Tuesday, administrators at Betsy Layne High School have seen at least three of their students suffer from fainting spells that some have referred to as seizures.

The flurry of instances came to a head yesterday afternoon when school officials called for a "lock down" during the first part of the school day.

One concerned parent, who called the school yesterday afternoon, said school officials had explained to her that beginning Tuesday morning when a male stu-

dent had a "seizure" on the school bus, the school has seen another seizure from a male student during class Wednesday and a third instance in which a female student "fainted".

It was found, according to information given the parent by BLHS principal Shawn Ousley, the female student fainted as a

result of low blood sugar.

Ousley declined to comment when contacted yesterday afternoon, saying only that the school was "dealing with the issue" and that "nothing was wrong". He referred questions to Supt. Dr. Paul

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Truck driver indicted on three counts of murder

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — A Pike County truck driver has been indicted on three counts of murder for his involvement in a traffic crash in June. No charges were brought against the company he worked for.

A grand jury returned the indictment against George D. Williams, 38, of Kimper, this week, saying he operated a semi-truck "in such a wanton manner as to cause the death of three people."

Williams was operating the truck for JZ Trucking on June 23 when a 34-ton mining auger he was hauling fell onto U.S. 23 and struck two vehicles.

Larry Smallwood, 46, of Wheelwright; Dudley Williams, 42, of Bevinville; and Carolyn Smallwood Adkins, 38, of Beehive, died in the accident.

Pike County Commonwealth's Attorney Rick Bartley said misdemeanor charges against George Williams, including one for drunk driving, will be pursued in district court.

Bartley said the grand jury did not return an indictment against Johnny Pennington, the owner of the company for which George Williams was driving, nor the people who loaded the auger on the truck. Bartley had said previously that he was investigating whether Pennington shared responsibility for the crash.

Evetta Smallwood, whose hus-

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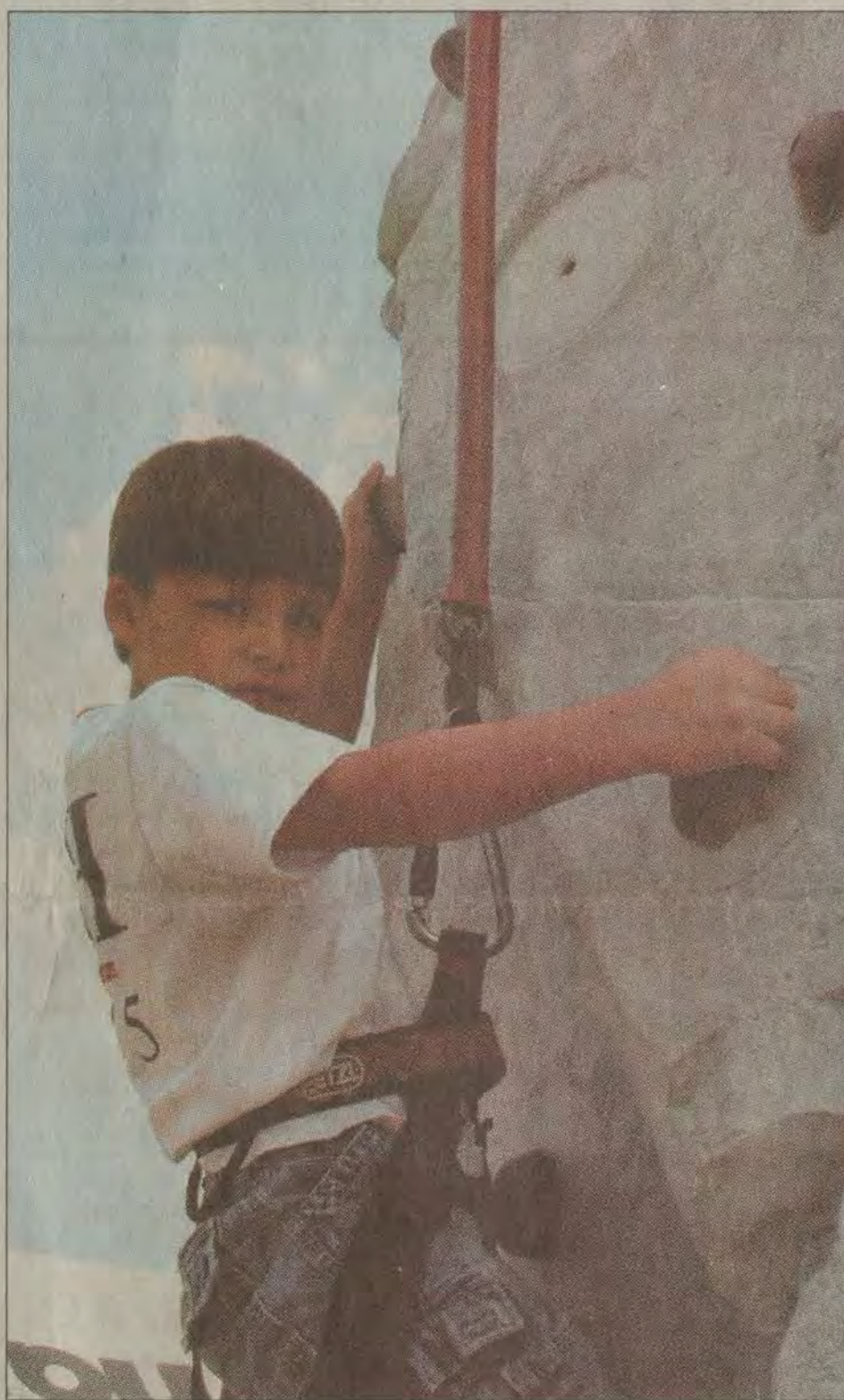


photo by H. Allen Bolling

Cody Hamilton, of Harold, took a stab at climbing a rock wall at the Kentucky State Fair, in Louisville. The fair, which annually exhibits prize produce, livestock and crafts from around the state, began last week and runs through Sunday.

Coach asks for inquiry results to be made public

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two days after the school system suspended two of his football players following an investigation into a hazing incident occurring during the team's pre-season camp in Lawrence County, Prestonsburg High School head football coach John DeRossett issued a written statement to the press.

In his statement, DeRossett said articles published in the past week covering a review of the hazing and the resulting suspension were "misleading" and based on "uninformed or intentionally false information", but declined to comment specifically on the incident or the suspension of his players. He added that hazing is not accepted within his football program.

"Our program does not condone hazing," wrote DeRossett. "Prior to traveling to camp I and my staff discussed this with our players and strongly prohibited said practices. At camp our players were supervised by responsible adults. I and my staff in particular asked younger students if they were having problems and encouraged them to let us know if there were any issues."

DeRossett contends that the first time he was made aware of the incident was after

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INSIDE

Full text of Coach DeRossett's statement

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Treatment center for minors opens in Pike County

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Jeff Doig, chief executive officer for Care Academy, took the opportunity yesterday to extend an offer to regional officials during the Big Sandy Area Development District's monthly meeting.

What does Doig's Care Academy do exactly? The Care Academy, which started its first office in the central Kentucky town of Willisburg before recently opening a second facility at Ashcamp in Pike County, provides care and instruction to children ages 13 to 18 who are suffering from substance abuse or dependency.

Doig says relating to these kids is something that comes natural to him through his own experiences.

"I was once in the same situation as these kids," Doig says. "That's how I got started, when someone offered the help I couldn't afford more than 14 years ago."

The academy is a residential treatment facility where kids stay anywhere from three to six months, receiving during their

stay dual efforts of prevention, treatment and counseling.

Beginning with a presentation of how abuse and addiction to painkillers have gripped this area of the state, Doig said he hoped not to "belabor" the issue, but to simply show that there is a distinct need that demands attention.

"I'm not here asking for money," Doig told Big Sandy ADD members yesterday. "We're hopefully going to use our own money, but this will create probably between 30 or 40 jobs for the area and we'll probably spend roughly \$1.8 million."

But the best boost the facility will give the region is that of treatment, says Doig.

"I want to be a resource to the community," said the center's chief officer. "We want to just educate the public that this type of help is out there and available to them."

Although treatment will come at a cost to patients, the idea of affording some the chance to seek treatment who might not

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photo by Sheldon Compton

Jeff Doig, CEO of Care Academy, standing extended an open invitation to the region's officials during a meeting of the Big Sandy ADD, saying he hopes his facility becomes a "resource for the community". The academy, which just branched out its offices to include a location in Pike County, offers treatment to teenagers suffering from substance dependency and addiction.

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Odds & Ends

The Associated Press

■ **CLINTON, Iowa** — One of the Good Shepherd's sheep went on the lam.

A sheep that was meant to be a prop in a Bible school production was still missing nearly a week after it ran away from a church in this eastern Iowa town.

The two sheep in the Chancy Lutheran Church's rendition of "The Good Shepherd" were in a pen for about 10 minutes before showtime when they got scared and hopped over the fence, said Sandy Mussman, who supervised

the play.

The production was being put on by preschoolers through 13-year-olds as they capped two-weeks of Bible school. The first act, ironically, was titled "The Lost Sheep."

Mussman and her two children ran through the city chasing the escaped sheep.

"At one point, we passed a lady who was out in her yard," Mussman said. "She said 'Did I just see what I thought I saw?'"

One of the animals was corralled by neighbors near Clinton Community College.

The other sheep was still missing Wednesday, said Margie Andersen of DeWitt. She and her husband, Leroy, own the sheep.

Some people had reported seeing the animal around town. Police almost captured it Sunday under the U.S. Highway 30 bridge.

Mussman said police believe the sheep may still be in that area and have left food there to lure it into a cage.

The church's pastor spent a few nights looking for the sheep, she said.

"When people asked what he was looking for he'd say 'A lost sheep,'" Mussman said. "Then he'd have to tell them he really was looking for a lost sheep, that he wasn't looking for sinners."

■ **SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa.** — When friends see Shon Muna's wedding pictures, they're bound to notice the diamond.

Muna and Clarice Briggs were married Wednesday morning on the pitcher's mound at Lamade Stadium, fulfilling a promise Muna, manager of Central Little League of Agana, Guam, made when his team won the Pacific Region tournament earlier this month.

"When we went to the regional tournament, I told my coaches that if we won, I'd ask her to marry me on the field. She said yes," Muna said.

Of course, the bride wore white — the white, pinstriped uniform the Guam team wore in the regional tournament, her waist-length veil tucked underneath a white Little League World Series cap.

"I didn't want to wear a wedding gown," the new Mrs. Muna said. "To keep with the baseball theme, I thought I'd just wear a uniform."

Shon Muna Jr., 11, carried a bat and held the bride's flowers while the couple exchanged vows. Shane Muna, 8, held the rings in his red baseball glove.

"It's hard to believe that your daughter stands here in the middle of a baseball field," said the Rev. Gary Weaver, who performed the ceremony. "But people come to Williamsport to fulfill their dreams, and we are witnessing the ultimate dream."

■ **BATTLE MOUNTAIN, Nev.** — Residents of Battle Mountain raised their armpits with pride in a tribute to their town and underarms everywhere. About 2,000 people turned out

over the weekend for the community's second annual "Festival in the Pit" — a takeoff from Battle Mountain being named the "Armpit of America" by a Washington Post reporter in 2001.

This year's festival was sponsored by Old Spice, the maker of men's deodorant and cologne.

Events included an Old Spice deodorant toss and armpit beauty contest, as well as the more traditional amusements of hot air balloon rides, bed races, mud bogs and team roping competitions.

Lander County Commissioner Mickey Yarbaro called the three-day festival the most successful event in the town's history.

Besides that, he said, it "captured the spirit of the town and brought the residents together to show how fun, interesting and wonderful an armpit can be."

Battle Mountain, with a population of about 3,000, is located 215 miles east of Reno along Interstate 80.

■ **WAYNESBORO, Va.** — This school bus won't take anyone to class, but it's cool place to catch some coffee and conversation.

The Chatter Bus, a 1989 Ford school bus that Lee and Coleen Paixao have transformed into one of the hippest coffee houses this side of the Blue Ridge, opened Monday.

It's parked on a small lot, less than a block from Waynesboro High School.

The Paixaos bought the 30-foot long bus last year and have spent several months and more than \$20,000 converting it into a cozy gourmet coffee shop. No drab yellow here — the Paixaos

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Aug. 22, the 234th day of 2003. There are 131 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 22, 1775, Britain's King George III proclaimed the American colonies in a state of open rebellion.

On this date:

■ In 1485, England's King Richard III was killed in the Battle of Bosworth Field, ending the War of the Roses.

■ In 1787, inventor John Fitch demonstrated his steamboat on the Delaware River to delegates of the Continental Congress.

■ In 1846, the United States annexed New Mexico.

■ In 1851, the schooner "America" outraced the "Aurora" off the English coast to win a trophy that became known as the America's Cup.

■ In 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first U.S. chief executive to ride in an automobile, in Hartford, Conn.

■ In 1911, it was announced in Paris that Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" had been stolen from the Louvre Museum the night before. The painting turned up two years later, in Italy.

■ In 1956, President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon were nominated for second terms in office by the Republican national convention in San Francisco.

In 1968, Pope Paul VI arrived in Bogota, Colombia, for the start of the first papal visit to Latin America.

■ In 1978, President Jomo Kenyatta, a leading figure in Kenya's struggle for independence, died; Vice President Daniel Arap Moi was sworn in as acting president.

■ In 1989, Black Panther co-founder Huey P. Newton was shot to death in Oakland, Calif. Gunman Tyrone Robinson was later sentenced to 32 years to life in prison.

Ten years ago:

NASA engineers continued trying, without success, to re-establish contact with the Mars Observer, a day after losing contact.

Five years ago:

President Clinton, in his Saturday radio address, announced he had signed an executive order putting Osama bin Laden's Islamic Army and two of his main lieutenants on a list of terrorist groups.

One year ago:

President Bush proposed to end the government's "hands-off" policy in national forests and ease logging restrictions in fire-prone areas. A small plane carrying 18 people, including tourists from Germany, the United States and Britain, crashed in Nepal, killing all aboard.

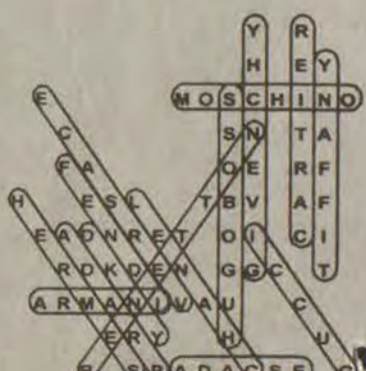
Today's Birthdays:

Nazi-era filmmaker Leni Riefenstahl is 101. Author Ray

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Arrests made in Martin Co. robbery

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

WARFIELD — The robbery of a pizza parlor in Martin County ended in the arrest of

Treatment

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otherwise have been able to is a concept Doig said he can't ignore, considering his own history.

The academy plans to award scholarships through creative approaches in fund raising to be presented to qualified applicants.

Coach

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reading reports in The Floyd County Times, at which time he then took appropriate disciplinary action.

"After I became aware of the possible situation, I and my staff met with both the team as a whole and with the individual players to discuss the situation," DeRossett wrote in his statement. "We identified some areas that gave us concern and dealt with the individual students involved. Appropriate disciplinary action, as approved by both our principal and athletic director, acting on the advice of investigators from central office, was taken."

DeRossett said he was "concerned" with news that the incident was initially reported to the school board by a school employee, adding that such a move "violates both school policy, law and the rights of the individual students who may have been involved."

"I believe it was unprofessional on behalf of the school board employee to disclose such information and the paper to publish unsubstantiated rumors without adequate investigation," wrote DeRossett.

Superintendent Dr. Paul Fanning, who said last week that a school board employee had brought forth the allegations, told the press early on that an investigation was underway before verifying Tuesday that disciplinary action had been taken.

Fanning said yesterday he had turned over the findings to

two people in Johnson and Floyd counties, according to police.

Police said Crystal Gibson, whose age and place of residence have not yet been released, walked into Hometown Pizza at Warfield holding what appeared to be a handgun inside her pocket and demanded that the clerk give her all the money in the cash register, adding if her orders were followed, no one would be hurt.

Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville reported that an unnamed male who had been riding in Gibson's vehicle saw what was happening and immediately found a phone and dialed

911.

A second man with Gibson, Robert Allen Hall, whose age and place of residence have also not been released, then proceeded to make an escape with Gibson after the unnamed second man ran from the vehicle, according to police.

Both Gibson's and Hall's names were made available through a statement from the man who called police. The man gave this information and also told officers that the two would be traveling in a green 1995 Saturn.

Gibson was later arrested at Thelma, in Johnson County, by

Johnson County sheriff's deputies, while Hall was taken into custody by KSP Trooper Rick Conn and assisting Prestonsburg police officers.

The pair were lodged at the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center in Johnson County. Gibson was charged with first-degree robbery and Hall was charged with complicity to commit robbery.

The man who fled the scene and contacted authorities was not charged following Gibson's and Hall's arrests.

The incident is still under investigation by Kentucky State Police.

Big Sandy ADD approves budget

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Big Sandy Area Development District board members approved a \$6.3 million budget yesterday afternoon for 2004 fiscal year during a regular meeting at the district's office.

The vote to approve the budget, which is down slightly from last year's budget of \$6.3 million, was preceded by a financial report from ADD staff member James Whited.

Whited made mention of the agency's running problem with accounts receivable, a problem brought again to the forefront during an audit earlier in the year.

"As of June 30, our fund balance was nearly \$111,000," Whited told members, "but

because we wrote off some old receivables, our balance is around \$56,000."

The agency was pushed to pay the balance on the accounts in part because some had been delinquent for as long as six years, but any pay-

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the proper authorities, adding that the code of conduct covering hazings had been followed. Those guidelines stipulate that in some cases, such notification is required and was followed in this case, according to Fanning.

The exact events of what happened during the PHS football camp in Blaine have not been revealed, but DeRossett welcomes as much being made public as possible.

"I would urge that anyone who professes to have the knowledge of this matter as reported in your paper to have the courage to identify themselves and have the merits of their allegations made public ... I understand that the board has completed its investigation," he wrote. "I have not seen the results, but certainly I would urge that they be made public if at all possible so that these matters may be cleared up for everyone in the community who has some legitimate concern or interest in our program."

Fainting

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Fanning.

