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Drug Task Force gets guilty pleas

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — One of the first suspected drug dealers arrested and indicted through the investigative efforts of the Floyd County Drug Task Force and a woman who sold the prescription drugs Valium and Lorcet near a school where she lived pleaded guilty Friday.

Randall Hoover, who was indicted last year on one count of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, two counts of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and a single count of third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, pleaded guilty to all counts in Floyd County Circuit Court Friday afternoon.
The plea came after a recommendation from the commonwealth that Hoover serve a five-year sentence on the charges.

Hoover was indicted based on evidence gathered and presented by the Floyd County Drug Task Force during the agency's initial investigations. Those investigations uncovered that Hoover sold a combined total of \$240 worth of OxyContin, Lorcet and Soma to an undercover agent on two dates — August 8 and July 26 — of last year.

Stella Samons, who was also indicted last year, pleaded guilty before Circuit Judge John David Caudill Friday afternoon.
Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said the plea proved that cases presented from the task force were worth attention.
"They have been really responsive about making good cases and we're happy with the quality of cases they're

bringing us," said Turner. "They have presented more drug cases to us in the last 10 months than we've had in the last five years from all agencies combined."
Stella Samons pleaded guilty to a total of three charges brought against her indictment last year. Samons admitted to trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school, as

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briefs

Miner killed at Frasure's Creek mine

Times Staff Report

FRASURE'S CREEK — An accident at a mine on early Friday evening left one man dead and another flown out to Lexington for injuries sustained in the accident.

Mark Isaac, an employee of the Frasure's Creek mine, was flown to Lexington and a co-worker, who could not be identified at press time, was killed when a blast operation at the location went bad.

According to officials, the two men were hit from a planned dynamite blast that blew through a break in the mines and into the area the two men were working.



Michael and Melisa Bell hold their two sons, Isaac and Jonah, whom they adopted last year from Cambodia and Guatemala, respectively. The couple decided to adopt the boys after losing two children in both 1999 and 2000, saying they felt God was leading them to the decision through the unfortunate events.

photo by Sheldon Compton

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Couple rebounds from tragedy to find family overseas

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — When Michael Bell's two sons grow up, they can tell people their dad went to the ends of the earth for them and be completely honest.

That's because Michael, currently Prestonsburg High School's band director and music teacher, and his wife Melisa, an occupational therapist, did set out on their first international travels to bring

their sons back to America in what proved to be a grueling, but ultimately rewarding, adoption process in 2001.

Their sons — 23-month-old Isaac, born in Cambodia, and 18-month-old Jonah, born in Guatemala — were adopted in 2001 after the couple suffered the loss of two of their birth children, losing a daughter who was still-born and then a premature son after six weeks in intensive care.

"After the two losses, we were

at a crossroads," Melisa says. "Do we try to have another and run the risk of this happening again? But we're a very spiritual family and so we prayed and we felt like God was leading us to adoption."

Once this powerful sense of spiritual purpose took hold, it was then a matter of seeking out an adoption agency and getting familiar with what can prove to be a very complicated task.

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Body of SFHS valedictorian discovered

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

HI HAT — A former South Floyd High School valedictorian was found dead Friday afternoon near her family's home at Buckingham when a family member found her lying in a ditch near the railroad tracks.

Authorities said the body of 19-year-old Lakita Johnson was found Friday afternoon, concluding a search that had been ongoing since family last saw her Saturday afternoon.

Johnson, a 2002 graduate of South Floyd High School and valedictorian of that class, had been awarded a four-year scholarship to the University of Kentucky.

Police said Johnson's body had been lying in the ditch for several days and was found when her brother, who happened to be near the spot, noticed a bad smell and began searching only to discover the



Lakita Johnson

body of his sister. Johnson was last seen leaving her family's home on Saturday at approximately 4 p.m. and had been missing since then.

Johnson's body was removed from the scene by the Floyd County Coroner's Office and an autopsy to determine what caused the 19-year-old's death will be concluded in the coming week.

Inez suit now in federal court

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — The city of Inez and the individual members of the that city's commission — Ann Maynard, Winnie

Muncie, Charlotte Endicott and Willie Sparks Jr. — filed a motion June 9 in United States District Court in Pikeville to have the lawsuit brought

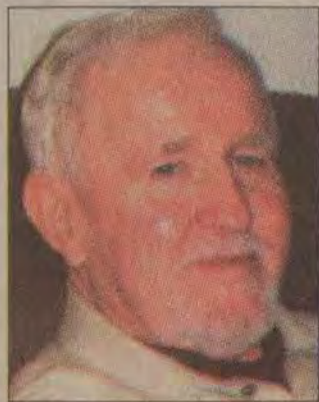
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Veteran, investigator dies

Times Staff Report

DOUGLASVILLE, Ga. — A former valedictorian of the Betsy Layne High School class of 1950, Herbert A. Hinchman, 70, a retired chief of the Intelligence Division of the United States Internal Revenue Service died Tuesday. Hinchman succumbed to inoperable colon cancer.

Born October 13, 1932, in Tram, Hinchman was the son of the late Virgil Otis Hinchman and the late Georgia Layne Hinchman. The son of a Depression-



Herbert Hinchman

era coal miner, Hinchman left Floyd County for Detroit, Mich., following graduation to seek employment in the automobile

assembly industry. In 1952, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean War as a supply sergeant. Following his military service, he returned to Detroit, beginning a new career in law enforcement with the Detroit Police Department. Advancing to vice officer, Hinchman worked as an undercover agent making arrests in gambling, prostitution and off-hour alcohol sales arenas.

During this time, Hinchman attended the

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Floyd County Times advertising manager Kim Frasure, second from right, presents prizes to Jeff Baisden, who was named "Father of the Year" by the newspaper. Among the gifts Baisden received were two rounds of golf at Stone Crest, gifts certificates from Wal-Mart and Jenny Wiley Florist, a night's stay at Microtel and a \$100 portrait from Alys Fraley Photography.

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Odds and Ends

The Associated Press

■ **MYSTIC, Iowa** — This dwindling Iowa town is hoping goat races will revive its Independence Day celebration.

The clatter of hoofs on the brick main street will be heard July 5 during the first annual Mystic Goat Races.

Once a bustling coal town of 3,000 people, the town near the Missouri border, now has about 600 residents.

Gone are the stores, its school and many of the town's homes. Also gone are the crowds that once filled Mystic's streets for the Fourth of July celebration.

The Mystic Booster Club hopes to revive those days this year with a parade, Mystic

Queen pageant, live music and the goat race.

Promoters say they hope to attract people, and contestants, from all over the state.

There also will be a celebrity goat race, featuring the county sheriff, the dean of the local community college and several local business people.

During a race, a goat jockey runs behind the goat barefoot, holding onto its leash and guiding it with a branch.

Local rules will disqualify anyone who swats their goat. Racers also won't be able to drag or carry their goat. Shoes are optional.

■ **SEDALIA, Mo.** — A shoplifter caused a buzz in a department store restroom and

made off with about \$60 worth of CDs, perfume, batteries and scissors.

The man released a swarm of honeybees in a Kmart restroom, creating a diversion that allowed him to escape, authorities said.

Store security spotted the man shoplifting Monday and followed him to the restroom to confront him. When the worker opened the door, about 100 bees buzzed out.

"He probably started yelling 'Bees! Bees!' or whatever the case may be, then created that

big diversion, then got out," said police Cmdr. John DeGonia.

Store employees pulled cans of bug spray off store shelves to kill the bees. No one was stung.

■ **YORK, Pa.** — Robb Green has performed weddings in the bed of a truck, the hall of a museum, the top of a Ferris wheel and in a junkyard.

"The only weddings I won't do are those that involve something illegal or bungee cords," said Green, the mayor of Jefferson.

In Pennsylvania, mayors have the authority to officiate at weddings, and Green has used that power far more than most of his colleagues. He performed his 1,001st wedding on Sunday at the Street Rod Nationals East event at the York Expo Center. Sheryl Syputl and Terry Williams were married in the Williams Street Rod Parts booth.

Green said he would prefer couples use a religious ceremony.

"But if that doesn't meet their needs, I do not judge them," he

said.

Green does not offer any counseling before the wedding.

"If they have a valid license, I will marry them," he said.

■ **BEACON, N.Y.** — The phrase, "I could do that" is often heard at modern art museums.

Some electricians working at the Dia:Beacon museum tried to prove it.

After viewing abstract sculptures by John Chamberlain crafted with materials such as crushed automobile parts, a group of electricians created their own work and placed it alongside Chamberlain's.

About a week passed before anyone noticed the addition to the exhibit, featuring such works as "Norma Jean Risen" and "The Privet."

"We saw some artwork upstairs," David Vega, the group foreman, told radio station WNYT in an interview to be aired this weekend. "We tried to imitate it see how long they'd take to find it."

