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briefs

Photocopied prescription nets charges

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

SOUTH WILLIAMSON — A Forest Hills man, Robert E. Marincil, 46, has been charged with falsely obtaining a controlled substance for allegedly copying a prescription blank and writing his own prescription.

According to court documents, Marincil was arrested on May 29 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital Clinic Pharmacy at 3:30 p.m. after the pharmacy called and advised police that he had a forged prescription from D.H. Webb in Huntington, W.Va.

The arresting officer reported that after being his Miranda rights were read, Marincil admitted to copying another prescription blank and writing in a different prescription.

Marincil is scheduled to be arraigned on June 11.

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Reward offer leads to break in case, arrest

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG—For a Martin man, placing an advertisement offering reward for the return of his stolen property paid off Monday afternoon when the man accused of the theft saw his case waived to the grand jury during Floyd District

Court proceedings. On May 2, Martin business owner Taylor Harris placed an advertisement in The Floyd County Times offering a \$500 reward for the return of various fishing equipment stolen from his boat in late April.

Harris initially contacted the Floyd County Sheriff's Department about his missing gear and then later

asked if there was anything else he could do.

"He (Harris) asked me what else he could do and I told him he could put a reward in the paper," said Deputy Sheriff B.J. Caudill. "The ad for the reward led a break in the case and then the arrest."

According to Caudill, Harris received a phone call from a man

named Thomas Gibson who said he had purchased various fishing equipment from 28-year-old Spradlin Branch resident Burnis Newsome at one of several flea market stands just off Route 680 at Eastern.

Gibson told police he had then sold the items to another, who had

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Burnis Newsome

Government seeks to move vote fraud case

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Prosecutors, saying they may not be able to get convictions in Eastern Kentucky, want to move an election fraud case to Frankfort.

"The concern is that the defendants are so influential and well known in that area that the prospect for improper influence on prospective jurors is great," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth R. Taylor in a document unsealed Tuesday.

Among nine people charged in the case were John Doug Hays, a former state senator and judicial candidate, and Ross Harris, a wealthy coal operator and attorney who has held or conducted fund-raisers for many candidates.

Taylor told Judge Karen Caldwell that he is seeking a new indictment in the case from a federal grand jury that's meeting Friday in Frankfort. If that grand jury issues indictments, the case would move from Pikeville to Frankfort.

Defense attorneys for Pike County residents now

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photo by R.C. Wildlife Rehabilitation Refuge

These three pups were left to die near the German Bridge area, but were discovered and nursed back to health by local wildlife professionals who are currently searching for prospective and loving owners.

Abandoned pups discovered, rescued by wildlife workers

by KATHY PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

Even in the face of newly implemented laws against animal abuse, the age-old practice of abandoning animals continues.

Local wildlife professionals recently discovered three puppies left to die near a Floyd County camping area.

The pups were found dumped on the side of the road near Floyd County's German Bridge recreation area.

According to Robin Branham, of R.C.

Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation, the pups were "nearly starved to death and almost eat up with the mange." She says that, increasingly, small animals are being abandoned in this area.

"People are just dumping them out and leaving them to die, it's awful and it's wrong and it is against the law," Branham said.

The pups are currently being treated by the center for a malady of ailments and if

(See PUPS, page three)

Suspect accused of burglarizing storage facility

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Pikeville man has been arrested and charged in relation to the burglary of several storage compartments at Pikeville Mini Storage.

Court documents show that Christopher Eugene Parsons, 19, was arrested on May 30 at 5:38 a.m. and charged with possession of burglary tools and receiving stolen property, after police located a crowbar "lying in plain view" in the back floor board of a vehicle

(See SUSPECT, page three)

KSP probing fight that sent one to hospital

Times Staff Report

SITKA — State police are investigating possible assault charges after an altercation between two Johnson County men that resulted in one being airlifted from the scene Sunday evening.

According to reports from Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville, B. Branham, whom police have yet to fully identify, went to Lowell Fairchild's home at Sitka, at which time the two men became involved in a verbal disagreement.

Police said the dispute soon turned into a physical altercation at which time Branham fell into a nearby culvert. He was airlifted

(See FIGHT, page three)

Hatfields, McCoys to bury hatchet

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

PIKEVILLE — While hostilities between the Hatfields and McCoys ended long ago, no truce was ever officially signed.

That will change next week when descendants of the nation's most famous feuding families

gather in this Eastern Kentucky town to formally declare an end to the fighting and proclaim that they stand together against any common foe to the United States.

Reo Hatfield, the Waynesboro, Va., man who proposed the truce, said he wants to send a broader message to the world that when national security is at risk,

Americans put their differences aside and stand united.

"We want the world to know that you can't come over to our country and attack us and it go unnoticed, even by the Hatfields and McCoys," he said.

The more than a century of

(See FEUD, page three)



Three counts of wanton endangerment first charges against Edgar Tackett, 58, of Betsy Layne, left, were referred to the grand jury on Monday.

photo by Loretta Blackburn

Wal-Mart awards scholarships



Shane Allen



Henry Hicks

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

The Floyd County recipients of the 2003 Sam Walton Community Scholarship have been named. Shane Allen, of South Floyd High School, and Henry Hicks, of the Piarist School, are this year's scholarship winners.

Both Allen and Hicks

plan to attend the University of Kentucky as incoming freshmen this fall. Allen, a member of his school's Beta Club, TAG program, Student Council, and 4-H program, is also Hal Rogers Scholar, a WYMT Mountain Student Achiever, and a Who's Who All-American

(See AWARDS, page nine)

Judge refers hit-and-run allegations to grand jury

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Although a Betsy Layne man accused of leaving the scene of an accident could not be tested for intoxication, the testifying

officer asserted that the fact that he left the scene warrants wanton endangerment charges.

Appearing for a preliminary hearing in Floyd District Court on Monday, Edgar Tackett, 58,

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Odds & Ends

ARMAGH, Pa. — Although they aren't going to the prom, officials say these motorists need chaperones.

Following two tractor-trailer crashes in less than a week, state transportation officials have taken the unusual step of providing motorists with chaperones through complicated construction areas in western Pennsylvania.

Pittsburgh-based contractor Dick Corp., which is widening U.S. Route 22 from two to four lanes, will escort drivers through a 1 1/2-mile road project near East Wheatfield Township, about 50 miles east of Pittsburgh. The contractor is providing cars to lead all vehicles through the construction, officials said.

"These are extraordinary measures," Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

spokesman Jim Struzzi said. "People need to understand they're traveling in a work zone. They have to take it upon themselves to slow down."

The road was shut down April 30 after being open for only five hours when a speeding tractor-trailer wrecked. Three days later, the road was closed again when another tractor-trailer's brakes failed and it slammed into a utility pole.

The construction is expected to be finished in a year.

RUSSELL — Even Hell's Angels are invited to this church service.

The Ashland Plaza Church of the Nazarene has invited area motorcyclists to this Sunday's service for Biker Sunday. The day includes a worship service, lunch and an afternoon procession through Russell and

Flatwoods, said Homer Rose, a member of the congregation and an event organizer.

The church also will give every biker a commemorative T-shirt, he said.

"It's just another way we can reach out to the community. So many people own motorcycles, and many of them don't attend church," said Rev. Rob Hale, pastor of the church.

Bikers are expected to start showing up around 10 a.m. and sign up for any prayer requests before attending the service. Following lunch, the bikers will saddle up for a parade at 3 p.m.

"This is a way for us to minister to them. We want them to know the church cares for them," Hale said.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. — Roy Bauman didn't think much of it when he gave two girls a ride home decades ago. But he has been married to one of them for the last 80 years.

Bauman, 102, met his wife Minerva, 96, when he gave her and a friend a ride into the small Kansas mining town where they lived.

"I guess it was love at first sight, as far as I can see," Minerva Bauman said in a recent interview.

Roy Bauman already had a girlfriend at the time, but he said

he "started going with her (Minerva) the next Saturday night."

Minerva's mother made them wait about a year and a half, until her daughter turned 16, before the couple married on Oct. 5, 1922.

Minerva Bauman said people always ask the secret to their relationship lasting so long, but she can't explain why they've been happy so long.

"We've had our ups and downs, like everybody else has," she said. "I guess we never did fight. We talk it over instead of fighting."

The couple offers this advice for people getting married these days:

"Be honest with each other, that's the biggest thing," Minerva Bauman said. And Roy Bauman added, "Don't do too much fighting — that'll ruin any marriage."

SANTA FE, N.M. — The Devil's Highway is no more.

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials has changed the number of U.S. 666 to U.S. 491, the New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department announced Monday.

(See ODDS, page six)

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, June 4, the 155th day of 2003. There are 210 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On June 4, 1942, the Battle of Midway began during World War II.

On this date:

In 1812, the Louisiana Territory was renamed the Missouri Territory.

In 1878, Turkey turned Cyprus over to the British.

In 1892, the Sierra Club was incorporated in San Francisco.

In 1896, Henry Ford made a successful pre-dawn test run of his horseless carriage, called a "quadricycle," through the streets of Detroit.

In 1940, the Allied military evacuation from Dunkirk, France, ended.

In 1944, the U.S. Fifth Army began liberating Rome during World War II.

In 1947, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved the Taft-Hartley Act.

In 1954, French Premier Joseph Laniel and Vietnamese Premier Buu Loc initialed treaties in Paris according to "complete independence" to Vietnam.

In 1986, Jonathan Jay Pollard, a former Navy intelligence analyst, pleaded guilty in Washington to spying for Israel. He is serving a life prison term.

In 1989, hundreds, possibly thousands of people died as Chinese army troops stormed Beijing to crush a pro-democracy movement.

Ten years ago:

The U.N. Security Council agreed to send up to 10,000 more U.N. peacekeepers to six Bosnian cities. Rejecting allegations she was a "quota queen," Lani Guinier expressed regret President Clinton had dropped her nomination to head the Justice Department's civil rights division.

Five years ago:

A federal judge sentenced Terry Nichols to life in prison for his role in the Oklahoma City bombing. Americans aboard the shuttle Discovery arrived at the Russian space station Mir to pick up U.S. astronaut Andrew Thomas, who'd spent four months in orbit.

One year ago:

President Bush said the CIA and FBI had failed to communicate adequately before the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks; Congress began extraordinary closed-door hearings into intelligence lapses. A panel of U.S. Roman Catholic bishops called for a zero-tolerance policy against priests who molest children in the future and a two-strikes-you're-out policy for those guilty of past abuse. Japan ratified the Kyoto Protocol, aimed at cutting emissions of heat-trapping gases.

Today's Birthdays:

Former Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, is 86. Opera singer Robert Merrill is 84. Actor Dennis Weaver is 79. Actor John Drew Barrymore is 71. Actor Bruce Dern is 67. Country singer Freddy Fender is 66. Musician Roger Ball is 59. Jazz musician Anthony Braxton is 58. Singer Gordon Waller (Peter and Gordon) is 58. Rock musician Danny Brown (The Fixx) is 52. Actor Parker Stevenson is 51. Actor Keith David is 47. Actress Julie Gholson is 45. Actor Eddie Velez is 45. Singer-musician El DeBarge is 42. Tennis player Andrea Jaeger is 38. Actor Scott Wolf is 35. Actor Noah Wyle is 32. Rock musician Stefan Lessard (The Dave Matthews Band) is 29. Comedian Horatio Sanz is 29. Actress Angelina Jolie is 28.

Thought for Today:

"When you betray somebody else, you also betray yourself." — Isaac Bashevis Singer, Polish-born American Nobel Prize-winning author (1904-1991).

"Fitness and Fresh Air"

"In the woods is perpetual youth," said Ralph Waldo Emerson. Indeed, because so many health benefits can be gained by walking along wooded paths, the American Hiking Society has chosen "Healthy Trails, Healthy People" as the theme of the 11th annual National Trails Day.

Hikers and would-be hikers are invited to celebrate National Trails Day locally on Saturday June 7 with a short but informative hike along the Pine Mountain Trail. Phillip Meeks, co-owner of Trail Dog Outfitters in Pikeville, will be guiding a three-mile trek that will begin at the junction of US 23 and VA 667 at 10 a.m. (Those who wish to carpool or those who'd like to follow a group to the trailhead can meet at Trail Dog Outfitters

in Weddington Plaza at 9 a.m.) In addition to introducing participants to Kentucky's newest state park, Phillip will teach hikers how to identify several species of trees and other plants and will discuss the health benefits associated with hiking.

Such benefits, according to the American Hiking Society, include Weight Loss. A 150-pound person will burn 240 calories an hour by hiking at a 2-mph pace.

Heart Health. Hiking can

(See AIR, page eight)

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Walters Automotive Group, Eastern Kentucky's largest volume new and used car dealer, just announced plans to hold a five-dollar used car and truck sales event on Saturday, June 7th, 2003.

Recent record sales from the last few months have resulted in an overstock of trade-ins. According to the Walters family, sales have been at a tremendous rate. A spokesman for the family said, "Now we must reduce the number of our used cars and trucks to a more manageable level." During this five-dollar sale, cars and trucks will be sold for thousands below their original price. In fact, there will be cars that normally sell for five to eight thousand dollars sold for three to five thousand. "Our customers will find these prices even lower than at wholesale auctions." Auction bidding often inflates the true value of a car, so you pay more. Here, every car is on sale, first come, first served, and no bidding. It's the perfect opportunity to get a good quality used car at the lowest price possible, including cars for only five dollars. The used vehicles from all Walters Dealerships will be on display at Walters Mazda-Mitsubishi, next to K-mart in Pikeville. At 9:00 a.m., all vehicles will be opened so the buyers may inspect the vehicle for one hour before the sale begins at 10:00 a.m. Whoever is sitting behind the wheel at 10:00 a.m., when the prices are posted on the windshield, will be given the first opportunity to purchase this vehicle at the sale price. This innovative approach to selling used vehicles will make it easy for anybody in the market for a good used vehicle to get a great car or truck at a very low price, with no hassle.