Fanning verified the strange occurrences yesterday, saying that officials had found no medical connection to what had happened.

"We've had a series of fainting spells at the school and naturally that creates some concern," Fanning said. "We've had some school officials up there and evidently they've had kids checked and everything appears to be okay medically."

The kids who had suffered either fainting spells or seizures had been cleared by family physicians, Fanning said.

When questioned by parents about whether the chemical spill last week was being considered, school officials said it was their understanding that the spill had been contained to the Harold area.

Although the high school was not closed when a tanker truck spilled over 6,000 gallons of chemical into the Big Sandy River, nearby Betsy Layne Elementary was closed.

Indicted

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band and brother were killed in the crash, said the indictment was important to ensure that George Williams never drives a truck again.

"We don't want this to happen again," she said.

Relatives of the victims have filed suit against George Williams and JZ Trucking. Both deny responsibility for the crash.

Lexington attorney Barbara Kriz said in court documents that the crash was the result of negligence by other parties over whom George Williams had no control and for whom he had no liability.

Pikeville attorney Neal Smith, representing the trucking company, said the company was not responsible for the crash.

Police said George Williams was hauling the coal auger from Magoffin County to Bear Fork in Pike County when it struck the median on U.S. 23, south of Pikeville. Chains holding the auger broke, and it fell off the truck bed. The auger, which is used for boring holes in the earth, struck the two oncoming vehicles.

George Williams is being held in the Pike County jail.

He had been ticketed previously for speeding in Pike, Floyd and Lawrence counties and twice for passing on double yellow

lines in Pike County, according to court records. He was convicted of one previous drunken driving charge, and another was dismissed.

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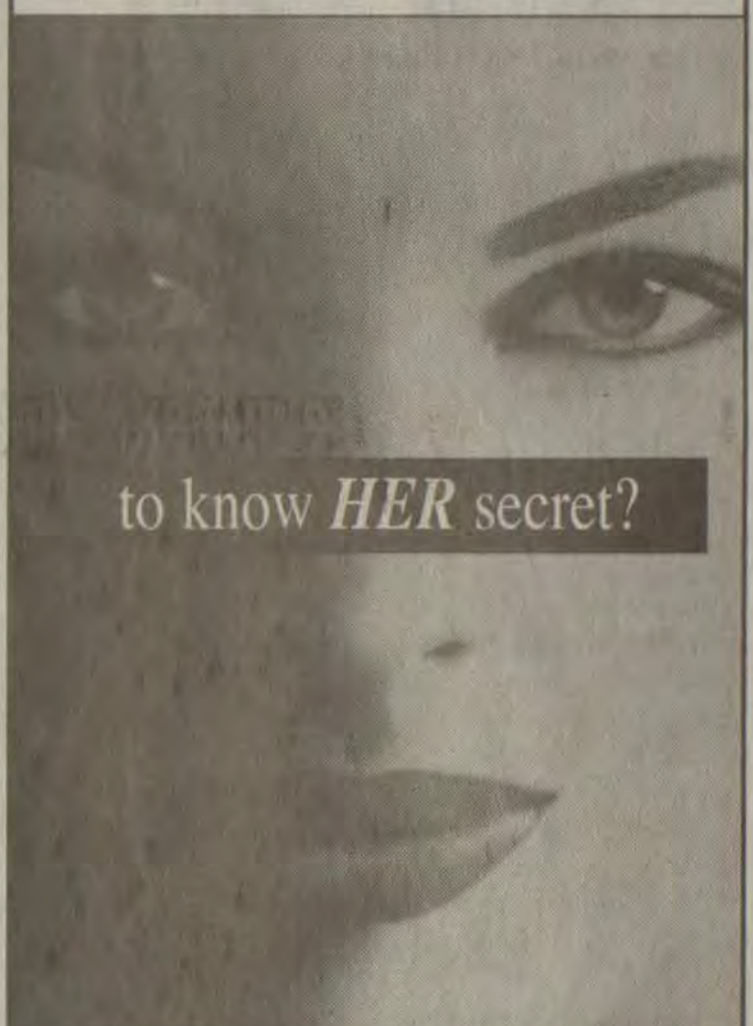
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—Joseph Krutch

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Anniston (Ala.) Star, on madness in the Middle East: So on Tuesday we were all reminded of the madness that dwells in the Middle East.

First some maniac drove his car to a hotel full of United Nations workers and set off a mammoth bomb that killed as many as 17 people, including the head of the U.N. in Iraq, the beloved and respected Brazilian Sergio Vieira de Mello. ...

Then, later in the day, came the carnage in Jerusalem when another mindless, heartless person full of hatred bombed a city bus, taking with him at least 20 people including some children, and wounding about 100. ...

So what else is there to say? Well, in terms of Iraq, not much except that a bunch of idiots won't keep the United States and the rest of the coalition forces from finishing the job that we so unwisely started. The worst, absolute worst thing we could do right now is disengage from Iraq. That, of course, would mean the worst kind of chaos, and that would mean a cozy place for terrorists that could really be a threat to us, unlike Saddam.

There is more the president could say, however. So far he seems to be feeding the American public what it wants to hear. ...

And Donald Rumsfeld should have more to say. Perhaps for once he could drop his combative style and shoot straight with the American people who have watched a slow trickle of body bags come back from the desert. ...

The Times Herald-Record, Middletown, N.Y., on the blackout:

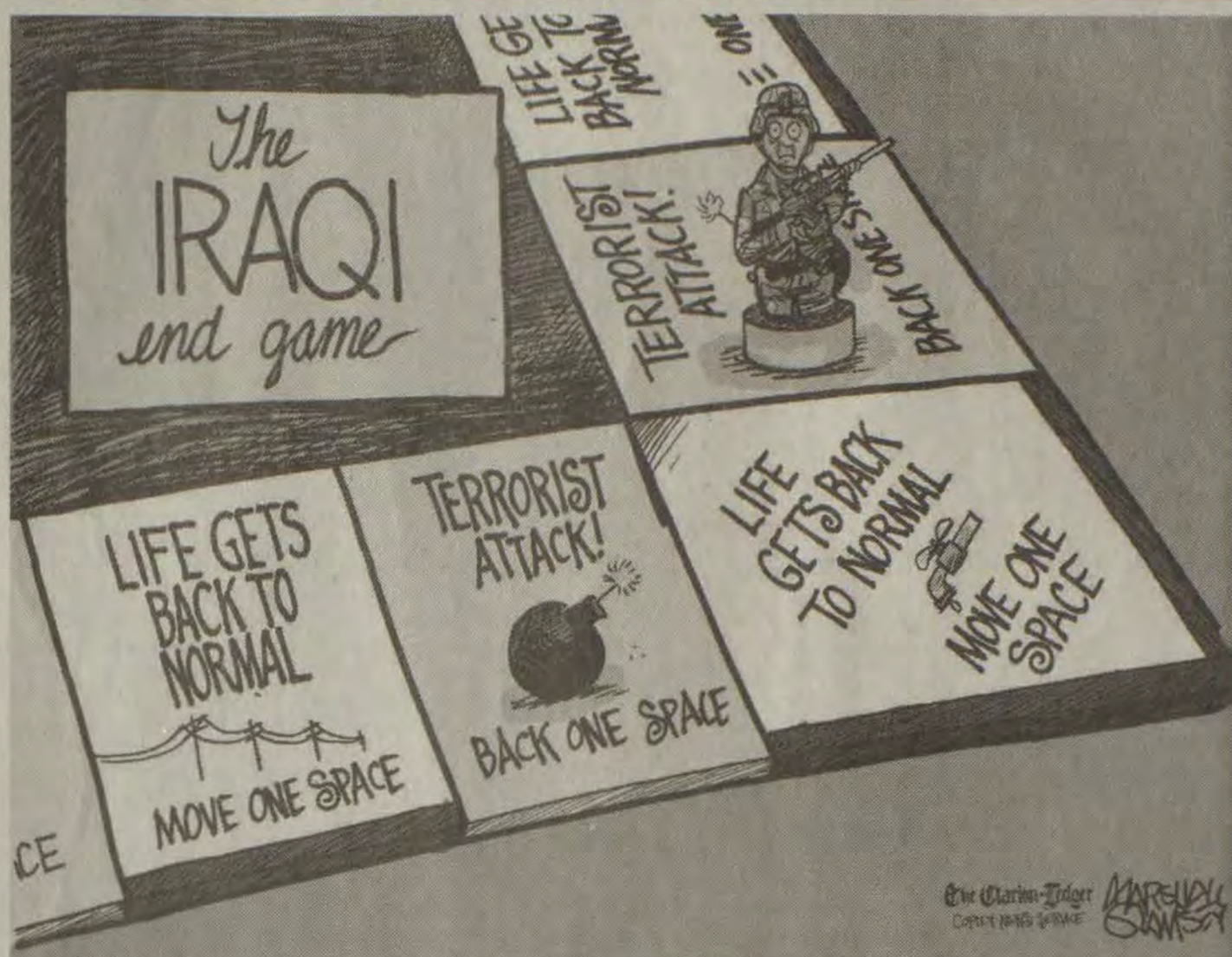
And so, it seems, into each generation, a massive power failure must fall.

The Blackout of '03 introduced millions of younger, plugged-in Americans to what life was like on the prairie. OK, maybe that's an exaggeration. But certainly, it was an echo of what it was like before cell phones, microwave ovens and PlayStation 2, all of which were useless when the power went out from Canada to Canarsie. ...

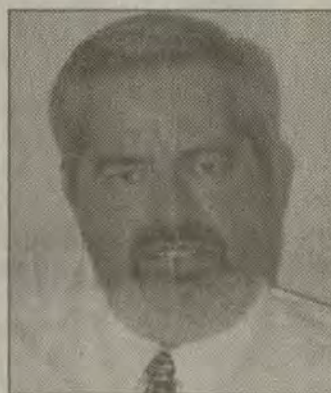
Indeed, the most encouraging aspect of the massive power failure that crippled the New York metropolitan area, along with much of the rest of the state and surrounding areas, is the calm manner in which most people reacted. It may be that having lived through major blackouts in 1965 and 1977 and the tragic terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in 2001, many New Yorkers have become not only survivors, but also adept ones. ...

Sure, they wondered why the power was out and weren't happy that it was. But no one panicked over rumors of terrorism. Rather, they rushed to buy water and ice and nonperishable food. They checked out candles and flashlights.

The younger ones watched and learned about power grids and patience. They rediscovered board games. (Some cheated and watched portable TVs.) And they cheered when the lights finally came back on, having become the newest members of that ever-larger club that can ask: "Where were you when the lights went out in (fill in the blank)?"



Hazing story not pleasant, but still our duty



by EDDIE BLAKELEY
ACTING PUBLISHER

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Eddie Blakeley and I have been serving as a regional publisher with interim management responsibilities for several of Community Newspaper Holdings Inc. newspapers, including The Floyd County Times. I have been working in this capacity since May of this year. I am not sure how long my work assignment will continue, but let me say I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time in your com-

munity. Typically, I spend two days each week at the newspaper and have grown quite fond of Prestonsburg. The people are friendly and the scenery is beautiful. Jenny Wiley State Resort Park and the Mountain Arts Center are second to none. Jerry's restaurant is a great place to eat and Comfort Suites has become my home away from home.

I have had the opportunity to play at StoneCrest golf course on two occasions. The weather could have cooperated a little better as it rained both times, but even the rain could not ruin the pleasure I got from playing this course.

During my recent visits, I have learned we have upset some people with our reporting of the hazing incident associated with Prestonsburg High School. The episode is unfortunate, and, truth be known, we along with the rest of you wish it did not happen. It is never our intent to shed a negative light on

Prestonsburg, Floyd County or any of its schools or entities. However, that does not relieve us of our responsibility to fairly and accurately report the news and happenings of our area.

Unfortunately the news is not always positive, but we have an obligation to our readers to provide them with the most unbiased, balanced, and accurate product we can produce. By providing this service we occasionally have to report on things that are not well received with some members of the community.

Depending on the story we may receive angry calls from one person, several people, or in the case of the hazing story, many people. I have heard lots of rumors including everything from boycotting the newspaper to investigating the private life of the reporter who wrote the story. We've even had some business commitments cancelled. It's turning into the old adage of "kill the messenger".

All of this is unfortunate, but we stand by our decision to report this incident and we will continue to provide the news and information that affects and is important to our communities. Not everything we print will be positive, and some of it even we do not agree with or like. It is not our place to create or make the news; it's our job and responsibility to report the news.

I hope when cooler heads prevail, folks will realize The Floyd County Times has been for the past 75 years, and will continue to be, a huge supporter of our area.

Each and every weekend during the football season you will continue to see our coverage of the area teams. What other media showcases the areas youth and their activities like this newspaper? We are proud of the accomplishments of our area athletes and are even more proud that we have the opportunity to bring these accomplishments into your homes.

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Guest Column

Full text of Coach DeRossett's statement

by JOHN DeROSSETT
FOOTBALL COACH
PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

I wanted to take this opportunity to respond to the recent articles/stories regarding football camp. I only wish you had seen fit to seek my input sooner. You might have avoided publishing misleading stories, apparently based upon uninformed or intentionally false information.

As an educator, I am sub-

ject to a code of ethics which prohibits me from disclosing the confidence of students, parents and school staff. In particular, gossip about students which can cause embarrassment or worse are both unprofessional and prohibited by law. I am therefore limited as to what I can discuss as to any individual student, but I want to address the issues raised as to the program as a whole.

I am concerned from what I read in your paper that you attributed to a school employee with disclosing information regarding a "questionable incident" at football camp. As I indicated, I believe strongly that this violates both school policy, law and the rights of the individual students who may have been involved. It was detrimental to our team as a whole. I believe it was unprofessional on behalf of the school board employee to

disclose such information and the paper to publish unsubstantiated rumors without adequate investigation.

As I indicated, when you called me this afternoon, that was the first time that I have been contacted by the press or by any official investigation regarding this matter. What I would like to say first is that our program does not condone hazing. Prior to traveling to camp, I and my staff discussed this with our players and strongly prohibited said practices. At camp, our players were supervised by responsible adults. I and my staff in particular asked younger students if they were having any problems and encouraged them to let us know if there were any issues.

The first time that I was made aware of any allegations, I read them in the newspaper. After I became aware of the possible situa-

tion, I and my staff met with both the team as a whole and with individual players to discuss the situation. We identified some areas that gave us concern and dealt with the individual students involved. Appropriate disciplinary action, as approved by both our principal and athletic director, acting on the advice of investigators from central office, was taken.

While I am prohibited from discussing the particulars, I can say that the allegations in the paper were both misleading and erroneous. I base this upon what my players have informed me. Nothing of any sexual nature or physical abuse took place. Any suggestion to the contrary was made by someone who was misinformed or was not telling the truth. This has caused great embarrassment to our upperclassmen, who

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Cult author Chuck Palahniuk writes a twisted Valentine to his hometown

by JULIA SILVERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, Ore. — The guy wandering around outside the tiki bar on the north edge of town can't even pay for a clue, he's so lost.

"Does anybody know the area?" he asks.

Lucky for him, he runs into Chuck Palahniuk and asks for directions. Nobody knows the area better than Palahniuk, author of the cult classic "Fight Club." And Palahniuk has written a new book to prove it.

"Fugitives and Refugees: A Walk in Portland, Oregon" is stuffed with juxtapositions and secrets. You can crack open the book to Chamber of Commerce sound bites, turn a page or two

and find detailed descriptions of Portland's apparently thriving, wildly kinky underground sex industry.

"The idea was to present the banal next to the spectacular," Palahniuk says over coffee at the Alibi, the 1950s-inspired Polynesian paradise that leads off the book's list of recommended eateries in town. "I think that makes each one a little more special."

Interspersed throughout the book are snapshots of Palahniuk's two decades in Portland: crashing a party at the city's June Rose Festival; high on LSD at age 19; catching a Pink Floyd laser light show at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry.

The stars of the book,

though, are the fugitives and refugees who have flocked to one of the West Coast's loosest, hippest cities over the years, eccentrics all. Palahniuk (pronounced PAULA-nik) loves every one of them.

"If I didn't love them, why bother portraying them?" he says. "There are reasons why I am so charmed by them, and I wanted to reinvent that."

So we meet Francis Gabe, an 87-year-old who lives alone in the "world-famous Self-Cleaning House," in a Portland suburb.

"To clean the house, you just turn on the water to a spinning spray head in the center of each room's ceiling," Palahniuk writes. "The wash and rinse water runs down the sloped

floor and out through the fireplace. You turn on the heat and blower to dry everything."

Then there's the couple who founded the local ghost-hunters group, who say Portland is especially receptive to ghosts because of "something organic, possibly the soil, that allows spirits to manifest there more easily."

Palahniuk did not begin writing books until he reached his 30s and realized he needed "to develop something other than party-going skills." He was born in Washington state and went to college at the University of Oregon. After graduating, he worked as a reporter at a small-town newspaper, making about \$5, and lasted six months. He became a diesel mechanic for a trucking company before finally turning to writing.

His influences include philosophers Michel Foucault, Albert Camus and Soren Kirkegaard; among contemporary writers, he admires the work of subversive British author Irvine Welsh, who wrote "Trainspotting."

Palahniuk wrote "Fight Club," an extraordinarily dark, funny novel about an underground world of male aggression, after publishers rejected his first manuscript as too risky. He figured "Fight Club" wouldn't get a second look. Instead, it sold more than 200,000 copies according to Jerry Howard, Palahniuk's editor at Doubleday. And it was made into a film starring Brad Pitt and Edward Norton.

His other works include "Survivor," a memoir of a "death cult" member dictated from a plane as it's about to crash; "Choke," which features

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Planet Mars in view at EKSC Star Party

PRESTONSBURG

Looking for little green men? You won't see them during the East Kentucky Science Center's next Mars Observing Star Parties, Wednesday, August 27, and Saturday, August 30. You may, however, see a polar cap or rocky areas on Mars, the fourth rock from the sun, through the Science Center's telescopes.

The view of Mars through the Science Center's telescopes should be spectacular, according to Raymond Shubinski, director of the East Kentucky Science Center (EKSC). On August 27, Mars will come closer to earth than ever in human history — a mere 34,646,418 miles away.

Shubinski is very excited about this Mars event. "Mars is going to be really close on August 27. In fact, it is going to be closer than it has been in 60,000 years."