"And a couple of guys who were walking about, around it, they didn't even notice it," he said. "It was just for fun."

Workers setting up the exhibit discovered and removed the piece before Dia:Beacon opened to the public May 18, said Amy Weisser, the museum's assistant director.

"The electricians made a sculpture, an homage to John's work," she said. "When the art installers saw it, they knew it wasn't John's work. This was something that wasn't mistaken as a work of art by anyone other than the electricians."

The museum threw away the electricians' sculpture.

The Dia:Beacon occupies a restored printing plant on the Hudson River, 60 miles north of New York City.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, June 15, the 166th day of 2003. There are 199 days left in the year. This is Father's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 15, 1215, King John put his seal to Magna Carta ("the Great Charter") at Runnymede, England, granting his barons more liberty.

On this date:

■ In 1520, Pope Leo X threatened to excommunicate Martin Luther if he did not recant his religious beliefs.

■ In 1775, the Second Continental Congress voted unanimously to appoint George Washington head of the Continental Army.

■ In 1836, Arkansas became the 25th state.

■ In 1844, Charles Goodyear received a patent for his process to strengthen rubber.

■ In 1849, James Polk, the 11th president of the United States, died in Nashville, Tenn.

■ In 1864, Secretary of War

Edwin M. Stanton signed an order establishing a military burial ground, which became Arlington National Cemetery.

■ In 1904, more than 1,000 people died when fire erupted aboard the steamboat General Slocum in New York's East River.

■ In 1944, American forces began their successful invasion of Saipan during World War II. Meanwhile, B-29 Superfortresses made their first raids on Japan.

■ In 1978, 25 years ago, King Hussein of Jordan married 26-year-old American Lisa Halaby, who became Queen Noor.

■ In 1994, Israel and the Vatican established full diplomatic relations.

Ten years ago:

Former Texas Gov. John Connally, who was wounded in the gunfire that killed President Kennedy, died at age 76.

Five years ago:

NATO fighter jets staged a show of force meant to pressure Yugoslav forces to end their attacks on ethnic Albanians in Kosovo province. The Supreme Court ruled unanimously that state prison inmates are protected by the Americans With Disabilities Act.

One year ago:

A jury in Houston convicted accounting firm Arthur Andersen of obstruction of justice, giving a first victory to prosecutors investigating the sudden collapse of energy-trader Enron.

Today's Birthdays:

Former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo is 71. Actor Aron Kincaid is 60. Actor-director Simon Callow is 54. Singer Russell Hitchcock (Air Supply)

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Regional arts and entertainment

by RICHARD CROWE

Wow! What a great and uplifting performance the Sacred Winds Ensemble provided to a standing room audience last Sunday at Hazard Community College.

The ensemble is in its seventh year and includes 60 young college-educated musicians from at least 25 colleges who volunteer their talent to praise Jesus. St. Paul tells us the race will be a long one for the practicing Christian and this outstanding group gave the overflow audience a shot in the arm musically and spiritually.

Perry County native, Scott Bersaglia, a graduate of Hazard High and Morehead State displayed great skill and feeling as the conductor. Scott's direction was dynamic and tender and the musicians responded lovingly to the music and his lead. Adrienne Szabo, mezzo soprano, was exceptional as were Tonya Denise Castle and Jackson Perry, the three lead vocalists.

Godspeed to this fine young group. We in Hazard are already looking forward to your return next summer.

Got over to Pikeville's Mark II dance club last Saturday night to hear the Full House Band. The group has been together

since 1980 playing classic rock and roll songs for people who like to dance.

The band consists of Mark Stephens who sings and plays guitar and keyboards, Julie Goff who sings and plays the drums, Mary Wright sings but was out recovering from foot surgery and Randy Caudill who sings and plays the guitar. Randy is from Whitesburg while the rest call Floyd County home. Mark's brother Tony is the soundman.

The group covered a variety of rock bands from AC/DC to Marvin Gay, Bob Seeger, Kool and the Gang, and the Eagles. They have opened for Alabama and Dwight Yoakam in the past but now play Wednesdays and Saturdays at Mark II and write songs in between. Each of these musicians writes and pitches their songs when not on stage which is one of the best things about their music.

Everyone I saw had a great time with the music and their friends in a very comfortable setting. If you like live music and enjoy dancing give these guys a chance.

Had a good time at the third annual Lexington Blues Festival held recently at Applebee's Park. Three blues bands performed, starting with the Michael Gough Group, made up

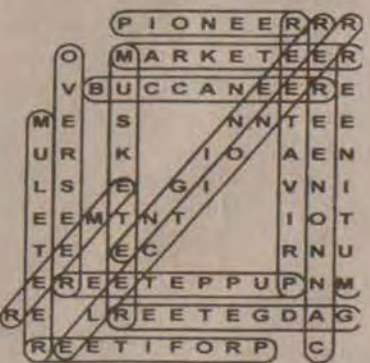
of four Kentuckians playing rock/blues favorites including High Heel Sneakers and Tobacco Road.

They were followed by Mississippi born John Primer and the Real Deal. This group of three guitarists and a harmonica

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Adoption

The couple decided on the Danville-based adoption agency, Adoption Assistance, in July 2001, but would soon find a wall being built around their dreams.

Michael and Melisa had been given a referral for what Melisa says was "a beautiful" baby in Cambodia and were in the process of seeing the adoption go through, when things were suddenly brought to a standstill.

During this time, an investigation was being conducted in Cambodia, the country the Bells had found Isaac after submitting their study to the adoption agency, that centered around allegations of a black market baby-selling scheme. Because of this, the hopeful couple were eventually told in a letter from INS authorities to give up on Cambodia and any adoption hopes they might

have had for Isaac.

But the Bells did not give up. Instead, they started making phone calls to their local representatives in Washington — Sen. Mitch McConnell and Rep. Hal Rogers — while at the same time beginning the search for what would ultimately become their second child.

"We just decided we would keep working on seeing Isaac brought home, but start the process of having our second child while we were at it," Melisa said.

Beginning work toward seeing a second adoption go through before they had fully finished the first was daunting, but the juggling wouldn't have to be kept up for long.

In February 2002, the Bells had decided to pursue a second adop-

tion when, the following month in March, the couple received a phone call from McConnell's office.

"His office called and said, 'How soon can you be in Cambodia to get your son?'" said Melisa. "We started packing the same day."

The Bells had been included in a humanitarian initiative pushed by the federal government and

aimed to help prospective parents who were caught in the middle of the process when Cambodia adoption fell under investigation.

On April 5, 2002, Michael and Melisa's wedding anniversary, the couple stepped off a plane in Cambodia and into the arms of their son, Isaac. By April 8, a bright-eyed and smiling Isaac was back in the states with his new parents.

Five months later, their second adoption process came through.

It wasn't long before the couple were touching down in Guatemala for their second international trip to make the family of three into a family of four.

They had known about Jonah even before going to pick up Isaac, and so carried his picture with them on the trip, Melisa says.

Now that Michael and Melisa have lived as a family of four for the past year, the question has come up as to how aggressively the couple will work to ensure the two youngsters learn about where they came from.

"What we done was we bought 18 gifts for each of them while we were over there," Melisa said. "Eighteen for Isaac in Cambodia and 18 for Jonah in Guatemala. We plan to give them one each on their birthday until they're 18. That way they have something from their home land."

The two boys each have a birthday and a "Gotcha" day, says Melisa, which represents the day she and Michael actually received the boys into their lives.

Michael says he hopes someday to be able to return to the two countries so his sons can see where they were born.

"Someday, if we can afford it down the road, we want to take them back to visit so they can see where they came from," Michael said, adding that Jonah had family in Guatemala. "We consider their birth families and want them to know about where they came from."

The Bells say that another adoption hasn't been ruled out, but they're just enjoying what their two boys have brought to their family.

"It's just been an unbelievable experience," Michael said, cradling Isaac in his arms while Melisa played with Jonah. "We couldn't be happier."

Hinchman

University of Detroit, eventually graduating magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in accounting, the first in his family to earn a college degree.

With his new degree, along with his background in law enforcement, Hinchman was selected as a Special Agent with the IRS Intelligence Division.

In 1971, he was promoted to Strike Force Representative in Kansas City, Kansas, where he led major investigations against organized crime. Two years later, he was chosen to serve as Chief Intelligence Agent in Louisville, where he oversaw investigations related to tax fraud for the next ten years.

In 1982, he left the IRS, accepting a position as the divisional inspector general, Environmental Protection Agency, in Atlanta, Ga. He continued in this position until his retirement in 1984 when he purchased a log cabin on 30 acres of land in rural Douglas County, Ga.

Hinchman enjoyed his retirement studying horticulture, planting a 300-bush blueberry farm on his property. Initially, Hinchman planned to open the farm as a "U-Pick-It" blueberry business venture, but soon, as reported by his family, the farm became a regular stopping point of family, friends and neighbors who picked their own blueber-

ries for free.