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Knott Co. man pleads guilty to election fraud

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — A Knott County man pleaded guilty Monday to a federal election fraud charge in U.S. District Court in

Pikeville. Under a plea agreement, Newton J. Johnson, 40, of Brinkley, will testify on behalf of prosecutors in a vote-buying case in which Knott County Judge-

Executive Donnie Newsome also was charged. Johnson had been indicted on four counts of vote buying, one count of making false statements to the FBI, and two counts of obstructing justice. Under the agreement, he pleaded guilty to one count of vote buying and one count of obstructing justice. U.S. District Judge David Bunning scheduled sentencing for Sept. 2. Johnson told Bunning that he paid \$50 to a woman to vote for Newsome in the May 1998 Democratic primary election, and later asked her to tell a grand jury that she didn't remember the inci-

dent. Newsome defeated three-term incumbent Homer Sawyer in the race and won re-election last November. Newsome, 52, and Willard Smith, 54, both of Hindman, and Keith Pigman, 45, of Garner, are charged with one count of conspiracy to pay voters to cast absentee ballots in the primary. They pleaded innocent. Newsome, the first Kentucky elected official in at least five years to be indicted on vote-buying charges, also is charged in two counts of a six-count indictment with paying and aiding the paying of between \$50 and \$100 to two

voters in the primary. Smith is charged with four counts of paying voters. Pigman is charged with two counts of paying voters and aiding the payment of voters. The three men, who were indicted in April, are scheduled for trial July 21 in U.S. District Court in Pikeville. Six other men were indicted in March on federal charges that they paid people to vote in the same primary election. Five of the six also are charged with lying to the FBI about alleged vote-buying. They were Ronnie Neal Slone, 55, and Brady Warren Slone, 57, both of Pippa Passes; Phillip Slone, 53, and Jimmy Calhoun, 33, both of Hindman; Patrick Wayne Madden, 45, of Littercar; and Jimmy Lee Conley, 33, of Lackey. All six have entered innocent pleas.

Correction



At the time of printing, no photo of Prestonsburg High School graduate Jamie L. Slone was available for the "Graduation 2003" section in the May 30 Floyd County Times. It is being reprinted here.

State expects to lose millions because of Tennessee lottery

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky is expected to lose more than \$35 million in lottery proceeds — money that goes to fund scholarships — by 2006 because of the coming Tennessee lottery, officials told a legislative panel Tuesday. Next year, officials predict, Kentucky could lose about \$4.2 million, followed by about \$12.6 million in 2005 and \$18.6 million in 2006, officials said. To help close that gap, lawmakers could expand the Kentucky lottery to include new games such as Keno or video lottery terminals. Arch Gleason, president and CEO of the Kentucky Lottery, said, "Unfortunately right now, it looks like we are going to take a pretty good hit from it," Gleason said. Tennessee lawmakers last week passed legislation that would create a state lottery to fund college scholarships. Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen was expected to sign the legis-

lation. It's expected that the state would sell its first tickets by early next year. While Kentucky won't immediately feel the full effects of Tennessee's lottery, Kentucky lottery officials estimate between 10 to 12 percent of the state's yearly sales come from people in Tennessee. Kentucky's lottery is also hurting from neighboring states that have already, or are considering, expanding gambling. Gleason told a joint Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education. Plus, lottery officials are trying to offset an image problem. Many people still do not know revenue from the state lottery goes for education, Gleason said. A 2002 marketing study found 63 percent of former lottery players said they would play again if the profits went toward education, Gleason said. While Gleason did not (See LOSE, page nine)

Suspect

that Parsons had been driving at the time of the incident, which allegedly occurred at 2:56 a.m. Pikeville City Police Officer Phillip Reed reported that there were five cut pad locks lying in the floor of the vehicle and that Pikeville Mini Storage buildings had been broken into by having the locks cut off the doors. After receiving consent to search Parsons' residence at Peachtree Apartments, police found items, which Parsons stated Donnie Epling stole from the storage facility.

The items, a box of antique glasses and a Sharp VCR, matched items stolen from the storage complex. Parsons was later charged with first-degree burglary and theft by unlawful taking pursuant to a criminal complaint in which he was accused of taking over \$300 in household furniture belonging to David Scott from the storage facility. A \$10,000 full cash bond was set after arraignment on May 30.

Fight

from the scene to Cabell-Huntington Hospital, where it was found he had suffered a number of injuries. Medical response teams were able to conclude that Branham had suffered wounds to his stomach and back, but police have yet to conclude whether the injuries were sustained during the altercation or as a result of his fall. Branham is listed in "good" condition at Cabell-Huntington. The incident remains under investigation by Kentucky State Police.

Feud

feuding between the McCoys of Kentucky and Hatfields of West Virginia is believed to have its origins in a dispute over a pig. A court battle over timber rights escalated the tension in the 1870s. By 1888, as many as a dozen lives were lost. For the past three years, descendants of the two families have put aside their differences for a lighthearted reunion in which they compete in games of softball and tug-of-war. At this year's reunion, slated for June 12-15, the families will sign the truce. The truce declares "an official end to all hostilities, implied, inferred and real between the families now and forevermore." Reo Hatfield said the families,

by signing the truce, will commit all the injuries and injustices from the feud to history, and that the Hatfields and McCoys stand united forever in support of the United States. "We decided it is important to our country that we do this," Reo Hatfield said. "We believe in the unity of our country and the love of our country, and we want to show that nobody is going to mess with America." Bo McCoy of Waycross, Ga., said descendants of both families feel a kinship because of their common history. "Even if there were any lingering tensions," he said, "I think they have been dealt with through our annual reunion."

Trial

under indictment claim that federal prosecutors want to move the case to central Kentucky because cultural bias against Appalachians will play in their favor. Earl "Mickey" McGuire, a Prestonsburg attorney representing two of the defendants, said he opposes moving the case out of the mountain region. "The government wants to move this case to a region that has a strong cultural bias against mountain people," McGuire said. "If you have a black defendant, you don't want him tried by an all white jury. We're talking about the same situation here." Larry Webster, a Pikeville attorney representing another of the defendants, said each of the people charged in the case should be tried in the mountains to avoid prejudice against them. Taylor said motions by defense attorneys suggest they will defend their clients by saying "everybody does it up here." Taylor said the defense attorneys hope that would play well in Pike County. Taylor said he candidly admits intentionally making an allegation from Frankfort the lead count before the grand jury so that the trial could be held outside eastern Kentucky.

hear arguments on pending motions, which is why she postponed Tuesday's hearing. That hearing would have involved Taylor's claim that Harris hired attorneys for several co-defendants in the election fraud case to effectively prevent them from cooperating with prosecutors. Taylor said in a previous motion that Harris "has become somewhat of a political boss in the mountains of eastern Kentucky. He wields great power and influence by funding candidates of his choice in local elections." Defense attorneys, Taylor said, may have a joint defense agreement, which could mean "the best interest of one man is being advanced at the expense of the others." Harris has contributed to and helped conduct fund-raisers for many political candidates, including U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.; Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ben Chandler; Gov. Paul Patton; state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift; and Knott Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome, who recently was indicted on federal vote-fraud charges in a separate case.

Arrest

sold them to another. The case was difficult to track, Caudill said, but when the dust settled Newsome was arrested and charged with one felony count of theft by unlawful taking. The end result of the investigation alleges that Newsome took a fish finder, a tackle box and fishing tackle and at least 10 rods and reels from Harris' boat while it sat outside his auto parts store in Martin. The total cost of the property, according to Caudill, rests at about \$1,800. During District Court proceedings Monday morning, District Judge Eric Hall waived the case to a grand jury for further consideration.

and walked around for a short period of time before taking an alcoholic beverage bottle from the car and leaving. Gearheart stated that a records check showed that this would make Tackett's second driving on a DUI-suspended license charge. Tackett's attorney questioned as to whether tests were given to support the DUI allegations, which Gearheart conceded that he could not be located to test, but asserted that he knew the victims were hurt and that the still left. Gearheart stated that witnesses also said he was intoxicated. "He pulled out and hit someone and left the scene," said Gearheart in reference to regard for safety. Judge Eric Hall referred the case to a grand jury.

Hit-and-run

faces charges of driving on a DUI-suspended license, three counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, failure to render aid, leaving the scene of an accident and DUI/aggravating circumstances. The charges stem from an April 14 incident in which Tackett is accused of pulling from a driveway and hitting a vehicle, slamming the auto into a telephone pole on Toler Creek. The three occupants were taken to Pikeville Methodist Hospital, where Thomas Gearheart, KVE, reported that one suffered open lacerations, while another sported a black eye. Witnesses to the accident said that Tackett was driving the vehi-

cle and walked around for a short period of time before taking an alcoholic beverage bottle from the car and leaving. Gearheart stated that a records check showed that this would make Tackett's second driving on a DUI-suspended license charge. Tackett's attorney questioned as to whether tests were given to support the DUI allegations, which Gearheart conceded that he could not be located to test, but asserted that he knew the victims were hurt and that the still left. Gearheart stated that witnesses also said he was intoxicated. "He pulled out and hit someone and left the scene," said Gearheart in reference to regard for safety. Judge Eric Hall referred the case to a grand jury.

Pups

you are interested in adoption, call either Branham or her associate, Cora Coleman. "We aren't in the business of caring for domestic animals," Branham said, "but we just couldn't drive past these poor pups. This is a problem that has got to be stopped." If you have information leading to the identification of those responsible for the abandonment

of these, or other, animals, are urged to call the R.C. Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. For information about these pups or other abused or abandoned animals, please call your local Sheriff's Department or local animal shelter. You may also contact R.C. Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation about injured wildlife at 874-1950 or 874-3793.

Clarification

Ernestine Hall, daughter of Albert Junior and Hester Hall, of Hi Hat, and employed by Mary Hall, M.D., of McDowell, is not the same person as the Earnestine Hall listed under "Charges Filed" in the May 30 edition of The Floyd County Times.

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— Henry David Thoreau

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Guest View

Forget SARS; obesity is epidemic in U.S.

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.
Humpty Dumpty grew round as a ball.
And all of his doctors
And even his nurse
Couldn't spare Humpty a ride in the hearse.

In case you weren't following recent events, Humpty is fat and growing fatter. So is Mrs. Dumpty. Whereas 20 years ago 46 percent of Americans were overweight and 14 percent obese, today 65 percent weigh too much. A whopping — please excuse that — 30.5 percent of us are obese, and nearly 5 percent severely so, carrying at least 100 pounds too much. Further proof that people are heftier: the Federal Aviation Administration recently ordered airlines to add 10 pounds to the weight of the average adult passenger and his carry-on when they calculate a plane's ability to get off the ground.

Americans' health is suffering as a result. A study published in the April New England Journal of Medicine found that obesity plays a much larger role in causing cancer than previously believed. The increased risk for people weighing 75 to 100 pounds above the recommended maximum is 30 percent. A few weeks ago the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a study confirming that babies born to overweight moms are at significantly greater risk for heart and other abnormalities.

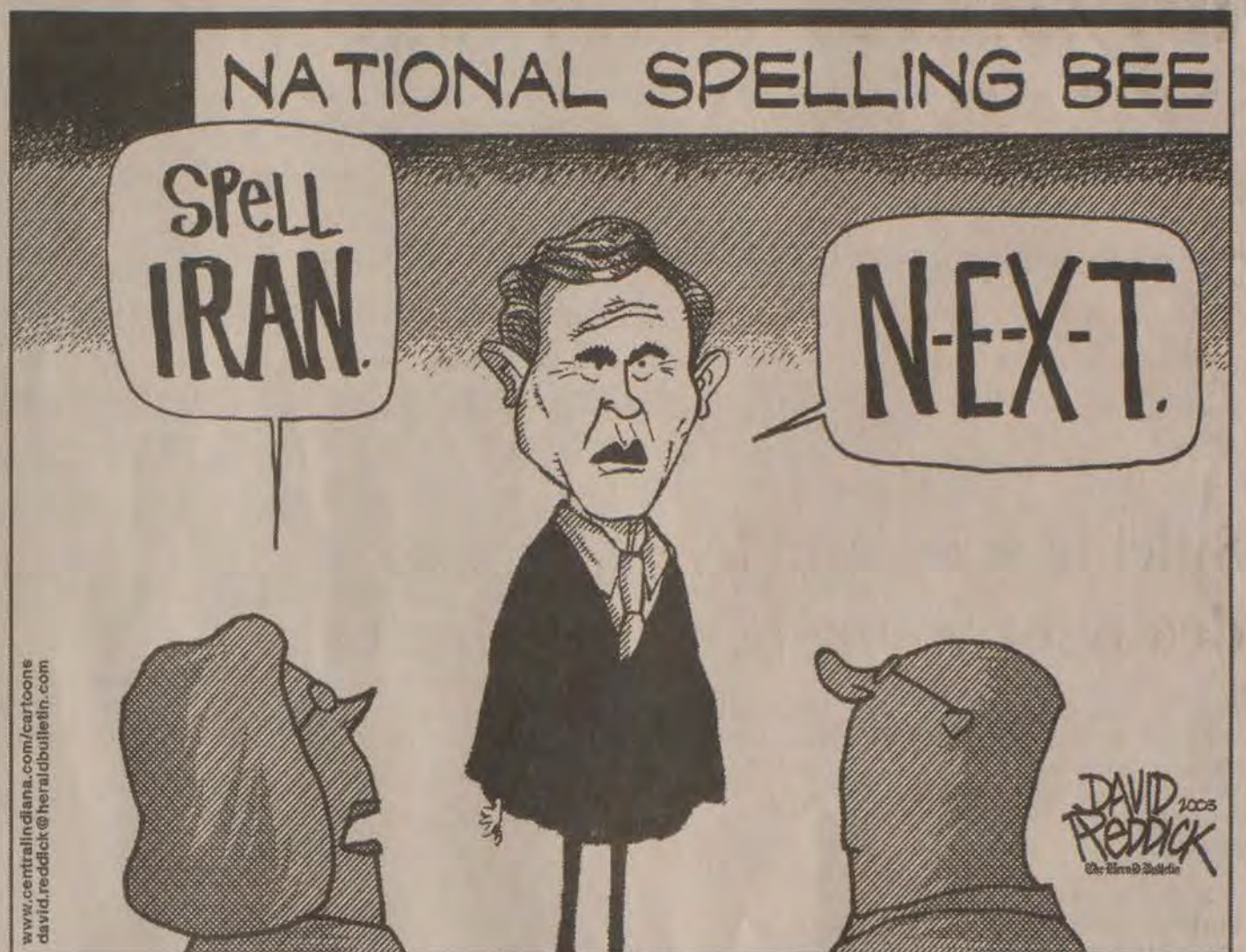
Nonetheless, the percentage of obesity-linked cancers and birth defects still remains small. This is not the case for several other diseases. Weight is a key factor, and in some cases the most important factor, in heart and arterial disease, arthritis, stroke and diabetes. The number of diabetics in America grew by 49 percent in the 1990s.