Shubinski and EKSC Assistant Director Eric Thomas, along with other staff members and amateur astronomers, will be waiting with anticipation to see Mars at this close approach.

"Mars is only half the size of the earth, and most of the time we are very far away from it. On the night of the 27th Mars and earth will be lined up for the best view humanity has ever had."

Shubinski reports that in recent weeks features on Mars are already visible with science center telescopes. The polar ice caps in the large dark markings near the equator are very easy to see, even with a modest telescope.

"I have had a chance to see Mars through some really big scopes over the years," says Shubinski. "But this is one of the best viewings I have ever had."

Shubinski hopes that people in the area will have a chance to

come up to Stone Crest and see Mars for themselves through the Center's telescopes. "An event like this won't happen again until the year 2287."

Along with Mars, Shubinski plans to look at a number of other bright objects in the skies, including the planets Uranus and Neptune which are also up at this time.

Star Parties are held near the Stone Crest Golf Course, on Maggie Mountain, in Prestonsburg. The Mars Observing sessions will begin at dark, around 8:45 p.m. Signs will be posted.

Star Parties are held, weather permitting, near the Stone Crest Golf Course Clubhouse's parking lot, due to the site's level of night sky visibility. Bright lights in urban areas and in parking lots make night sky viewing virtually impossible. White beams from car headlights and from flashlights also hinder viewing by affecting night vision. Drivers should dim their headlights when

they park and spectators must use only RED lens flashlights. Red cellophane can be taped over regular flashlight lens to shield the white light.

The Science Center will have telescopes of various types and sizes at the event. Star Parties are part of the Science Center's Mobile Observatory Outreach Education Program and are made possible, in part, through the MSU East Kentucky Regional GEAR-UP Project, which provided a major portion of the telescopes through a grant, and through the Music-Carter automotive dealership and Citizens National Bank.

If the night sky is clouded or in inclement weather situations, the event will be cancelled. However, if the sky is partly clouded and stars are visible, the event will be held as planned. Check the Science Center's website, www.wedscience.org, for cancellation notices, or call the Science Center at (606) 889-0303 for more information.

Odds

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painted over the exterior with a coffee-colored hue.

The Chatter Bus serves a variety of coffee drinks, hot chocolate, pastries, muffins and cookies. While space is limited inside the bus, a gazebo set up outside provides plenty of overflow seating.

For the Paixaos it's more than just a business. It's also a ministry for the Christian couple, a way they can serve the community's children, particularly teenagers, and give them a fun, safe and friendly place to grab a

latte, listen to music, play board games, read or just hang out with friends.

Open mike nights will be a staple, the couple says. Musicians of any genre can join in.

"It can be Christian or secular — that doesn't matter," says Coleen Paixao. "The only restriction is that it's positive."

Health

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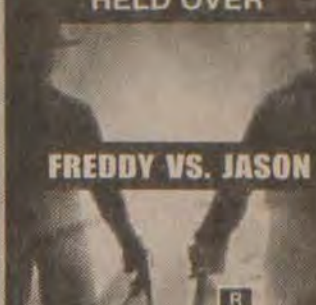
Bradbury is 83. Heart surgeon Dr. Denton Cooley is 83. Retired Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf is 69. ABC newsman Morton Dean is 68. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Carl Yastrzemski is 64. Actress Valerie Harper is 63. Football coach Bill Parcells is 62. CBS newsman Steve Kroft is 58. Actress Cindy Williams is 56. Musician David Marks (The Beach Boys) is 55. Country singer Holly Dunn is 46. Rock musician Vernon Reid is 45. Country singer Collin Raye is 43. Country singer Ricky Lynn Gregg is 42. Rock singer Roland Orzabal (Tears For Fears) is 42. Rock musician Debbi Peterson (The Bangles) is 42. Rock musician Gary Lee Connor (Screaming Trees) is 41. Singer Tori Amos is 40. Country singer Mila Mason is 40. Rhythm-and-blues musician James DeBarge is 40. Tennis player Mats Wilander is 39. Rapper GZA/The Genius is 37. Actor Rick Yune is 32. Rap-reggae singer Beenie Man is 30. Singer Howie Dorough (Backstreet Boys) is 30. Actress Jenna Leigh Green is 29.

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 Susan Lynn Crum, 35, to Tivis Jason Neeley, 25, both of Martin.
 Anna Marie North, 29, of Wayland, to David Lee Little, 37, of Melvin.
 Vicki Gayle Howell, 29, to Rogie D. Case, 25, both of McDowell.
 Amanda Jessica Lawson, 24, of Harold, to Jeremy Keith Blackburn, 24, of Stanville.
 April Lynn Conn, 16, to Tony Ratliff Jr., 20, both of Dana.
 Amanda Gail Castle, 15, to Denver M. Hall, 19, both of Printer.
 Shanna Lindsay Nicole Roberts, 18, of Honaker, to Joshua Derrick Hamilton, 20, of Grethel.
 Christina Elizabeth Blackburn, 21, of Stanville, to James Michael Pruitt, 23, of

Pikeville.
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 Kimberly Sue Spears, 25, of Harold, to James Albert Sloan, 35, of Prestonsburg.
 Jennifer Fay Lackey, 18, of Wheelwright, to Jeremy Neil Rice, 21, of Blue River.
 April Renee Cox, 22, to Eric Shane Casebolt, 22, both of Wayland.
 Mary Bryant, 39, to James F. Foulks, 36, both of Greenville, Tenn.
 Joanna Fay Thompson, 30, of Allen, to Alan Wade Crum, 38, of Martin.
 Ercella Marie Jarrell, 18, to Richard Clinton Pickens, 41, both of Ashley, Ohio.
 Ashley Dawn Bartley, 26, to Michael Raymond Shepherd, 30, both of David.
 Roxie Nicole Sowards, 19, to James Anthony Galloway, 37, both of Tram.
 Diana Melissa Newman, 36, to Jeffrey Spriggs, 45, both of Drift.
 Lea Ann Marsillett, 30, to Jerry Scarberry, 37, both of Prestonsburg.

Civil Suits Filed

Mark Tarver vs. Mike Watkins; complaint.
 Lois F. Adkins vs. Shonda L. Music; complaint.
 F.K.T. Inc. vs. Roger Hunley Jr.; complaint.
 Brian Meade vs. Donna Meade; divorce.
 Green Tree Servicing vs. Linda Greer; complaint.
 Jeffrey Spears vs. Sherry G. Lytle; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Pamela Coleman vs. Michael Coleman; petition for health care insurance.
 Christa Conn vs. Ricky L. Conn; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Angie Conn vs. William Conn; petition for health care insurance.
 Patricia Burton vs. Chester Ramey; petition for health care insurance.
 Angel L. Cole vs. Billy D. Cole; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Kathern A. Collins vs. Kimberly R. Williams; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Dennis R. Tackett vs. Annie M. Tackett; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Joyce D. Cruet vs. Elizabeth Shepherd; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Elmer Slone vs. Irene Jones; complaint.
 Andy Lewis vs. Loretta Jean Lewis; divorce.
 Allstate Insurance Company vs. Teresa Triplett; petition for independent medical evaluation.
 Ricky Hall vs. Crystal Collins; petition for health care insurance.

suspended license.
 Thomas J. Beauparlant, 20, Jenkins, theft by unlawful taking.
 Jessica S. Jervis, 28, Prestonsburg, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, criminal mischief, disregarding a stop sign, no insurance, failure to wear a seat belt.
 Brad Lester Jenkins, 21, Jenkins, theft by unlawful taking.
 Frank S. Campbell, 22, Jenkins, theft by unlawful taking.
 Carlos B. Elswick, 23, Hi Hat, receiving stolen property, unlawful transaction with a minor.
 Reo Hamilton Jr., 33, Teaberry, alcohol intoxication.
 Crystal Lynn Williams, 21, of Stanville, alcohol intoxication.
 Donna M. Bailey, 45, Martin, theft by deception.
 Marie Porter, 31, Martin, public intoxication.
 Grady J. Brooks Jr., 58, Hager Hill, no approved fire extinguisher.
 Keith D. Osborne, 28, Prestonsburg, two counts of theft by unlawful taking, prescription in improper container.
 William Donald Music, 40, East Point, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.
 Kenneth Hatfield, 46, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
 Marolyn Burchett, 38, Endicott, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.
 Jimmy Burchett, 44, Endicott, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.
 William Ronald Newsome, 31, Prestonsburg, possession of marijuana, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, prescription in improper container.
 Paul D. Arnett, 37, Salyersville, theft by deception.
 James Salisbury, 27, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
 Billy D. Carroll, 49, Printer, public intoxication.
 Charles Baily, 70, Langley, alcohol intoxication.
 Paula Henson, 25, Martin, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.
 Laura R. Williamson, 47, Inez, drinking alcohol in public.
 Gregory Vincent Owens, 29, Cold Springs, drinking alcohol in public.
 Gregory B. Eldridge, 33, Phelps, prohibit area boat for riders.
 Paul Hall, age unlisted, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault.
 Stephanie L. Prater, age unlisted, Pikeville, two counts of theft by deception.
 Lisa L. Thornsberry, 41, Langley, theft by deception.
 Leta J. Griffith, 32, Ivel, fourth-degree assault.
 John W. Bentley, 22, Tram, harassing communications, harassment.

found with food residue, cover waste can not found in restroom, floor of walk-in found with food residue, mop head stored on floor. Score: 93.
 Well Care Early Child Education Center, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Personal item not labeled in refrigerator, food item not stored six inches from floor, no test kits found, plumbing in need of repair. Score: 95.
 Double Kwik, Harold, regular inspection. Violations noted: Retail section no thermometer present in ice-cream freezer, plastic utensils and foam trays observed stored on the floor, floor tile in mild disrepair, walls and ceilings in disrepair. Score: Restaurant, 97; Store, 97.
 Cardinal Country Store, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate all thermometers, biscuits not covered while stored, hair restraints no in use, standing water on floor in walk-in, lights not shielded properly in food preparation area, mop stored on floor of food preparation area. Score: 93.
 Double Kwik, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate all thermometers, ice scoop not stored properly, lights not shielded in walk-in refrigerator, mop found stored on floor of food preparation area. Score: Restaurant, 97; Store, 97.
 Brenda's Place, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all units, proper hair restraints not in use. Score: 98.

Little Caesar's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate all thermometers, thermometer in bottle display not properly stored, hair restraints not in use. Score: 95.
 Speedway, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers in some disrepair in walk-in, food product stored on absorbent material, hand soap missing from dispenser. Score: Restaurant, 95; Store, 95.
 S&J Market, Beaver, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all refrigeration units, wiping cloth use not restricted, lights in food preparation area not properly shielded. Score: Restaurant, 98; Store, 99.

Property Transfers

Betty Fish to Robert E. Groves and Irma J. Groves, property location not listed;
 Nancy L. Collins to Elvie Collins Frasure, property location not listed;
 Reba T. Martin and Harry Martin to Sandra Mutzner and Charles Mutzner, property located on Kentucky Highway Rt. 122;
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Small Claims Filings

Scott Lemaster vs. Anita Burke; debt collection.
 East Kentucky Tire vs. Jamie Barnett; debt collection.

Charges Filed

Patricia Doan, 25, Irvine, first-degree possession of cocaine.
 Christopher D. Moore, 35, Martin, possession of marijuana, public intoxication, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription in improper container, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, disorderly conduct, third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school.
 Orville Moore, 35, Prestonsburg, flagrant nonsupport.
 Bradford C. Hunt, 29, Craynor, speeding, license to be in possession, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, possession of marijuana, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, first-degree possession of cocaine, carrying a concealed weapon.
 Keith D. Osborne, 28, Prestonsburg, attempted burglary.
 Albert M. Bertram, 35, Allen, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, no insurance, driving on a

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a sex addict who mimes choking in restaurants to get out of paying his tab; and "Lullaby," about a reporter pitted against a deadly African chant.
 Doubleday will publish his new book, "Diary," on Aug. 26. It is the story of an art student and her comatose husband who live on a sinister resort island.
 Palahniuk wrote "Fugitives and Refugees," published by Crown Journeys, in just a few months, because he wanted the chance to ramble around Portland, his adopted hometown, and fix the place in his mind before the city becomes totally lost to gentrification.
 It's already hard to find a good dive bar downtown, he says, and the Cacophony Society couldn't find a single condemned building to break into as a site for its annual potluck supper.
 Ah yes, the Cacophony Society. Palahniuk describes the society as a ragtag bunch of people with the most ordinary of jobs, who periodically pull the most extraordinary of pranks. The group is featured prominently in the book, with a loving description of the annual "Santa Rampage," during which benevolently drunken Santas storm downtown streets, bawling out carols and tossing back cocktails.
 Of course, the first rule of membership in any secret society is that you don't dish the dirt about it. At a recent book reading in Seattle, a group of out-of-season Santas stormed the room, chanting, "You

don't talk about Santa," and forced Palahniuk to put on a Santa suit and chug back a flask of tequila as penance for his sins.
 Palahniuk says he knows that telling anyone who can pay \$16 at Barnes and Noble about the Cacophony Society does dilute the myth.
 "That is always the tragedy," he said. "But the alternative is not to acknowledge these fantastic things. That's more of a tragedy — maybe the Santa Rampage is destroyed, but knowing that it is out there might encourage the spin-off of other forms."
 Besides, Palahniuk says, he kept some of Portland's secrets, like the story of the hospital that for years was the nation's premier clinic for sex-change operations. He couldn't bear the thought of tourists gawking at it, he said.
 And there are some quintessentially Portland people and places in the book, like the woman who will teach your dog to dance to the strains of "I Fought the Law (and the Law won)," or the garden growing entirely from recycled materials, which Palahniuk terms, "the closest thing we have to a humane society for plants."
 The book, which has sold about 36,000 copies so far, is a twisted Valentine to Portland, a celebration of a slacker culture in which, Palahniuk says, "It's OK to work a cruddy job as long as you maintain the world's largest collage of Elvis pictures."
 "Or something like that."

Wedding Announcement

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P'BURG HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '93 REUNION

Prestonsburg High School class of 1993 is planning a 10-year class reunion on September 13, 1993. For details contact Jamie Ward Minix at 886-6728 or email at jwminix@hotmail.com.

REVIVAL MEETING

A revival meeting will be held at the Middle Creek Baptist Church, at Blue River on August 31, at 6 p.m., and September 1-3, at 7 p.m. Evangelist is Ron Hodge. For transportation, call 886-9633 or 886-2889. Pastor is Vernon Slone.

4-H TEEN COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Are you interested in meeting new friends? Trying new things? Teaching others? And being a role model for younger people? Then join the Floyd County 4-H Teen Council this year? Anyone age 13-18 is invited to attend. Our first meeting will be held on

Thursday, September 11, from 6:30-8 p.m., at the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Office (across from Brad Hughes Toyota). For more information, contact Chuck Stamper, 4-H Agent, at 886-2668, or by e-mail at cstamper@uky.edu.

FREE DENTAL CLINIC

The Mud Creek Dental Clinic will offer FREE dental screenings for Floyd County students, ages 7-12, on Saturday, August 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursday, August 28, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. The clinic is located behind Mud Creek Clinic, at Grethel.

CONN FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of Wilburn and Tennessee Conn will host a family reunion that will be held on Saturday, August 30, at 12 p.m., at the Martin Masonic Lodge. All family and friends are welcome. Please bring a covered dish to share. For more info., contact Rose Stephens at 874-2714, or Lora Risner at 285-9621.

CHILDERS FAMILY REUNION

The Childers (Childress) Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 6, at Dewey Dam, Picnic Hollow Shelter #3. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. A pot-luck lunch will be served at noon. Please bring a covered dish and a cooler of soft drinks. Tableware and napkins will be provided. Those who wish may bring a gift-wrapped item for auction. Also, bring old family photos, etc. For more info., call Naomi Cox at (740) 387-5815, or Shelba Childers at (740) 747-2985.

NIMBLE THIMBLE ART CLASS

The Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild will host a lesson on hand-dyeing fabric on Wednesday, September 3, at 10:00 a.m. Register by August 20 by calling Alice Rowe at 886-2904.

DIABETES AWARENESS GROUP

To meet August 26, at McDowell ARH, 2nd floor Extended Care Unit Conference Room, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Topic: "Nutrition for All." Judy Combs, RD, presenter. Door prizes to be given away. More info., contact Theresa Scott, county extension agent, at 886-2668.

HUNTER REUNION

The Hunter Reunion will be held on October 11 and 12, at the New Martin Community Center. For more info., call 358-3006.

DWALE HOMECOMING 2003

Friday night, August 29, Social Event with entertainment. Saturday, August 30, Homecoming begins at 10:00 a.m. and lasts all day long. Please bring a covered dish or soft drinks to share. All former and present residents of Dwale are invited to bring along their families for a day of food, fun and frolicking!

PEE WEE FLAG FOOTBALL SIGN-UPS

Sign-ups for Pee Wee Flag Football will be held on Saturday, August 23, at the Prestonsburg Dairy Queen. For more information about either the program or registration, contact Todd Goodman at 874-9566.

JOHNSON FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of Milford and Minnie Johnson will hold their 4th annual family reunion on Sunday, August 24, at the Jenny Wiley Dam, Shelter #2, at 2:00 p.m. All friends and family cordially invited to attend.

PARSONS FAMILY REUNION

The Parsons family reunion for the descendants of Isaac and Lotisa Parsons will be held on August 31, at the Isaac Parsons Cemetery, located on Parsons Branch, just off Rte. 979 in Floyd County, from 11 a.m.-5

p.m. Bring a covered dish to be served at 1 p.m. Call E.J. Parsons at 865-426-7585 for more information.

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Fall classes in computers, sewing, and others will begin the week of September 8. For more info., call 886-0709

HUNTER FAMILY REUNION

Will take place on Saturday, August 30, at the Martin Senior Citizens Building, from 10:00 a.m. until 4 p.m. For more information, call: Charles and Cassie Justice at 886-8737.

FREE BODY RECALL CLASSES

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

MCDOWELL HIGH CLASS REUNION

The McDowell High School classes of 1934-1993 will hold a class reunion on Labor Day weekend. Weekly meetings are now being held each Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m., at the McDowell First Baptist Church. All are welcome - Help is needed.