In August 2002, Hinchman was diagnosed with colon cancer. He died at home surrounded by family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Hinchman, of Douglasville, Ga.; a daughter, Lana Cartwright, of Vernon, Fla.; two sons, Bert Hinchman, of Winston, Ga., and Brad Hinchman, also of Douglasville; seven grandchildren, Johnathan Duvoisin, Janet Duvoisin, Ann Duvoisin, Sara Hinchman, Joseph Hinchman, Allie Hinchman, and Jason Hinchman; two sisters, Bonita Porter and Pat DeRossett, both of Allen; three brothers, Clyde Hinchman, of Indianapolis, Ind., Joe Hinchman, also of Allen, and Dave Hinchman, of Ivel.

A member of St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Douglasville, funeral services were held at the church on Thursday, at 11 a.m., with Father Richard Tibbetts officiating. Visitation was held at the Jones-Wynn Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made in Hinchman's memory to the American Cancer Society, 1825 Barrett Lakes Blvd., Suite 280, Kennesaw, Ga., 30144 (1-800-227-2345).

Messages of condolence to the family may be directed to www.jones-wynn.com.

Guilty

well as second- and third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.

The commonwealth recommended a one-year probated sentence on the three charges.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor said on Friday that the commonwealth

offered the one-year sentence when considering that Samons had breast cancer and was required to undergo aggressive treatments for the condition.

Samons is also facing a charge of violating the terms of her probation from a previous offense.

Fire department looks to get cruiser for \$1

The Associated Press

LOUISA — A northern Kentucky volunteer fire department is hoping to get a new cruiser from a company that sells vehicles adorned with ads to government agencies for \$1.

The Louisa Volunteer Fire Department has requested a cruiser from Government Acquisitions Inc., based in North Carolina, which helps cash-strapped agencies afford new vehicles.

The city will pay \$1 for the fire department cruiser and, under an agreement with the company, would get a new one every three years.

"We think it would be a really good program," said Jeff Kinser, deputy fire chief. "It's something that we think we should take advantage of while we have the opportunity."

In January, the Lawrence County officials approved a request by Sheriff Garrett

Roberts to contract with Government Acquisitions. The department has ordered three cruisers. Delivery of the vehicles is not expected for about two years.

So far, four counties, Barren, Cumberland, Fulton and Lawrence, have contracted with the firm; three cities, Grayson, Liberty and Mount Vernon, also have contracts.

"There is no other way that you can get a new, fully equipped car for one dollar," Kinser said.

He explained that there will be no alcohol or tobacco products advertised on the vehicle.

The sheriff said local companies such as American Electric Power and Dynegy would be ideal advertisers and he would also like the cruisers to be used to promote education and tourism.

"The (city) council will have the final say in what (ads) go on them," Kinser said.

Grand jury indicts 16

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Three of the 16 indictments returned Thursday by a Floyd County grand jury were drug-related true bills, although one has since been remanded to District Court, according to court documents.

Scottie Hamilton, 44, of Teaberry, was indicted on one count of marijuana cultivation, a class D felony, for allegedly planting and cultivating five or more plants, one count of possession of drug paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor, for allegedly having numerous items thought to be used for processing or using drugs, possession of marijuana, a class A misdemeanor and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, a class C felony.

All counts charge that the alleged offenses took place on April 1 of this year.

A second individual indicted Thursday was 23-year-old Kite resident Clarinda Short. Short was indicted for two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, both class D felonies, for allegedly having methamphetamine and cocaine on Aug. 20, 2001, one count of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, and also for allegedly operating a motor vehicle while under the influence and driving with a revoked or suspended license.

A third indictment was handed down against Brandon Williams, 19, of Grethel, however the case, which involves three class A misdemeanor charges against the Mud Creek man, was remanded to District Court after the grand jury returned the indictment. Williams is charged with two

counts of third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, Valium, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence.

Other indictments handed down Thursday include:

■ James I. Reed, of Hueysville, second-degree wanton endangerment.

■ Michael Paul Dempsey, of Garrett, first-degree burglary, two counts of unlawful transaction with a minor and third-degree criminal mischief.

■ Justin G. Newman, of Hi Hat, two counts of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence and one count of second-degree persistent felony offender.

■ Jessica Sexton, of Van Lear, theft by unlawful taking or disposition.

■ Ashley K. Whitaker, of Royalton, theft by deception.

■ Julius D. Tackett, of Springfield, Ohio, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, receiving stolen property and second-degree persistent felony offender.

■ James Goins, of McDowell, third-degree burglary, third-degree criminal mischief and unlawful transaction with a minor.

■ B.J. Wood, of Banner, two counts of theft of mail matter.

■ Pamela Gross, of Grethel, welfare fraud.

■ Rodney G. Hall, of Bevinville, first-degree wanton endangerment, violation of a protective order.

■ Melissa Noble, of Martin, third-degree criminal mischief, theft by unlawful taking or disposition.

■ Matthew Moore, of Martin, third-degree criminal mischief, theft by unlawful taking or disposition.

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Guest View

Despite ignoring them, problems not going away

Two months ago, the Kentucky General Assembly walked away from a responsibility and pretended otherwise.

The budget they passed was a sham — a cobbled-together spending plan that shortchanges the present and robs the future.

Meanwhile, the bad tax structure that Frankfort has avoided fixing for decades, a bad economy and now a bad tax cut made in Washington are combining to threaten crucial public services.

The outlook is gloomy in the commonwealth, with everything from layoffs of teachers to evictions from nursing homes looming. Along with Bush's tax cut, the federal government is shifting more of the responsibility to provide services and more of the burden to pay for them to the states. Even with a \$276 million windfall coming to Frankfort from Washington, the state would have to pay more just to stay even with the services it has provided. And staying even isn't the direction Kentucky is headed.

The commonwealth is not the only state mired in budget problems. A survey of a cross-section of 771 state legislators conducted by the Pew Center on the States paints a gloomy picture. Most say their states have been losing ground the last two years, when it comes to the economy and jobs, health care and balancing the state budget. Furthermore, they expect dire budget problems the next two years.

Even education, the top priority among the legislators, is likely to feel the budgetary ax. While Kentucky legislators slog about in this morass, it is to a large degree a morass of their own making.

Our legislators' failure to reform Kentucky's tax code — because they are paralyzed by conflicting special interests, bound up by foolish no-tax pledges or too afraid politically to act — is sinking the commonwealth as certainly as bad economic times and shifting policies in Washington.

Kentucky's leaders have a way out if they can only muster the will to take it. Kentucky's tax code is out of synch with a changing economy. It is riddled with loopholes. It saps poor and moderate-income families. It cries out for reform.

It is the commonwealth's most critical problem. Our elected leaders know it. Failing to address it is failing Kentucky.

—The Kentucky Post, Covington

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— Jim Davidson

The principle of deferred compensation

Have you ever heard someone say that they were just waiting on their ship to come in? The idea here is that wealth, fame or some other good fortune was going to come to this person and that it was only a matter of time before it did.

Unfortunately, what many of these people don't realize is that their ship is never going to come in, because they never sent one out. During our visit today I want to talk with you about a wonderful principle that could make a tremendous difference in your life.

However, before I dive into this subject if you will indulge me, I would like to say a word or two about this column. First, this column is not about current events. I do my best to keep up with current events and what is going on in the world, but whether it's international, national, state or local, this is covered by reporters and newsgathering services. Irrespective of what is going on in the world or in your community I want to share ideas, concepts and principles that

are presented in an interesting and unique way, to help each reader to become a happier and more successful person.

We all have our personal challenges, opportunities and the normal ups and downs of every day living and how to successfully deal with this is the kind of information I want to share with you. It is my heartfelt desire that a reader in Cut Bank, Mont. ... Crystal River, Fla. ... Huntsville, Texas ... Lenoir, N.C. ... Prestonsburg, Ky. ... Dodge City, Kansas, or in any of the other markets across the nation where this column runs, will be inspired, encouraged, helped and made to feel better about themselves and their future.

America is a land of opportunity and our greatest blessing is freedom. When given freedom and opportunity, the vast majority of Americans will and have succeeded. I just hope to be able to convince a few of the others that they can share in the blessings of America as well.

Now, back to that wonderful principle that I talked about earlier. This principle is known as "The Principle Of

Deferred Compensation." One of the things I have observed in this era of "fast food" and instant gratification is that most people lack patience when it comes to achieving greater success.

These people do not understand that there is a price to be paid for everything and that to achieve anything really worthwhile takes time. You can't plant corn one day and have "corn on the cob" the next. Understanding "The Principle Of Deferred Compensation" is the best way I know to keep from becoming discouraged.

If you are discouraged about something just now, I hope you will give some real thought to what I am saying.