"If you can control your weight, then these problems will diminish," says Hla Phone, epidemiologist with the Peoria City-County (Ill.) Health Department. Echoing the words of Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, Phone says obesity "is an epidemic" that deserves more attention than it gets.

Another recent Centers for Disease Control study says it is a costly one. Health care for the typical obese American costs \$732 more a year than for the typical American of normal weight. The nation's bill? Nearly \$93 billion last year, or about 9 percent of all medical expenditures. The financial burden now rivals that of smoking, said the authors, who urged employers to come up with incentives to encourage weight control.

That's a struggle, says Rebekah Bourland, marketing manager for the Central Illinois John Deere Health Care. While it is possible to offer health-insurance discounts to non-smokers, employers may run into legal problems if they try to do

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Sticks & Stones

Put a candle in the window, or hold your breath

Something stinks in Prestonsburg. Actually, I'm sure that more than a couple people would agree that several things stink in Prestonsburg, but this one REALLY STINKS.

In the past week, at least in this office, the hateful stench of sewer gas floated unabashedly across our desktops, into our beloved breakroom and attached itself to our very clothing. The smell, apparently weary of restricting itself to the streets of Prestonsburg, has now decided to make itself very known in our building.

I suspect we're not alone in this. In the past week, when I haven't been busy taking on this horrible assault against my senses, I have been made to

watch my coworkers twist in misery, light one scented candle after another, curl their noses and hold their breath for dangerously long periods of time while city workers fight in vain to purge the fecal enemy from below.

But is this the true enemy? The question is, of course, rhetorical. The subterranean mass of stench and foulness beneath our city streets is natural. Better out than in, they say. It is the human condition, nothing more. The true culprits in this are those who have allowed the problem to get this far.

Sure, work is being done to correct the problem, but the city exists with a sewer system constructed through efforts of the Works Progress Administration. This welfare program was started in early January ... of 1935.

Would city officials leave their own plumbing unattended for this long?

Again, rhetorical. Our current administration is to blame, our past administrations are to blame and we are to blame.

We are to blame? You bet. The best way to get our city officials to do something is to ask them, repeatedly.

We've complained and moaned around the water cooler but done little more in the way of challenging the status quo. We've been promised solutions during elections and watched hope dwindle after the polls closed. Still, we generally accept that during the summer months or when it rains for more than 20 minutes, the world around us becomes soaked in an odor that is not only stomach-turning, but also an undeniable health hazard.

It might make things worse for a short while, but probably the best thing we can do for the future is stir things up a little now.

I can't imagine things could stink worse.



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Letters

Enjoyed visit to newspaper

The members of Prestonsburg Tiger Cubs Pack 802 would like to thank all the nice people at The Floyd County Times for giving us a tour of the newspaper on May 22 as part of our "Go See It" activity. We appreciate the time you took to show us how the newspapers were made, and answering our questions about your business (even on a busy press night).

Tiger Cubs use these and other activities to learn about the world around us, the way things work and how they are made. These lessons increase our knowledge, and give us an appreciation of the hard work involved in the things we use.

Special thanks to Mr. Ralph Davis for guiding the tour (you should get a patch for that), and to Kim Frasure for setting up the event. You were great hosts.

Dog show to be held

Riverview Healthcare will be hosting their first annual dog show on June 14. Registration forms can be picked up in the business or

admissions office. The cost is \$2 per do.

We invite everyone to bring his or her dog for a day of fun. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Williams at 886-9178. Becky Williams Riverview Healthcare



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Health Extra

Cornea 'fingerprint' aims for better laser eye surgery

by LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON - Consider it an ocular fingerprint: A new generation of laser eye surgery is beginning that maps subtle irregularities in the cornea before it's zapped - in hopes of crisper vision and fewer side effects.

Just how much better this new "wavefront-guided LASIK" works isn't proven yet, but it's causing excitement among eye

surgeons who say the three-dimensional maps let them customize treatment in a way never before possible.

Still, it comes with an important consumer warning: This new surgery isn't risk-free, making it crucial to undergo proper exams to determine if you're a good candidate.

That includes a key measurement to be sure your cornea's thick enough to withstand zapping - wavefront-guided LASIK

can remove about 10 percent more tissue than regular LASIK does.

"This is a significant development that will allow us to have better outcomes than we have had in the past," says Dr. Doyle Stulting of Emory University, who oversees laser developments for the American Society for Cataract and Refractive Surgery.

But consumers must understand "there is never a 100 per-

cent guarantee they'll get the perfect result," cautions Dr. Douglas Koch of Baylor College of Medicine, who helped test a wavefront system developed by Visx Inc.

Americans undergo more than a million LASIK procedures a year, mostly to correct nearsightedness. Doctors use a laser to zap away tissue from the cornea, reshaping it for sharper sight.

The vast majority of patients get better vision. But a small proportion - nobody knows just how many - suffer side effects, such as glare and other night-vision trouble, and painfully dry eyes. Some people can't see as well even with glasses or contact lenses after LASIK as they could before.

The new wavefront-guided LASIK can't help the dry-eye problem, but the hope is that it will lessen other side effects - and perhaps help salvage vision in patients harmed by earlier conventional LASIK.

Regular LASIK is based on the person's glasses prescription. Wavefront-guided LASIK adds a measurement of more subtle corneal distortions, called higher-order aberrations. Based on technology that helps astronomers see twinkling stars more clearly, they send waves of light into the eye and measure how they bounce back, forming a 3-D map of each person's unique wave patterns.

Higher-order aberrations can blur fine detail enough that someone whose quantity of vision measures a perfect 20/20 on an eye chart still has trouble driving, especially at night. LASIK itself can cause or worsen those distortions, essentially leaving a little ridge where the laser treatment ends.

But seeing the aberrations before surgery allows doctors to adjust, shaving off a little more

(See EYE, page six)

Suicide is second leading cause of death for young people in Kentucky

The following is the second in a series of three stories dealing with suicide. Next week, the series concludes with a look at the problem of suicide among the elderly.

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Graduation season is a time of year when many young people experience the greatest pressures from academic performance to young romance. These added stressors may lead to depression and ultimately suicide, the second leading cause of death in Kentucky for young people, ages 15-24, according to information gathered by the Kentucky Department of Public Health. This statistic is the same for Kentuckians ages 25-34.

There are specific risk factors that affect young people during this time of year, especially those in high school and college, such as:

- Increased thoughts about suicide from an inability to cope with the pressures of academic and social expectations;
- Anxiety due to realization that the year is ending and time to improve grades is gone;
- Additional pressures with finals, papers due, and more studying resulting in increased coffee consumption, amphetamine use, alcohol overindulgence, and decreased sleep;

■ Panic about summer employment or senior job panic related to lack of career opportunities and worries about finances;

■ Separation anxiety for couples who will be apart during the summer;

toms of possible depressive problems shown in their children and, consequently miss the chance to address this issue before it's too late."

Some of the warning signs that may lead to teen suicide are:

- Abrupt changes in personality;
- Giving away possessions;
- Previous suicide attempt(s);
- Use of drugs and/or alcohol;
- Change in eating or sleep patterns with a significant weight change — loss or gain, insomnia, or excessive sleeping;
- Talk of wanting to die;
- Neglect of academic work and/or personal appearance; and
- Withdrawal from favorite people or activities.

"Suicide is a serious public health issue among Kentuckians, especially teens. We are currently working to address this growing problem with the formation of the Kentucky Suicide Prevention Planning Group," said Scott. The group consists of over 50 diverse members from across the state, who are working to increase public awareness, identify and coordinate resources, provide training, and evaluate the impact of the group's efforts.

For more information about the Kentucky Suicide Prevention Planning Group, contact Barbara Kaminer at 502/564-7610 or barbara.kaminer@mail.state.ky.us

For more information about suicide and its warning signs, visit www.suicidology.org, <http://www.yellowribbon.org/WarningSigns.html>, or <http://dmhmrs.chr.state.ky.us/mh/suicideprevention/>.

If you are a young person in need of help or know a young person that may be coping with feelings of helplessness, hopelessness, or isolation, help is available from anywhere in the state by calling your local community mental health center or dialing 911.

FYI

Mountain Comprehensive Care operates a crisis hotline serving Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties. The number is 800-422-1060.

■ Depression over leaving friends once the school year is finished; and

■ Concern about returning home after having lived independently for the past year.

"These feelings do not discriminate; they affect boys and girls, who come from all races, cultures, and economic backgrounds," said Bruce Scott, director of the state's Mental Health Division. "Families often don't recognize signs and symp-

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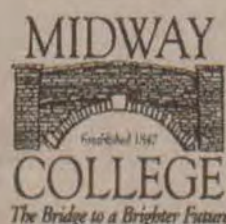
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Obituaries

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Cornealis Ousley

Cornealis Ousley, 67, of Martin, died Sunday, June 1, 2003, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center at Prestonsburg.

Born August 4, 1935, in Risner, he was the son of Rosie Campbell Ousley of Martin, and the late Oscar Ousley. He was a retired coal miner; and a member of U.M.W.A. Local Union 1741 at Wayland.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Emma Johnson Ousley.

Other survivors include three sons, Donnie Ousley and David Randell Ousley, both of Prestonsburg, and Danny Ousley of Martin; one daughter, Phyllis Gamel of Prestonsburg; four brothers, Miley Ousley of Warsaw, Indiana, and Delano Ousley, Beecher Ousley, and Dormal Ousley, all of Martin; three sisters, Mavis Hicks of Eastern, Alma Jean Kost of Cleveland, Ohio, and Bonnie Condors of Winchester; five grandchildren, Rachael, LaDonna, David Lee, Shawn and Danielle; and four great-grandchildren, Austin, Savannah, Chase and Abigail.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, June 4, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Rev. Jerry Manns and others officiating.

Burial will be in the Johnson-Hubbard Cemetery, Spurlock Road, Prestonsburg, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers: David Lee Ousley, Shawn Ousley, John Blackburn, Clyde Shepherd, Oscar Wallenm, Harmon Johnson and Matt Floyd.

(Paid obituary)

Denver Spurlock

Denver Spurlock, 61, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, June 2, 2003, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center emergency room in Prestonsburg.

Born February 18, 1942, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Frank and Ruth Johnson Spurlock. He was a disabled coal miner, a former deputy sheriff, and a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his best friend, Darlena Wright; two daughters, Crystal Akers of Allen and Melissa Rodger of Prestonsburg; six brothers, Darrell Spurlock, Ted Spurlock, and A.C. Spurlock, all of Columbus, Ohio, Charles Spurlock of Prestonsburg, Woodrow Spurlock and Marvin Spurlock, both of Allen, and Arnold Spurlock of Kilbuck, Ohio; two sisters, Ethel Mae Spurlock of Millersburg, Ohio; and Juanita (Edith) Humble of Allen; two grandsons, Kobe Alan Akers and Braden Seth Howell; and ex-wife, Janice Sue Conn of Printer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sons, Stevie Dwayne Spurlock and Brian Douglas Spurlock; a brother, Kenneth Ray Spurlock; and a sister, Bonnie Sue Roberts.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, June 5, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Halbert Cemetery (Mouth of Spurlock), at Printer, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Loretta (Hall) Hardy

Loretta (Hall) Hardy, age 63, of New London, Ohio, died Sunday, June 1, 2003, at her home, following an extended illness.

She was born February 5, 1940, in Honaker, the daughter of the late A.B. and Nora (Stumbo) Hall. She had lived in the New London area since the early 1950s and was a 1958 graduate of New London High School.

She was a former dental assistant for Dr. Taylor in Norwalk, and had worked 24 years at Thomas Creative Apparel in New London, as a service representative.

She is survived by a son, Mark (Christy) Hardy of New London; a grandson; six sisters, Ivelle Risner, Magalene Hall and Melva (Eldon) Anderson, all of New London, and Irene (John W.) Brown of Ashland, Betty Jo (Ray) Pettit of Elyria, and Inez Gasser of Waco, Texas; and two sisters-in-law, Marylin Hall of Ocala, Florida, and Vernice Hall of New London.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore Hardy, February 11, 1982, and brothers, R.J. Hall in 1987, and Clyde Hall in 1976.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 5, at the Eastman Funeral Home, 200 W. Main St., New London, with Rev. Daniel Bogre, pastor of the Fitchville United Methodist Church officiating, and burial will follow in Ashland County Memorial Park.

Memorials, if desired, may be made to the American Cancer Society, Northeast Ohio Region-Western Area, Lorain Area Office, 43099 N. Ridge Rd., Elyria, Ohio 44035.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Lucy Setser

Lucy Setser, 98, of East Point, passed away, Saturday, May 31, 2003, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home at Paintsville, following an extended illness.

She was born August 31, 1904, at Edgar, a daughter of the late William Jackson and Mary (Burchell) Setser. She was a member of the United Baptist Church.

She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 3, at 11 a.m., at the Burke Funeral Home, Prestonsburg, with Brother Bruce Howard officiating.

Burial followed in the Government Relocation Cemetery, on Auxier Road, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Eye

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University, who helped test Alcon Laboratories' system.

The Food and Drug Administration recently approved both Alcon and Visx's wavefront-guided LASIK systems after studies showed about 80 percent of patients treated saw 20/20 without glasses. It adds \$350 to \$1,000 to LASIK's \$1,000- to \$2,000-per-eye cost.

"It is life-altering," says Beth Matthews of Gulfport, Miss., who had the surgery two weeks ago. "Can you tell I'm giddy?"

Her longtime eye doctor wouldn't let her have regular LASIK. Matthews had so many higher-order aberrations that, even with strong contact lenses, she squinted at road signs and could barely see at night through the glare. After wavefront-guided surgery, her vision measures a crisp 20/16 - better than perfect, with no glare or squinting.

But wavefront-guided LASIK still causes new aberrations, just fewer of them, cautions FDA's Everette Beers.

And it doesn't eliminate the need for careful screening - not everyone's a candidate, adds Ron Link, who runs a Web site, www.surgicaleyes.com, for LASIK-injured patients.

Take David Dutton of Canada. He can barely see out of his left eye at night after wavefront-guided LASIK in November, and suffers dry eyes so painful he must insert eyedrops in the middle of the night.

Dutton, a teacher in British Columbia, now knows he wasn't a good candidate for any type of LASIK. His corneas were so thin originally that surgery left less than the required 250 microns of thickness needed for good vision.