HRMC CALENDAR

■ Aug. 28 - Living Well with Diabetes - Floyd Room, 5-6 p.m.
Highlands Regional Medical Center "Living Well with Diabetes" Support Group: Get moving with diabetes. Discover how to lower your weight and

blood glucose the drug free way! August 28, Floyd Room, 5-6 p.m. All classes are free of charge. For further information, contact: Food and Nutrition Services, at (606) 886-8511, ext. 7353.

'SEPTEMBERFEST'

The Lawrence County Septemberfest committee is now accepting applications for

arts and crafts spaces. Call Leslie Wellman at 606-673-4681, after 6 p.m. Deadline to apply is August 29.

The Septemberfest Car Show will be held Saturday, September 6, at the Louisa Lower Elementary School. Registration will be from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Call Ted Kelley at 638-4053 or Lynn See at 638-4984 for more info.

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Man on all-terrain vehicle killed in crash on highway

The Associated Press

FREEBURN — A West Virginia man riding an all-terrain vehicle was killed Tuesday when he slammed into a cement truck on Route 194 in Pike County.

State police said Michael Ray

Cline, 41, of Wharncliffe, W.Va., was traveling east on Route 194 when he crossed the center line at a curve. He hit the cement truck, which was traveling west, at the curve at 6:50 p.m.

Cline was pronounced dead at the scene. The cement truck driver was not injured.

Patton administration members use fund for hometown projects

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Some top members of Gov. Paul Patton's administration and staff drained a fund controlled by the cabinet secretary for small projects in their hometowns, as the Kentucky's fiscal year was ending in June.

The members, the state cabinet secretary among them, defended the pork barrel spending as "worthwhile projects," in an article published in The Courier-Journal on Thursday. Cabinet Secretary Ed Ford sent money from the account that he managed, the State Planning Fund, for two projects in his home county: \$12,000 to the Cynthiana-Harrison County Chamber of Commerce to help turn the old county jail into a tourism center, and \$3,500 to build a concession stand and restroom at a new Harrison County park.

Chief of Staff Andrew "Skipper" Martin and Jerry Johnson, special assistant to the governor, helped get similar small projects funded in their home counties with the last dollars from the planning account. No money was put in the account in the new budget.

Some legislators and the head of a group that monitors ethics in state government say the money — \$43,642 in all — should have

gone unspent, the newspaper reported.

"Any project considered by itself looks worthy, especially if you're on the receiving end," said Sen. Tom Buford, R-Nicholasville. "But ... if they had saved \$50,000 it could have been used in Medicaid, where it could be matched by the federal government and turned into \$150,000."

Draining the fund sets "a bad example at a time like this" as state agencies cut spending, said Richard Beliles, chairman of Common Cause of Kentucky. "My guess is these projects serve a good purpose, but there are a lot of other worthy projects out there and these should have been prioritized with others for consideration at some later time," Beliles said.

Lawmakers eliminated money for the planning fund in the fiscal year that began July 1.

Ford told the newspaper last week that he doesn't regret approving the spending because the amount was so small.

"These were worthwhile projects; they were requested for in writing and went through the proper channels," he said.

The State Planning Fund is a modest account managed by the governor's cabinet secretary. In the early 1990s, the General Assembly put \$225,000 a year into the account. That was

increased to \$500,000 a year in 1997. In seven of the past 10 years, the entire fund was spent.

But the other three years it had a leftover balance that lapsed into the General Fund — \$197,200 after 2001-02; \$128,600 after 1996-97; and \$7,000 after 1997-98, said Acting Budget Director Mary Lassiter.

Since Patton became governor in December 1995, the biggest single share of the fund — \$325,000 — has gone to support the Bluegrass State Games, an Olympics-style athletic competition for all ages held annually in Lexington.

The chairmen of the House and Senate budget committees disagree on the propriety of such expenses.

"I think money from the planning fund should be used for advance planning, not local projects," said Sen. Richie Sanders, R-Franklin. "Because revenue is so tight we decided in the budget that we couldn't afford projects like this."

But Rep. Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, said he couldn't criticize the spending because he didn't have enough information about it.

"Regardless of whether this money should have lapsed to the General Fund, I do believe that the administration did a really good job of managing out money last year," he said.

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 Interstate Natural Gas Company to Jerry D. Hall and Anna Sue Hall, property located on Frasure's Creek;
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Sabrina Kay Hicks to Rodney Hicks and Sabrina Hicks, property location not listed;
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 AEP Kentucky Coal LLC, to Ramsey Prestonsburg Development LLC, property located along Kentucky Route 1428, Prestonsburg;
 Matilda Lawson Hall (Tilda) to Misty Dawn Lawson, property located on Toler Creek;
 Master Commissioner's deed: Reed Stamper Jr., et al., to First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg Inc., property location not listed.

Budget

ments the agency might receive now that the amount has been taken care of would be clear revenue, said Whited. It is with revenue in mind agency members are hoping to stick to the 2004 budget, so as to ensure an estimated \$55,404 surplus. That surplus would be down from last year's figure, which stood at \$65,933. Considering that estimates for expenditures are barely

Guest

are alleged to have participated in hazing. Further, our freshmen players, who were identified as a group and had their photograph published, have been subjected to gossip and ridicule. I would anyone who professes to have the knowledge of this matter as reported in your paper to have the courage to identify themselves and have the merits of their allegations made public. Finally, in conclusion, I want to say that I believe our football team, including our camp, is a positive experience for all those involved. Our community is and should be proud of their efforts. Many parents contribute time, money and effort to make this a success and I regret that their good efforts have been held to ridicule by misinformation. As a team, we have dealt with these issues and I believe that we will be stronger as a team for having gone through this experience together. I would like to thank my players, their parents, my staff and those in the community who have faith in us and supported us through this period. I understand that the board has completed its investigation. I have not seen the results, but certainly I would urge that they be made public if at all possible so that these matters may be cleared up for everyone in the community who has some legitimate concern or interest in our program.

moving because figures have only been calculated for the month of July, Whited says the agency's departments are well on their way to seeing the budget realized. "Most departments have only spent 6 to 8 percent of their budget, for an overall 5 percent," said Whited. The agency has a little over \$100,000 remaining in cash to distribute for loans, said Whited, but feels confident that a surplus for the end of the year will match, if not exceed, the \$55,000 mark set out in the budget.

"With the accounts receivable, it's not exactly uncommon for, especially for governments, to pay off loans after six years or so because of grants that come through and so forth," Whited said. "If these receivables are realized, we'll count them as revenue

for this year, and there might be others out there. This \$55,000 could just be a conservative number."

Whited said one of the

agency's goals should be to see that its funds balance make up at least 5 percent of their overall budget for the fiscal year.

Quilt Guild to host fabric dyeing class

The Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild will host a lesson on the art of hand-dyeing fabric on Wednesday, September 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The class will be taught by Gypsy Jones and Susie Huseman. All those interested should register by August 20 by calling Alice Rowe at 886-2904. Ms. Rowe will inform as to the list of supplies you will need to bring with

you. The fabric pieces are beautiful and the process is fun to do. Guild members invite all to join them for an interesting and exciting class. The Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild meets the first and third Wednesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Floyd County Extension Service office, located on South Lake Drive, in Prestonsburg.

Man pleads guilty to buying votes in Knott County

The Associated Press

LONDON — A man charged with election fraud in Knott County has pleaded guilty.

Jimmy Calhoun, 33, of Hindman, entered the plea Tuesday to two counts of vote-buying.

Calhoun is among 16 people charged as a result of an FBI investigation into the 1998 primary election in Knott County. It is one of the largest vote-fraud cases in Kentucky in recent years.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Roger West said he was surprised by the guilty plea entered in a routine status hearing.

West said after Calhoun was ruled competent to stand trial,

he admitted that he had paid two people, A.W. Dyer and Jeremie Dyer, both of Hindman, \$50 each to cast a vote in the election.

Under federal sentencing guidelines, Calhoun faces a possible sentence of eight to 10 months in prison. He could have been sentenced to 18 to 24 months in prison if he had been convicted at trial.

Formal sentencing before U.S. District Judge Karen Caldwell is scheduled for Oct. 30, West said.

Five of six people indicted in 1999 on vote fraud charges in Knott County were convicted in U.S. District Court at Pikeville in 2000. Calhoun was among another half-dozen people charged in March this year.

A month later, three others, including Knott Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome, were indicted.

The last indictments came only a month before the five-year statute of limitations on prosecuting vote-fraud in federal elections expired.

Thus far, eight defendants have either been convicted or pleaded guilty while four have been acquitted or had their cases dismissed.

Two trials remain. Knott Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome, the lone officeholder indicted, and Willard Smith, 54, of Hindman, are scheduled for trial in Pikeville on Sept. 23. Patrick Wayne "Buck" Madden, 45, of Littcarr is scheduled for trial on Oct. 7.

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Obituaries

Dorothy Atherton Smith Hayes

Dorothy Atherton Smith Hayes, age 84, of Langley, widow of Earnest Hayes, passed away, Thursday, August 21, 2003, at the Riverview Manor Health Care, Prestonsburg.

She was born June 27, 1919, in Bowling Green, the daughter of the late Luther Smith and Esme Brett Smith.

Survivors include one son, Ronald Hayes of Winchester; one daughter, Sandra Hayes Sheffield of Betsy Layne; one sister, Betty Driscoll of Atlanta, Georgia; two grandchildren, Elissa O'Bryan, and Heather Amistadi, and two great-grandchildren, Casandri O'Bryan and Dorothy O'Bryan. Funeral services for Dorothy Hayes will be conducted Saturday, August 23, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergymen Jimmy Hall and Clinton Moore officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is after 5 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

William "Bill" Crum

William "Bill" Crum, 79, of Banner, husband of Thelma Hurd Crum, passed away Thursday, August 21, 2003, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

He was born April 5, 1924, in Martin, the son of the late Sol and Suvvie Carver Crum. He was a retired truck driver.

In addition to his wife, Thelma, he is survived by two sons, Michael Conn of Lexington, and Dean Carroll of Printer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Anna Mae Newsome Crum.

Funeral services for William "Bill" Crum will be conducted Sunday, August 24, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergyman Ellis Stephens officiating.

Burial will follow in the Conn Cemetery, at Printer, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is after 5 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Sidney Allen "Sap" Parker

Sidney Allen "Sap" Parker, 67, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, August 18, 2003, at High-lands Regional Medical Center.

Born June 1, 1936, in Louisa, he was the son of Kathleen Adkins Parker of Prestonsburg, and the late Willie B. Parker. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, a member of Zebulon Masonic Lodge No. 273, Prestonsburg, and the Oleika Shrine Temple in Lexington.

He was a former insurance agent, self-employed at Parker & Associates Insurance Company.

He is survived by his wife, Polly Dalton Parker.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by one son, Stephen Parker (Michelle) of Prestonsburg; two sisters, Betty Parker and Peggy Hereford (David), both of Lexington; and one grandson, Dalton Michael Parker.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Joyce Stephens.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, August 20, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Dr. Floyd Price and Randy Polk officiating.

Interment will be at Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers: Marty Minix, A.O. Onskt, "Little" Shag Branham, Morris Copley, Tommy Rorrer, and Doug Hyden. Honorary pallbearers: Jack Hyden, Ronald Adams, Tex Keathley, David May, Shag Branham, and Dr. James D. Adams.

Carter Funeral Home is serving the Parker family. (Paid obituary)

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GENERALLY, WITH THE FIRST WARM BREEZES OF SPRING, THE CLOUDS OF WAR, THE WINTER RAINS AND SNOWS HAD TO BE OVER WITH BEFORE ARMIES COULD MOVE. THERE WAS NO DECLARATION OF THE INTENTION OF WAR BY ONE NATION TO ANOTHER. AN INVADING COUNTRY KNEW IT WAS AT WAR ONLY WHEN ITS PEOPLE SAW THE FIRST TROOPS OF THE MARAUDING INVADERS. THE ISRAELITES WERE STRATEGISTS OF NOTE. THEY DID NOT HAVE THE EQUIPMENT THAT OTHER ARMIES HAD SUCH AS CHARIOTS AND WAR MACHINES, SO THEIR BATTLE PLANS HAD TO BE OUTSTANDINGLY ORIGINAL. HISTORY SHOWS THAT WITHOUT EXCEPTION THE LEADERSHIP OF THE ISRAELITES WAS PAR EXCELLENCE. IN ALMOST EVERY BATTLE THEY FOUGHT THEY WERE NUMERICALLY WEAKER BUT THEIR DARING TACTICS AND THEIR FAITH IN GOD, AS THE POTENT FORCE BEHIND THEM, BROUGHT THEM VICTORY.



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OVER THE WEEKEND...

The following area high school football games are scheduled for Saturday night:
Boyd County-Belfry (Pike County Bowl at Pikeville), 6 p.m.; Breathitt County-Mason County (Recreation Bowl at Mt. Sterling), 5:30 p.m.; Middlesboro-Ashland Blazer (City County Bowl at Pineville), 6 p.m.; Lawrence County at Pikeville (Pike County Bowl), 8:30 p.m.

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COMMENTARY

State fair offers insight to Kentucky culture

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

LOUISVILLE — I went to the Kentucky State Fair last Saturday at the behest of Mr. William Butler, who published the book

about my favorite Kentucky Derby stories. He thought it would be a good idea to have a booth in the East Concourse of the Freedom



Billy Reed

Hall complex.

Unfortunately, most of the people who strolled past our booth — and there must have been several thousand — didn't have books in mind. They were far more interested in cotton candy or corn dogs or competitions other than the Kentucky Derby.

Such as, to cite only one example, the Kentucky Pork Producers' racing pigs.

I was born and raised in

(See REED, page two)

BENTLEY'S COMMENTS

Pike Bowl Bowl renewed

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

I don't know about you, but for me it's been one long, miserable summer. Forget about the calendar; fall starts this weekend

with the Pike County Bowl, so let's jump right into it, shall we?

Here we go, inside the numbers of Pike County's biggest

event:

For the first time ever, all eight teams will be returning to the Pike County Bowl. On Friday night, Shelby Valley will bring a 2-2 record in Pike County Bowl play into its matchup with 0-2 Phelps. In the nightcap, Pike Central, 3-1, will play East Ridge, 0-1.

On Saturday, the Pike County Bowl's winningest team, Belfry, brings its 13-5 worksheet into play against Boyd County, 0-1.

(See BENTLEY, page two)

RAIDERS SFHS RAIDERS football 2003



LEFT: Junior running back Joe Osborne (14) came out of the backfield in a scrimmage game against Morgan County.

ABOVE: Raider defenders Landon Hall (7) and Kenny Parker (3) came off the Pike Central field during a successful defensive stand against Morgan County.

photos by Steve LeMaster

Raiders hit road for first game of season

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

STANTON — First impressions go a long way.

Two programs hoping to start a new season on a winning note square off tonight in Powell County. South Floyd and head coach Donny Daniels hope to go on the road tonight

and beat Powell County (2-8), a Class 2A, Region 3 team which last made a trip to the playoffs in 2001 when it ventured to Prestonsburg for a first-round game.

The Pirates are a district newcomer, moving down a district but still remaining in Class 2A.

Under Coach Doug Martin

last season, Powell County won just two games, one of which was a 36-30 victory over Morgan County. Last season's Pirate defensive unit gave up 432 points in 10 games.

Last season held a slightly different tale for the Raiders.

(See RAIDERS, page two)

"Considering we've had people up here working on the field this week, we haven't had a bad week of practice," said Daniels. "It's been hot and that's just something we've got to get accustomed to."

FUNDRAISER

Dairy Queen teams up with P'burg cheerleaders

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg High School varsity cheerleaders and Prestonsburg Dairy Queen Manager Johnny McKinney have teamed up for this Saturday.

On Saturday, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, the Prestonsburg High cheerleaders will

work at Dairy Queen and serve the public. All proceeds during this time will be donated to the Prestonsburg High cheerleaders to help offset the cost of upcoming competitions in both Ohio and Texas.

The public is invited to Dairy Queen to support the P'burg cheerleaders on

(See P'BURG, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Zeda Martin was one of those braving the rain and working the gate last Friday night when host Allen Central scrimmaged Hurley, Va. Tonight the Rebels host Betsy Layne in the first game of the regular season.

H.S. FOOTBALL

Bobcats-Rebels: A win is a win

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — The start of the high school football season means much to the teams at Allen Central and Betsy Layne. Betsy Layne is in the

middle of a losing streak which spans three seasons.

The Bobcats have lost 29 games in a row. But help is on the way in the form of a new head coach, staff, and

(See WIN, page two)

H.S. FOOTBALL

Big Sandy Bowl opens with Raceland-Paintsville

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — With humidity high and temperatures high around kickoff time, host Paintsville will take the field for the first game of tonight's Family Bank Big Sandy Bowl. The host Tigers will take on the visiting Raceland Rams in the first game at 6 p.m. For Paintsville head coach David LeMaster, the first game of the season is a great challenge for himself and his team.

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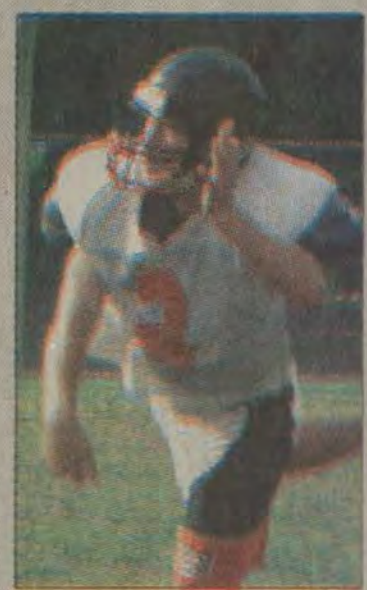


photo by Steve LeMaster
Trevor Compton will get his first varsity start at quarterback Saturday night when the Blackcats play host Lexington Catholic in the St. Joseph's Hospital Bluegrass Bowl.