A while back a reader sent me something titled, "Life Is An Echo" that is really a great illustration. It begins, "A son and his father were walking in the mountains. Suddenly, his son falls, hurts himself and screams: 'Aaahhhhhh!' To his surprise, he hears a voice repeating, somewhere in the mountain: 'Aaahhhhhh!' Curious, he yells: 'Who are you?' He receives the answer: 'Who are you?' Angered by the response, he screams: 'Coward!' He receives the answer: 'Coward!'

"He looks to his father and asks:

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— beyond the beltway

Might as well turn off TV

by DONALD KAUL

The Federal Communications Commission last week passed rules that will allow big, fat media conglomerates — Viacom, Walt Disney, Gannett; that crowd — to grow even bigger and fatter. (It was a Republican thing. Generally speaking, Republicans are for things getting bigger and fatter if there is a buck to be made from it.)

The argument put forth for letting fewer companies control more television stations was, naturally, constitutional. As Kathleen Q. Abernathy, one of the Republican commissioners, put it: "...the First Amendment to the Constitution protects the rights of free speech and free press and tells me that...I cannot tell the American people what they should believe, what they should read, or what they should watch or listen to for their own good."

(I wasn't at the meeting but I can only assume that, at this point, Ms. Abernathy took out an American flag and did a tap dance to the tune of Yankee Doodle Dandy.)

Oddly enough, she did not convince critics of the rule change — who included the American Civil Liberties Union, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the National Rifle Association, Common Cause, the National Organization of Women and Trent Lott. They argued that Bigger/Fewer would mean Less — less diversity, less local

control, less choice for the viewers.

Michael K. Powell, chairman of the commission and son of Colin, suggested that their fears were silly because there are more than 200 television outlets available, enough to ensure a healthy mix of ideas and programming.

You know what I do like about Republicans? They can say stuff like that and keep a straight face.

When in the long history of Humankind has consolidating control of anything led to greater diversity and choice? I'll save you the trouble of looking it up. Never.

And, in any case, we do not have 200 television outlets, not really.

What we have is a handful, replicated again and again, with similar if not identical programming and the same outlook or lack thereof.

Did you happen to catch the recent Iraq war on television? Did you notice that no matter which channel you turned to you got pretty much the same slice of baloney — our valiant soldiers were meeting resistance only from Saddam's hard case thugs; the regular Iraqis were delirious with joy at our arrival; our super-precise bombs were seeking out only bad guys.

About the only place you could get a somewhat different perspective on your television screen were the BBC reports carried by public television. Their reporters seemed to think that a good many Iraqis were dying in the war and their survivors were less than pleased.

The sort of homogeneity that marked the television coverage of the war is possible only when you have a very few orga-

nizations controlling the flow and news, and those few are afraid to make the government angry. They were good little boys and girls.

This new relaxation of the rules doesn't mean that broadcasting will change dramatically, only that what's been happening will continue to happen, only faster. (That's the thing about television; every time you think it can't get worse, it gets worse.)

There's a non-governmental solution to all of this, of course. It is simple, inexpensive and elegant. Stop watching television. Let whoever wants own the damn stations. What does it matter if no one pays attention? (This, incidentally, is also the answer to campaign financing since most of campaign contributions go to buy television time. A lie unheard is a lie unsaid.)

Now, if you are addicted to it, if you simply have to see your favorite show or game or movie, I say this:

The next time you get an uncontrollable urge to watch television, go to the basement and hit yourself repeatedly in the head with a ball peen hammer. By the time you wake up your program will be over and the damage to your head will be less than if you had watched the show.

Television can't hurt you if you don't watch it. It's voluntary.

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Minister's Moment: It's been 10 years since he died

by MARK D. WALZ
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

He died just days after Father's Day 10 years ago at the mature age of 85. My heartfelt

Father's Day card lay unopened on the cluttered desk beside his favorite yellow vinyl recliner. Independence and pride characterized Dad's personality and ultimately they became the cata-

lyst for the end of his last days. While my wife, Julie, and our three children visited my parents in April of that year, I discovered a leak in the roof of their Florida room. After calling sev-

eral persons listed in the Yellow Pages, I failed to procure anyone to fix my parent's roof before I returned to Kentucky. I left instructions with Dad to continue calling contractors;

under no circumstances was he to attempt to fix the roof himself.

Tired of waiting, my father decided to patch the roof himself. As the Florida sun beat down mercilessly upon the flat roof, the heat reflected back from the oozing tar of the roof. Overcome by the heat, Dad fell off the roof that day landing, hard on the concrete patio below. Though he remained in the hospital for two weeks and improved each day, a blood clot sustained from his fall traveled through his system, ultimately killing him.

On this Father's Day I think of my father, not how he died, but more importantly how he lived. Responsibility came early for my father. After the tragic death of his German immigrant father in an automobile accident, Daddy assumed the sole responsibility of his mother and two sisters at the age of 14.

My father worked long, difficult hours to provide for his family. He excelled at dairy farming and later learned the trade of pipefitting while employed at Bethlehem Steel. After being laid off from his job at the plant he worked as the school janitor. I remember him

best though as a farmer on the small farm he purchased outside of Baltimore, Maryland. Row after row of vegetables thrived in the soil protected from the few dairy, beef cattle, pigs, and chickens.

My father stayed very busy, but never too busy to spend time with his Bible and time in prayer. A man of deep convictions, he valued his quiet time with the Lord. When asked to pray publicly or talk about his Savior, tears would silently course down upon his face. He always wanted his six sons to know the same Lord and Savior he knew. He would occasionally stop by the church on his way home from work, no matter how late, to pray for his sons' conversions.

My earthly father taught me to love my Heavenly Father by his everyday example, his exemplary life, his values, his morals, his 55-year commitment to my mother, his hard work but most of all his persistent prayers for his six sons. Though Daddy lived ideals, prayer girded my salvation.

Today is Father's Day. My father is not here, but his legacy of prayer, commitment and dedication continues.

Head of drug-fighting program in Appalachia set to leave

The Associated Press

LONDON — The head of an Appalachian anti-drug program is resigning at the end of the month, about six months after a report criticized the program's ability to get law enforcement agencies to cooperate.

Roy Sturgill, executive director of the Appalachia High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, told its executive board Thursday that he would step down on June 30.

Sturgill, 55, became head of the program in August 1998. The program, with a \$6 million budget, reaches into three states and includes 26 eastern Kentucky counties.

During Sturgill's tenure, police agencies in the HIDTA area reported seizing millions of dollars worth of illegal drugs and hundreds of weapons.

But federal authorities also found the program had fallen short on a key goal: bringing federal, state and local police together in a unified attack on drug traffickers.

The 2002 review by the by the Office of National Drug Control Policy said that police agencies in the HIDTA had not cooperated or shared information as they should, and that local police had seen little money from the program.

In an interview on Friday, Sturgill said he is leaving to spend time with his family.

"I've got grandkids coming," Sturgill said. Two days after retiring from a 27-year career with the state police in 1998, he took over at HIDTA, he said.

Sturgill acknowledged that fighting eastern Kentucky's drug trade can sometimes be frustrating but said HIDTA is

getting stronger.

"There's not enough law enforcement to handle everything that's out there," he said. But "these agencies are working together."

Sturgill said he doesn't dis-

pute the report, which he contributed to.

"There were some things that were not being done, I'm not going to dispute the report.

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Patton's insurance company asks court to say whether it's liable

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Paul Patton's personal insurance company has gone to court in an attempt to avoid paying the bill if the governor winds up owing damages to his former mistress.

The company is Encompass Insurance Co., through which Patton bought homeowner's coverage. Encompass has asked the Franklin County Circuit Court for a "declaratory judgment" spelling out its stake in the legal case between Patton and Tina Conner.

The company's complaint asks the court for a judgment "declaring that there exists no obligation on the part of Encompass under the policies to provide any indemnification or defense for the claims made by Conner," court documents show.

Patton has said he had an affair with Conner, who owned a nursing home in Clinton and was his political contact in Hickman County. Patton has denied he ever abused his office.

Conner claims to have gotten favors from the administration during their sexual affair. She also claims Patton used his power to retaliate against her after the

affair ended.

Conner filed suit against Patton charging sexual harassment and other alleged offenses. The circuit court dismissed all the charges but one — an allegation of outrageous conduct.

Patton has requested that Encompass pay for his defense and damages, if any, in the Conner suit, according to the court record. "Encompass has offered to provide Patton a defense, under a reservation of rights to deny coverage," the complaint says.

Patton's policy included liability coverage for personal injury, bodily injury and property damage. The company is arguing that Patton's alleged actions, even if true, did not meet those definitions.

"Additionally, if true, the conduct of Patton does not fall within the coverage under the policies," the complaint says.

Patton's attorney, Sheryl Snyder of Louisville, could not be reached for comment.

William Orberon, an attorney for Encompass, said he was uncertain whether Patton was still being covered by the insurance company. He declined to say anything else.

