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briefs

Potty break winds up in district court

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A man who allegedly relieved himself outside of a Floyd county bar pleaded guilty to district court charges on the same day he was arrested this week.

Timmy Hall, 36, of Galveston, pleaded guilty Wednesday in District Judge James R. Allen's courtroom to indecent exposure, public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

According to his arrest citation, filed by Floyd County Sheriff Deputy Delmas Johnson, the man was urinating on a wall outside of Vito's Lounge when he was arrested.

"The subject [Hall] came out of the building of Vito's and turned right-handed," Johnson wrote, noting that Hall placed one hand on the wall and his other hand "down to his genital area." "I got out of the vehicle and started toward the subject when a female walked by [him]. [Hall] was at this point urinating on the wall."

Hall pleaded guilty Wednesday morning and was ordered to pay nearly \$400 in fines.

He is being held at the Floyd County Detention Center to answer to arrest warrants in Johnson and Harrison counties.

Thompson's water plan nears completion

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — When he presented a massive plan to extend water lines to 95 percent of county residents, Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said the feat could be accomplished in five years.

Today, nearly four years later, officials report that the water extension plan is nearing completion, and marginally under budget. Though the plan hasn't reached all customers initially intended, city water has been extended to more people than originally estimated, Thompson said.

A report issued by the Southern Water and Sewer District indicates that 2,267

new customers have been added since the project started nearly four years ago, with 82 new water mains, 12 pump stations and 10 new tanks constructed.

Director Bob Meyer says he expects to see 300 more new customers signed up before the water expansion project is completed.

"I think you have to give a lot of credit

to the commissioners of the district and Judge Thompson and the fiscal court," Meyer said. "They have put a tremendous amount of financial support to expand water sources in southern Floyd County."

Thompson made the water extension project his "top priority" when he stepped

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Larry Adams of Transtar Ambulance helped youngsters from Prestonsburg Elementary exit his ambulance after a tour. Adams and Mike Lafferty gave a talk and demonstration of EMS Services to the children Thursday. The company serves Floyd, Letcher and Leslie counties.

Two given sentences for drugs

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Drug trafficker Jesse Compton, 25, arrested in an April 2003 drug roundup was formally sentenced Friday to the full eight years that was recommended by a Floyd County jury.

Compton's formal sentencing comes at the end of the same week that a jury trial resulted in a 10-year recommendation for Liz Goble, who was arrested in the same roundup.

Most significant about these cases is that each has had a resounding impact and resulted in scores of alleged traffickers abandoning the option to take their cases to a jury trial and opting instead for making blind guilty pleas without the benefit of a plea deal.

Compton's lawyer, Lowell Spencer, did ask for mercy and stated that prison had helped Compton beat his own addiction. He also said that prison would only harden Compton and likened it to "a college of hard knocks."

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne

Taylor countered by pointing out that Compton's sentence had been recommended by a jury which had heard all of the evidence in the case and carefully deliberated over its recommendation.

Judge Danny Caudill was impressed by the defense's first claim that prison had helped Compton lick his drug problem, but pointed out the inherent illogic in also saying that it was a bad place for Compton, as it had already done him the service of providing an environment that helped him kick his addiction to drugs.

Caudill went on to sentence Compton to the full eight years and admitted it was a hard thing to do when he announced his decision.

"This is not an easy decision for me, but we do have a drug problem here," Caudill said. "I have a duty to fulfill. This case was fairly tried. It doesn't make me happy to send a young person to jail."

The sentencing was followed by another one from the same roundup. In that

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Kim Mynhier enters the circuit courtroom before getting three years for drug trafficking. She entered a blind plea agreement and abandoned hopes for a trial after a Floyd County jury recommended an eight-year sentence for fellow dealer Jesse Compton, which a judge made final only moments earlier.

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Late court appearance nearly sends woman to jail

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Patricia Slusher, 33, was sentenced in Floyd County Circuit Court this week where she faced two charges of criminal abuse to a child under 12 years of age.

Slusher pleaded guilty and agreed to accept an offer from the common-

wealth attorney's office which offered to amend the first-degree criminal abuse charges to two counts of fourth-degree assault.

Slusher started out on the wrong foot with Judge Danny P. Caudill when she arrived late for court. He had her taken into holding until her case was called.

Caudill started out by threatening to send Slusher to jail for 12 months

for her tardiness in court.

"When you have somewhere important to go, take into consideration all factors and be on time," Caudill admonished Slusher, adding that he had not made his mind up whether or not he was going to incarcerate her for being late and that he would come back to that after

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Second competency hearing ordered for woman who crashed into Johnson judge

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Nippa resident facing various charges stemming from a 2003 car accident that left a Johnson County judge with serious injuries will undergo her second psychiatric evaluation, following an order filed yesterday in Floyd Circuit Court.