Blackcats set to tangle with Lexington Catholic

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The 2003 high school football season has arrived and with it comes a big game for the Prestonsburg Blackcats. Prestonsburg head coach John DeRossett will take his young Blackcats to Lexington for an 8:30 p.m. kickoff against

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TONIGHT'S GAMES

Betsy Layne at Allen Central	7:30 p.m.
South Floyd at Powell County	7:30 p.m.
Raceland at Paintsville	6 p.m.
Johnson Central-Rock Hill, Ohio	8 p.m.
Greenup County-East Carter	7:30 p.m.
Jenkins-Haysi, Va.	7:30 p.m.
Knott County Central-Magoffin County	N/A
Hazard vs. North Laurel	6 p.m.
Whitley County at Perry Central	7:30 p.m.
Phelps-Shelby Valley	6:30 p.m.
Pike County Central-East Ridge	9 p.m.

Reed

Kentucky and have lived here all but four or five years of my life. But obviously I've missed a lot. Racing pigs? Why didn't somebody tell me about this years ago?

Could there be a Calumet Farm for pigs? If so, where is it?

Is there a Triple Crown for pigs? Who's the greatest racing pig ever?

And, much to my chagrin, there was more.

Such as the rooster-crowing contest.

I must do more research on

Bowl

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"Raceland will bring a good football team in here," said LeMaster. "We'll field a younger team this season than we have in previous years."

Young could be an understatement. Paintsville freshman Daniel Pugh will go under center for the Tigers. He'll have in the backfield behind him freshman fullback Kyle Sublett and freshman tailback Shane Cantrell. Another young tailback, sophomore Shane Cantrell, will also get carries out of the backfield.

Raceland will be led by senior quarterback Aaron Pettrey. After switching from wide receiver last season, Pettrey put up some great numbers as the Rams lead signal-caller. He is also one of the state's top place-kickers, hitting from beyond 40 yards with rela-

tive ease.

With the return of senior defensive back Shane Simpkins, Paintsville's secondary becomes stronger against a Raceland team which places most of its offensive efforts in the pass.

The second game of this year's Big Sandy Bowl pits Johnson Central and former Boyd County and Raceland head coach Bill Tom Ross against Rock Hill, Ohio. For Ross and his team, a formidable challenge is also ahead in the first game of the season.

"Southern Ohio football teams are strong year-in and year-out," said Ross. "It'll be a challenge for our team, but I think this year's team is already ahead of last year's team."

Kickoff for the Johnson Central-Rock Hill, Ohio game is scheduled for 8 p.m.

this. My grandfather used to keep some chickens in Mount Sterling. And, of course, he had a couple of roosters. Just to show you how stupid I am, I've always thought that roosters sounded alike. You've heard one rooster, you've heard them all.

But I've missed something. There must be various degrees of rooster crowing that only the trained ear can decipher. That must be why there's a contest.

The problem with brooding over these things is that I missed some other exhibitions. Such as,

for example, the Marion County cloggers. I've been told that I'm a clog. I wonder if a clog can clog and become a swell fellow.

I just don't know. There have been some exhibits that I don't even want to think about because it makes my head hurt. Such as, "Doggies of the Wild West." And "Sister Rain and Brother Sun." And, especially, "Trial by Jury Sponsored by the Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys."

To ease my angst, I knocked

down two corn dogs. I can't help but get nervous. There's some kind of show advertised as the "Hog Operation at the Savori Original Kentucky Chow Wagon." Naturally, I did what any reasonable human would. I thought about the racing pigs. Are we talking about porcine surgery here? What, exactly is a "hog operation?"

And getting back to competition, what are we to make of the "National Best SPAM recipe competition" and the "Home-

grown vegetable" contest? How does one compare a cucumber with an ear of corn?

I thought about entering the karaoke competition, adult division, but then I saw there also was an Elvis impersonator competition. What chance do I have, even if my version of "I Want You, I Need You, I Love You" isn't all that bad?

Oh, my. The open sheep show is coming up. There's an exhibit

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Bentley

And in the finale, Pikeville, 9-8, will play Lawrence County, 0-1.

Only Belfry's Philip Haywood has coached in all 18 Pike County Bowls.

Bill McKinney's Phelps Hornets will be glad to play somebody other than Pike County Central on Friday. Phelps has played in two bowl games, in 1999 and 2002, and played the Hawks both times.

They still haven't scored, having lost 46-0 and 49-0 in those two meetings.

How will you know if Pike County Central will beat East Ridge? Judging from their previous four appearances, if they score, they should win. The Hawks have won all three times they've scored. Their loss was an ugly one, however. In 2000, Bellevue hung a 60-0 thrashing on them.

In fact, only once in their four outings has Pike Central been in a game which saw both teams score. In 2001, they knocked off Harlan 33-25.

Shelby Valley is 2-2 in bowl games, and has won both times they've played another Pike County team. That's good news for the Wildcats, because they play Phelps. The bad news? Both wins have come against essentially the same program - first Elkhorn City in 1999 and

then East Ridge last year.

When you see East Ridge lost to Shelby Valley 27-22 last year in its first ever football game, keep this in mind - that means the Warriors were six points from a .500 season. I'd say Eric Ratliff got the program off to a solid start.

As the games progress this weekend and you watch the scoreboard, keep this in mind: If your team scores 20 points, they will probably win. In Pike County Bowl history, Belfry is 8-1 if they score at least 20. Pikeville is 9-2, not counting the never-completed fiasco in 1987 when a storm halted its game with Beechwood at the half with the Tigers on top 21-20.

The other four teams are 5-1 when they score 20, making Pike County squads 22-4 when they score at least 20.

On the flip side of that, it's just as important to hold your foe under 20. Belfry has only given up 20 or more three times, but they've lost two of them. When the Angry Red defense holds its opponent under our magic number, they're a stout 12-3.

As for the Panthers, the numbers are even more staggering: When opponents have hit 20, Pikeville is only 3-8; when they've held the opposition

under 20, Pikeville has never lost (6-0).

The longest winning streak in Pike County Bowl history is in danger on Saturday. Belfry has won its last four meetings since dropping the 1998 game 7-6 to Campbell County. That equals the mark set when the Bucs won their first four games in the bowl from 1985-88.

In fact, Belfry won seven in of its first eight PCB appearances.

There have been 10 shutouts in Pike County Bowl history. Belfry has played four of them, blanking Harrison County and North Laurel consecutively in 1995-96, while being shutout by Bell County in 1989 and Male in 1997.

Pikeville has both won a shutout, a 37-0 blitzing of Newport Central Catholic in 1988 and getting blanketed by Breathitt 33-0 in 1998.

In addition to the three Pike Central has been involved in, Shelby Valley lost to Paris 61-0 in 2001.

The highest scoring single night of play in the Pike County Bowl came only three years ago, when four teams kept the scoreboard operator busy by combining to hang up 143 points. That evening, Belfry beat Bourbon County 35-26 while Pikeville beat Lawrence 46-36.

The lowest scoring night came in 1989. After Bell

pitched a 17-0 shutout at Belfry, Pikeville beat Raceland 21-7, for 45 points. On 10 different occasions, one team has scored more than that in bowl games.

Somebody's offense had better get in gear if they're going to shoot for the most points for a single team. Ashland beat Pikeville 70-28 in 1997 in the game that also set the record for most points combined in one game.

The lowest scoring single game came in 1997 when Male beat Belfry 7-0.

Belfry's average Pike County Bowl score is 18.4 to 14.1. However, its games aren't really that close: In wins, they average 22.3 to 9.5; in losses, it's 26.0 to 8.2.

Pikeville's numbers are the same. The Panthers have scored 417 points and given up 422. In wins, the average score is 32.7 to 16.5; when they lose, it's 33.6 to 12.9. Math majors should remember to subtract out the 1987 game.

In seven of the 17 bowls which saw both games played to completion, Pikeville and Belfry have swept opponents. They've been swept only three times.

Pike Central and Shelby Valley have pulled off the single-night sweep both times they've played in-county foes (1999 and 2002). In 2000, they were swept by Bellevue and Harrodsburg.

Raiders

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South Floyd finished 4-6 and even had a chance late in the season to contend for a spot in the playoffs, only to fall short. With seniors Landon Hall (quarterback) and Brandon Little (fullback) returning in the Raider backfield, hopes are high in and around Hi Hat.

South Floyd was edged by Morgan County at Pike Central in a two-game grid in its first preseason game. In a second scrimmage Saturday against Trimble County at Frankfort as part of another grid, South Floyd was an easy winner.

The person at the top of the Raider grid program feels his team is ready for the first game of the season.

"Considering we've had people up here working on the field this week, we haven't had a bad week of practice," said Daniels. "It's been hot and that's just something we've got to get accustomed to."

In two scrimmage games, Powell County managed a tie and a victory. The Pirates tied with Berea, 6-6 in a first exhibition, and beat Rowan County 21-11 in a second scrimmage contest.

"They have some athletes," added Daniels. "I like their quarterback, he's a good athlete; they also have a good receiver. They throw the ball up some."

On offense, Powell will often line up in a Pro-I set. The Pirates will run the football on offense with many plays.

Kickoff for tonight's game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

NEW GRASS

The Raider Stadium field was re-sodded this week. Ultimately, the field will be in playable shape for South Floyd's opener. "It looks beautiful," said Daniels. "The field should be fine."

Win

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new players. Allen Central finished another sea-

son with just a couple of wins and now looks for some sort of redemption under a new head coach.

At Betsy Layne, new head coach Jackie Bush has ushered in a new beginning for the Bobcats. New student-athletes have made their way to the gridiron and according to Bush, Betsy Layne is ready for some football.

"These kids we have out are excited about playing the game of football," said Bush. "It's an exciting time."

And Bush knows a thing or two about football. He played and coached under current Prestonsburg High head coach John DeRossett. Bush was a member of the Blackcat coaching staff in 2001 when Prestonsburg made it to the Class 2A State Finals in Louisville.

Blackcats

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the highly rated Knights of Lexington Catholic.

It seems as if everyone associated with the Prestonsburg program is ready to get the season underway and the Blackcats will roll into Lexington ready to rumble. Prestonsburg has not had much success with Lexington Catholic in the last few years, but this team seems ready for the challenge at hand.

Trevor Compton will get his first high school start at the quarterback spot and if the preseason was any indication of the upcoming regular season then compton should do just fine thank you. The Blackcats also boast one of the top players in the state in Nick Jamerson. A senior, Jamerson on the offensive and defensive side of the ball.

Junior Joe Blackburn has emerged in the preseason as a force to be reckoned with and the addition of Johnson Central transfer Chat Yates will give a big boost to the Blackcat offense. Prestonsburg has several good players at the wideout spot with both Jesse Chaffin and Tyler Burke being playmakers for the Cats.

However, one can't overlook the Prestonsburg offensive as well as defensive line play that has gotten better on a daily basis with the help of line coach Jerry Butcher. Prestonsburg looks to be prepared and ready to tangle with the Knights. On Saturday, a man that knows Prestonsburg football will be across the field as a Lexington Catholic assistant in the form of Bill Letton (former Blackcat head coach) begins his new job. Letton left Montgomery County and became an assistant over the past summer.

The Knights took on the number one team in the state last weekend in Louisville Trinity and came out on the short end of the final score of 36-10 in varsity play. But the score was not a measure of how tough the Knights looked on defense. Trinity, led by Brian Brohm, one of the nation's top-rated quarterbacks, had to work for every score and if not for the scrambling ability of Brohm would not have had much success against a stingy Knight defense. Prestonsburg has one of the state's toughest schedules in 2003 but if the cats hope to make another trip to Louisville at year end, then playing the tough teams in the regular season will only help its chances. The Prestonsburg-Lexington Catholic game is the second game of the St. Joseph's Hospital Bowl on Saturday with the nights first game being a battle of two of the top teams in Class 4A as Louisville St. Xavier takes on Scott County.

P'burg

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Saturday. The Blackcat varsity cheerleaders and sponsor Leslie Ousley would like to thank Johnny McKinney and the Prestonsburg Dairy Queen for their gracious hospitality.

BEFORE...

WQHY Q95 FM of Prestonsburg and Blackcat head coach John DeRossett will team up for a talk show Saturday morning. Q95 Sports Director Jamie Howell will join DeRossett for the morning program. The coaches show will air each Saturday morning.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



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SEC PREVIEW:

Auburn aiming to end title drought

by JOHN ZENOR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville has carried quite a burden on his shoulders this summer.

And not just the aching neck from two operations since May. The Tigers have thrived as underdogs the past few years but won't get that chance this season.

They're the popular pick to win the Southeastern Conference, something Auburn hasn't done since picking up a third straight league title in 1989.

Then, coach Pat Dye left, NCAA sanctions kicked in and Auburn was overtaken in the pecking order by Florida, Tennessee and Alabama.

"I don't think it makes a lot of difference what people think about you at the beginning," said Tuberville, whose team has won or shared three straight Western Division titles after being picked in the middle of the pack. "Obviously, it's the end of the year that counts."

Actually, the beginning is no trivial matter either with Southern Cal paying a visit on Aug. 30, followed by a trip to Georgia Tech in back-to-back tough nonconference games.

The fervor surrounding the Tigers hasn't reached such a high pitch on the Plains in at least eight years, when Terry Bowden's 1995 team opened the season ranked sixth nationally. Auburn wound up a disappointing 8-4.

The Tigers return eight starters on both offense and defense from a team that upset three Top 10 teams - LSU, Alabama and Penn State - in the final six games last season.

Fueling the buzz is a quartet of tailbacks at a school known for churning out runners like William Andrews, Bo Jackson and Stephen Davis.

Carnell Williams is a preseason All-SEC pick who was leading the league in rushing when a broken leg ended his season against Florida in the seventh game of the season. Ronnie Brown rushed for 1,008 despite missing the Alabama game with

an ankle injury. Tre Smith was the only healthy running back for the Alabama game and gained 126 yards.

Newly arrived Brandon Jacobs, meanwhile, is a 257-pound wrecking ball who rushed for 1,899 yards in junior college last season and gained a whopping 3,022 yards as a prep senior.

"It's going to be fun to watch," Williams said.

The league's season should be something to see, too. Alabama is led by its third coach of the past year, another Manning postponed NFL riches for a senior season and defending champion Georgia must replace an arsenal of talent.

The Crimson Tide's Mike Shula hasn't been a head coach or worked in the college ranks. Kentucky's new coach, Rich Brooks, hasn't coached in two years.

Florida and Tennessee, meanwhile, are riled up after mediocre seasons - by their standards.

Florida is desperately seeking a quarterback - even a freshman - and the Volunteers and Bulldogs have lots of talent, but an assortment of question marks.

To Auburn linebacker Karlos Dansby, all this represents a shift of power to the Western Division after the East has captured eight of the past 10 SEC titles.

"There was a time when it was all East - Florida, Tennessee, Georgia," Dansby said. "I think it's about time" for a change.

At Ole Miss, Eli Manning says he's not driven by Heisman hopes that eluded brother Peyton and father Archie. Peyton returned to Tennessee as a senior, finishing second in the Heisman balloting to Michigan's Charles Woodson.

"There is no pressure to try to win the Heisman Trophy," Eli Manning said. "The pressure comes from trying to win games."

A capsule look at the teams in their predicted order of finish:

EAST

GEORGIA: Goodbye Boss Bailey, Jonathan Sullivan, Musa Smith and the entire starting offensive line. Hello QB David Greene, sharing some snaps with D.J. Shockley after an All-SEC season. ... Bulldogs had off-season problems, but Mark Richt has plenty of talent led by Greene and All-America defensive end David Pollack. ... Defense allowed only 31 second-half points in final seven games.

TENNESSEE: The injury numbers last season were staggering - 19 starters missed 71 games. ... QB Casey Clausen is healthy after his own injury-marred season. ... Vols must replace starting defensive line for second straight year and find

CYCLING

Pro-Fitness team to participate in Appy bike tour

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - On September 27, the Pro-Fitness Multisports cyclists will participate in the ninth annual Appalachian Bicycle Tour at Yatesville Lake near Louisa.

There are four distance options of 15, 30, 60 or 100 miles to choose from in the Appy event.

Food and drinks are provided as well as a sag wagon for those dropping out or having mechanical problems. There is a small fee which is donated to a local charity and T-shirts are available. The following week, on October 1, the first annual Tour of the Mountains Bicycle race/ride will

be held in Williamson, W.Va. The Pro-Fitness cyclists are based out of Prestonsburg.

The West Virginia ride is different from the Kentucky event in more ways than one.

This is a metric century or 62-mile ride over some mountainous terrain.

Prize money will be awarded for the top finishers and King of the Mountains winner, as well as trophies and T-shirts. Food is provided for everyone, including family or support crew. Applications for both of these upcoming events can be picked up at Pro-Fitness Center or call Don Fields at 886 8604 for more information.

WEST

AUBURN: Seeking their first SEC title since 1989, the Tigers are loaded with talent. ... Williams and Brown are one of nation's top running duos. Coaches seeking ways to get both in game, along with talented reserves Tre Smith and Brandon Jacobs. ... LBs Karlos Dansby and Dontarrious Thomas are preseason All-SEC picks.

LSU: The Tigers were kept from their second straight SEC championship game by Arkansas' TD pass with 9 seconds left in finale, then were beaten 35-20 by Texas in Cotton Bowl. ... QB Matt Mauck missed final seven games with foot injury but appears to be recovered. ... Joseph Addai and converted receiver Shyrone Carey are vying for tailback.

ARKANSAS: Won the West last season, but ended with embarrassing losses to Georgia

(30-3) in the SEC title game and Minnesota (29-14) in the Music City Bowl. ... QB Matt Jones has practiced at receiver and could split time under center with Ryan Sorahan. ... All-American OT Shawn Andrews is Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award candidate.

ALABAMA: Opening with South Florida and Oklahoma doesn't give Shula much acclimation time. ... LB Brooks

Daniels has left the team, but there's no shortage of talent among starters. ... Four other players were named preseason All-SEC. ... RB Shaud Williams gained 921 yards last season despite only three starts. ... Guard Justin Smiley and tackle Wesley Britt provide formidable duo on left side of line.

MISSISSIPPI: The only

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MARSHALL

Herd looks solid in first full scrimmage

Marshall junior quarterback Stan Hill knew going into Saturday's scrimmage at Marshall Stadium that the cache of weapons at his disposal would be a little lighter than normal.

The Herd offense went into the first full-scale scrimmage of training camp without the services of its top three running backs, as well as two of the nation's top receivers.

It didn't seem to matter as the Herd's first offensive unit moved the ball well against the second defense for much of the day.

"We looked real good today," Hill said. "The offense was clicking on all cylinders even though we were missing running backs and our best two receivers. We just played through adversity."