Check the latest LASIK guidelines at www.eyesurgeryeducation.org - and check out the surgeon's track record.

"So much of the outcome has to do with patient selection ... and physician experience and competence," says FDA's Beers.

Odds

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Transportation officials from three states applied for a name change to the highway, which runs 194 miles from Gallup north through southwestern Colorado and west to Monticello, Utah.

In the Bible, the Book of Revelations says 666 is the "number of the beast," usually interpreted as Satan or the Antichrist, and the highway was often called "the Devil's Highway."

"I'm pleased after years of controversy, this issue which has plagued ... northwestern New Mexico has finally been resolved," Gov. Bill Richardson said in a statement Monday.

Highway and Transportation Secretary Rhonda Faughl had said earlier this year that the number's "negative connotation" was one officials didn't want associated with the state because it discouraged tourism and area economic development.

Card of Thanks

The family of Bee Baldrige wishes to sincerely thank all those who shared in the sorrow we felt with the loss of our loved one. We greatly appreciated the many expressions of sympathy, which included cards, flowers, food, prayers, and kind words. We offer a special thank-you to Clergymen Sterlin Bolen and Mitchell Shepherd, for their comforting words, the Ball Branch Regular Baptist Church for opening their doors and hearts to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. We will always remember the kindness each of you has shown our family.

THE FAMILY OF BEE BALDRIDGE

Card of Thanks

The family of Jerry Harold Ousley would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones, who helped to comfort us during our time of sorrow. Thank-you to all those who sent flowers, or just spoke kind words. All your acts of kindness will never be forgotten. We would like to send a special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF JERRY HAROLD OUSLEY

Card of Thanks

The family of Tina Hamilton wishes to gratefully acknowledge the kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We greatly appreciate you all. A special thanks to Pastor Edgar McKinney for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF TINA HAMILTON

Card of Thanks

We, the family of Eddie Rowe, would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the flowers, food, and any kindness that you may have shown to our family. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church for all the kindness shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, Ky., for the wonderful job, and as always, the professional, courteous service.

THE FAMILY OF EDDIE ROWE

Agnes Newsome

Agnes Newsome, 82, of Weeksburry, died Sunday, June 1, 2003, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born September 13, 1920, at Weeksburry, she was the daughter of the late Dee and Susan Bryant Mullins. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Newsome.

Survivors include five sons, Bill Newsome, Doug Newsome, Daryl Newsome, and Tommy Dean Newsome, all of Weeksburry, and Buddy Newsome of Georgia; 11 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Lonnie Gene Newsome; four brothers, Milford Mullins, Romey Mullins, Virgil Mullins, and Shorty Mullins; and two sisters, Mary McCloud and Cloye Hall.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, June 4, at 11 a.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Rev. Louis Ferrari and Vernon Johnson officiating.

Burial will be in the Weeksburry Cemetery, at Weeksburry, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church with 7 p.m. services nightly.

(Paid obituary)

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includes people who are overweight.

Sometimes being healthy is incentive enough. Choice Point Precision Marketing is among a small number of companies that offer their employees a chance to participate in Weight

Watchers at Work. The programing is fairly standard — nutritional information, diet, weigh-ins and peer motivation — but the location encourages participation. "It's definitely becoming part of the corporate structure," says Nancy Besas, Weight Watchers public relations manager for the central United States.

Meanwhile, Congress is looking at allowing businesses to deduct employee health-club membership dues from their taxes. At a recent hearing, members of the Senate Committee on Aging discussed how Medicare might encourage recipients to eat better, stay slim and exercise more. Spending on chronic illnesses accounts for a substantial portion of Medicare costs.

Obviously, the obesity epidemic has the nation unprepared, and that goes for those who pay its health bills as well as those who eat too many brownies. As for Humpty Dumpty, he may have met a happier fate if he'd spent fewer hours sitting on that wall and more time pumping a bicycle.

— The Peoria (Ill.) Journal Star

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Card of Thanks

The family of Sophie I. Lands wishes to thank all of those who were so kind and considerate during our time of grief. We want to thank those who sent flowers, gifts of love, or just spoke kind words. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to Ronnie Samons for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF SOPHIE I. LANDS

Card of Thanks

The family of Arvle Spears would like to thank everyone who sent food, flowers, cards, or sat with us in our time of sorrow. We appreciate the kindness shown to us by the staff at HRMC and McDowell ARH. We thank Respond Ambulance, Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, all the ministers, and the Floyd County Sheriff's office for their kindness.

THE FAMILY OF ARVLE SPEARS

Card of Thanks

The family of Bill Hackworth wishes to thank all those, who supported him and us, during his illness. The countless prayers of many, even those who may not have known him well, enabled him to stay with us as long as he did. For that we are truly thankful.

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Doctor gets lighter sentence after prosecutors cite cooperation

ASHLAND, Ky. (AP) — A federal judge has cut in half the prison sentence due to a physician convicted on prescription drug charges, after Dr. Steven Snyder gave information that led to the convictions of four other doctors.

Snyder, 52, of Louisville, was sentenced to 35 months in prison on Monday after Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick Molloy told Judge Henry Wilhoit that Snyder had been "open and candid" in providing investigators with information about the flow of prescription pills from a South Shore medical clinic in 1999 and 2000.

Snyder would have been sentenced to 70 months, according to federal sentencing guidelines.

"That was our initial break in a case that really focused on Dr. David Procter," the owner of the Greenup County medical clinic where all the doctors had practiced, Molloy told Wilhoit.

Snyder and his then-wife, Jodee Bowles Snyder, said they were both drug addicts when he arrived at Procter's clinic in

February 1999. Procter later fired Snyder.

Snyder pleaded guilty in April 2001 to one count of conspiring to fraudulently obtain controlled substances and to one count of illegally distributing narcotics. He also pleaded guilty to three firearms counts.

Snyder told Wilhoit on Monday he was thankful for the judicial system, which had probably saved his life. He also apologized to his former patients in eastern Kentucky.

"I would change it if I could," he said.

The judge appeared sympa-

thetic.

"I don't know what it is about South Shore, Kentucky," said Wilhoit, that has attracted the kind of doctors who prey on drug addicts. "I'm certain you've slowed it down, especially in South Shore."

Snyder was one of the first of about 15 physicians hired to work temporarily at Procter's South Shore clinic after November 1998 when Procter claimed a head injury in an auto accident left him unable to practice medicine.

Snyder had been scheduled to testify against Procter in U.S.

District Court in April before Procter struck a plea-agreement with prosecutors. Procter is scheduled to be sentenced by Wilhoit on Aug. 18.

Lawmakers question backlog in background checks for airport screeners

by JIM ABRAMS
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers asked Tuesday why the Transportation Security Administration has yet to complete background checks on half the 55,000 federal workers screening passengers and bags at the nation's airports.

They also noted that several airports have discovered screeners with criminal backgrounds.

"These reports are, to say the least, very disturbing," said Rep. Hal Rogers, R-Ky., chairman of the House Appropriations homeland security subcommittee.

The TSA administrator, retired Coast Guard Adm. James Loy, rejected the idea that the hiring process has serious problems. "This is a very, very thorough effort that we undertook," Loy told the panel. Charges of disarray "are simply not true."

After the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Congress ordered the government to take over screening duties from private companies at more than 400 airports. It gave the TSA a Nov. 19, 2002, deadline for putting the passenger screening force in place, and a deadline of Dec. 31, 2002, for screening all checked bags. Both deadlines were met.

Loy said the TSA received more than 1.7 million applicants and interviewed around 340,000 people over a 10-month period. The FBI conducts a fingerprint-based criminal history records check on each applicant, and a private company, ChoicePoint, checks credit, criminal and employment histories. The federal Office of Personnel Management then carries out a final investigation similar to that given to workers receiving secret clearances.

The OPM's Stephen Benowitz said of 55,000 screeners already employed at airports, the OPM still is working on more than 12,000 cases and has yet to receive completed documents for another 17,500.

Loy said the agency has fired 1,208 screeners, almost half for providing false information on applications, others on revelations of drug or other felony convictions or other crimes.

"One mistake or one unsavory character and you have one huge, potentially fatal circumstance on your hands," Rep. Rogers said.

But Loy said almost every screener has undergone the FBI background inquiry and ChoicePoint's first phase investigation, which includes credit

(See CHECKS, page ten)



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This week the shelter has 52 kittens and 30 puppies, as well as 30 adult cats and 37 dogs. The pile of kittens in the top photo are a two-week-old litter. The puppy on the bottom is a Chihuahua mix whose mother is also up for adoption.

The Floyd County Animal Shelter is located at Sally Stephens Branch in west Prestonsburg. The shelter is open from 10:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday, and 10:00 to 3:00 Saturdays, and can be reached by phone at 886-3189.

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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.

MEN'S HEALTH DAY

To be hosted by the Floyd County Health Dept. on June 11. All men encouraged to come out and have the following checks: Blood pressure, cholesterol, PSA test, and others. Call 886-2788 for an appointment.

GOSPEL SINGING

Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church will hold a gospel sing on Saturday, June 7, at 6 p.m. Special group is Palmer Stone and family, and church singers will sing also. Come and have a good time in the name of the Lord. Refreshments served after singing.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Meeting will be held at the Floyd County Health Dept. on

June 26, at 1 p.m. Meeting is free and open to all. Call 886-2788 for more information.

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"INSPIRE TO PREVENT" DRUG USE

Program on illegal drug use and prevention to be held on Thursday, June 5, at 10 a.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. For more info., call Johnson County Extension Service at 789-8108.

PIKEVILLE ARMY RESERVE REUNION

A reunion of the Pikeville Army Reserve Unit will be held on June 14, at 4 p.m., at the Allen Volunteer Fire Department. Meal will be served at 5 p.m. The meal will be catered and must be paid for in advance. Contact Ellis Osborne at 478-5151 for more information. You may also write to: Ellis Osborne, 739 Akers Branch, Banner, Ky. 41603.

WILDFIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM

To be held on Saturday, June 7, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., at the Prestonsburg Community College Pike Technology Bldg., Room 203. Free breakfast and lunch. Register by calling 1-866-463-6486 (toll-free), or online at: www.itm-info.com/wildfire. Teachers: Participants receive 6 hours of technology professional development credit.

'FIREWISE' COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

This free, one-day workshop geared to helping community members learn how to reduce fires in their areas will take place on June 11, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. You do NOT need to be a fire professional in order to attend. Call 1-800-325-0142 to register. Deadline to register is May 10.

FLEMING-STAMBAUGH REUNION

Descendants of Robert Fleming and Elizabeth Stambaugh will hold a reunion on June 21, beginning at 10 a.m., at the Clintwood Elementary School. Bring family photos, keepsakes, hand-crafts, instruments, food and drinks. For more info., call Karen Adams at 276-926-8414 or email: kadams@robertfleming.org. You may also contact

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MILITARY SALUTE SERVICE

To be held on June 8, at 2 p.m., at the Bays Branch Cemetery, Bays Branch/Dickie Town Road. Presented by the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Pvt. William Ripley Hall Jr., Company C, Tenth KY Calvary, Confederate States Army. Friends and family cordially invited. Contact Atlas Hall at 889-9827 for more information.

BLHS CLASS REUNION

The Betsy Layne High School classes of the 30's, 40's, 50's and 60's will hold a reunion on Saturday, June 28, at 12 p.m. Call Marvin Williamson at 478-3310 for more information.

KY JR. HOME RUN DERBY

To be held on June 21, beginning at 9 a.m., at Stumbo Park, in Allen. For girls and boys ages 9-10, 11-12, and 13-14. Free registration to be held at Century 21 American Way Realty office until June 16. Office is located on Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg. Call 886-9100 for more information.

RED LIGHT DINER CAR WASHES

The Red Light Diner will be happy to help host your organization's car wash fundraiser. The Diner will furnish water, plus a dozen hot dogs and drinks for your busy crew. Each group must supply their own soap, sponges, buckets and people to do the work. The Red Light Diner will not be responsible for damage to vehicles or accidents involving people. Call 886-2786 or 886-9117 for more info.

NICKELS-ELAM REUNION

The Nickels-Elam Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, June 8, at the Twin Springs High School near Nickelsville, Va., in Scott County. Descendants of James Nickels Sr. and Robert Elam Sr., as well as friends of the family, are welcome to attend. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. Bring a picnic lunch to share at the noon meal and drinks for your family. For more info., contact Edwin E. Nickels, at 423-323-2009 or email to: ednickels@aol.com.

6TH ANNUAL MCCOY REUNION

Will be held on Sunday, June

15, beginning at 10:30 a.m., at the Sardis Association Building on Brushy Creek (formerly Brushy Elementary School). Bring covered dish for luncheon meal that will be served at 12:30 p.m. For more info., contact Betty Howard at 432-1601; Bertha Blackburn at 631-1005; Donna Taylor Morrison at 631-1763; or Marquetta Deskins at 631-1811.

4-H SPRING NEWS

4-H Summer Camp will be held at Felner 4-H Camp on July 21-25. Applications can be obtained by calling Floyd County Co-op Ext. Office at 886-2668. Registration deadline is July 1.

4-H Shooting Sports - All interested in the 2003 Shooting Sports Educational program should call 886-2668. Must be between 9-18 years of age. Disciplines include: .22 rifles, archery, and Trap (.20 and .12 gauge).

ATTN: HOME GARDENERS

The Floyd County Farmer's Market is looking for home gardeners who grow fruits and vegetables to participate in the Floyd County Farmer's Market. This year's demand is anticipated to be even greater than last year's, so we need lots of participants! This is an excellent opportunity for local gardeners to make extra money. There is no participation fee involved. For more info., call Ray Tackett at 886-2668.

T-GIFT AWARDS BANQUET

Banquet will be held Friday, June 6, at 6 p.m., at May Lodge. Noted authors, David and Lalie Dick, to speak. Also, "Silent Auction" will be held. For ticket info., call 886-2513 or 886-3082.

FAITH FREEWILL CAR WASHES

The Sunday School classes of the Faith Freewill Baptist Church will hold car washes on June 7, July 19, and August 9. Car will be washed for donation only. Car washes will be held at Advance Auto Parts, Prestonsburg. For more info., call 889-9403 or 358-9209.

'EARN WHILE YOU LEARN'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

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reduce some types of backache. For more information on the June 7th hike, on the American Hiking Society or on National Trails Day events, please contact Trail Dog Outfitters at (606) 437-6717 or at pmeeks@peoplepc.com.