During a competency hearing Thursday, Dr. David Bliss, of Mountain Comprehensive Care, testified that Anita Kimbler was com-

petent to stand trial. Before the close of the hearing, however, Kimbler's attorney, Morehead public advocate Bob Gainstine, requested that Kimbler be evaluated at another in-house facility.

Kimbler was arrested following a January 2003 accident that sent Johnson County Judge Daryl Sparks to Cabell-Huntington Hospital with serious injuries.

According to the police report, Kimbler, who allegedly had a can of beer in her possession following the accident, pulled onto U.S. 23 from

Route 3224 in front of Sparks, who was unable to stop his vehicle in time to prevent hitting her.

Kimbler, whose car ended up on its side, was transported to Paul B. Hall Medical Center, along with her husband and Sparks, who were also injured, the police report says.

At the hospital, Johnson County Chief Deputy Darrell Preston reported that he found six hydrocodone pills in Kimbler's pocket, in a prescription pill bottle labeled under her

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Odds and Ends

■ **ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill.** — A patrolman from Wisconsin left his opponents in a cloud of powdered sugar dust by downing 9 1/2 doughnuts in three minutes to win a doughnut-eating contest for police officers.

Terry O'Brien of the Town of

Geneva Police Department in Lake Geneva, Wis., said he was destined to win Wednesday's contest because law enforcement runs in his family.

The International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association held the contest at its annual conference. The Dunkin' Donuts World Cop

Donut Eating Championship attracted 40 contestants from the U.S. and Canada.

Master of Ceremonies Ed Nowicki said he was amazed by what it took to win this year.

"I thought they'd do seven (doughnuts), maybe they'd do eight," Nowicki said. "I couldn't believe 10!"

Money raised through the entry fee and T-shirt sales was donated to the Law Enforcement Memorial Fund and the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association scholarship fund.

■ **NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — It was a case of being in the wrong pants at the wrong time.

Kendrick Gibson, 26, was arrested by police Thursday after failing to surrender himself for booking on a misdemeanor citation for a suspended license.

Authorities went to Gibson's residence to arrest him. With police inside his residence, Gibson began getting dressed, putting on a pair of blue jeans. He then suddenly took them off for another pair.

The officers became suspicious and found plastic bags containing crack cocaine and a small amount of marijuana in the pockets of the first pair.

Gibson also now faces charges of felony possession of crack for resale and misdemeanor marijuana possession.

■ **MEMPHIS, Tenn.** — A funeral home admitted it acci-

dentally switched the bodies of two deceased women, a family member said.

Tracey Meeks said officials from the M.J. Edwards Funeral Home informed her on Wednesday they had mistakenly buried her mother somewhere in West Tennessee the day before. But not without some prodding.

Meeks and her sister-in-law got tired of waiting to view the body Wednesday afternoon before a wake. After complaining, the funeral director pulled them aside.

"I joked, saying, 'What could be the problem, you buried the wrong body?'" Meeks said. "He turned to me and said, 'Exactly.'"

The funeral home refused to comment.

Robert Gribble, executive director of the Tennessee Board

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Kentucky loses 24,800 non-farm jobs in three years

by **ROGER ALFORD**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Donna Halsey thought she was on her way up at Sykes Enterprises.

Instead, the announcements came that the technical support company would close its operations in Pikeville and Hazard, and she was on her way out. The young mother was one of nearly 700 Sykes employees in Eastern Kentucky who lost their jobs over the past seven months.

"Nobody is going to find it easy to get another job," Halsey said. "There just aren't that many jobs around here."

Kentucky has been hit hard with job losses in the past three years, according to surveys of payroll records done by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Those payroll records show that the number of non-farm jobs fell by 24,800 in the state, from

1,791,500 in January 2001 to 1,766,700 in February 2004.

Sykes, a Florida-based company that operates centers where computer users can call for guidance when they have technical problems, cut 300 people in Pikeville and 393 people in Hazard. The company cited market conditions as the reason for closing the call centers, which opened only four years ago. Meanwhile, the company is opening and expanding call centers in El Salvador and Costa Rica.

"All the jobs are moving overseas, where people are willing to work for \$2 an hour," Halsey said. "It's what's better for the company's pockets. What this country needs to do is try to figure out how to stop big businesses from going overseas."

Halsey, 23, plans to return to college to study law enforce-

ment with hopes of landing another job in the Pikeville area. Until then, she said she and her husband Rusty, also a former Sykes employee, and their 4-year-old daughter Jasmine will struggle to make ends meet.

Kentucky Commerce Secretary Gene Strong said significant job growth in the state during 1990s began to slow at the end of 2000 before falling into the decline that cost the state so many jobs.

"Clearly the recession has taken its toll," Strong said.

Manufacturing, which typically offers some of the best wages in Kentucky, has been the sector hardest hit with job losses in the state over the past three years, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Lower-paying jobs in the leisure and hospitality sector actually increased over the period.