Along the offensive line, Prestonsburg grad Nathan Leslie and Sheldon Clark product Joey Stepp are each expected to make great contributions.

With senior Franklin "Butchie" Wallace, junior Earl Charles and redshirt freshman Tank Tunstall all nursing minor injuries, the ground game fell to redshirt freshman walk-on Michael West, a graduate of Lawrence County High School, and true freshman Will Albin. While the final numbers were not overly impressive, both players ran hard.

"Michael West got in there and did a real good job of running the ball," Hill said. "For freshmen, they both did a great job."

Hill also showed why he has taken a firm grip on the starting quarterback job. The Tupelo native completed 17 of 25 passes for 277 yards and one touchdown. He did have one pass intercepted by Willie Smith on a deflection off a receiver.

Those numbers came without senior Darius Watts and junior Josh Davis on the field.

"We threw the ball well," Hill said. "Jason Schroeder, Brad Bates and some of those other guys made big plays. We have so many weapons on offense that my job is just to get them the ball and let them make plays."

Bates, a senior coming off knee surgery, led all receivers with seven receptions for 114 yards and one touchdown, a 25-yard strike from Hill. The duo also hooked up for a 34-yard score on the first possession of the game, but the play was called back by a holding penalty.

Schroeder, a senior, had five catches for 95 yards. Other top pass catchers included junior Tremel Guillory (4-51) and Clarence Stanfield (3-30).

Hill, who also rushed for 22 yards, said his confidence has continued to grow during training camp and he can see the offense coming together.

"I have a lot more confidence," Hill said. "This is my team - I am not waiting for Byron to come back. It is my job and I have to get the job done. That is what I am going to do."

Junior Graham Goehneur completed five of his six pass attempts during the scrimmage for 60 yards. Freshmen Jimmy Skinner, Bernard Morris and Tim Bessolo completed one pass each.

Skinner and Morris were both intercepted once.

While the first unit offense moved the ball well against the second defensive unit, the starters on the defensive side of the ball made life tough for the backup offense.

Junior defensive ends Jonathan Goddard and Jamus Martin were particularly impressive. Goddard had a pair of sacks for 15 yards and batted down a pass behind the line of scrimmage. Martin recorded four sacks for 26 yards and added another tackle for loss.

"It felt good because we got to go out there at game speed, so that allowed us to go a little more," Martin said. "There was a lot of intensity today and it was much better than the last (scrimmage)."

Three Herd defenders recorded interceptions in the scrimmage. In addition to Smith's pick and return of 18 yards for a score, sophomore Donte Newsome had an interception and freshman Travis Noel had a pick he returned 57 yards for a score.

Martin said there are a lot of players on defense who are fighting for jobs right now.

"Yesterday we had a good practice, but I called the guys up afterward and told them that what we do in practice doesn't matter if we don't go out and execute in the game," Martin said.

"There are guys out here competing for jobs. My job was on the line. We have some really good defensive ends behind me and I had to step it up. It is good because we have other guys pushing you so that you can get better. They are trying to take your job and trying to get better."

Herd coach Bob Pruett said he liked what he saw on Saturday, but thinks there is still much room for improvement.

"We made progress today," Pruett said. "We didn't go backwards. We did some good things in all phases of the game, but we have some things to work on too."

The Herd will take Sunday off from practice with only some meetings, conditioning and special teams work planned. The squad is scheduled to go back out for a pair of practice sessions on Monday, at 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The season opener against Hofstra is less than two weeks away, with kickoff slated for 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 30.

Reed

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involving "Exploding Pintos," whatever that is. And don't forget the pancake flipping contest.

The State Fair makes me nervous. So much Kentucky culture. So much about my native state that I don't know.

We didn't sell many books, but that's fine. I met a lot of wonderful, friendly people. I got to see a river of humanity, some of whom were actually wearing clothes that weren't particularly tight or revealing.

There's so much about Kentucky that I need to learn.

Anybody want to go watch the racing pigs?

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OUTDOORS

Events slated for Lawrence County Septemberfest

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISA - Septemberfest kicks off in Lawrence County the first week of September.

The Lawrence County Septemberfest Car Show will be held on Saturday, September 6 at the Louisa Lower Elementary School, located across from Heston's.

Registration will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. Dash plaques will be awarded to the first 100 entrants. Awards for the top 50 and special awards for the best Ford, Chevy and Pontiac will be awarded.

Entry fee for the event is \$10. For more information, call Ted Kelley at 606/638-4053.

The Louisa Younger Woman's Club will be sponsoring

its annual Septemberfest 5K/10K Walk Run on Saturday, Sept. 6 at 8 p.m. at Lawrence County High School.

Registration will take place at 7 a.m. on Saturday at LCHS. Preregistration is currently being held at Hostetter's Sporting Goods on 212 E. Madison Street in Louisa.

T-shirts will be awarded to the first 50 entrants. Registration fee is \$10 for pre-registered participants and \$12 the day of the race. Medals and trophies will be awarded. Trophies will be awarded to the group having the largest participation and to the youngest and oldest walker.

For additional information, contact Kathy Hinkle by calling 606/638-4597 after 5 p.m.

DIRT TRACK

HMS adds Modified division

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROYALTON - On Saturday, Half Mountain Speedway will welcome back to the track for the first time this season the Modified division running for \$650 to win and \$50 to start with a total purse over \$2,600 to be paid out each and every week in the division.

Also running this coming weekend will be the Late Models \$1,200 to win, Limited Late Models \$800 to win, Bombers \$400 to win, 4-Cylinders \$200 to win, and the Road Hogs \$200 to win.

Super Bombers will not be running this weekend as many of the local drivers in that division plan on attending a special race at another track.

This past weekend Brandon Kinzer made his first ever trip to Half Mountain and handed Shannon Thornsberry his first loss of the season. Kinzer passed Thornsberry with only a handful of laps left picking up the \$1,200 feature win with Thornsberry coming in second.

In the Limited Late Models division from last weekend, the No. 19 of Jamie Slone picked up two feature wins picking up \$1,600 for the evening. In the Super Bomber division, Gary Rager pulled off the same feat picking up not only the fogged-out feature win but also the regular show win \$1,000 for the double feature win. In the Bombers division, David Lotrell pulled off the double win as he drove his Bomber to a \$800 payday. In the Road Hog division, Ryan Risner pulled off the double taking home \$400 for the winning the two feature events.

Last week, 78 racecars were on hand for the night's racing event. With 21 races and a hillside of excited race fans the night was a huge success.

This coming weekend, HMS will once again try to amaze the racefans with the highspeed side-by-side racing that only Half Mountain Speedway can produce here in Eastern Kentucky.

This will be the final week for the Super Late Model drivers to get ready for the STARS Battle of the Bluegrass Dirt Racing Series special event coming to Half Mountain Speedway on August 30, running for \$5,000 to win. Brandon Kinzer has already said he would be back this weekend to try to make it two-for-two and make final adjustments before the \$5,000 to win race. Kinzer will have plenty of company as drivers make their final adjustments for the highest payout Half Mountain Speedway has ever offered with a total purse for the Late Models well over \$20,000.

Gates this will open at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Admission prices will be \$10 for the grandstands, and \$20 for the pits with kids five-years-old and younger getting in free both in the pits and in the grandstands. Drivers meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m. with hot laps hitting the Speedway at 7 p.m. with qualifying and racing beginning as soon as hot laps are over.

For more information about upcoming events checkout the official website of Half Mountain Speedway at www.halfmountain Speedway.com.

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Time of year: Football season

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

This is the time of the year I would like to be around the high school scene. After all it is the beginning of the high school football season and that was always, and still is, an exciting time.

While covering sports for the Floyd County Times nearly three years ago, I had the privilege to cover some very talented players who went on and played at the college level and others who opted not to play at the next level.

Floyd County can be proud of one Bryan Combs, who starred for then head football coach, John

Derosset at Betsy Layne. No one could throw the football like Bryan. I understand that he was mustered out of the army after a stint for our government in Iraq. He has returned where he will be helping with the Prestonsburg program under Coach DeRossett.

Bubba Combs, another Betsy Layne player, was a standout in the state of Kentucky and went on to help make Morehead State a winning program.

Prestonsburg sent two all-stars to the University of Kentucky. Larry Morris was the first to trek to Lexington where he played four seasons. Larry was a great linebacker for Bill Letton,

then head coach of the Blackcats. I can still see Larry ripping through the opponents line only to drag their quarterback down for a loss.

Jeremy Caudill followed Morris to the Wildcats where he is currently playing his final season for Kentucky. I believe, if I am correct, that Jeremy started every season while at Prestonsburg and has started the past three seasons for the Wildcats. He will be in the starting 11 when the Cats kick off their season next month. I look for a NFL team to come calling soon.

One of the hard-nosed players that I had the privilege of covering in high school was former Prestonsburg standout, Nathan Leslie, who has been part of the Marshall Thundering Herd scheme of things the past three seasons.

Of course there have been others from schools like South Floyd and Allen Central who signed to play at the smaller colleges and had success.

How things change...

The first part of the major league season and the Cincinnati Reds were scoring runs by the tons but could not get the other team out for the lack of pitchers.

But the past two plus weeks the Reds pitching staff has been one of the best in the majors. I watched Wednesday as the Reds posted a 2-0 win over a very good Arizona Diamondback team.

The past trades appear to have given the Reds some hope for next year as far as moundsmen go. But when the 2004 season gets the first pitch will the likes of Ken Griffey, Jr and Austin Kearns be the answer to their scoring woes. We will wait and see.

As the football season kicks off, I want to wish each of the four teams the best. I look for Betsy Layne to snap that long losing streak. Jackie Bush was a great player at Betsy Layne and he will do a fine job at the Bobcat helm.

Until Sunday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

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Tuesday night's games:

Belfry 2, Pike County Central 0 (25-16, 25-20); Betsy Layne 2, Prestonsburg 0 (25-14, 25-21); East Carter 2, Greenup County 0 (25-19, 25-15); Johnson Central 2, South Floyd 1 (25-17, 10-25, 15-13); Knott County Central 2, Lee County 0 (25-11, 25-10); Lawrence County 2, Fairview 0 (26-24, 25-18); Leslie County 2, Perry County Central 0 (25-19, 25-20) Morgan County 2, Magoffin County 0 (25-14, 25-19); Pikeville 2, Paintsville 1 (13-25, 25-19, 15-10); Shelby Valley 2, Phelps 0 (25-20, 25-22).

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NEWS & NOTES

Teams named for Allen Central Invitational volleyball tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN - Allen Central will host an invitational volleyball tournament on September 27. Teams scheduled to take part in the tournament include host Allen Central, Betsy Layne, Lawrence County, Letcher, Magoffin County, Paintsville, Pike Central and Sheldon Clark.

An all-tournament team will be picked from the event.

The tournament is under the direction of Allen Central head coach Larry Maynard.

Martial arts course coming to Prestonsburg

The Prestonsburg Community College Office of Community and Economic Development will offer a 12-week basic martial arts concepts course to start today, August 27. The course is based on martial arts concepts, basic self-defense moves, and Tai Chi short form. For more information, call the Office of Community and Economic Development toll-free at 1-888-641-4132, ext. 3468/6258, or locally at 886-3863, ext. 3468/6258.

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West team to never win a division title has the QB to do it in Manning. ... 12 to 14 players on the projected two-deep depth chart were held out of contact at times during spring with injuries. MISSISSIPPI ST.: Bulldogs face three big questions: Who's the quarterback? What will be the results of an NCAA investigation? Can Jackie Sherrill save his job? ... QB Kevin Fant was the starter but quit coming to practice a week into the spring for personal reasons. ... State was winless

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THROUGH MY EYES

It ain't over

Two of my children are now in high school and the youngest in middle. As I begin to hear more and more talk of what everyone wants to study in college and to accomplish in life, I find myself, more and more, pondering upon the things that I, myself, have yet to accomplish.

It seems, at times, that I have managed to accomplish very little thus far. And it is at times

like these that I have to pull up the reins and remind myself that I have three beautiful, intelligent and very talented children that are well on their way to



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

successful and satisfying lives. That's an accomplishment I think. And one that has certainly taken up quite a bit of my time.

Caring for aging parents and their household affairs took up quite a bit of another chunk of the past few years, and still does.

Recovering from the after-effects of a painful divorce and trudging my way back into self-sufficiency also took some time.

So, why the quickness to size up all the things I haven't done? Just human nature, I suppose. And, maybe a little thing called "middle age" - whatever that is.

I've been wondering lately if

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Please, keep 'em coming!

Our pet photos file always needs replenishing, and we know that you have lots of precious pics to share with us, so send them along! And while you're at it, help Dr. Carol get her creative thoughts jumpstarted by sending along a few questions about "pet things you've always wanted to know but been afraid to ask"! You can send both pictures and questions to: Kathy Prater at the Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or you may e-mail to: features@floydcountytimes.com. You may also send questions only to Dr. Carol at: 1768 KY Rt. 7, Estill, KY 41666, or e-mail to: carolbcac@tjusa.net. We'll be waiting to hear from you!



photo by Kathy J. Prater
Displaying their patriotism with stellar pride, students of the KY Opry Performing Arts School presented an inspiring program packed with enthusiasm and energy on August 14, at the Mountain Arts Center.

POW! PATRIOTISM EXPLODES THE STAGE DURING SUMMER

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR



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Students dressed as army infantrymen, sailors, air corpsmen, marines, and Red Cross nurses in a rousing salute to the U.S. armed forces.

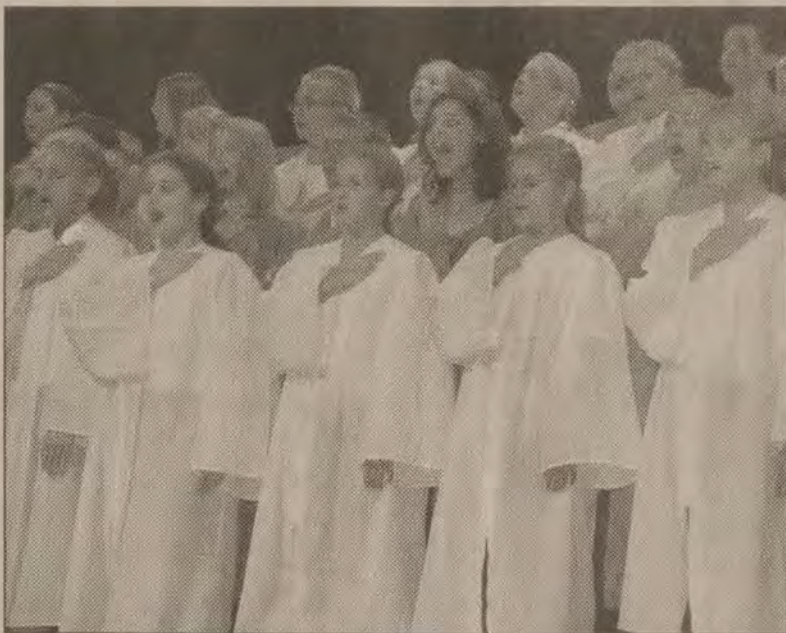


photo by Kathy J. Prater
Students donned choir robes in a fitting memorial tribute to those who have served their country with valor and dedication.

Fireworks exploded in a burst of energy and song as students of the summer 2003 session of the KY Opry Performing Arts School electrified the stage with their public performance recital held August 14 at the Mountain Arts Center.

The students had spent the month of July studying the elements of song, dance and stage performance under the tutelage of "Miss Billie Jean" Osborne, founder of the performing arts center, Kathy Caudill, choral instructor, Floyd County Schools, Sandy Tackett, music instructor, Floyd County Schools, and Clayton Case, veteran member of the Kentucky Opry.

The end result of being in the hands of such capable instructors certainly showed as the students displayed the fruits of their labors during their patriotic-themed recital, held for family, friends and the general public.

"These kids are to be commended for their hard work and dedication," said Osborne. "They got themselves out of the bed, during summer vacation, to get up early and board buses from as far away as Wheelwright, and even neighboring counties, just to come out and learn about singing and performing. You can't tell me that the children of this region are not interested in music. They love it. They sacrifice their summers for it and it makes a difference in their lives," she said.

Osborne says that she is "up each and every morning, out somewhere in this county, or another one, visiting schools and homes and checking out the

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POSTSCRIPT

Nothin' sweet about it

There's one subject I haven't written much about, but it's on my mind all my waking hours, if not in the foreground, then lurking on the edge of my consciousness.

It's diabetes, which is becoming an epidemic in this region. In Kentucky, close to one in 10 people has the disease. Here in the Big Sandy Valley, between 13 and 15 percent of the population is diabetic. Those figures, of course, don't account for all the people who have diabetes and don't know it, or don't acknowledge it.



Pam Shingler
contributing writer

I was diagnosed about three-and-a-half years ago. The diagnosis should not have surprised me. My grandmother, my mother, an aunt, and an uncle all had it. Several of my cousins have it.

But whether I was surprised or not, I was devastated. I had always been extremely healthy - never a hospitalization, never a pill other than a very rare antibiotic. I found out I was diabetic when I took a test for something else.

I felt my body had betrayed me and I was in denial for a good bit of time.

I went from taking nothing more than a multi-vitamin and hormones to taking three pills a day to regulate my glucose level, two pills for cholesterol and an antidepressant to ease the stress that exacerbates the problem.

The disease becomes the focus of a diabetic's life. I have to monitor my blood sugar level every day to see if I'm staying in a safe range. I have to consider the disease every time I put a bite of

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This Town, That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1961.

This Redmore can gouge at point-blank range, or from clear across the country. I got a card from him last week in which he told about being in L. A., visiting Disneyland, etcetera, and now, gung ho! off by jet for Hawaii. And does he wind up with a "Wish you were here?" Don't be naive! He signs off, instead, with this admonition to a deskbound slave of the economic treadmill!

"Work hard."

AHEAD OF TIME

THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES was at least three weeks ahead of TIME Magazine with that set of curious coincidences in the lives of Presidents Kennedy and Lincoln and the Vice Presidents Johnson. TIME got it into print only this week, with this addition from the G.O.P. camp: Name of the President who succeeded President Andrew Johnson began with a G.

Another of Burke's elephant jokes: What do you do when an elephant climbs a tree? Don't know? Why, you simply chase him out onto the tip of a leaf and wait for fall.