Arts

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player has been performing in Chicago for a few years. They played short version blues classics that included "Come To Me C.O.D.," "Red Hot Momma" and "There's Another Mule Kicking in My Stall". They ended their set with a Jimi Hendrix version of the national anthem.

The closing act was the newly named W.C. Handy "Best Blues Band of the Year" award winner, Magic Slim and the Tear Drops. These four guitar players, also from Chicago, specialized in long versions of such well known blues classics as "Ain't No Sunshine" and "Just One More Time".

Congress has named 2003 "the year of the blues" and the crowd at this event danced, sang and appreciated hearing some of the best blues bands in the country.

Had a wonderful visit at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington last week. The big event there now through Aug. 24

is a museum quality exhibit showing the role of the horse in British history. Both history buffs and horse lovers will find "all the Queens Horses" a delightful experience.

The displays begins in 10,500 B.C. with the first known covering of a horse on a piece of polished bone and moves through the ages depicting the changing use of materials used to earn a living and with which to create art. There are 450 artifacts from bone to wood to other metal, precious stones and pottery.

The exhibit features 58 paintings, from very small pieces to horse drawn carts, from carved bone to the finest gold. It is a rich collection aided in viewing by hand held tape players issued to visitors as they enter, the tape players enable you to hear more detailed descriptions of the various exhibits by simply pressing the number of a display.

This is the world exclusive showing of these pieces and should not be missed. Call (859) 259-4224 for details.

Upcoming events include:

■ Festival of the Bluegrass June 12-15, \$10-60. Kentucky Horse Park. www.Festivalofthebluegrass.com.

■ Jazzberry Jam, 7 p.m. Ecton Park in Lexington (corner of Turkey foot and Romary Roads. Free.

■ Ricky Skaggs, 8 p.m. June 21. Paramount Arts Center, Ashland. \$20-35.

■ The Neville Brothers, 8 p.m., June 25 UK's Singletary Center, \$24.50-45.50. Call (859) 247-4929.

■ Montgomery Gentry, 8 p.m., June 27 at the MAC, 1-888-622-2787.

■ For aviators and history buffs, the city of Dayton, Ohio is celebrating 100 years of flight during July with lots of celebrations and special events. Call (937) 222-0065 or visit www.inventingflight.com.

■ Finally, Art of the Mountains will meet this Thursday, June 12 at 6 p.m. in the Perry County Extension Office. Finger food will be provided and all arts and crafts enthusiasts are invited.

Regional Arts and Entertainment is provided as a public service of Hazard Community College. To contact the writer, email questions, comments, and upcoming events to Richard.Crowe@kctcs.edu.

~In Loving Memory~ Geoffrey "Todd" Crace

"I'll lend you for a little time a child of mine." He said. "For you to love the while he lives, and mourn for when he's dead. It may be 6 or 7 years, or 22 or 23 or 33. But will you, till I call him back, take care of him for Me?" He'll bring his charms to gladden you, and should his stay be brief, You'll have his lovely memories as solace for your grief. I cannot promise he will stay, since all from earth return. But there are lessons taught down there, I wish this child to learn. I've looked the wide world over in my search for teachers, true. And from the throngs that crowd life's lane, I have selected you. Nor will you give him all your love, nor think the labor vain, nor hate me when I come to call to take him back again? I fancied that I heard him say, "Dear Lord, Thy will be done." For all the joy Thy child shall bring, the risk of grief we'll run. We'll shelter him with tenderness, we'll love him while we may. And for the happiness we've known, forever grateful stay. And should the angels call for him much sooner than we've planned, we'll brave the bitter grief that comes, and try to understand.

I'll be thinking of you on the 5th & the 13th, as I do every day!

From your Mom, Phyllis, Sister Gina, and Brothers Chad and Greg

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To participate in the Golf Scramble on Wednesday the cost is \$75 per person. There will be a dinner at StoneCrest after the scramble. The cost of the dinner is \$20. For more information, contact StoneCrest Golf Course

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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Joey Boling, 55, of Lackey, died Monday, June 9, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Callia Simmons Branham, 87, of Greeley, Colorado, a native of Floyd County, died November 11, 2002, following an extended illness. A memorial service will be conducted at the Richmond Memorial Cemetery, Monday, June 16, 2003, at 11 a.m.

Otis Lee (Buddy) Collins, 77, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, June 7, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Olive Fern Hatfield Collins. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Winnie C. Dingus, 86, of Martin, died Sunday, June 8, at

Drug

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There have been changes made. Everybody's pitched in to make things work.

"They found a lot of positive things, too" in the report, Sturgill said.

Gregory F. Van Tatenhove, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky and vice chairman of the Appalachia HIDTA executive board, said it was Sturgill's decision to leave.

The Appalachia HIDTA, one of about 30 programs in the country, was formed in 1998 because the region is one of the nation's top marijuana producers.

The program has since added three counties and added trafficking in prescription pills and other drugs to its focus.

Van Tatenhove said the board should find a new executive director by the end of the year.

the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 11, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Henry T. (Flying Eagle) Layne, 83, of Dinwood, died Thursday, June 5, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Joe Meade, 79, of Printer, died Tuesday, June 10, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Frances Safisbury Meade. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lola (Pat) Newsome, 52, of Teaberry, died Sunday, June 8, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Danny Newsome. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Geraldine Orsborn, 63, of Ray, Ohio, a native of Floyd County, died Wednesday, June 11, at Ohio State University Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Rex Orsborn. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 13, under the direction of Mayhew Funeral Home, Jackson, Ohio.

David Osborne, 76, of Okeechobee, Florida, died Tuesday, May 27, at Okeechobee Health Care Facility. He is survived by his wife, Helen Osborne. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 30, under the direction of Buxton Funeral Home.

Jobie Puckett, 88, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, June 8, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Prater Puckett. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 11,

under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Delmon Tackett, 76, of Franklin, Ohio, formerly of McDowell, died Monday, June 9, at his residence in Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Daniels Tackett. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 13, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Teresa Lynn Thacker, 36, of Harold, died Friday, June 6, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Glen Davis Thacker. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Billie Ruth Wilcox, 71, a native of Floyd County, died Sunday, June 8, at home. She is survived by her husband, Ursal Ray Wilcox. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 10, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Knott County

Bill Hall, 70, of Kite, died Monday, June 9, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Faye Hall. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Queenie P. Thomsberry, 71, of Kite, died Friday, June 6, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Arthur (Root) Thomsberry. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Gelain Baldrige, 81, of native of Johnson County, died Monday, June 9, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Arbutus Louis Burgess Baldrige. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 13, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Eulah Curtis, 87, of Flat Gap, died Sunday, June 8. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 11, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Loretta Gillispie, 73, native of Meally, died Thursday, June 5, at Hospice of Dayton, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, James Gillispie. A memorial service was conducted Friday, June 13, at the Country Club Church of Christ in Xenia, Ohio. Arrangements were under the direction of Jackson Lytle & Ingling Williams Funeral Home, Springfield, Ohio. Burial was at Meally.

Delphia Jane Jackson, 67, a native of Johnson County, died Tuesday, June 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 6, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Bobby Gene Litton, 37, of Stambaugh, died Sunday, June 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 12, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Lenore Hall Gullett McClellan, 94, Johnson County native, died Monday, June 9, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 12, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

William Marion Mollett, 82, Johnson County native, died Monday, June 9, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Lucy Spears Mollett. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 11, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Lorraine Parsons, 80, a native of Johnson County, died at Sayre Christian Village in Lexington. Funeral services

were conducted Friday, June 6, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Harry Russell Salyer, 80, of Paintsville, died Friday, June 6, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 8, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Pike County

Timothy Justice, 38, a native of Pike County, died Tuesday, June 3. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 6, under the direction of Phelps and Sons Funeral Home.

Martin County

William Marion Mullett, 82, of Tomahawk, died Monday, June 9, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Lucy Spears Mollett. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 11, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Davidson

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"What's going on?" The father smiles and says: "My son, pay attention." And then he screams to the mountain: "I admire you!" The voice answers: "I admire you!" Again the man screams: "You are a champion!" The voice answers: "You are a champion." "The boy is surprised, but does not understand. Then the father explains: "People call this echo, but really this is life. It gives you back everything you say or do."

Our life is simply a reflection of our actions. Just remember "The Principle of Deferred Compensation" means that for our ship to come in, we must first send one out, and to accomplish anything that is truly worthwhile takes time.