Bill Londrigan, head of the Kentucky State AFL-CIO, said the North American Free Trade Agreement, which went into effect in 1994, has had a harsh impact on workers from Pikeville to Paducah and beyond.

"They have placed American workers in direct competition with other countries where wages are a fraction of ours," Londrigan said. "We've set up a situation where American workers, even though they are the most productive workers in the world, cannot compete because it's such an unlevel playing field."

Londrigan said the textile industry in Kentucky is a prime example. Small clothing factories employed some 40,000 people across the state in 1993, a year before NAFTA. A decade later, that number is less than 14,000.

Earlier this year, state legislators unanimously passed a resolution, sponsored by state Rep. Lonnie Napier, R-Lancaster, encouraging Congress to repeal NAFTA because it has "produced unprecedented job losses

across Kentucky." The resolution said NAFTA has cost Kentucky more than 22,000 jobs.

Strong said he believes NAFTA contributed to the loss of textile plants in the state. But more recent job losses can be blamed on economic recession.

"I personally don't feel that NAFTA is the sole reason or major reason we suffered some of these job losses," he said. "I think in this instance, regardless of whether NAFTA is there or not, you were going to lose jobs."

However, Strong said he has seen evidence that companies now are looking to expand their operations in Kentucky. He said about 60 companies are currently looking at expanding existing operations or starting new operations in the state.

Richard Sandfer of Elizabethtown isn't hopeful. At 57, he and some 350 co-workers lost their jobs when Gates Rubber Co., which makes rubber belts and hoses for an assortment of manufacturers, shut down in March.

"It's just sad," said Sandfer, who worked at the Elizabethtown plant for 37 years and served as president of the local United Steelworkers of America union. "Our jobs went

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Supreme Court upholds Perry murder conviction

by **MARY MUSIC**
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Supreme Court upheld the 2002 conviction and sentence of a Perry County man who murdered his neighbor while he was mowing his yard, according to documents filed Wednesday in circuit court.

Dana Lloyd Napier, charged with the capital murder of Dairl Eddington in May 2001, was tried by a Floyd County jury and sentenced to 25 years by Circuit Judge John David Caudill in July, 2002. He appealed that conviction as a matter of routine with the Kentucky Supreme

Court, arguing that "prosecutorial misconduct" barred a retrial on the case, which faced a mistrial in Perry County after prosecutors allowed jury members to view photographs of the murder scene.

That allegation was found invalid by the Supreme court, which said the jury was not sworn in at the time they viewed the photographs. They were immediately discharged and the trial was rescheduled following the incident, a fact that provided an "appropriate remedy" to the situation, the Supreme Court ruled.

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The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, April 18, the 109th day of 2004. There are 257 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 18, 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Mass., warning American colonists that the British were coming.

On this date:

■ In 1906, a devastating earthquake struck San Francisco, followed by raging fires. About 700 people died.

■ In 1921, Junior Achievement, created to encourage business skills in young people, was incorporated.

■ In 1923, the first game was played in Yankee Stadium. The Yankees defeated the Boston Red Sox, 4-1.

■ In 1942, an air squadron from the USS Hornet led by Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle raided Tokyo and other Japanese cities.

■ In 1944, the ballet "Fancy Free," with music by Leonard Bernstein premiered.

■ In 1945, famed American war correspondent Ernie Pyle, 44, was killed by Japanese gunfire on the Pacific island of Ie Shima, off Okinawa.

■ In 1946, the League of Nations went out of business.

■ In 1978, the U.S. Senate voted 68-32 to turn the Panama Canal over to Panamanian control on Dec. 31, 1999.

■ In 1983, 62 people, including 17 Americans, were killed at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, by a suicide bomber.

■ In 2002, four Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan were killed when they were mistakenly bombed by an American F-16 pilot.

Ten years ago:

Former President Richard Nixon suffered a stroke at his home in Park Ridge, N.J., and was taken to New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center; he died four days later.

Five years ago:

NATO launched its most active day of airstrikes in its assault on Yugoslavia, pummeling refineries, bridges and dozens of other targets in the 25th straight day of attacks. Wayne Gretzky played his last National Hockey League game as his New York Rangers lost to Pittsburgh 2-1 in overtime at Madison Square Garden.

One year ago:

Iraqi police arrested Saddam Hussein's former finance minister (Hikmat Mizban Ibrahim al-Azzawi) and turned him over to the U.S. Marines. Scott Peterson was arrested in San Diego in the death of his wife, Laci, who was eight months pregnant when she vanished on Christmas Eve.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Barbara Hale is 83.