VICIOUS DOG

This rather well-known character of a dog around town encounters a cat. A

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COMMENTARY

Things to Ponder: Pink vs. Blue

"Sugar and spice and everything nice. That's what little girls are made of...snips and snails and puppy dog tails, that's what little boys are made of." It seems that over the eons everyone has been curious in regard to the questions, "Are there really differences between the sexes?" and, "If there are differences, are they biological in nature? Is it just the way they are born or is it the way they are raised that makes the difference?" Does it really come down to being all because girls wear pink and boys wear blue?

For some time, "good" parenting was thought to be in having a non-sexist approach to the child's upbringing. However, scientific studies reveal that the differences between the sexes begin in the womb when hormones, testosterone and estrogen, are supplied to the fetus, the unborn baby, by the mother's body. After conception, the male fetus receives testosterone and the female fetus receives estrogen, so that different types of brain development and strengths are created.

According to various studies, gener-

ally girls show more interest in people while boys show more interest in objects. In contrast to boys, a result is that girls learn language skills earlier and faster and tend to be quieter and, socially, enjoy playing one to one. In comparison to girls, boys learn spatial and mechanical skills quicker, are apt to be more physically active, and are socially more involved in group play.

Even though men supposedly grow up and behave emotionally as if they

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Mable Rowe Lineberger,
Ph.D.

School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ August 26 - Volunteer Orientation and Background Checks for all parent/guardians who are interested in volunteering at AMS this school year. Training will be held at 6:30 p.m., at school.

■ Sept. 16 - Parent Support Group meeting, 11 a.m., at school. Group will decide on topics for this year's meetings. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be given away. All parents/guardians/grandparents welcome to attend.

■ AMS is currently organizing a school recreation room. Items needed include ping-pong table, air-hockey table, video games, etc. Anyone who would like to make a donation may contact the Youth Services Center at 886-9812.

■ The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year to assist students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center

at 886-9812 for more information or to request assistance with a family need. Center is open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley, Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to all students regardless of income.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

■ Aug. 25 - Bridges Parent Workshop - "Homework Tips," 2:00 p.m., in ACMS Youth Service Center.

■ Aug. 27 - PTO organizational meeting, 5 p.m., in lunchroom. All those who sign up to join the PTO will automatically be registered to win a new Dell computer. For more information, contact LaDonna Patton at ACMS Youth Service Center, at 358-0134.

■ ACMS Youth Service Center distributes school activity calendars on the first school day of each month to all students.

Parents should be advised to watch for these informative materials as a means to staying informed on school happenings.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

■ The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is located in

the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

■ Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These services are available to anyone in the community.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test; and WIC services. Please call for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ August 28 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., in school library. All invited to attend.

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Wednesday. Services include: School physicals, immunizations, WIC, well-child physicals, etc. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 to make an appointment.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

■ The McDowell FRC, in collaboration with many other area organizations, will sponsor several summer activities. Among them:

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.

■ Center is open weekdays 8

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Eyes

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I am middle-aged or not. Is middle age determined by a number, something physical, or something mental? In my own case, I think it's determined by the fact that I want to wear my teenage daughter's clothes and look in the mirror and see the young woman I was at age 19 staring back at me. "Sorry, Charlie," as the old saying goes - it ain't gonna be happenin'. Nonetheless, it doesn't keep me from wanting it.

As I am asked, more and more, about what college life is really like, I recall those days with fondness. I can still remember the thrill of independence and the excitement of meeting others my age who had come to the campus from counties, states and even countries away. The cosmopolitan atmosphere, the freedom to stretch one's wings and see just high you could actually soar.

I sorta wish I could go back - live it again, leave all my worries behind.

But we all know that I can't. I must stay grounded in the present and try not to fear the future as I, and my children, grow older. One writer referred to middle age as being that time in life when people begin to see their limitations rather than their untapped, and yet unused, potential. No wonder many begin to feel depression settling in for a good long stay.

Anyway, I'm going to try to reverse that type of thinking and realize that I have (hopefully!) many more good years left - years chock full of potential, and, hopefully, a few surprises as well. In the meantime, I've come across a little something that I think I may stick upon my refrigerator door for inspiration.

Hope you enjoy it, too:

MIDDLE AGE

By KIYA HEARTWOOD

Take a look at yourself

What can you mean,

You can't go farther than you dream?

There's a restlessness and a kind of lie,

Too scared to live, too scared to die.

And there's got to be much more than this,

Something of real consequence.

What if your life is the one you save,

From the cradle - to the grave.

Now all the kisses that I've missed,

The disappointments and the emptiness,

Cut this stone and mold this clay,

And lead me to a better day.

Am I naive to think we can,

Change the world with love again?

I am wounded into silence now,

More truth than the heart allows.

But I'll open up and write this down,

I am breaking like the speed of sound.

We can be much more than this,

Something of real consequence.

We can be the ones to save,

Our lives, from the cradle - to the grave.

Postscript

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food in my mouth. Before I go for a walk, I have to make sure my glucose is at a level that I won't pass out while I'm exercising. When I drive, I have to keep something to eat close at hand so I can keep my senses about me. I have to eat a snack late at night so I don't have a possibly-fatal drop in glucose while I'm asleep.

I have to think twice before I eat even a small portion of the things I love, like cornbread, rice, dumplings, pasta and even watermelon. Any of those foods and many others can drive the glucose level up to where it can cause serious damage.

As careful as I've tried to be, I've already had two eye surgeries to stem some of the damage the diabetes has done.

Even with fairly good insurance, I spend a good portion of my paycheck on medication, testing strips and doctor bills.

The hard reality is that there is no cure.

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Wedding Engagement



Dove-Boyd

Mr. and Mrs. Larry A. Dove, of Pikeville, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Stacy Blair, to Clyde Jason Boyd, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Boyd, of Banner. Blair is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Trimble, of Pikeville, and the late Betty C. Dove. Clyde Jason is the grandson of Clifford and June Conn, of Dana, and the late Janet Baker, and Ernest Boyd, also of Dana, and the late Geneva Boyd. The couple exchanged vows in an outdoor family ceremony that took place on June 9, 2003, at half past eight o'clock in the evening. Brother Sam Crawford officiated. The happy couple returned to reside at Dana following a honeymoon trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Shepherd-McKenzie

Truman Shepherd and Deborah Allen, both of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Shanna Danielle Shepherd, to Christopher McKenzie, the son of Henry and Ethel McKenzie, also of Prestonsburg. Shanna is the granddaughter of Launa Allen, of Minnie, and the late Sidney Allen, and the late Harlan and Mae Shepherd, formerly of Garrett. She is a 2000 graduate of the David School. Christopher is the grandson of Aaron and Versie Adams, of Prestonsburg, and the late Clarence and Mona McKenzie, formerly of Prestonsburg. He is currently employed by Caudill Seed, of Prestonsburg. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, August 23, 2003, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church. A reception will follow in the church basement. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.



Whitt-Ousley

Regina Whitt and Roy Ousley were united in marriage on July 19, 2003, in a ceremony held at the Fitzpatrick First Baptist Church, in Prestonsburg. Regina is the daughter of Arnold and Ruth Moore, of Auxier Heights, Auxier. Roy is the son of Lucy Ousley, of the Left Fork of Bull Creek, and the late Estill Ousley. The newlyweds spent a week honeymooning at "Caesar's," in Indiana, and the Great Smoky Mountains. Over one hundred guests joined them in attending their wedding ceremony. The happy couple are thankful to all for sharing their special day with them.

Sammons-Marcum

Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Marie Sammons, along with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle and Patricia Marcum, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Amy Marie Sammons and Jeffrey Lyle Marcum. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, August 30, at half past seven o'clock in the evening, at the Hager Hill Freewill Baptist Church. A reception will follow immediately after, at the church. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.



Ponder

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are from Mars with women seeming to be from Venus, the differences in gender tend to appear from birth, biologically speaking. Infant girls are more prone to have birthmarks, such as hemangiomas - the raised, rough, red spots caused by dilated blood vessels. These usually disappear by age 4 or 5. Typically, they are not medically treated unless they obstruct an eyelid, a nostril, or the mouth. Girls are twice as likely as boys to be born with an underactive thyroid gland, known as hypothyroidism. This condition is due to a lack of sufficient production of hormones needed to regulate growth and metabolism, leading to physical and developmental delays, and it responds well usually to medication. Another physical condition that is more frequently seen in female children than males is that females are more likely to have urinary-tract infections (UTIs). Due to increased education and physical checks at school, it is becoming better known that girls are more prone to scoliosis, a curvature of the spine, than boys. Frequently, the condition shows up after age 10 and it rarely occurs in a child under 3 years. Since it tends to "run in the family," be sure to have checks of scoliosis, if a family member already has the condition. The idea that girls walk earlier than boys is thought to be a myth, since neither sex seems to do better than the other.

Let it not be said that girls are the ones with the problems, especially pertaining to gender differences. Gene disarrangements can create difficulties for males from the time of conception - the X Factor - of which there are about 500. For example, if you didn't know, there is a basic physical reason why some men have difficulty putting colors together and their outfits look so mismatched. Color blindness is one X-linked hereditary disease that affects boys almost exclusively (girls are only carriers). Other "male" conditions include hemophilia (a clotting disorder causing excessive bleeding and bruising), muscular dystrophy, and X-linked mental retardation. Middle-ear infections are another condition more often seen in boys than girls, but the reason has not been fully explained. The most typical age is between 3 months and 3 years. A problem common to male infants, especially the first-born, is pyloric stenosis, a narrowing or block-

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wealth of talent that our young people possess." "I'll tell you, I've just never seen anything like it, it's truly amazing how talented our young people are musically. We have to, we absolutely have to, continue to develop this talent. Our youngsters deserve it," she said.

Osborne credits Congressman Hal Rogers with helping garner needed funds for the performing arts program, and the Floyd County Board of Education for assisting students with transportation to and from the summer school.

"Without all this good help, it would be hard to put this program together. I just thank Hal Rogers and the schools so much for helping us like they do," Osborne said.

Students who attend the summer program are provided with a free lunch each day in addition to assistance with transportation. Funding also helps provide costumes for the performances.

This year, according to Osborne, students from Floyd, as well as six other counties, attended the KY Opry Performing Arts School.

"It's amazing what you can do when you combine kids and music," said Osborne. "I've always said, give me a child and let me put a song in that child's heart and see what I can do. It's wonderful what music can bring to a child's life."

For more information about the KY Opry Performing Arts School, or other arts education programs offered at the Mountain Arts Center, you may contact Miss Billie at 889-9125, or Khrys Varney, Arts Education Director, at 889-9125, ext. 15.



Family Medicine

By Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.



Fibrocystic disease likely cause of reader's breast pain

Q I'm 30-year-old freshman medical student, and for the last several months I've had a painful spot in one of my breasts. I went to the student health center and the doctor asked me to observe if the pain changed with my menstrual cycle. A few months later I went back and reported that the pain didn't change with my cycle. My doctor then had an ultrasound test done. It was negative. He also wasn't able to find a lump where it hurts. What could be causing my pain?

A Breast pain, a condition called mastodynia or mastalgia, can have many causes. As you will discover in your medical studies, the first thing a physician does is to determine if the most dangerous possibility — in this case breast cancer — is the cause of the patient's symptoms. Your doctor, in making this assessment, probably started with what is often the most important test in arriving at a diagnosis. He took the history of your discomfort by asking you a number of important questions: When did it start? Where does it hurt? How severely does it hurt? What makes it better or worse? Does it change with your men-

strual periods? Next, he probably asked about the history of breast cancer in your blood relatives. Together, all this information made it possible to categorize your risk of breast cancer as "high," "medium" or "low." This risk assessment helps determine what other steps will be necessary to diagnose and treat your condition.

Fortunately for you, breast cancer is more common in women after menopause, so your age alone suggests a non-cancerous cause of the mastodynia. Another helpful sign is the absence of a definite lump, since cancer typically forms an irregularly shaped, fixed, firm lump instead of a soft, movable one.

The most common cause of mastodynia, particularly in women in their 30s and 40s, is fibrocystic breast disease. Typically this condition causes tenderness that varies with the menstrual cycle; the worst discomfort being prior to the onset of the period. For some women, however, the discomfort is present all the time.

In this condition there is often a particularly tender, soft, rounded, movable lump or multiple lumps, but this isn't always so.

Infection in a breast gland or collecting duct can produce breast pain as can irritation of the nerve that provides sensation from the breast. Hormonal imbalance can also create mastodynia, but in this case, both breasts are typically involved. Complex, isn't it?

Your doctor ordered an ultrasound examination of the breast to try to clarify the cause of your discomfort. This test is particularly helpful in differentiating between solid tumor-like lumps and fluid-filled cysts.

Mammography is also very helpful in identifying breast abnormalities, particularly cancer, but its effectiveness is reduced in young women, like yourself, who still have very glandular breasts. It is much more effective after menopause when the breast glands have shrunk.

Your history and physical examina-

tion, as well as the ultrasound, failed to find cancer. That's good news! You probably are suffering from fibrocystic breast disease. There are several treatments for this condition, and you should talk with your gynecologist or family doctor about them. Many women with annoying rather than disabling symptoms choose to live with the problem. Talk with your physician and decide what is best for you.

Family Medicine® is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701. Medical information in this column is provided as an educational service only. It does not replace the judgment of your personal physician, who should be relied on to diagnosis and recommend treatment for any medical conditions. Past columns are available online at www.fhradio.org/fm.

Organizations



Pictured are Perkins Job Corps students Victor Stansell, fourth from left, and Tramaine Crandle, fifth from left, with members of the Drift Women's Club. The club sponsored an art show that was held at the center.

Drift Women's Club sponsors art contest

The Drift Women's Club recently sponsored an art contest at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center as part of the Kentucky Women's Club Statewide competition. Perkins student Victor Stansell won first place with his entry entitled, "Chief Joseph," while Tramaine Crandle received second place honors with his entry entitled, "Jenny Wiley State Park."

Stansell and Crandle's entries will now move on to the regional

competition to be held in Hazard in October. The state finals will be held later this year in Frankfort.

A variety of art work from the Perkins student body will be on display at the Prestonsburg Community College Art Gallery beginning August 15 and running through September 15. In addition, the students will also display their works of art at the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Art Show October 4-11, at the Prestonsburg City Hall.

School

a.m.-4 p.m.
 ■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Walking track open to public (except during special event).
 ■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.
 ■ All new students and visi-

tors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

■ The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Resource Center hours are

Postscript

There's no magic pill or injection. A friend with long-term diabetes told me, "Diabetes is the only disease where the patient has to treat himself." He's oh, so right. The doctor can't turn it around. How I fare depends entirely on how I eat, how much I exercise, my state of mind, and my monitoring and medicating.

That's part of the reason I took on a project last year for which WMMT-FM had received a grant from an organization called Sound Partners for Community Health.

Over the last eight months, I've interviewed members of support groups, as well as individuals, in Wise and Big Stone Gap, Va., and in Whitesburg, Hazard, Harlan, Line Fork, and Paintsville. (The Paintsville group included several people from the Prestonsburg and Left Beaver areas.)

Those interviews, along with materials from the

Kentucky Diabetes Network, are turning into a 12-part series of 30-minute radio programs that will begin airing on WMMT-FM - 88.7 - on Thursday, Aug. 28.

What we want to do is create awareness of the seriousness of diabetes in this region and to educate people that, as serious as the disease is, it can be controlled. The series involves people from this area sharing their stories and offering tips for managing the disease.

If you have diabetes, if you're at risk for getting it, or if you have family or friends with the disease, you might want to tune in.

Each of the 12 segments will be aired three times: Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., Sundays at noon and Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Let me know what you think by writing me in care of the Floyd County Times or email me at psingler@appalshop.org.

Ponder

age of the outlet connecting the stomach to the small intestine. The main sign is projectile vomiting that usually develops by 6 weeks of age. The condition can be corrected surgically, usually without complications. SIDS and asthma show up more often in boys than girls. In regard to the young child's perceptions of the world, other gender differences have been noted. Girls tend to have a better sense of hearing and of smell than boys have. In contrast, boys' taste buds seem to respond more strongly to salty tastes and girls prefer sweet ones. The girls are better at processing information through their fingertips, but boys are likely to have a more rough-and-tumble style of play than girls have, using their sense of touch as well as their mental skills to explore new things.

Although parents and teachers have known all along that biological gender differences influence learning, finally research results have been supportive (Dr. Michael Gurian, "Boys and Girls Learn Differently"). Some examples for toddlers were: (1) girls' speech is more understandable at age 3, while boys' is at about 4 1/2; (2) after learning to stand, girls show less interest in roaming, in comparison to boys; and, (3) at age 3 years, boys have greater obvious muscle mass than do girls.

Not surprising, there are no definite differences between the

emotional needs of girls and boys. While girls mainly need to feel cared for, boys mainly need to feel trusted. Girls need more love and acknowledgement, as to who they are, what they do, and what they want. On the other hand, boys need more acceptance and acknowledgement about what they do, their ability to do it without help, and the difference they make. Girls need to be cherished and praised in terms of who they are versus boys need to be admired for their achievements. Girls have been found to be happiest when they feel supported. She feels depressed when she perceives herself as not supported for her needs and has to do everything herself. Boys are happiest when they feel needed and able to provide support. He is likely to become depressed when he does not feel needed or incompetent to complete the task at hand. Then, it is also not surprising that the boys and girls having different strengths and needs means that different parenting styles are needed and a problem lies in not understanding these differences. It also means that it is best not to com-



Salyers named to Pikeville College Dean's List

Joshua Morgan Salyers, the son of Jack L. Salyers, of Hueysville, and Mildred Combs Thacker, of Kimper, was recently named to the Dean's List at Pikeville College. Joshua is currently a senior at the college where he is majoring in Psychology with a minor in Religion. He has a 3.9 grade po-int average.