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Lawrence County

Bill Little Jr., of Louisa, died Sunday, June 8, at J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center. He is survived by his wife, Roxie Ham Little. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 10, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Mark Aaron Maynard, infant son of Jesse and Sharline Hannah Maynard of Louisa, died Saturday, June 7, at Three Rivers Medical Center. Graveside services were conducted Monday, June 9, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

John Nolan Webb, 40, of Louisa, died Sunday, June 8. He is survived by his wife, Diana Wilks Webb. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 10, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

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is 54. Rock singer Steve Walsh (Kansas) is 52. Comedian-actor Jim Belushi is 49. Country singer Terri Gibbs is 49. Actress Julie Hagerty is 48. Actress Eileen Davidson is 44. Actress Helen Hunt is 40. Rock musician Scott Rockenfield (Queensryche) is 40. Actress Courteney Cox is 39. Country musician Tony Ardo is 39. Country musician Michael Britt (Lonestar) is 37. Rock musician Jimmy McD (formerly of Jimmie's Chicken Shack) is 35. Actor-rapper Ice Cube is 34. Actress Leah Remini is 33. Actor Jake Busey is 32. Rock musician T-Bone Willy (Save Ferris) is 31. Actor Neil Patrick Harris is 30. Rock singer Dryden Mitchell (Alien Ant Farm) is 27. Rock musician Billy (Good Charlotte) is 22.

Thought for Today:

"The times are not so bad as they seem; they couldn't be." — John Franklin Carter, American commentator and author (1897-1967).

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WOMEN'S GOLF

StoneCrest to host 77th annual women's state am

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – The city of Prestonsburg is making a strong argument as one of the state's top golfing destinations. And StoneCrest Golf Course is the reason why.

Jason Crum, the head professional at StoneCrest, and staff, have spent most of the spring getting things together for a big event in early summer.

The 77th Women's Kentucky State Amateur Championship will be held at StoneCrest June 23-27. The event is open to women who are legal residents of Kentucky and members of clubs belonging to the Women's Kentucky State Golf Association.

The Women's State Am will begin on Sunday, June 22 at 11:30 a.m. with practice rounds. Weather permitting, the state event for the ladies will conclude on Friday, June 27 with the championship match. If everything goes smooth, as planned, with Mother Nature cooperating, the championship match will get underway on Friday around 10 a.m.

Each participant had the chance to play a free practice round June 1-22. The Board of Directors asked all players living

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PROFILE



After hoping to play for the Prestonsburg 9-10-year-old All-Stars last season, Erica Meade is one the players who'll vie for a spot on this year's HAP (Harold-Allen Prater) 9-10-year-old All-Stars. All-Star Selections could come as early as this week.

Man-made trout fishing flourishes

by STEVE VANTRESE
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — How does Kentucky's trout fishing of the present compare with that of the "good old days?"

There's no comparison at all, because Kentucky has no native trout population. The popular trout fishing in the Bluegrass State exists only through the efforts of fisheries managers and financing of the fishermen themselves.

"It's a user-paid program," said Benjy Kinman, chief of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' Fisheries Division.

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Steven Jones has qualified for an upcoming USATF event in Charleston, W.Va.

Jones headed to USATF Meet

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Auxier resident and Paintsville High School student Steven Jones qualified for USATF Region 5 competition in Charleston, W.Va. by placing in six events in Lexington at the USATF State Meet. At the USATF State Meet he

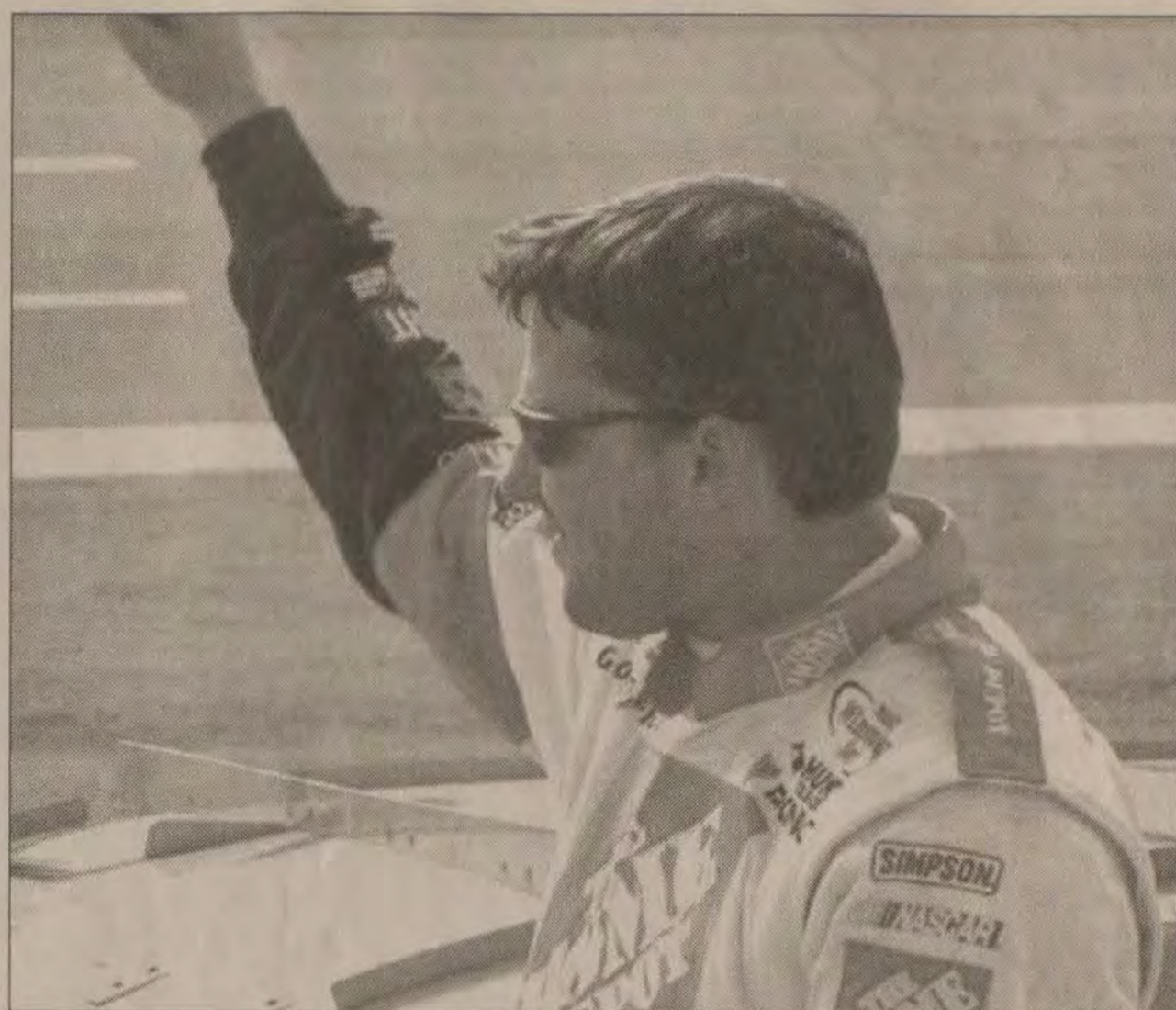
finished first in the pole vault, long jump, triple jump, 4x100 and 4x400. He also had a second-place finish in the 200-meter relay.

Jones competed in the region and qualified while still nursing a major injury to his left leg. He competed in the event with stitches still in his leg. At the state meet, he finished eighth in pole vault

and 10th in the long jump. He was the only sophomore in the top-eight in the pole vault and the only sophomore in the top-10 in the long jump event.

Jones attended grade school at Allen Elementary. He first enrolled at Prestonsburg High School

(See JONES, page three)



H.S. BASEBALL



Lawrence County pitcher Steven Blevins.

Lawrence beats Rebels, advances to Applebee's Park

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – The Lawrence County High School baseball team is headed to Lexington and Applebee's Park.

The Bulldogs beat Allen Central 4-1 in the first game of the doubleheader and rolled to a 9-1 win in the second game to advance to the State Tournament and Applebee's Park in Lexington.

Lawrence County sophomore hurler Steven Blevins went all seven innings for the win, striking out nine and giving up just four hits.

Juniors Eric Parker and Chris Pope,

(See REBELS, page two)

STEWART

gaining momentum near halfway mark

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BROOKLYN, Mich. – Nearly halfway through the season, Winston Cup champion Tony Stewart is finally gaining some momentum.

Stewart has been known as a second-half guy – a driver who gets better as the season wears on. That's the way it was last year, when he rallied

to win his first NASCAR title.

Tony Stewart

If he wants another championship this year, it's going to take a lot of momentum.

Going into the Sirius Satellite Radio 400 on Sunday at Michigan International Speedway, Stewart is 13th in the standings, trailing series leader Matt Kenseth by a formidable 540 points.

But with 22 of 36 races left, the driver of the No. 20 Joe Gibbs Racing Chevrolet is starting to roll.

"It's was a long time coming," said Stewart, who got his first victory of the season last Sunday at Pocono Raceway

That followed a fourth-place finish at Dover International Speedway

(See STEWART, page two)

AUTO RACING

Sponsor negotiations ongoing

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A report that wireless giant Nextel Communications is the leading contender to become the title sponsor of NASCAR's top racing

series is "fundamentally premature," NASCAR chairman Bill France said Wednesday.