Blues singer Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown is 80. Actor Clive Revill is 74. Actor James Drury is 70. Actor Robert Hooks is 67. Actress Hayley Mills is 58. Actor James Woods is 57. Actress-director Dorothy Lyman is 57. Actress Cindy Pickett is 57. Country musician Walt Richmond (The Tractors) is 57. Country musician Jim Scholten (Sawyer Brown) is 52. Actor Rick Moranis is 50. Actress Melody Thomas Scott is 48. Actor Eric Roberts is 48. Actor John James is 48. Rock musician Les Pattinson (Echo and the Bunnymen) is 46. Talk show host Conan O'Brien is 41. Actress Jane Leeves is 41. Actor Eric McCormack is 41. Actress Maria Bello is 37. Rock musician Greg Eklund (Everclear) is 34. Rhythm and blues singer Trina (Trina and Tamara) is 30. Actress Melissa Joan Hart is 28. Actor Sean Maguire is 28. Actress Alia Shawkat is 15.

Thought for Today:

"It's what you learn after you know it all that counts." — Earl Weaver, baseball manager.

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School districts waiting to learn: How much money?

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Already denied a budget by the General Assembly, school districts now are looking for a sign from Gov. Ernie Fletcher: How much funding can they expect next year?

The answer would dictate how many teachers and staffers get retained for next year and how many get laid off — a decision that has to be made by April 30.

"It is absolutely critical that school districts get some very specific directions on what's going to be in the budget — and they need it yesterday. That obviously has to come from the governor," David Keller, executive director of the Kentucky School Boards Association, said Friday.

The politically polarized Kentucky House and Senate adjourned Tuesday without passing a budget, as also happened two years ago.

Barring a quick breakthrough that would lead Fletcher to call the legislature back into session, the governor would administer state government under an "executive spending plan" after the current budget expires June 30.

At a news conference on Wednesday, Fletcher said the extent of his authority was being

researched. He offered no details for a spending plan, nor did he say whether he intended to base it on his proposed budget or some variation. Fletcher noted that he had until July 1.

Not so with school districts, which by law have only until April 30 to notify employees whose jobs are not being renewed for the next year. Without notification, an employee has to be rehired.

The requirement applies to support staff as well as teachers.

School boards must adopt their own budgets by May 30.

In Caldwell County, Superintendent Bob Rogers said his 40 non-tenured teachers probably will be "pink slipped" — not rehired.

"Until the governor tells us what he's going to do as far as his spending plan, we're completely in the dark," Rogers said in a telephone interview. "It's going to cause anxiety to a lot of folks as they receive those letters, but we don't have any

choice."

Rogers said he could begin rehiring as soon as he could be told how much funding his system would get under Fletcher's plan.

Keller, of the school boards association, said it would help to be given even a general idea of Fletcher's plan, such as the percentage of pay raise districts would be required to give.

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Late

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her sentencing when he had "made up my mind."

Slusher was sentenced 12 months on each count of fourth-degree assault which was probated for 24 months and both sentences are to run concurrent with each other.

Caudill suggested Slusher get help for substance abuse and anger management. Along with the other conditions of her sentence Caudill also restricted

Slusher to being alone with any child under the age of 18 unless there was another adult present.

"If I see you in this court again," Caudill said, "I will not hesitate for a heartbeat to put you in jail for 12 months."

Slusher was taken back into holding until the end of court, when he addressed her again saying, "I am going to let you go home. Please make an effort to be on time next time."



Cole Burchett, son of Rachelle and Chris Burchett of Paintsville and Grant and Hannah Burkett, children of Jamie and Becky Burkett of Paintsville, paused for a picture with the Easter Bunny at an Easter egg hunt that took place on the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The Easter egg hunt was coordinated by Student Activities Coordinator Vera Joiner, the C.A.R.E. Club, Phi Theta Kappa and the Student Government Association.

Tina Conner loses appeal to have suit reinstated

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The one-time mistress of former Gov. Paul Patton lost an appeal Friday to reinstate most of a lawsuit against Patton and the state.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals said Tina Conner could not pursue a case for sexual harassment because Patton was not her employer, and the applicable law covered only workplace relationships.

Nor could she claim a viola-

tion of the Kentucky Civil Rights Act because there was no evidence that she was denied housing, public accommodations or financial services, a three-judge panel said.

Conner, who operated a nursing home in the western Kentucky town of Clinton, claimed Patton caused state regulators to ruin her business in retaliation for her ending their two-year affair. Her public allegations effectively ended Patton's political career. Patton's term as governor expired in December.

Conner sued Patton and the state in Franklin County Circuit Court in 2002, raising various claims that included sexual harassment, defamation and waste. The court dismissed all the charges except for a single allegation against Patton — that he engaged in outrageous conduct.

Meanwhile, the court also

upheld the dismissal of rape and sodomy charges against a Bullitt County man who was indicted in 1987 but never went to trial.

Prosecutors had alleged that Jackson Hugh Vincent committed the crimes between September 1984 to March 1985.