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NOTICE

Bertha Wright of Emma, her name was in the Friday Edition of the Floyd County Times — May 30th. She was trying to collect an outstanding debt, from another party. The matter has been taken care of.

HALL REUNION

JESSE HALL, ANTHONY HALL, AND MASIAS HALL REUNION
Saturday, June 7, 2003, at 10:00 a.m.
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Robert Hall—452-9465
Atlas Hall—889-9827

Happy Birthday

Danny

From all of us at The Times

Alzheimer helpline now available 24/7

Area residents caring for a family member suffering from Alzheimer's Disease now have access to needed information 24 hours a day, seven days a week from the Alzheimer's Association Greater Kentucky and Southern Indiana Chapter. Those calling the Chapter's toll free number, 1-800-272-3900, will reach a live person whatever time or day they call. "To offer families in our communities the most up-to-date information through the latest in technology is a wonderful opportunity," said Tonya Tischer, vice president of programs and education at the

Alzheimer's Association Greater Kentucky and Southern Indiana Chapter. During business hours, callers throughout the Greater Kentucky and Southern Indiana Chapter's 125-county service territory are routed to the nearest regional office for support. After hours and on the weekends, callers are routed to the Alzheimer's Association's National Contact Center for immediate assistance and staff at the Chapter's Kentucky and Southern Indiana offices follow-up with these callers on the next business day. The

system enhances the Chapter's ability to provide information and assistance to the more than 74,000 family caregivers residing in its service territory. In addition to the expanded hours of service, the Chapter's Helpline now has access to translation services for over 140 languages and dialects and callers have access to care consultation services that provide decision making support, assistance in times of crisis, guidance through periods of transition, and referrals to local services. Long distance caregivers also benefit from the new toll-free, 24/7 Helpline. Caregivers in Indiana and Kentucky with an affected loved one residing out-of-state can be connected free of charge to the Alzheimer's Association office nearest their loved-one for information about services in that area. Callers from out-of-state can contact the Greater Kentucky and Southern Indiana Chapter for help with affected loved-ones residing locally.

The Mountain Arts Center presents Kentucky Opry Summer Season 2003

Tickets on sale now...season opens Saturday, June 14, at 8 p.m.

The Kentucky Opry Summer Season will officially open on Saturday Night, June 14, at 8 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. It's a show built around lively, family-style entertainment that will please kids of any age...up to grandparents!!! All your favorite Opry Stars will be struttin' their stuff on the Mt. Arts Center stage! Munroe is guaranteed to have new chuckles of his knee slapping humor...and he'll no doubt be needling Keith, the emcee, about giving him his own share of the spotlight. He's well on his way to being a "star"...he just has to have a chance to prove it. There will probably also be a sighting of "Munroe and the Mud Dobbers Plus One Girl," the best bluegrass this side of the Ohio River...the Junior Pros will also be making appearances during each show...and you know, they're all so talented.

Of course, all your favorites will be at each show...just remember...the Kentucky Opry Junior Pros is the very place Rebecca Lynn Howard got her start in the music business...and now she's one of our returning stars for the Kentucky Music Trail this summer! Kentucky Opry is a great way for excellent, local performers to perform while they're waiting for their "big break." Don't forget to make plans now to see one of the Opry's summer shows.

Kentucky Opry will also open each show for the Kentucky Music Trail which will feature John Michael Montgomery, Montgomery Gentry, Ricky Skaggs, Rebecca Lynn Howard, Patty Loveless, and Loretta Lynn. Bring your Summer company...it's a great place to entertain the crowds at your family's

reunion. Call us at 1(888)MAC-ARTS (toll-free) or 886-2623 (locally) to make your reservation today. Tickets are: Adults - \$13; Senior Citizens & Children Under 16 - \$11; Groups of 5 - 9: \$10 each; Groups of 10 - 19: \$9 each; Groups of 20+: \$8 each. "Opening Night - Sat., June 14"; followed by performances on Sat., June 21; Sat., June 28; Sat., July 5; Fri., July 11; Sat., July 19; Sat., July 26; Sat., Aug. 2; Fri., Aug. 8; Sat., Aug. 16; and Sat., Aug. 30 - all at 8:00 pm. Ticket sales are non-refundable. Dates and times are subject to change.

Lose

advocate a new Keno game, he said it was one way Kentucky could help recoup some of the lost money for scholarships. Lawmakers would not have to pass new legislation to add the game, Gleason said.

Keno is a type of numbers-drawing game, with multiple drawings per day, Kentucky Lottery spokesman Rick Redman said. Currently, 10 other states, and Washington D.C., have a form of the Keno game, Redman said.

Committee chairman Sen. Jack Westwood, R-Erlanger, said he would consider the idea. He said he would first want to find out if Keno is considered addictive.

"I don't know what the impact is yet. I want to find out, you know, what Keno really does," Westwood said. "Why it is such a popular thing, and it boosts the revenue so much."

Other lawmakers said they may be willing to push legislation that would allow the lottery to advertise where the proceeds go.

Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, said she would seek to push such a proposal when the legislature meets again next year. She said Tennessee's

looming lottery is "very frightening," and could be a significant loss to the state.

"In the past, I have been very opposed to expanded gambling in Kentucky..." Stein said. "But now that I see what a budgetary crisis we are in, and you know, human needs being very severely cut, I'm rethinking my position on the whole thing."

Awards

Scholar. He has won awards for math and is a member of the South Floyd High School basketball, baseball, golf, track, and cross-country teams. He was voted "Best All Around" by his senior class constituents. He plans to study mining engineering at U.K.

Hicks, the salutatorian of his senior class, also served as captain of the Piarist School Academic Team, co-president of the school's Computer Club, and vice president of the Beta Club. He is a Harvard Prize Book Award winner, a Presidential Excellence Award winner and a Governor's Scholar. He plans to major in history.

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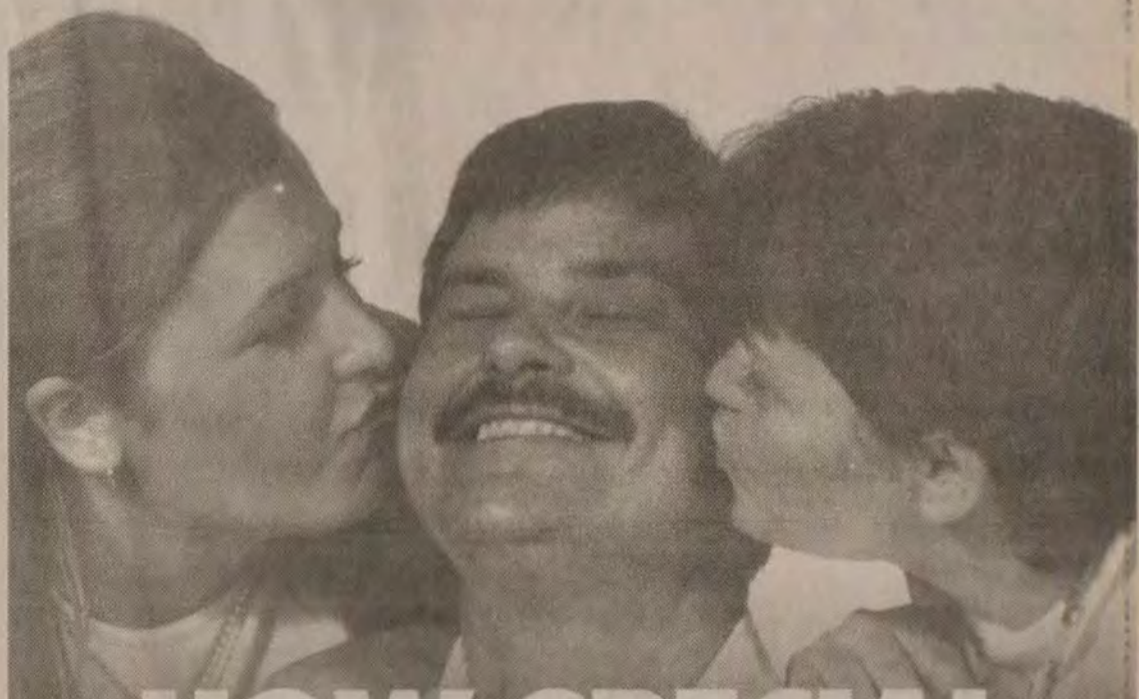
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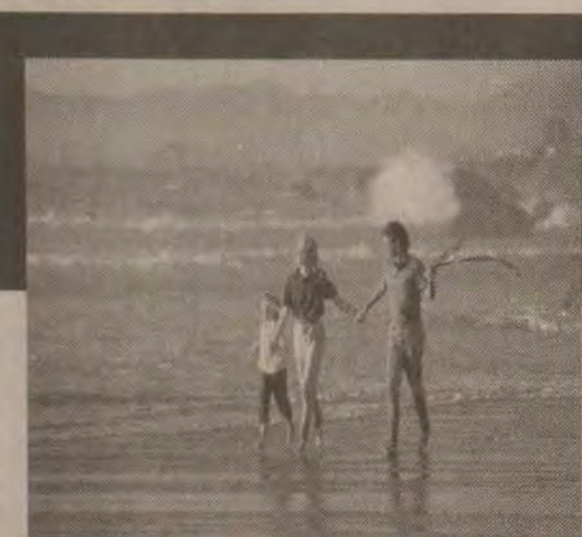
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Archbishop attends opening negotiating session

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Archbishop Thomas Kelly attended the opening round of negotiations Tuesday aimed at settling hundreds of lawsuits accusing the church of concealing decades of sexual abuse by priests.

Attorneys for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Louisville and nearly 250 alleged victims met in a downtown office for the first of several scheduled mediation sessions aimed at reaching an out-of-court settlement.

Archdiocese spokeswoman Cecelia Price said Kelly attended the session to "demonstrate his concern and support of the negotiations." Attorneys for both sides made opening presentations, and the archbishop particularly wanted to sit in on remarks by the plaintiffs' attorney, Price said.

Before entering the session, Kelly said that "we're full of hope."

In the past 14 months, the archdiocese has been inundated with lawsuits filed by people who claim they were sexually abused as children by priests or others connected with the church. The suits, many of them containing decades-old revelations, claim the archdiocese knew of the alleged abuse but concealed it and did nothing to stop it.

Plaintiffs' attorney William McMurry said Kelly's attendance at the mediation session was "a very historic moment." He said the mediation gives the archdiocese a chance to put the scandal behind it.

"It gives the archdiocese an

opportunity to resolve the conflict in this community once and for all and to move on with the business of being a church," McMurry said.

Price said the archdiocese was "very hopeful" that a settlement could be struck. A judge has given the two sides until early August to try to reach a settlement to avoid hundreds of separate court cases.

"We believe that a resolution is in everyone's best interest, and the willingness of everyone to sit down and talk is a very hopeful sign," Price said.

No monetary figures had been raised by either side heading into the negotiations, Price said. She said the "challenge" for the archdiocese is to balance "the concerns of the plaintiffs while maintaining the mission of the church."

McMurry said he would strive for a settlement amount that would "fairly and adequately" compensate the victims and would demonstrate the archdiocese's "complicity and accountability and guilt over the last 50 years."

The archdiocese has said it expects to spend more than \$1 million on legal, settlement and counseling costs by June 30, the end of its fiscal year. It recently announced it was cutting 34 jobs, or about 12 percent of its work force, as well as freezing salaries and slashing its budget by about \$2 million.

Hundreds of people have signed petitions calling for Kelly's resignation for his handling of allegedly sexually abusive priests.

Last week, the Rev. Louie E. Miller, a retired priest at the center of the sex-abuse scandal, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for decades of sexually abusing children. Miller was the first of four priests or former priests who faced criminal charges in the state.

The mediation sessions are scheduled to continue Wednesday and Thursday and then resume for two days next week, Price said.

A half-dozen lawsuits against the archdiocese have already been settled.

CORRECTION:

In our June 1 edition, Betsy Layne senior Jacki Shell was incorrectly referred to as the son of Jack and Joyce Shell. Jacki Shell is actually the daughter of Jack and Joyce Shell.

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Checks

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and criminal database checks and cross-checks with selected terrorist databases.

He said some delays have occurred because of a switch in contractors, but he expects that all OPM checks and TSA decisions would be completed by Oct. 1.

"Recent media reports may create the perception that we haven't done enough background checking; to the contrary, in fact we have done more than is necessary," Loy said.

OPM's Benowitz said his agency believes "that TSA is working diligently to clear any backlog of investigation requests and submit them to OPM."

Rogers cited recent reports that 50 screeners at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, 24 in Los Angeles and another 38 in Miami, among other cities, were discovered to have had criminal backgrounds.

Loy said any person found to have been convicted of any one of 28 criminal offenses within the past 10 years is disqualified from working as a screener. He said problematic employees are immediately taken off the job and either fired or cleared within 72 hours. He said some, who may have been arrested but not convicted for one of the 28 offenses or have had a record in such other areas as driving or tax violations, might be retained.

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Arab leaders back roadmap, agree to fight terror that Bush says 'must be defeated'

by TOM RAUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SHARM EL-SHEIK, Egypt (AP) — Arab leaders, meeting with President Bush as he plunged into the labyrinth of Mideast peace talks, pledged on Tuesday to fight terror and violence and called on Israel to "rebuild trust and restore normal Palestinian life."

"We will continue to fight the scourge of terrorism against humanity and reject the culture of extremism and violence in any form or shape — from whatever source or place, regardless of justifications or motives," Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said, reading a statement on behalf of the leaders of Jordan, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia — all U.S. allies — and the Palestinian Authority.

"We will use all the power of the law to prevent support reaching illegal organizations including terrorist groups," Mubarak said.

Bush, at the edge of the Red Sea, with Mubarak at his side, said: "We meet in Sinai at a moment of promise for the cause of peace in the Middle

East."
Terror threatens the United States, Israel and the emergence of a Palestinian state, he said.

"Terror must be opposed and it must be defeated," Bush said.

Bush, making his first major foray into Middle East peace-making, made clear that both Arabs and Israelis bear respon-

to fulfill its responsibilities to end violence and to restore law and order," Mubarak said as Abbas looked on.

At the same time, Mubarak added: "Israel must fulfill its own responsibilities to rebuild trust and restore normal Palestinian life, and carry out other obligations under the road map."