France said discussions are still ongoing with four or five different companies to replace R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., which sponsors the

Winston Cup.

"It is fundamentally premature to say we are in final negotiations with anyone," France told The Associated Press. "We're still talking to several

(See SPONSOR, page two)



photo by Steve LeMaster

Prestonsburg High School players and coaches were out and passing Wednesday night.

H.S. FOOTBALL

Prestonsburg wins Morehead passing tourney

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MOREHEAD – After finishing in the final four of the University of Louisville Passing Tournament, the Prestonsburg High School football team moved on to their next destination: Morehead.

The Blackcats took on Morehead and won the tournament played there this past week. Teams Prestonsburg beat at Morehead included Lawrence County, Fleming County and Lawrence County B on the first day, and Raceland, Chesapeake,

(See PASSING, page two)



Prestonsburg Little League Orioles: Front row, left to right: Tyler Honeycutt, Blake Baldrige, Emily Mullins, Troy Mckenzie and Terry Adams. Second row, left to right: Cody Chaffin, Adam Griffith, Logan Evans, Madison Wright and Aaron Griffith. Back row: Coaches Owen Wright, Shamron McKenzie, Bryan Griffith and Ronnie Baldrige.

Prestonsburg Little League Diamondbacks: Front row, left to right: Troy Nairn, Kristany Setser, Shania Nichols and Trey Stapleton. Second row, left to right: Austin Nichols, Cody Holbrook, Derek Newsome, Austin Slone and Ryan Flannery. Back row: Coach Jeff Sloan.



DIRT TRACK

Kinzer Motorsports can't catch break at Dream race

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Brandon Kinzer Motorsports traveled to Rossburg, Ohio for the United Mid-West Promotions (UMP) sanctioned Dream at Eldora Speedway June 6-7.

The 9th Annual Dream got under way Saturday, June 7 after inclement weather forced fans to find shelter and drivers to anxiously wait for a rain decision. Despite running on slick track, a result of the mid-day start,

Kinzer set a time of 17.814 during qualifying and was sent to start the first heat outside row 2 in fourth. Seated behind Brian Birkhofer, the No. 18 Late Model dropped to sixth and finished seventh behind Jeff Taylor.

Sent to the C-Main, Kinzer started on the pole in front of Billy Drake's No. 9 racecar. Kinzer led the 15-lap consolation event and was sent to the B-Main with his C-Main win. Entering the B-Main fourth

from the back, the No. 18 seemed troubled from the start. On lap 10, Kinzer was forced to pull off the track citing unforeseen mechanical problems. With the failed attempt in the B-Main, Kinzer and crew experienced the feature as fans.

"The car felt pretty good during hot laps and qualifying, but as the day progressed the track became slicker. Despite all the effort made by Jimmy and the crew, we were one step behind what the car setup needed to be. We had hoped to make it into the Dream, but this experience will make us stronger for the World 100 in September. So far our season has been filled with quite a few hardships, but each event helps us learn for the next one," claimed Kinzer.

Up next for Brandon Kinzer Motorsports will be a June 21 race at Thunder Ridge.

Travels

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that they would have awarded Dylan first prize, but they didn't think it would be fair to the older kids.

But Dylan won something else that day. He caught the eye of Jason Brown, owner of Nice Skateboards. After learning that Dylan's parents were seeking a sponsorship deal, Brown signed him up. Dylan receives free Nice T-shirts and skateboard decks, which can cost more than \$50 each.

"He's a boy wonder," Brown said.

Julie Oliver could barely stand to watch when her son first began. She would hide her eyes when he dropped into the bowl at the extreme park, knowing he'd safely navigated the course only when the crowd began cheering. While she's slowly getting used to the tricks, she still won't let Dylan anywhere near the park's massive wooden halfpipe.

Although Dylan always wears a helmet, he doesn't use elbow and knee pads because he can't find any that fit. His right arm is covered with scrapes, and he's got bruises all over his legs. Julie Oliver said her son regularly visits the pediatrician, but Dylan takes the inevitable falls in stride.

"He bounces right back up like a rubber ball," she said. "You know, if the cat bites him at home, he cries forever. But with this stuff, which is 10 times worse than that, he won't cry at all."

Floyd Co. NWTF thanks supporters

The Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation had its 2nd Annual Super Fund Membership Banquet May 31 at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Conference Center and it was a tremendous success. We would like to thank everyone that participated in our event and we hope they enjoyed the dinner and activities as much as the banquet committee.

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The National Wild Turkey Federation is a national, non-profit, educational conservation organization comprised of state and local affiliates working for the restoration and wise management of the American wild turkey and other valuable natural resources. It supports scientific wildlife management on public, private, and corporate lands. It also supports traditional American sport hunting and every citizen's right to enjoy clean air and water and an esthetically pleasing outdoor environment.

We award an annual scholarship to outstanding graduating seniors pursuing an education in conservation, support 4-H programs and have an annual Jakes (juniors acquiring knowledge, ethics, and sportsmanship) event for members under 17 years of age. This year's event (free camping and food for jakes and their sponsor) will be August 15-16 at the German Bridge Camp Ground.

Our Chapter meets the first Thursday of every month at Martin City Hall at 7 pm. Everyone is invited. Thank you for helping us achieve our goals.

Paul Robinson Secretary and Treasurer, Floyd County Chapter NWTF

Sports Calendar

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.

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Where: W.D. Osborne Elementary Gym

Who's eligible: Students enrolled at W.D. Osborne Elementary, Grades K-4.

For more information, call 452-4553.

BASEBALL: TRYOUT CAMP

The Cincinnati Reds will hold a tryout camp at the Johnson Central on July 2. The tryout will start at 10 a.m.

Registration will begin one hour before the start of camp. All Legion players must bring with them written permission from their post commander or Legion coach to workout.

Any player who is under 21 years must have a written release from a parent or legal guardian accepting full legal liability in order to work out. There will be no exceptions. It must be a release, not a permission slip.

Jones

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before transferring to Paintsville. While at Paintsville, he has been a member of both the football and basketball teams and a track and field competitor. Jones will enter his junior school year when classes resume at Paintsville in August.

The USATF Region 5 event will be held in Charleston, W.Va. July 10-13.

Bengals

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very important to me."

Since he took over in January, Lewis has worked tirelessly on winning over jaded players and a community that threw up its hands as its football team became a national joke last year.

Lewis got his message across to players during minicamp practices and meetings, making it clear that expectations have escalated. To reach fans, Lewis has attended dozens of organization meetings and social gatherings, passing the word that things are changing.

Chris Cole, a Red Cross volunteer and Bengals season ticket holder for 23 years, smiled at what he heard.

"I'm delighted to have Marvin Lewis," said Cole, the chief executive of a small company in nearby Mason. "The number of changes he's made gives us excitement. It begins with integrity, and that came through today."

"We're not going to knock the lights out this year, but if we can show some real improvement, that would be a great thing."

Improvement won't be difficult — the Bengals are coming off the worst season in their 35-year history. They finished 2-14, drew the smallest crowds in Paul Brown Stadium's history, and fired coach Dick LeBeau a day after the season ended.

They brought in Lewis and gave him more authority than his recent predecessors got. They also let him become the team's spokesman, a role he relishes.

During his years as an assistant coach in Baltimore and Washington, Lewis was involved in numerous community organizations, including the Red Cross. He has kept up his involvement in Cincinnati, urged his players to do the

same, and has gotten a warm reception along the way.

"People are generally open to begin with," Lewis said after the luncheon. "They're willing to give you the benefit of the doubt. Things have been all favorable."

Lewis took time to sign autographs and pose for photographs before his speech.

"I'm very impressed with not only his caliber, but his community involvement," said Leo Caldron, an administrator at Northern Kentucky University. "I think he's going to bring in leadership that's badly needed."

Lewis' eagerness is a pronounced change for an organization that closed ranks and kept to itself during 12 ugly seasons. One tavern near the stadium now flies a banner that says, "Marvin Lewis For Mayor."

He knows that just as a politician's popularity can plummet fast, the fans can turn just as fast if the Bengals start losing again. Those in the audience Thursday liked what he said, but are waiting to see what his team does.

"How many wins? How many losses?" Caldron said. "People are hungry to have a winning team."

They haven't quite given up their pessimism, either. After Lewis' speech, the chairman of the local Red Cross chapter pulled out a gift.

"We would like to give you a disaster kit so you're well-prepared," Chairman Ron Brown said. "We know you're not going to need it in your role as coach of the Bengals — we now understand that. But you never can be too prepared for a disaster."

Brown handed him a red-covered box, then turned back to the microphone.