Vincent had an arraignment in January 1988 and the trial was scheduled to begin on two separate dates in 1989. However, nothing happened with the case until 1991, when Vincent asked for the case to be dismissed because of "pretrial delay."

The court made no ruling, and the case was dormant until The Courier-Journal newspaper of Louisville mentioned it in a series about case backlogs in Bullitt Circuit Court.

In December 2002, Vincent asked again for a dismissal. The circuit court dismissed the case in March 2003. The state was appealing the dismissal.

But a three-judge appeals panel upheld the circuit court's ruling. The court blamed prosecutors for taking so long.

"Dismissal of an indictment is a severe remedy and one that may allow a guilty person to go free without trial ... However, the right to a speedy trial and the overall fairness of our criminal justice system require that dismissal be the only remedy," Judge Thomas Emberton wrote in the opinion.

Drugs

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case, the defendant was Kim Mynhier, who bowed out of her trial after the Compton verdict and entered a blind plea.

Mynhier's attorney, public advocate Michael Studebaker, asked for leniency in her sentencing.

"She did save the commonwealth the cost of a trial," Studebaker pointed out.

Studebaker, who represented Liz Goble and saw her jury recommend the 10-year maximum sentence, also reminded the court that his client "took responsibility for her actions."

Wayne Taylor countered by reiterating that Mynhier had waited until her trial date was imminent and that the common-

wealth had prepared its case and was ready to seek the maximum sentence when the "blind plea" was entered.

Caudill opted to give Mynhier three years, with half of that time probated.

Hearing

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brother-in-law's name. The prescription had been filled earlier that day with 27 the pills.

Initially arrested for driving under the influence, second-degree possession and no insurance, Kimbler was indicted later that month on two counts of first-degree assault and for being

a persistent felon, a charge that could lend a stiffer sentence if she is convicted.

She's remained in custody since that time under a \$100,000 bond, despite three attempts by her attorneys to have it lowered.

She claims she is being treated unfairly by officials associated with the case.

Judge John David Caudill, appointed as special judge, signed the order Friday to have Kimbler receive a full in-house evaluation at the Kentucky Psychiatric Center at La Grange, a process that would take a month to complete.

"All this will result in her being incarcerated longer. If they want to do it, that's fine," said Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, acting as special prosecutor in the case.

Kimbler was found guilty in 1998 for trafficking marijuana near Paintsville Elementary School. She served a year on that charge.

She also pleaded guilty in 2001 to receiving stolen property, trafficking more than 8 ounces of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. A Johnson County judge sentenced her to two concurrent one-year sentences and one concurrent 12-month sentence for those crimes.

Gainstine could not be reached for comment.

Water

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up into the judge-executive's office. According to him, his desire to do so became apparent when he was working as Floyd County sheriff from 1994 to 1996, during which time an elderly Left Beaver couple became ill when e. coli contaminated their water supply. The husband was hospitalized, and later recovered, but the incident left a marked determination for Thompson to work on a water plan for the county.

"Everybody deserves good water," Thompson said.

In March 2000, the Beaver-Elkhorn and Mud Creek water districts merged to create the county's largest water district, in regard to area, a strategy used to make the area more competitive for grants and loans to extend water lines to the southern half of the county, which significantly lagged behind the northern part.

In April 2000, the Southern Water Sewer District signed a management contract with U.S. Filter, a company that cooperates with sewer and water systems all across the country.

Thompson presented his water line extension plan on Oct. 25, 2000, outlining a \$20 million dollar goal to extend waterlines to 1,749 people, mostly customers of the Southern Water Sewer District, within five years.

The Southern Water and Sewer District reports that they have nearly doubled that amount.

In 2000, the first initial expansion included the addition of 445 new customers and 24 miles of new lines in the Jacks Creek, Abner Mountain, Turkey Creek, Branham Creek and Henry's Branch areas.

Through an amnesty program, which waived the standard \$450 tap fee for six months,

more than 800 new customers were added in 2001.

The second major expansion, stemming from 2002 to 2004, gave rise to 592 additional customers in the Left Fork of Riley Branch, Deadening Fork, Keathley Fork, Middle Branch, Hunter Branch, Head of Weeksbury, Caleb Fork, Frasures Branch, Johns Branch, Frasures Creek, Spurlock Creek and Muddy Gut areas.

Expansions are currently underway at Sage Allen Branch, Mink Branch and John Hall Branch, the report says.

Projects were also completed at Rock Fork, Right Beaver Creek and work is currently underway to obtain funding for the district's first sewage project in Wayland, where a nine-month construction plan is expected to begin in June.

Meyer reported that the district has utilized nearly \$16 million dollars for the water expansion project, and will continue to seek additional funding for a variety of upcoming sewer projects, including the one currently underway in Wayland.