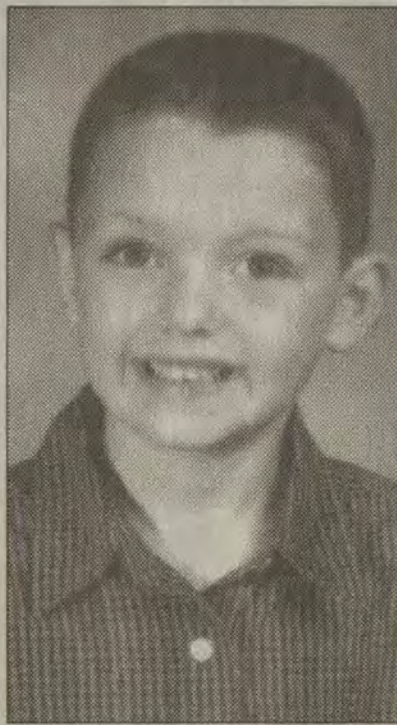
pare the children of different genders, because it is a waste of time.

Lastly, what you can do! Teach your children to view differences as positive rather than negative. Teach a boy to be more gentle and considerate and a girl to be more assertive and independent. Don't buy into stereotypes of blue for boys and pink for girls

or science for boys and art for girls. Tell your toddler they can be anything they want to be. Treat your children as the individuals they are. If your child, male or female, shows traits of the other gender, don't ridicule, scold, or belittle them. Accept and love and support them for who they are.

Birthday

Birthday Boy!



Tyler Compton celebrated his eighth birthday on Saturday, August 16, 2003. Tyler, the son of Sheldon and Linda Compton, of Paintsville, and Carrie and Scott Holbrook, also of Paintsville, was treated to a "birthday bash" on Saturday, August 9, by friends and family at Roadie's Restaurant, in Hi Hat. Tyler is the paternal grandson of Loretta and Gary Tackett, of Hi Hat, and Orville Compton, of Virgie. He is the maternal grandson of Marie Miller, of Paintsville, and the late Gary Miller, formerly of Ligon. Tyler has two "little sisters," Natalie Grace Compton and Morgan Holbrook.

World

black-as-Satan job with greenish eyes, he was, and he arches his back and spits something awful at the very sight of the dog. Then this feline, proof that black cats consider themselves as good as white dogs, ambles as calmly away as a cat can amble. And what does his dogship do? He strolls over to a nearby tree, inspects the bark, figures it's a sweet gum, by gum, then decides the nearest telephone pole is too near that black monster anyhow.

THE OLD DIESEL OIL

They say, "Laughter is the best medicine." So we prescribe

a sure cure for whatever ails you. Take one envelope used by the C&O Railway Company and read what they have printed across the face thereof—hee, hee! It says—'Do it better with coal.'

I'm cured by that one line of everything but a stitch in the side, doc. It's killing me!—"Do it better with coal." And they burn only diesel oil to haul the stuff.

A stenographer, it says here, is a girl you pay while she is learning to type while waiting to get married.

New Arrivals

HRMC New Arrivals

- Aug. 5, 2003**
A son, Jamie Braxton Gamble, to Tina and Jamie Gamble
- Aug. 5, 2003**
A son, Anthony Junior Gunnells, to Loretta Jean Lewis
- Aug. 5, 2003**
A son, Stephen Carl Frasure, to Cindy Marie Isaac
- Aug. 5, 2003**
A daughter, Mattingly Jane Ratliff, to Carrie and Matthew Ratliff
- Aug. 6, 2003**
A son, Jordan Keith Powers, to Michelle and Robert Powers

- Aug. 6, 2003**
A son, Robert Ryan Castle, to Jennifer Mischell Castle
- Aug. 6, 2003**
A son, Tarren Keith Hunley, to Misty and Timmy Hunley
- Aug. 7, 2003**
A daughter, Alivia Grace Stumbo, to Danita and Larry Stumbo
- Aug. 8, 2003**
A son, Kolby Kent Newsome, to Pamela Lynn and John Kent Newsome
- Aug. 8, 2003**
A daughter, Alexis Payton-Margie Bowen, to Ann and Allen Bowen

- Aug. 8, 2003**
A son, Caleb Matthew Johnson, to Nicole and Harold Johnson
- Aug. 11, 2003**
A son, Michael Dwayne Ferguson Jr., to Samantha Kaye Hall
- Aug. 11, 2003**
A daughter, Briana Jill Howes, to Kara and Kermit Howes
- Aug. 11, 2003**
A son, Ethan Hunter LeMaster, to Sylvia Conley
- Aug. 14, 2003**
A son, Kobe Michael Samons, to Wanda and Claude Samons

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- Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
- Armani
 - Benetton
 - Cartier
 - Chanel
 - DKNY
 - Escada
 - Fendi
 - Givenchy
 - Gucci
 - Hermes
 - Hugo Boss
 - Moschino
 - Prada
 - Tiffany
 - Versace

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. TV cabinet is dark. 2. Girl's picture is in light outdoors. 3. Shift is different. 4. Man has moustache. 5. It's black. 6. Guitar is black. 7. Girl's picture is in light outdoors. 8. Girl's picture is in light outdoors. 9. Girl's picture is in light outdoors. 10. Girl's picture is in light outdoors.

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Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 di-dah
 - 4 Make ready
 - 8 Big rig
 - 12 "Wheel of Fortune" name
 - 17 Scottsboro's st.
 - 18 Lucca lucre
 - 19 Island outfit
 - 21 "F Troop" corporal
 - 22 Start of a remark by Melanie Clark
 - 24 '82 Toto smash
 - 25 Light boat
 - 26 Spellbound
 - 27 Actress Verdugo
 - 29 Give a squeeze
 - 31 Nationality suffix
 - 32 Tombstone lawman
 - 35 Handbag part
 - 38 Voids
 - 41 Part 2 of remark
 - 46 Ivy Leaguer
 - 47 That's no bull!
 - 48 Fairy queen
 - 49 Reference volume
 - 53 Beam bender
 - 55 Solves cross-words?
 - 58 Strauss opera
 - 61 Spock's forte
 - 63 Shade of green
 - 64 Aviv
 - 65 Fence part
 - 66 Tavern staples
 - 68 Hill dwellers
 - 70 Way out
 - 72 With 101 Down, baseball's "Little Giant"
 - 73 Computer whiz
 - 76 "pro nobis"
 - 77 Mendel's field
 - 79 trip
 - 80 Medieval menial
 - 83 Artist Magritte
 - 85 Way to pass the time?
 - 86 "Shane" star
 - 88 Teachers' org.
 - 89 Saw
 - 91 "The Last of the Mohicans" hero
 - 95 Ernestine, for one
 - 97 Museum
 - 98 Ration, with "out"
 - 99 Eisenhower's birthplace
 - 100 Schmaitz
 - 102 Deck out
 - 105 Curly poker?
 - 106 Part 3 of remark
 - 112 Trailblazer
 - 115 Like some music
 - 116 Hint
 - 117 Wind up
 - 118 Bro or sis
 - 120 Unsullied
 - 123 ER
 - 126 Confuse
 - 129 "Mama" Cass
 - 132 End of remark
 - 135 Annoyed
 - 136 Leone
 - 137 Lean's river
 - 138 Entertainer Peoples
 - 139 Authority
 - 140 Freshwater fish
 - 141 WWII site
 - 142 Pitch
- DOWN**
- 1 Lion's den
 - 2 Communications word
 - 3 Event
 - 4 Arafat's grp.
 - 5 Torn or
 - 6 Perry's creator
 - 7 Rind
 - 8 Pay hike?
 - 9 Be off base
 - 10 Miss Piggy's pronoun
 - 11 Move like molasses
 - 12 Cul-de-
 - 13 Palindromic title
 - 14 Jamie Lee's mom
 - 15 Cropped up
 - 16 Places for patches
 - 19 Present company?
 - 20 Too thin
 - 23 Coup d'
 - 28 "CHiPs" star Erik
 - 30 "Holy cow!"
 - 33 "Kidnapped" monogram
 - 34 Cherry stone
 - 36 Charitable donation
 - 37 Green org.
 - 39 Snatch
 - 40 Fall flower
 - 41 Farmer's place
 - 42 Pat on the buns?
 - 43 Capsizes, with "over"
 - 44 Architect Saarinen
 - 45 Lessen
 - 50 Camel cousin
 - 51 UFO pilot
 - 52 Foray
 - 54 Kitchen fixture
 - 56 Murcia mister
 - 57 Beseech
 - 59 Reason or Reed
 - 60 Slip cover?
 - 62 Stage prompts
 - 67 Ecumenical Council site
 - 69 Actress Dominique
 - 71 Soybean product
 - 73 Spartan slave
 - 74 Dumbstruck
 - 75 Manuscript book
 - 78 Man the bar
 - 81 Rock's Speed-wagon
 - 82 '96 Frances McDormand film
 - 84 Fit to feast on
 - 85 Suspicious (of)
 - 87 Haggard
 - 90 Spiritual guide
 - 92 Able
 - 93 vera
 - 94 Cassandra
 - 96 Tennis legend
 - 97 London district
 - 101 See 72
 - 108 Produces prunes
 - 109 Repeat performance
 - 110 Black Sea city
 - 111 Perfume ingredient
 - 112 Tenor Peter
 - 113 Curry country
 - 114 In a strange way
 - 119 Oscilloscope image
 - 121 Questions
 - 122 Pkg. abbr.
 - 124 Merrill melody
 - 125 Dictator on
 - 127 Berlioz's "Trojans"
 - 128 Maestro de Waart
 - 130 Maui memento
 - 131 Vex
 - 133 Adjectival suffix

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CANDLE AND GIFT SHOP for sale with a 10 minute tanning bed. Price reduced \$18,000 Call 606-349-2337.

530-Houses

FOR SALE: 3 BR, 2 BA HOUSE with 2 car garage, 3 yrs. old, halfway between Prestonsburg and Pikeville. Asking \$130,000. 606-874-4486

HOUSE FOR SALE AT MARTIN, LR, DR,

2 BR, ceramic tile in kitchen and bath. Central H/A, full basement. Call 606-886-1624.

FOR SALE: 3-4 BR house

at Riverside Dr. in Prestonsburg. Also, 1 big BR apartment for rent. Call 606-789-4580.

FOR SALE: 2300 SQ FT, 1 1/2 STORY CEDAR HOME.

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FOR SALE: 2 BR house

on 2 acres of level land, located at 6211 Rte. 850, Hippo in Floyd Co. \$60,000. Phone 886-9846.

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FOR SALE BY OWNER 3 beautiful country estate lots in Hager Hill area. Surveyed lots of 2+ acres with restrictions. Convenient to Paintsville & Prestonsburg, city water, located at Little Lick Fork. (1 mile off new 4 lane at Rte 1750). Call 606-789-4909.

FOR SALE: Almost 1 acre

near Long Bow Boat Docks at Cave Run Lake. Asking \$6000. Call 606-889-0746.

PROPERTY FOR SALE:

Located on Abbott and also property on Jenny's Creek. Call 478-5173.*

570-Mobile Homes

FOR SALE 1978 model mobile home. In need of repairs but could be used for storage or parts includes underpinning, steps, central ac unit. 874-4604 after 5:30 p.m.

590-Sale or Lease

2 APARTMENTS FOR LEASE between Allen and Martin on 1428. 1 studio apartment, 1 single bedroom apartment with fireplace. All utilities included. Call 874-2770 days or 285-9019 evenings.

RENTALS

610-Apartments

FOR RENT IN HAROLD AREA, nice, clean, upstairs 2 BR apartment, central heat/air, w/d hookup. \$375 mo., + deposit. Call 606-478-1510 or 606-478-9075.

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2 BR apartment convenient to Prestonsburg & Pikeville. \$500 mo. & dep.. Call 606-478-1985.

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2 1 BR APARTMENTS FOR RENT

furnished, utilities paid, \$325 mo., + 250 dep. Lease and references required. 886-3154.

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The City of Martin is accepting applications for a Certified Police Officer. Must be 21 years of age and possess a valid driver's license. Applicant must have a high school diploma or G.E.D. This is a good job with excellent benefits, starting pay, \$7.00 per hour. Please send resumes to Attention Thomasine Robinson, Mayor, City of Martin, P.O. Box 749, Martin, KY 41649. We will be accepting resumes until Friday, August 22, 2003. We are an equal opportunity employer.

630-Houses

HOUSE FOR RENT at Martin. 3 BR behind Nelson Funeral Home \$350 mo. + \$150 dep. Call 606-285-9887.

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FOR RENT 2 br, 1 bath house,

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FOR RENT 4 BR HOUSE

near Martin \$450 per mo. plus utilities. \$100 sec. dep. Call 606-285-1820. (8/6 all)

2 BR HOUSE FOR RENT

at Hueysville, HUD accepted. Call 358-4228. (8/6 all)

HOUSES, APARTMENTS, & TOWNHOUSES,

No pets. Call B&O Rental Properties 606-886-8991.

650-Mobile Homes

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE PHASE II

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 10:040, notice is hereby given that Coal-Mac, Inc. P.O. Box 436, Williamson, WV 25661, intends to apply for a bond release on Permit Number 836-0229. The application covers an area of approximately 583.58 acres located 1.2 miles southwest of Teaberry in Floyd County. The permit is approximately 0.7 miles northwest from KY 979's junction with Tackett Fork Road and located 0.2 miles west of Mitchell Branch. The Latitude is 37°24'55". The Longitude is 82°39'50". The total bond now in effect is a surety bond for Inc. 1 \$25,200, Inc. 2 \$33,400, Inc. 3 \$45,200, Inc. 4

\$40,500, Inc. 5 \$33,300, Inc. 6 \$52,300, Inc. 7 \$37,400, Inc. 8 \$100,700, Inc. 9 \$61,200, Inc. 10 \$43,000, Inc. 11 \$56,700, Inc. 12 \$38,600, Inc. 14 \$76,900, Inc. 15 \$41,700, Inc. 16 \$89,400, Inc. 17 \$32,400, Inc. 18 \$12,200, Inc. 22 \$5,400 of which 25% is to be released, which would constitute a phase II release. Reclamation work thus far performed includes backfilling, final grading, seeding, and mulching completed in Fall 1996. Results achieved include growth of vegetation as per the revegetation plan and the establishment of the post mining land use. Written comments, objections, requests for a public hearing must be filed with the Director of the Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601, by 30 days from the last advertisement, which will

be September 29, 2003. A public hearing has been scheduled for September 30, 2003 at the Department of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 and 9 a.m. The hearing will be cancelled if the Department does not receive any public request within the time frame stated above.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Floyd County Board of Education will receive Proposals from qualified Architect/Engineer firms for design services. The intended projects are:
 (1) Prestonsburg Elementary / Clark Elementary Consolidation
 (2) Betsy Layne Elementary Addition
 Interested and qualified firms can receive a copy of the

official Request for Proposals (RFP) in one of the following manners;
 • Submitting a one-page letter of interest to:
 Matthew C. Wireman, Director of Finance/Treasurer/CIO
 Floyd County Schools
 106 North Front Avenue
 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

• Submitting a one-page letter of interest via e-mail to: mwireman@floyd.k12.ky.us
 • Downloading the Request for proposal via the internet at: http://www.floyd.k12.ky.us/financebidnotice.html
 The Floyd County Board of Education will not retain the services of a Construction Manager for either of these projects.
 The Floyd County Board of Education will receive A/E Proposals at the Administrative Offices located at 106 North Front Avenue,
 Prestonsburg, KY 41653, until 2:00 PM on August 25, 2003. Proposals received after this date will not be accepted.
 Proposals shall be submitted only on the form of proposal as received from the Floyd County Board of Education.
 Proposals shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes which are clearly marked "Proposal for Architect/Engineer Services".
 Proposing A/E's will be required to meet 702 KAR 4:160 and certain qualifications set out in the RFP and which include the following:
 1. Experience in Designing Educational Buildings;
 2. Errors and Omissions Insurance;
 3. Ability to Provide Experienced Staff.
 Questions concerning Request for Proposals or the intended projects should be addressed to:
 Matthew C. Wireman, Director of Finance/Treasurer/CIO
 Floyd County Schools
 106 North Front Avenue
 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
 Email: mwireman@floyd.k12.ky.us
 Phone: 606-886-2354

Proposals will be opened on August 31, 2003, at 2:00 p.m., at City Hall in Martin.

NOT RESPONSIBLE

I, Stefan Jarvis, am not responsible for any debts incurred by anyone other than myself as of 07/18/2003. Stefan Jarvis Rt. 194 Endicott, KY 41626

MINE
 Pursuant to Application No. 880-0124, Renewal

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Debord, Kentucky 41214, has applied for renewal of a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 952.90 acres, located 1.82 mile northwest of Thomas in Martin County. The proposed operation is approximate-

ly 1.84 mile northwest from KY Route 194's junction with Wolf Branch Road, and located 0.09 mile northeast of Wolf Branch. The proposed operation is located on the Thomas U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute Quadrangle map. The operation will use a combination of contour, auger and area methods of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation.

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LEGAL NOTICE

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 65 and 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the Floyd County Conservation District Board of Supervisors does hereby give the public notice that the financial records of the District may be examined by the general public at our office, located at 18 Mayo Branch, Brandykeg, Prestonsburg, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Jim Carter, II, 243 S. Arnold Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653
 Ruby Akers, Box 185, Drift, KY 41619
 Floyd B. Allen, P.O. Box 185, Eastern, KY 41622
 Jack Crider, 313 Dickey Town Rd., East Point, KY 41216
 Daniel Branson, P.O. Box 418, Allen, KY 41601
 Jim Reynolds, 1500 St. Rd. 850, David, KY 41616
 Lloyd Wells, 106 John CC Mayo Auxier, KY 41602

**Summary Financial Statement
 Floyd County Conservation District
 For Fiscal Period, July 1, 2002, to June 30, 2003**

Beginning Cash on Hand (July 1, 2001)	47,076.11
Receipts	
Fiscal Court	84,906.45
State Aid	24,400.00
Contributions & Reimbursements	341.43
Other	86,017.46
Total Receipts	195,665.34
Expenditures	
Salaries	68,896.80
Office Operations	14,281.39
Education & Promotion	13,796.78
Supervisor Expense	6,242.04
Miscellaneous	80,902.36
Total Expenditures	184,119.37
Ending Balance (June 30, 2002)	58,622.08

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Martin is accepting proposals for the 2002-2003 audit. We have approximately 450 utility customers and a population of approximately 1150. Current water budget is \$143,800.00, and sewer budget is \$186,000.00. The City of Martin has 16 employees with a budget of \$442,600. Please submit proposals to City Hall, P.O. Box 749, Martin, KY 41649. The deadline for submission of proposals in August 31, 2003.

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