The Arab leaders' statement, however, contained few specifics in terms of what Arab leaders were willing to do to advance the peace plan. Mubarak did not expressly voice strong support for Abbas as the Palestinian leader and he did not say other Arab nations were willing to follow his nation's lead in recognizing

Israel's right to exist — a key step of the peace plan.

"If all sides fulfill their obligations, we can make steady progress on the road towards Palestinian statehood, a secure Israel and a just and comprehensive peace," Bush said. "We seek true peace, not just a pause between more wars and intefadehs, but a permanent reconciliation among the peoples of the Middle East."

Mubarak said they would help the Palestinian Authority fight terrorists "to allow it to consolidate its authority in democratic and accountable institutions" and would make sure that all aid to Palestinians goes to solely to their official leadership.

Bush, who initiated the summit here, was in the driver's seat. He took the wheel of a large golf cart to ferry the leaders to their joint appearance at podiums set up with the sea as their backdrop. Mubarak, his eyes hidden by sunglasses, was his co-pilot.

"Achieving these goals will require courage and moral vision from every side from every leader," Bush said. "America is committed and I am committed in helping all the parties to reach the hard and heroic decisions that will lead to peace."

Also attending were Saudi

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sibility for achieving peace. "Israel must deal with the settlements," he said. "Israel must make sure there's a continuous territory that the Palestinians can call home."

Tuesday's meeting served as a prelude to face-to-face talks Wednesday among Bush, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and his counterpart, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, in Jordan.

The Arab leaders embraced the internationally crafted "road map" for peace, which calls for an independent Palestinian state by 2005.

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Ashley Fish of Prestonsburg High School received one of two \$800 scholarships funded by the Tim Salyer Memorial Golf Scramble Tournament held by Otter Creek Correctional Center. She is shown being presented the award by Edd Hawkins, a vocational instructor at Otter Creek who organized the event, and warden Randy Stovall.

Otter Creek golf tournament funds scholarships

Otter Creek Correctional Center held its ninth annual Tim Salyer Memorial Golf Scramble Tournament at Beaver Valley Golf Course in Stumbo Park at Allen on May 23. The proceeds from the event funded college scholarships to two area college-bound graduating seniors.

One \$800 scholarship is awarded to a college-bound senior who has a family member who is an Otter Creek employee. The second \$800 scholarship is awarded to a worthy eligible senior from

a Floyd County high school. To select that student, names are submitted by principals from each of the four high schools. The choice is then made by a blind draw.

The 2003 scholarship winners are Tara Sword of South Floyd High School and Ashley Fish of Prestonsburg High School.

Otter Creek extended congratulations to the winners and all 2003 graduates, and expressed appreciation to businesses and individuals who contributed to the tournament.



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Patton appoints members

Times Staff Report

FRANKFORT—A Hazard man was including in a list of new appointments yesterday.

Ricky L. Baker, of Hazard, representing the Kentucky Appalachian Advisory Council, has been appointed to replace Joe David Sutton, of Middlesboro, whose term has expired. He will serve for term expiring November 1 of 2006.

Others appointed yesterday

included:

- Lindsay M. Freeman, Hopkinsville, and Donna G. Brown, Brandenburg, to the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs.
- Kristin V. Paul, of Hardinsburg, Teresa M. Turner, of LaGrange, and Robert D. Gray, of Owensboro, to the Advisory Council for Medical Assistance.
- David K. Karem, of Louisville, to the Southern Regional Education Board.

Agree

went through the motions of marching into a meeting room, briefly took their seats around a large octagonal table in front of a stand of participating nations, then broke for lunch.

Sitting at the table, Bush said: "We must not allow a few people, a few killers, a few terrorists, to destroy the dreams and hopes of the many."

Pointing directly at Abbas, Bush said, "You, sir, have got a responsibility, and you've assumed it. I want to work with you and so do the other leaders here."

U.S. officials expect the Arab leaders to express support for Abbas; not longtime Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, as the

Palestinian representative in negotiations with Israel.

In briefings afterward, Secretary of State Colin Powell sought to further sideline Arafat. He said that although the United States still recognizes Arafat as an elected president who has standing with the Palestinians, "his leadership has failed."

"We are on a path to create a state for the Palestinian people," Powell said. "For Mr. Arafat to serve as a spoiler or attempt to be a spoiler, I hope will be met by resistance from all of the Arab leaders who are here today."

While Mubarak stopped short of endorsing the new Palestinian leader by name, he expressed support for his call for ending violence and maintaining law and order.

"We will ensure that our assistance to the Palestinians goes solely to the Palestinian Authority and we will continue to support efforts to improve the quality of life of the Palestinian people," he said.

Syria on Tuesday slammed the Sharm El Sheik summit, accusing the United States of being one-sided in its desire to combat Mideast terrorism.

It seems that the terrorism the United States wants to fight is "martyrdom operations against the Israeli occupation," the state-run Damascus Radio said. "In the meantime, Israeli occupation, crimes of mass punishment, killing women, children and youngsters and destroying houses, farms and crops come in the framework of self-defense."

The United States is promising to increase its presence in the region. Bush was expected to name John S. Wolf, assistant secretary of state for nonproliferation and a longtime Foreign Service veteran, to head a new U.S.-led monitoring team that will track whether Israeli and Palestinian officials keep their obligations.

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— Tackett to sign with ALC —

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg High School softball player Amanda Tackett will sign with Alice Lloyd College on Thursday in a ceremony scheduled for noon, Coach Harold Tackett announced Tuesday afternoon. ALC Coach Tim Rice has already signed five Floyd County players — three from Betsy Layne and two from Allen Central.

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COMMENTARY

Waiting to exhale: Conference changes possible

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

At this point it's obvious that big-time college athletics is poised on the brink of another historic upheaval in conference affiliations. And for that, you can thank Howard Schnellenberger's work at the University of Miami.

When Schnellenberger, an All-American end at the University of Kentucky in 1954, took over Miami's program in the late 1970s, it was on life support. Miraculously, however, Schnellenberger developed it to the point that the Hurricanes were able to upset Nebraska to

(See REED, page three)

H.S. BASKETBALL

Hall named new coach at Breathitt

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

JACKSON — Breathitt County High School has decided on a new head boys' basketball coach and he just happens to be a Floyd County native. After not renewing Chris Baker's contract several weeks ago, Breathitt County went on a search to find a new coach. Friday afternoon the search ended when Brian Hall was introduced as the new Bobcat head coach. Hall has spent a lengthy amount of time as an assistant coach at Johnson Central High School.

Hall is a 1987 graduate of McDowell High School where he played for current State Senator Johnny Ray Turner. He joins for

(See HALL, page three)

GOLF

Locals qualify for state golf event

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — A recent qualifying round for the 2003 BellSouth State Amateur Championship held at StoneCrest Golf Course resulted in some area golfers qualifying for the next stage, the state level.

Those qualifying for the state event included State Senator Johnny Ray Turner, Tony Branham, Ryan Martin, Chris

(See GOLF, page two)

BIG WIN! I

Boggs became the sixth different winner in six races this season on Kentucky's premier dirt Late Model touring group.



Grayson driver Jackie Boggs was victorious for a second time this season at Thunder Ridge, beating Eddie Carrier Jr. and others to the finish in Friday night's Battle of the Bluegrass feature event.

photo by Steve LeMaster

BOGGS RULES THUNDER RIDGE

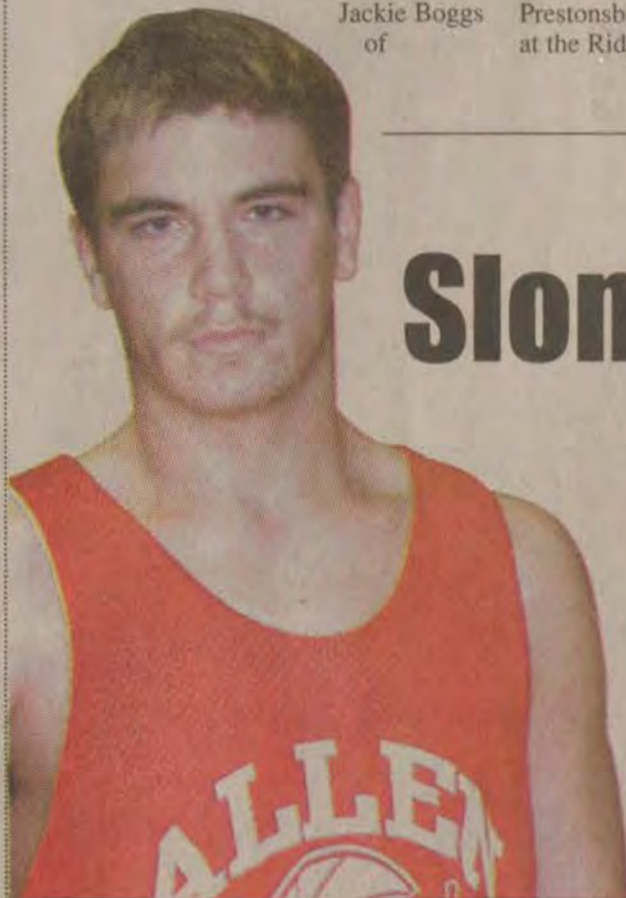
TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — In a race that saw three different leaders, in the end it was Jackie Boggs of

Grayson coming home the winner on Friday night as the STARS Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Arizona Sport Shirts rolled into Thunder Ridge Raceway in Prestonsburg for the Spring Thunder at the Ridge.

Saturday night's \$5000 to win event was called off when intermittent rain showers forced the event to be postponed until July 3. Boggs became the sixth different

(See BOGGS, page two)



BASKETBALL UPDATE

Slone to sign with King College

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Another Allen Central High School senior student-athlete will sign to play at the next level this morning. Mike Slone is scheduled to sign with King College in a ceremony at 2 p.m. in the ACHS

library. King College is a member of the AAC (Appalachian Athletic Conference) and the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics). One of the conference rivals King faces is nearby Alice Lloyd College.

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HARNESS RACING

Locals have success at The Red Mile

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Harness racing action continues to heat up at The Red Mile. Brooklets Rock, a 5-year-old gelding owned by Joe Jayne of Prestonsburg and trained by Maurice Westfall who stables year-round at Thunder Ridge,

won over the weekend. The harness horse is driven by Dwayne Minor. Brooklets Rock set a new lifetime mark pacing the mile in 155.0. The race was an \$8,000 claiming event. Other winning connections from the area over

(See HARNESS, page three)

photo courtesy
of Eddie Blair

Brooklets Rock, a 5-year-old gelding owned by Joe Jayne (right) of P'burg and trained by Maurice Westfall (left), finished first over the weekend.



H.S. SOFTBALL

Lady Rebs advance with win

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — The Allen Central Lady Rebels put the ball in play and after two innings of no runs on the board, scored in four of the final five innings to beat Johnson Central 10-1 in the first round of the 15th Region Softball Tournament. Betsy Layne, the other Floyd County representative in the tournament out of the 57th District as the champion, fell 7-0 to Shelby Valley.

Terri Mullins doubled and Megan Harris singled to get on base for Allen Central in the second inning. Both players scored to give the Lady Rebels the first two runs of the game. Allen Central led 6-0 after

(See WIN, page two)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Yankees owner calls interleague schedule unfair

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Yankees owner George Steinbrenner criticized baseball schedule makers and complained that his team is treated unfairly. The New York Times reported Tuesday.

The Boss is unhappy about New York's road trip this week, when interleague games begin. His problem: While the Yankees are in Cincinnati and Chicago, the rival Boston Red Sox play Pittsburgh and Milwaukee — two of the three worst teams in the National League.

"I just hope we play well against the National League clubs," Steinbrenner told The Times in a telephone interview. "I don't think the schedule is fair."

The Yankees play three games each against the Reds and Cubs, who lead the NL Central. New York doesn't face the Pirates or Brewers this season.

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Vicars awarded Late Model win via DQ

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COEBURN, Va. — It was a long wait, but for Stacy Vicars the wait ended in a bittersweet success. Vicars and the other Morgan-McClure Late Model Stock Car competitors have waited since Saturday, May 24 to hear the results of their 100 lap race.

Vicars started his number 24 Chevrolet from the Double Kwik 2 Kwik pole position and took off to a commanding lead. The 02 Chad Harris trailed Vicars for the first half of the race before gaining the lead on a restart. Vicars maintained a strong second as Harris took the checkered flag.

Post race inspections later revealed a questionable cylinder head in the engine of the 02 Chevrolet Monte Carlo. After

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Boggs

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winner in six races this season on Kentucky's premier dirt Late Model touring group. Boggs' third career STARS Battle of the Bluegrass win was behind the wheel of the Steve Cascio Racing out of Maysville owned, McDonald's, Miller Brothers Coal, Hawkeye Trucking, Graphic Impressions, Richard A. Mitchell Inc., Pro Topline

Cylinder Heads, Cropper Racing Engines, and Swartz Chassis number 4B Monte Carlo. The 34-year-old second generation driver earned \$3000 for the win. Finishing in second was 2002 STARS Battle of the Bluegrass Series Champion, Eddie Carrier Jr. of Ona, W.Va. driving the Carl Grover Motorsports Rocket Ford Taurus. Third place went to Shannon Thornsberry of Martin behind the wheel of his Miller Brothers Coal Rocket Monte Carlo. Paul Harris of Prestonsburg took his Miller Brothers Coal Warrior Ford Taurus to fourth at the payoff and David Smith of St. Albans, W.Va. finished in fifth driving his David Smith Frame and Body Shop Rocket Dodge Intrepid. A total of 40 cars from five states were on hand for the third ever visit by the Battle of the Bluegrass to the Eastern Kentucky speedplant.

Thornsberry would be the early race leader as the 30 lap main event would unfold. The first caution of the race occurred on the second circuit when a car spun in turn four resulting in a multi car pileup and the track being blocked. The red flag came out to clear the track and Wayne Hughes was the only car who went pit side out of the race. When the race resumed it was still Thornsberry on the point with Carrier Jr. running in second followed by the fourth place starting Jackie Boggs. Just when Carrier had passed Thornsberry

for the lead a yellow flag would come back out negating Carrier's pass. Boggs would then put on a charge from his third place restarting position taking the high side to get by both Carrier and Thornsberry to take over the lead. Thornsberry, who won the week prior at Thunder Ridge, would fall to second with Carrier slipping to third. Carrier then would be able to get by Thornsberry on the seventh circuit putting his car into second place. The race for first then would heat up between Boggs and Carrier. The two drivers with famous last names in the state of Kentucky would then put on a duel to the fans delight. Carrier would pass Boggs on one circuit but Boggs would come right back to retake the point soon thereafter. The two drivers kept the pressure on each other flying around the semi-banked 3/8ths mile track. It would get dicey a few times as the approached traffic, but only two drivers would end a lap down in the final results which helped the cause of the frontrunners who had a lot of clear race track in front of them to do battle. Carrier would try several times to overhaul Boggs but it was not good enough on this night as Boggs would go on to take the victory.