"We're really not in the final phase of expansion until we reach all the customers in Floyd County," Meyer said. "There are still public areas with no water, but we're probably pushing 90 percent of households in the southern part of the county."

Meyer pointed out that the district will now undertake several sewage projects, projects which will require much more funding.

Funds for the water expansion project came from a variety of sources, including coal severance funds, USDA grants and loans, AML grants, state funds, ARC grants, EPA funds, PRIDE funds and CDGB funds.

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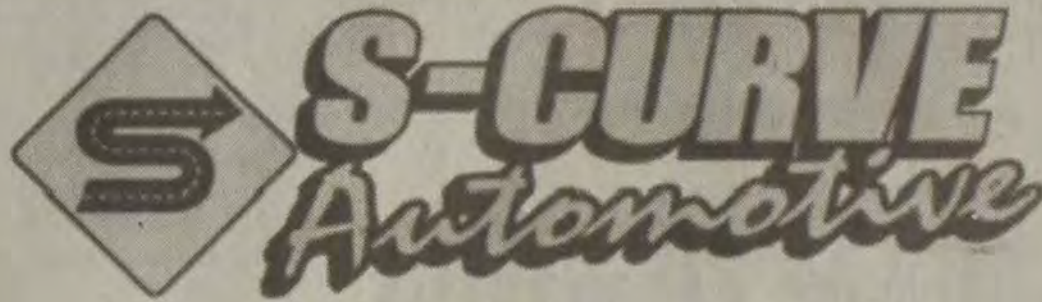
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Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society.

— Felix Frankfurter

GuestView

Book a refreshing view of East Ky.

Stereotypes are often helpful like when preparing for a visit from little ones. "All kids like ice cream" may not be exactly true, but it's true enough.

They can also miss the mark entirely, like "all politicians are corrupt."

Sometimes the stereotype is so prevalent, it is accepted by society as the norm, when there is no truth to it at all. A good example is that people from Appalachia are dumb because their English is so different from that spoken elsewhere.

If someone said to you "I ain't never done this afore," you might reasonably conclude that this is not the best educated person you've ever met, but you might be wrong.

A woman identified only as Sarah was about to flunk out of the teaching program at a West Virginia college to spite the fact that she had straight As in elementary and secondary schooling. But she spoke the language of her heritage which is a rich and storied one.

People from Appalachia refused to accept the rules, especially the ones that got into their pockets, laid down by England and moved into the mountains to escape the system. What developed was a society of its own, complete with a language adopted over generations that is different from the one spoken generally by the rest of the country. That doesn't make them stupid, it makes them different.

That is why reading the new children's book "A is for Appalachia" by Linda Hager Pack is so important. It paints, literally with illustrations by Pat Banks, a beautiful picture of mountain life. It even offers some explanation of why "they talk so funny."

Language to the people of Kentucky's Appalachia Mountains dates back to the Old English spoken by the early settlers. Even today traveling through the rugged region, visitors can hear a sprinkling of Old English words.

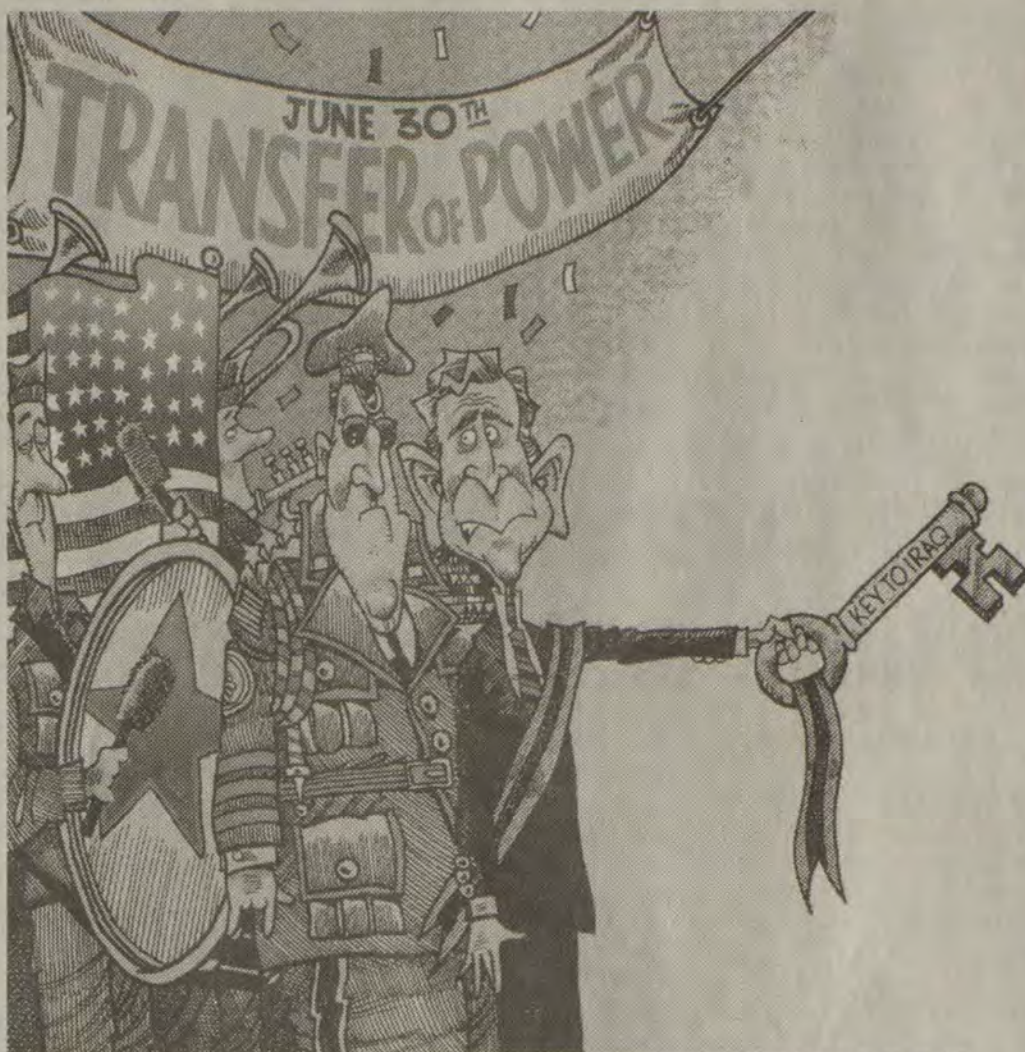
Holp, to help, is spoken by many of the older generation of mountaineers. The word dates back to Shakespeare.