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

- Buccaneer
- Cannoneer
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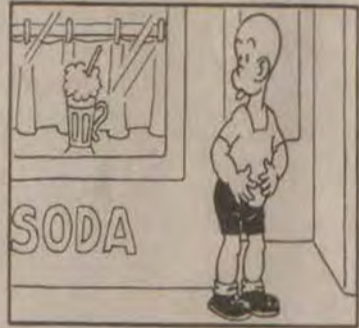
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Differences: 1. Letter on sweater is missing. 2. Newspaper has short sleeves. 3. Shoes are black. 4. House is gone. 5. Man is different. 6. Fence is different.

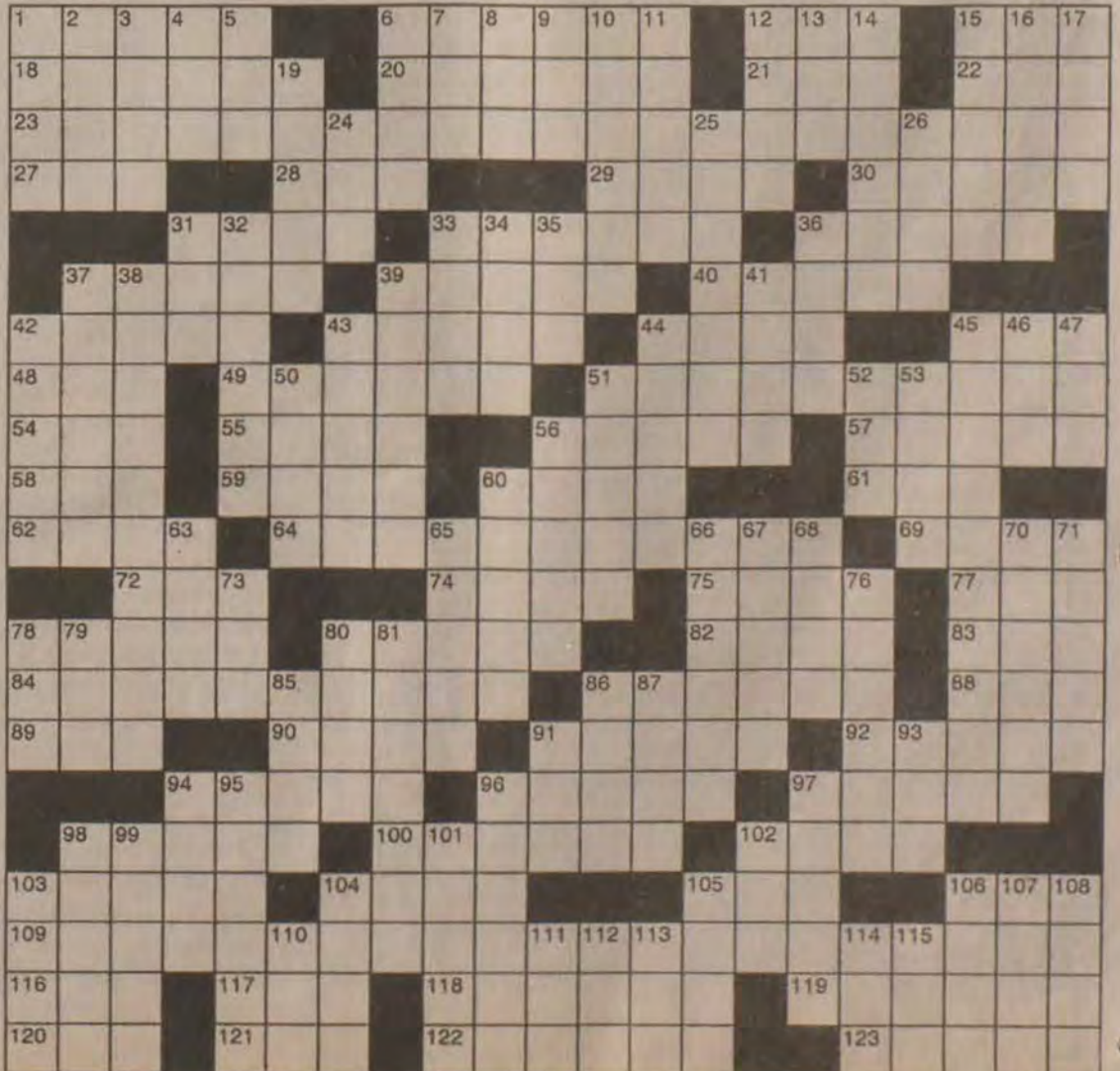
Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A2



Super Crossword

THE MOTHER LODE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Throbbled
 - 6 Space traveler
 - 12 They may be personal
 - 15 Greens org.
 - 18 Gumshoe
 - 20 Tristan's tootsie
 - 21 Trim the turf
 - 22 Moray, for one
 - 23 Start of a remark by Milton Berle
 - 27 Lamb's dam
 - 28 Unpopular picnicer
 - 29 WWII gun
 - 30 Dear book?
 - 31 Taj town
 - 33 Fir type
 - 36 Toast topping
 - 37 Eddy
 - 39 Apia's locale
 - 40 VCR button
 - 42 Ballet's Shearer
 - 43 Black or Carpenter
 - 44 Rotate
 - 45 Ample abdomen
 - 48 "— Shook Up" ('57 smash)
 - 49 Substantiated
 - 51 Part 2 of remark
 - 54 Bouncer
 - 55 Leander's love
 - 56 Revlon rival
 - 57 "M" man
 - 58 "Stroker —" ('83 film)
 - 59 Prophet
 - 60 42 Across movement
 - 61 — au vin
 - 62 "Dagnet" star
 - 64 Part 3 of remark
 - 69 Tube
 - 72 Gobble up
 - 74 Without — (daringly)
 - 75 Spring flower
 - 77 Writer
 - 78 Jergens or Afta
 - 80 Notre Dame's river
 - 82 Winslet of "The Life of David Gale"
 - 83 Formed a lap
 - 84 Part 4 of remark
 - 86 Relinquishment
 - 88 TV's "— Got a Secret"
 - 89 Fitting
 - 90 Tiers
 - 91 John of Bad English
 - 92 Behind
 - 94 Conductor
 - 96 Civic or Accord
 - 97 Risk a ticket
 - 98 "— Baby" ('60 song)
 - 100 Angola's capital
 - 102 Runners carry it
 - 103 Decorate
 - 104 "Yol" at the library
 - 105 Nav. rank
 - 106 TV-listing abbr.
 - 109 End of remark
 - 116 "The — Daba Honey-moon" ('14 song)
 - 117 Pewter base
 - 118 A Muse
 - 119 Verdi opera
 - 120 "The Bumping —" ('84 film)
 - 121 Crane
 - 122 Composer
 - 123 Merits
 - 9 Urban transport
 - 10 Forsyth's "The — File"
 - 11 Oscar de la —
 - 12 Exiled dictator
 - 13 Comic DeLuise
 - 14 Nobel and Garbo
 - 15 Phlox part
 - 16 Anthony of "General Hospital"
 - 17 Confederate
 - 19 Tangle
 - 24 Claire or Balin
 - 25 Japanese dish
 - 26 Khartoum's river
 - 31 Rock's — Supply
 - 32 Charts
 - 33 Stark
 - 34 Congregational comeback
 - 35 Actor Chaney
 - 36 O'Casey's "— and the Paycock"
 - 37 Comfort
 - 38 Gnu
 - 39 Spice-rack item
 - 41 Bunch of battalions
 - 42 Brilliant bird
 - 43 Asian nation
 - 44 Actress Marisa
 - 45 Bonus
 - 46 Legendary Bruin
 - 47 Mao — -tung
 - 50 Basketball's Willis
 - 51 Wishful winker?
 - 52 RN's specialty
 - 53 Parka
 - 56 Dramatist Edward
 - 60 Marshall or Singleton
 - 63 Cinderella's soiree
 - 65 They may be split
 - 66 Mr. Khrushchev
 - 67 Somber Elaine
 - 68 Location
 - 70 Yearned for yummys
 - 71 Spud
 - 73 Surrey snack
 - 76 Juan's wrap
 - 78 "Gotchal"
 - 79 Start to paint
 - 80 Buffalo forecast
 - 81 White Sox Hall of Famer
 - 85 Russian river
 - 86 Trick stick
 - 87 Turturro of "The Sopranos"
 - 91 Finished first
 - 93 Nourished
 - 94 Mythological meanie
 - 95 Apex
 - 96 '62 John Wayne film
 - 97 Incline
 - 98 Hacienda material
 - 99 Wanderer
 - 101 Deplete
 - 102 Loser's locale
 - 103 Jezebel's husband
 - 104 Twinge
 - 105 Secretary of Labor
 - 106 Aspen apparatus
 - 107 Beethoven's birthplace
 - 108 Pivot
 - 110 Vardalos of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"
 - 111 "Norma —" ('79 film)
 - 112 Explosive letters
 - 113 Round Table title
 - 114 Archaic preposition
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