Carrier would equal his best BoB finish of 2003 as he also recorded a second place at Ponderosa on May 2. A strong effort by the Eastern Kentucky duo of Thornsberry and Paul Harris would see the mountain drivers grab an impressive third and fourth place in the final results. Mountaineer State driver David Smith would also have a strong showing taking the fifth spot.

Completing the top ten were David Powers, Michael Chilton, Raymond Nichols, Aaron Hatton and current STARS Battle of the Bluegrass Points leader, Scott James who finished 10th.

In preliminary events Eddie Carrier Jr. was the Racing Optics Fast Timer at 17.87 seconds. Heat race winners were Carrier, Jr., Boggs, Nichols and Thornsberry. Brandon Kinzer and Scott James were AFCO B-main victors.

Golf

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Cornette, Georgetown College golfer Jonathan Scalf and Tyler Adkins.

The championship will be held June 17-19 at the London Country Club in Laurel County.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apollo Valvoline Classic
June 9,
Andover Country Club

BellSouth KGA State Amateur
June 17 - June 19
London CC

KPGA Pro-Lady Championship
June 20
Audubon CC

KPGA Match Play Championship
June 30 - July 2
Traditions GC

Win

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four innings and 9-0 before 56th District Champion Johnson Central, the six-time defending 56th District champ, scored its first run.

Allen Central senior Tiffany Turner got the win for the Lady Rebels. Johnson Central senior Brianna Daniels was stuck with the loss for Johnson

Central.

Harris scored three times for Allen Central. Mullins, Kristie Howard and Jackie Martin each scored twice. Jessica Isaac scored once in a four-run fourth inning.

Ashleigh Meek scored Johnson Central's only run of the game after reached base on a walk.

At press time, the 15th Region Baseball Tournament was scheduled to get underway at Johnson Central. Results from the first-round games were unavailable at press time.

AUTO RACING

Stoic Newman wins at Dover

by DICK BRINSTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DOVER, Del. — Ryan Newman sat upright in his chair, his steely blue eyes offering nary a hint of celebration.

Those who hadn't watched him muscle an ailing 3,400-pound stock car around the track or heard his description of how he won Sunday at Dover International Speedway would have had every right to believe

they were listening to an also-ran.

But Newman is much more than that. He's a budding star in NASCAR, where toughness can be as important as talent. On this damp and windy day, it proved decisive.

"I wouldn't say the toughest of my career, but it was definitely tough," he said when asked about the difficulty he overcame.

Newman lost the power

steering in his Dodge, but not his determination, and held off Jeff Gordon to win the MBNA 400.

"I'm definitely tired," Newman said. "My arms hurt, my back hurts, my neck hurts, and I'll be really sore tomorrow and probably Tuesday."

"But we had a fast race car, and I wasn't about to pull into the garage and say, 'That's it,

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DIRT TRACK

Powers, Kinzer do battle

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SITKA — On a night where good money would have been bet on racing action being canceled due to rain, 201 Speedway outlasted Mother Nature through a couple of brief gentle showers and got off the season's best races with over 100 drivers filling starting positions for the evening features.

Allen's Brandon Kinzer just missed a feature win in the Late Model division, finishing behind race-winner David Powers. The same scenario played out just one week earlier at the track with Powers edging Kinzer.

Kinzer finished in the runner up position in 18 car ahead of Jim Lemaster in 97J. Rodney Davis finished a respectable fourth in a Limited Late Model, ahead of Ashland's Josh McGuire, Tom Hall and Willard's Terry Hicks.

The night's main event, the \$1000-to-win Super Bomber feature had the A85 of Billy Hutchinson of Teaberry on the inside, with the 00 of Paintsville attorney Mike Osborne on the outside pole. Hutchinson and Osborne traded paint as they took the green flag with both looking to get to the bottom and win the race into the first set of turns.

Osborne built up a six car length advantage over the battle between Lemaster and Patton. The last lap would see Patton make one final bid for the runner up spot off turn four to the outside, while Lemaster kept to the inside rail, an at the finish line, he would take second by only a couple of inches. But when the check was wrote, for the \$1000 Super Bomber feature, it would be the number 00 of Osborne taking the victory.

Early race leader, Billy Hutchinson finished fourth ahead of Salyersville's Michael Paul Howard, Bobby Daniels and Don Matney.

David Kelly took the lead on the last lap of the Open-Wheel Modified feature after race leader Mike Wilson was slowed by a lap machine to take the win in the 24K. Wilson was second ahead of Todd Robinson, Prestonsburg's Chris Prater, Walt Mayabb and David Anderson.

Inez driver Charlie Jude led

the 1st 4 laps of Sat. night's Bomber feature, took the lead again with three to go and held on for the win in his Wildcat Tire, Power Machinery-sponsored 1984 Buick Regal, finishing in front of former champions Bannie Blair, George Meade, and the 36 of Davey Hamilton.

Scott Pennington drove Paul Craft's patriotic Road Hog with the American flag paint scheme to the Road Hog checkers, finishing ahead of Robbie Pigg in Robbie Ratliff's R33, Wes Bailey's number B4U, Walt Castle, Rick Baker, and Michael Marcum.

The final feature had the US 43 of Hueysville's Leroy Akers holding back all challengers in the Four-Cylinder feature to take the win in front of James Faulkner, 14-year-old Trenton Frasier, in only his third time in a race car, Jack Clevenger and Jacob Ross.

Racing continues Saturday night at 201 Speedway.

Vicars

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reviewing the part and consulting with NASCAR officials, the part was deemed illegal, disqualifying Harris from his victory.

Vicars therefore claimed the race win with the 99 of Matt

Wolfe in second. Finishing third was the 11 of Doug Price followed by the 22 of Prestonsburg driver Steve Blackburn. Rounding out the top five was the 15 of Kres VanDyke.

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Dover

guys.”
Instead, he fought on, oblivious to the discomfort challenging his stamina and strength. At 5-foot-11 and 207 pounds, Newman bears a closer resemblance to a football player than a race driver.
So, he wasn't fazed by the loss of his power steering, something not to be taken lightly on a track they call The Monster Mile.
“I knew I could overcome that,” he said.
He also overcame three Winston Cup champions — Gordon, Bobby Labonte and Tony Stewart — who wanted a piece of him in the final six laps of the race.
Second-year driver Newman knew exactly what to do. When Gordon dived his Chevrolet to the bottom of the high-banked

concrete oval on the final restart, Newman cut him off. Earlier, he realized controlling Stewart could be the key to victory.
Stewart was dominating the early part of the race, but NASCAR put him a lap down by penalizing him for an infraction on pit road. Stewart charged through and came within a few feet of getting back on the lead lap.
But Newman didn't give him a break, and sensed the wrath of the temperamental series champion seconds after the caution flag slowed the field.
“He tried to bump me,” Newman said. “I had to run clear up the race track. He was pretty upset.
“We did what we could to keep him a lap down knowing he had a fast race car. You can give it to him or they can take it.

He wasn't in position to take it, and I wasn't in position to give it to him.”
Newman didn't think he owed Stewart anything, noting that he violated the rules by pitting slightly out of his assigned stall.
“That's his own screwup,” Newman said.
Stewart, easily the fastest in the field, recovered to finish fourth. He had no comment after the race.
But crew chief Greg Zipadelli thought the sanction-

ing body was nitpicking.
“We weren't over the line, we were on the line by an inch,” he said. “What are you going to do? A rule's a rule.”
The victory gave Newman what he hopes will be the momentum to move into contention in the points race. But he was cautious in his assessment of the future.
“You can feel the momentum, but all it takes is one of those things,” he said, alluding
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Reed

win the 1983 national title.
Since then, Miami has become National Championship U. Coaches Jimmy Johnson, Dennis Erickson, Butch Davis, and Larry Coker have each brought at least one title to the university in Coral Gables, Florida.
Now Miami figures to be the linchpin in the upcoming game of high-stakes musical chairs. The Hurricanes, along with fellow Big East Conference members Syracuse and Boston College, are being avidly recruited by the Atlantic Coast Conference.
What those three universities decide will have a direct impact on several programs, most notably the University of Louisville.

TCU — all may be interested in improving their positions.
This would be an excellent opportunity for conferences to cut costs by getting back to their geographic and historic roots. The following isn't going to happen, but it should:
Miami leaves the Big East for the ACC, but Syracuse and Boston College stay put. The Big East replaces Miami with Penn State, which hasn't enjoyed a happy experience in the Big Ten, and the ACC adds South Florida and East Carolina.
So this would be the new Big East: Syracuse, Boston College, Penn State, Rutgers, West Virginia, Virginia Tech, UConn, Pittsburgh, Temple, Louisville, Memphis, and Cincinnati.
The Big Ten adds Vanderbilt from the SEC and Missouri from the Big 12. The SEC replaces Vandy with Tulane, and the Big 12 replaces Missouri with TCU.

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Owner

“Katy Feeney makes the schedule, and she has never been a favorite of mine or a favorite of the Yankees,” Steinbrenner said. “We play Cincinnati, which is a fine, fine ballclub; they're going to be in the middle of it. Then we play the Cubs.
“Now who is the other guy playing? They're playing against Milwaukee. Now what's right about that? They're playing Pittsburgh and Milwaukee while we're playing Cincinnati and the Cubs. I think they got the best of that deal.
“Bud Selig told me personally that he was overseeing the schedule, and that he'll see to it that it's fine. I used to be for it, but I'm not for it anymore. It's too easy for discrepancies,” Steinbrenner said.
Feeney, a major league baseball vice president, told The Times it was impossible for every AL East team to play every NL Central team this year.

There are five teams in the AL East and six in the NL Central — plus, the Yankees play six games against the crosstown rival Mets.
“I can assure you, I do not, and the other schedule contractors certainly do not, purposefully think, ‘How can we make life more difficult for the Yankees?’” Feeney said.
She said the interleague schedules were made 1 1/2 years ago, and the Yankees would play Milwaukee and Pittsburgh in 2005.

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The Cardinals desperately need to get out of Conference USA, which isn't a member of the cash cow known as the Bowl Championship Series, so they can compete for the national football title and received the annual financial windfall — around \$4 million — that goes to BCS members even if they don't go to a bowl game.
If Miami, Syracuse, and BC all bolt the Big East for the ACC, you can bet that Big East Commissioner Mike Tringhese's first phone call will be to U of L Athletics Director Tom Jurich.

Conferece USA evolves into a new league of Catholic universities that include Notre Dame and other members that don't play football: Georgetown, Providence, St. John's, Seton Hall, Villanova, DePaul, Marquette, Saint Louis, Dayton, LaSalle, St. Bonaventure, Saint Joseph's, Duquesne, Notre Dame, and Xavier.
A new Colonial basketball league would be formed consisting of Fordham, George Washington, UMass, Rhode Island, Richmond, UNC-Charlotte, James Madison, UNC Wilmington, Old Dominion, Virginia Commonwealth, William & Mary, and Delaware.
Former Colonial members Drexel, George Mason, Hofstra, and Towson would join the Metro Atlantic, which would grow from 10 to 14 teams.
Western Kentucky leaves the Sun Belt, saving the taxpayers of Kentucky a lot of expense, and returns to the Ohio Valley Conference. The Hilltoppers are replaced in the Sun Belt by Houston.
This scenario, of course, doesn't take into account the egos of university presidents, A.D.'s and fat-cat boosters. It's based almost exclusively on common sense, a quality that Howard Schnellenberger possessed in abundance.

Hall

mer McDowell teammates Henry Webb (South Floyd), Brent Rose (Betsy Layne) and Stacey Hall (Mercer County) as head coaches in the high school ranks.
Breathitt County finished the 2002-03 season as the 55th District Champion. The Bobcats (22-7), under Baker, finished second in the 14th Region, losing 75-74 to Powell County in the regional championship contest.

Steinbrenner said he would be at Wrigley Field on Saturday, when Roger Clemens is scheduled to make his third bid for his 300th win against Cubs ace Kerry Wood.
The Boss also talked about the state of his team in interviews with the New York Daily News and New York Post.
The Yankees are 15-20 following an 18-3 start and have a 1 1/2-game lead over Boston.
“I'm not satisfied with the team and neither are they,” Steinbrenner told the Daily News. “I don't think we're playing as well as we're supposed to, or as well as we're going to be playing.”
The Yankees blew a 7-1 lead against Detroit on Sunday, costing Clemens his 300th victory, before winning 10-9 in 17 innings.
“I didn't like it at all,” Steinbrenner told the Post. “But I predicted in spring training that when a team has a player going for any record it can lead to distractions. They are all trying too hard for Roger.”

Softball Honors

Floyd County All-Conference

Amanda Robinette, Betsy Layne; Natasha Stratton, Betsy Layne; Tasha Rice, Betsy Layne; Brandy Bentley, Betsy Layne; Amanda Tackett, Prestonsburg; Whitney Parsons, Prestonsburg; Brittany Carey, Prestonsburg; Lisa Fannin, South Floyd; Brandy Anderson, South Floyd; Megan Ousley, South Floyd; Terri Mullins, Allen Central; Amber Scott, Allen Central; Laura Gibson, Allen Central; Jackie Martin,

Allen Central. Conference MVP Tiffany Turner.

All-57th District Tournament

Amanda Robinette, Betsy Layne; Natasha Stratton, Betsy Layne; Tasha Rice, Betsy Layne; Brandy Bentley, Betsy Layne; Kim Clark, Betsy Layne; Amanda Tackett, Prestonsburg; Whitney Parsons, Prestonsburg; Tabatha Tackett, South Floyd; Carla Hall, South Floyd; Tiffany Turner, Sheree Hopkins, Allen Central; Jenni Spurlock, Allen Central.

Harness

the weekend included Friday night winner Noble Krissy, a 5-year-old mare owned by Eddie Blair of Paintsville. Noble Krissy has three wins and a second at the Red

Mile meet in four starts. Deadly Dynamite owned by Floyd Countian Roger Webb and trained by Russell Newman posted a third-place finish Saturday night.