For many years the mountaineers have suffered criticism and been the butt of many jokes about the "dumb hillbilly." Portrayed in movies and literature as violent, feuding inbreds, mountain people have had a strong fortitude to survive.

The book Pack wrote pays homage to the misunderstood mountaineer. Telling of the people and the skills they developed to survive the harsh life in the mountains. From coal miners to fiddle players to quilters, the people of the mountains are as colorful as the words they speak.

While we are supporting causes, speaking politically correct and becoming more tolerant of our fellow creatures, we need to take the time to look toward the mountains and get to know our brothers and sisters to the east.

— The Ledger Independent, Maysville



"OH, THAT MINOR OVERSIGHT."

— Jim Davidson

Beware of the things you pick up!

Several weeks ago I got a note from a lady who is a faithful reader down in the great state of Texas. Her name is Juanita Rogers and she is also a columnist for her hometown newspaper. The reason for her note was to comment on a recent column I had written about the fear of rattlesnakes. For the benefit of my good friends down in Sweetwater, Texas, where the "rattlesnake roundup" is held each year, what I was talking about was not so much about the danger of these reptiles but about some people who are as dangerous as rattlesnakes.

Juanita told me that one of the things she liked about Michigan, a state where she and her husband had formerly lived, is that you did not have to be fearful of snakes. She went on to say that my column reminded her of a story that she had heard many years ago.

After checking out a website she gave me, I learned that this story has been around for years and it apparently originated with the Native Americans

and has been handed down from one generation to the next. Hopefully you will appreciate this background information because it clearly demonstrates the truth that a good story will survive the test of time and remain in existence for many, many years.

This story contains a moral that will help any thinking person to live a happy and more rewarding life and it begins, "A man was walking along a mountain path when he came upon a snake. The weather was cold and the snake begged the man to pick him up and carry him inside his jacket so he could be warm.

"The man said, 'No I won't do that because you would bite me.'

"The snake promised he wouldn't and after much discussion back and forth the man agreed to do this for the snake if he promised he would not bite the man. The snake promised.

"The man had walked along the mountain path a little longer when the snake bit him. The man cried out, 'But you promised you would not bite me!'

"The snake replied, 'But you knew what I was when you picked me up.'"

Now that is a dandy statement that

we could ponder for the next 20 years. While this man did know that this was a snake, the central point here is that the snake lied to this kindhearted man. Unfortunately this has been going on since the days of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

Here I might pose this question for you to think about. Have you ever had anyone lie to you and it caused you great harm or misfortune? If you have, then you should get the moral of this story.

Every once in a while I run across someone who is really singing the blues because of some lapse in judgment and they often say, "I should have known better." Whether it's a business deal gone bad, a personal relationship that ended tragically or some person had taken them to the cleaners, it

was later revealed that this person had unfortunately checked their brains at the front door and they were taken advantage of. It's true. We must be careful when we pick up things that are harmful to us. Some people will just flat out lie. I don't have to tell you that Satan uses people to accomplish his evil schemes. In addition to the things I mentioned earlier, there are many harmful things we can pick up, like drugs, cigarettes (ever hear of a smoke-free environ

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— beyond the Beltway

Iraq is starting to look a tad like Vietnam

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

The war in Iraq is now a year old; almost as old as President Bush's "mission accomplished" performance. You have to wonder what mission he was talking about.