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Sign

Slone ended his high school career at Allen Central as both an all-district and all-conference selection. He joins senior classmates Kristie Howard and Tiffany Turner as recent college signees. Both Howard and Turner have signed to play college softball at Alice Lloyd.
Scott Polsgrove recently completed his 11th season as the head coach of King College. Polsgrove has named him conference coach of the year twice during his tenure at King.
The son of a basketball coach, Polsgrove's introduction to coaching began early. He enjoyed great success as a player at Riley High School in South Bend, Indiana an then at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. The teams he played on at Taylor made three NAIA National Tournament appearances including a Sweet Sixteen finish during his senior campaign.
Polsgrove graduated from Taylor in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Systems. His coaching career

began at Mobile College in Alabama as a Graduate Assistant Coach. During his three-year stint at Mobile, Polsgrove gained valuable experience in a very successful program. Mobile College's 80-22 record while he was there included the 1988-1989 team that recorded a 31-3 record and made an NAIA National Tournament appearance. Also during his time there, he completed requirements for a Master's Degree in Physical Education.
After Mobile College, Polsgrove returned to Taylor University where he was an assistant under his former collegiate coach, Paul Patterson. Polsgrove assisted Coach Patterson from 1990-1992.

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Kentuckian Perry vaults to top of PGA

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 DUBLIN, Ohio — Kenny Perry releases tension by stomping on the accelerator in his dragster and hitting a top speed of 165 mph while doing the quarter-mile in 8 seconds. It's the way he gets away from the stress of his day job as a professional golfer.

On Sunday, he almost went to the emergency chute a little too soon. Perry won for the second time in two weeks, building a six-shot lead with six holes to play and then leaking oil down the stretch to beat Lee Janzen by two strokes at the Memorial Tournament.
 "My arms felt real heavy," Perry said after bogeying five of

the last six holes in an even-par 72. "I felt like the weight of the world was on my shoulders."
 The final six holes didn't really matter, however, because of the way the 42-year-old Perry played the previous 66. He piled up 14 birdies during a 50-hole span without a bogey until calamitous weather hit in the third round.
 He stared down the field in the first 12 holes of the final round, posting four birdies with pars on the other eight holes to all but end any speculation that anyone else might win.
 "He wasn't quite on top of his game coming in," Janzen said. "But he had a big enough

lead it didn't matter."
 When Perry was asked if he was worried about falling apart at the finish, tournament founder and host Jack Nicklaus jumped to his defense.
 "You did what you had to do coming home to protect the lead," Nicklaus said. "You knew you couldn't lose the tournament unless you did something stupid."
 Prior to his two-week winning streak, Perry has been content to stay in the shadows for most of his 17-year PGA Tour career. That may be increasingly difficult to do after his back-to-back wins.
 The six-time tour winner climbed to fifth on the tour money list and could move into the top 10 in the world rankings. A country boy from Kentucky, he said he doesn't believe the past two weeks will change him.
 "I think it was just my time," he said. "I always knew I could win out here. I always felt like my game was good enough. I wasn't pushing the right buttons at the right time."
 Deeply religious and a devoted family man, he said he has become calmer than when he was a young player.
 "I just feel relaxed for some reason," he said. "I feel like when I get into the heat of the shot I'm able to slow down - my heart rate slows down. I slow down everything. I slowed my swing down and started hitting

terrific golf shots."
 Woods paid the ultimate compliment to a blue-collar player who had never before won twice in one year, let alone twice in two weeks.

"That was a joke to shoot that at Colonial," Woods said. "To do it here back-to-back weeks with the wind blowing as hard as it has, he has put up some pretty good numbers."

BASKETBALL

Betsy Layne camp announced for July

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — The annual Betsy Layne High School Basketball Camp will be held July 9-11 at the Dome. The camp will be split into two age divisions. Players in grades 5-8 will attend camp from 9 a.m. to noon each of the three days.

Campers in grades 1-4 will attend camp from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
 The Camp is free to all students and is being sponsored by the Family Resource Centers at Betsy Layne Elementary and Betsy Layne High School.
 The camp is under the direction of Coach Cassandra Akers and Coach Brent Rose as well their coaching staffs and players.
 Basketball fundamentals will be taught. Individual and team competitions will also be held. All campers will receive a T-Shirt.

SCOREBOARD

SOFTBALL

14th Region Softball Tournament at Jenkins

Whitesburg 11 - Lee Co. 1
 Hazard 10 - Cordia 0

Last night

Perry Central vs. Breathitt Co.
 Fleming Neon vs. Powell Co.

15th Region Softball Tournament at Pikeville

Belfry 13, Magoffin Co. 3
 Shelby Valley 7, Betsy Layne 0
 Pikeville 11, Pike Central 0
 Allen Central 10, Johnson Central 1

Last night

Belfry vs. Shelby Valley
 Pikeville vs. Allen Central

BASEBALL

14th Region Baseball Tournament at Knott Central

Powell Co. 11,
 June Buchanan 10
 Breathitt Co. 3, Leslie Co. 6

Last night

Hazard vs. Lee Co.
 Whitesburg vs. Knott Central

15th Region Baseball Tournament at Johnson Central

Last night
 Pike Central vs. Johnson Central
 Pikeville vs. Betsy Layne

Today

Allen Central vs. Belfry, 5 p.m.
 Sheldon Clark vs. East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.

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Sports Calendar

Golf

Belfry Golf Scramble
 The Belfry High School football team will hold a golf scramble June 6 at the Mountain Pub Links. Registration will be at noon and the scramble starts at 1 p.m. The fee is \$50 per person and \$200 per team and includes a free meal after the event. For more information, call 606/353-7239 or 606/353-7230.

Basketball

Runnin' Rebel Basketball Camp
 The Runnin' Rebel Basketball Camp will take place June 9-13 at Allen Central High School. The camp will run from 8:30 a.m. until noon, daily. Cost of the camp is \$60. The camp is for children in kindergarten through eighth grade.
 The camp will cover all aspects of the game and include many contests.
 Free breakfast and lunch will be served daily. Each participant will receive a T-shirt, basketball and trophy. For more information, call 358-9217.

Coach Crisp Blackcat Basketball Camp

The second annual Coach Crisp Basketball Camp will be held today through Friday at the Prestonsburg High School Fieldhouse from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost of the camp is \$40 per player or \$70 for two players in the same family. The camp is for ages 5-12. The camp will include contests, drills, game and prizes. Each participant will receive a camp T-shirt. Concessions will also be available each day.
 For more information or to pre-register contact Kim Compton by calling 886-1206.

Dover

to the kind of problems that have plagued him this season.
 After making a charge that carried him late last season to a sixth-place finish in the series and rookie of the year status, Newman has had a difficult start in 2003. No one had failed to finish more races, and that was costly.
 This time, he overcame adversity.
 The victory was the first by a Dodge at Dover since Richard Petty in 1976. Dodge was out of the sport for 16 years before returning in 2001.
 After the Chevys of Labonte and Stewart came the Pontiac of Johnny Benson.
 Even with his victory, Newman is 18th in the title chase

And 1 Skills Camp

Pikeville College will host the And 1 Skills Camp, directed by former University of Kentucky star Rex Chapman, June 30-July 2. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day and lunch is included. Registration costs \$220 and includes lunch daily, instruction by former NBA and UK players, three-point and free-throw contests, gift packs and T-shirts. For more information, call 859/231-1244.

Pike Central Basketball Camp

Pike County Central High School will host the annual Hawks Basketball Camp June 9-12. The camp is co-ed and will run from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Registration costs \$60; each additional child from the same family can register for \$30. To pre-register or for more

information, contact David Rowe at 606/432-7044 or 606/432-5137.

Cheerleading

UCA Camp
 A UCA camp is scheduled for Pikeville and Pikeville High School. Any student is grades K-8 looking for a camp to attend this summer can attend the UCA Youth Individual Cheerleading Camp. Attending campers will learn the basics of cheerleading from America's best cheerleaders. The camp will be held July 21-23 at Pikeville High School, beginning at 9 a.m. and running through 3:30 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$100. For more information or to register, call 1-800-238-0285.
 Locally, contact Lisa Wheeler by calling 606/432-0185.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

17 finalists selected for U.S. team Pan Am games

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Kentucky, Connecticut and Missouri each had two players selected as finalists Sunday for the U.S. team for the Pan American Games.
 The 17 finalists will be whittled to 12 after training camp July 15-29 in Orlando, Fla. The

games are Aug. 2-6 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
 Center Emeka Okafor and forward Ben Gordon were named as finalists from Connecticut, guard Gerald Fitch and forward Chuck Hayes represented Kentucky, and guard Rickey Paulding and forward Arthur Johnson are from Missouri.

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Hakim Warrick made the finals, two months after winning the NCAA championship with Syracuse.
 "It's great just coming off the national championship, and then to be selected for this, it's just another great thing to add to this year for me," the 6-foot-8 forward said.
 The U.S. has not won the gold medal at the Pan Am Games since 1983.
 Other finalists were Josh Childress, F, Stanford; Ike Diogu, F, Arizona State; Andre Barrett, G, Seton Hall; Chris Hill, G, Michigan State; Julius Hodge, F, North Carolina State; Luke Jackson, G, Oregon; Brandon Mouton, G, Texas; Steve Novak, F, Marquette; Lawrence Roberts, F, Baylor; and Blake Stepp, G, Gonzaga.
 The team will be coached by Tom Izzo of Michigan State.

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Linda Keathley received a laptop computer from T-GIFT last spring which she said greatly reduced the stress and pressure of trying to do her schoolwork in accordance with public computer access hours.

Promoting education through technology

Join both the Dick's and T-GIFT members as they announce the 2003 recipient of their technology award this June 6, at 6 p.m., at May Lodge. Banquet tickets may be purchased from any T-GIFT member or by calling 886-2513 or 886-3082 at a price of \$25/person. Table donations may be purchased at a price of \$150 or more. Donor name will be displayed on table. A "Silent Auction" will be held immediately prior to the event.

by KATHY J. PRATER
 FEATURES EDITOR

A group of Floyd County citizens traveled to the Berea College campus in September, 2001 to attend the Brushy Fork Leadership Development Program workshop and seminar conducted by the Brushy Fork Institute, an outreach program of Berea College committed to promoting the development of local leadership in the Appalachian region.

From this workshop, the T-GIFT (Technology Gift Incentive Foundation Team) was born. This grassroots initiative is devoted to the mission of promoting a better-educated Floyd County through a self-sustaining technology gift program that will serve to enhance the educational opportunities of deserving non-traditional (adult) students.

This June 6, the team will hold its second annual spring banquet at which time they will announce the name of the student who will receive the 2003 T-GIFT award.

Linda Keathley, of East Point, was the recipient of the 2002 award, a brand-new laptop computer. Keathley, now a member of the technology gift team, will be present at this year's banquet also.

Keathley, a high school drop-out and mother of three, returned to school in 1995, after a twenty-two year absence, to study the field of social work. "Being awarded a computer by T-GIFT was a wonderful blessing," she said. "While attending school, I was also working for a home health agency which required me to travel most of the day. With the laptop, I was able to do schoolwork in between visits and during breaks. Before, I had to go to the college computer lab and sometimes by the time I could get there, the lab would be closed, or the wait line would be long or the computers would be down. Having the laptop changed my life dramatically and made it so much easier for me to get my school work done."

Keathley, who received a bachelor's degree in Social Work from Morehead State University this spring, says she is interested in working with disabled persons and has recently become employed by Community Connections in a position in which she will be working on a daily basis with persons who are mentally challenged.

"I have a brother who became paralyzed at a very early age and although he has continued on with his life, even to the point of

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School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

Center distributes school activity calendars and newsletters on the last day of each month to all students. Parents please be advised to be watching for these informational materials as a way of staying informed with your school's happenings.

Health Records Update: Parents who have health records to bring in to the school may bring them to the Youth Services Center any weekday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. Updated each day after 4:00 p.m.

Center is open each day from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call 886-9812. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to students regardless of income. Center telephone: 886-9812.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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Youth Service Center office hours are from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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POISON OAK

Believe nothing you hear...

Although I was born too late to know much about Will Rogers—except what I've read about him—I do know that he is attributed with the saying, "All I know is what I read in the paper."

What with all the advancement in communication, had he been living in today's world, he might

have said something like, "All I know is what I read in the paper or see on TV."

But unfortunately, as we've found out lately, the only thing we really know about what we read

or watch, is that we actually read or watched it. Whether we know any of that as fact is questionable at best.

Take for example, the story of Pvt. Jessica Lynch. The part where she fought until she ran out of bullets, then was shot and stabbed—all of which was reported on TV and in the newspapers—apparently didn't happen at all. Although I've yet to hear exactly who fabricated the story in the first place, apparently she was the only one to survive in her group because her attackers thought she was already dead. She was unconscious after the vehicle she was in had wrecked, broken her legs and one of her arms.



Clyde Pack

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Kim's Korner: Attitude matters

by KIM LITTLE FRASURE

Wow! It seems like it's been forever and a day since being in print.

Where do I begin? Reflecting back on the seminar the ad staff and I attended in Lexington a couple weeks ago and then watching and listening to a young pastor's sermon this past Sunday morning it dawned on me how the word "positive" is such an important part of our vocabulary and life.

The lady speaking at the seminar had some hilarious ways and stories she shared about our attitudes with our jobs, how they come across to the public, and

the major difference a smile could make not only from sight but even hearing one through the phone. Yes, it sounds a little peculiar but true. Haven't you ever called up a place of business and feel as though you've just had your head bitten off, chewed up and spit out? Most of us have at one time or another.

The sermon heard was of the same nature. When we wake up in a bad mood, do we choose to do something about it, or let it continue with us throughout our day? Take it to work, and take out our frustrations on anyone who dares come in contact with us!

Our emotions play with and, Lord for-

bid, sometimes rule our lives. We choose to be victims or victors! It's true, we can either "waller" (that's Eastern Kentucky lingo for wallow), in our "bad" moods, bad situations, or pick ourselves up by the bootstraps, and refuse the nasty now and now, and move on to head toward the sweet bye and bye! You've seen the bumper stickers, "Let Go and Let God!"

Well, try it, I promise you'll like it.

One member of the sales staff phoned just before the writing of this column took place. As ad manager, one of my utmost responsibilities is to motivate the staff.

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Kim Little Frasure

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