This, basically, is what we were promised by this administration on the eve of the war:

Weapons of mass destruction — chemical, biological and perhaps even nuclear weapons — in the hands of Saddam, ready for use.

Evidence that Saddam was a kingpin in the international terrorist movement, colluding with Osama bin Laden to do us ill.

A welcoming Iraqi population that would greet us as liberators, sort of like Paris after World War II, but with turbans.

A quick resumption of order after which

we would install a user-friendly government and start building a prosperous, democratic society that would serve as a beacon of enlightenment to all of the Middle East.

Which one of those promises has been redeemed? We have yet to find a weapon of mass destruction much more lethal than a rifle grenade; evidence points to the fact that Saddam and Osama were rivals, rather than allies; only part of the population welcomed us warmly and many of them have since turned against us; and instead of order, chaos has reigned in much of the country and is getting worse. And that's not all of it.

Just before the war, Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, the army's chief of staff, told Congress that he expected the occupation of Iraq would take "something on the order of several hundred thousand troops." His bosses went ballistic. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, one of the chief architects of the invasion, called the estimate "wildly off the mark." He said the population would be friendly. He said that many nations that didn't back us on the war would sign up to help us.

"I would expect that countries like France will have a strong interest in assisting Iraq in reconstruction," he said. He forgot to tell the French.

Nor was it just Wolfowitz by any means. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld also scoffed at Shinseki's estimates and when the Secretary of the Army sided with the general, Rumsfeld

fired him.

When experts estimated that the war would cost us \$95 billion in the first year, Wolfowitz said it wouldn't. Those experts ignored the fact that Iraq was a wealthy country, he said. "To assume we're going to pay for it all is just wrong." In other words, this administration has been wrong at every turn and continues to be wrong.

During the past two weeks a bad situation has become dramatically worse, with signs that even those who rejoiced when Saddam was deposed are now turning against us. When militia of a militant Shiite cleric ambushed and killed four U.S. mercenaries in Fallujah, the larger population turned out to burn their bodies and hang two of the corpses from a bridge.

As the week went on the attacks against our troops increased in intensity and began to spread until Iraqis who were neither followers of Saddam nor the militant cleric were joining in against us. And still we cling to the fiction that we will "turn over control" of the country to an Iraqi authority on June 30, the deadline set by the president.

I suppose we'll turn something on June 30, but control won't be it. Not only do we not have any control to turn over, there is no legitimate Iraqi authority to turn it over to. The gang who got us into this mess — Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz, Perle and the rest

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Faith Extra

Minister's Moment: Not for members only

by REV. THOMAS BIDDLE
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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCHES

A few years ago, through the invitation of a friend, I had the opportunity to play golf at an exclusive country club in Louisville. I had only been playing golf for a short time, so to have this opportunity was a real treat. For just a moment, I felt like I was "somebody."

It didn't take long, though,

for me to realize that this was a place I didn't belong. People were dressed nicer than I was. They all knew their way around. It took me 10 minutes to just find the bathroom. The other people playing the course knew where to hit the ball, and could hit it.

I'm not sure how many golf balls I lost that day. I just know that at the end of the day, I thought this is a place "for members only."

After a recent conversation

with some people, I got to thinking that sometimes our churches are like that country club — "for members only."

What started our conversation was the way churches greet and interact with those who visit their churches for the first time. One of the person involved in the conversation shared how, when he visited one church, the first person he met quickly changed directions once she spotted him. Another gentleman just about ran over him, but still

offered no greeting. In fact, he said, he got all the way into the main worship area and stood there for a long time before anyone acknowledged him.

Personally, I have the experience of once walking into a church, being able to go through almost the entire building and out another door, and not one person would have known I had been there.

What I want to say is this: Wal-Mart has a person at the door to greet you for a reason.

When Sam Walton opened the stores, he felt that it was important that people felt welcomed with a friendly greeting as soon as they entered the door.

What is good for business is also good for church. People need to be encouraged that this is a place they belong and are welcome to come and enjoy the services we provide.

As churches, we have the greatest product in the world in the form of Jesus Christ. Yet, some people miss out on it because we don't treat people with the same love that He shared.

Throughout the Bible, we see Jesus welcoming people when

others felt they didn't belong. (The children — Mark 10:13-14, Luke 7:36-39, Luke 19:1-10.) If only we could all have the same attitude.

Charles Swindoll tells the story in his book "Dropping Your Guard" about an army buddy of his who said it was a shame that the church couldn't treat people the same as the local bar. He said, "There, people at least act like they genuinely care and will listen to you. Sadly, the church sometimes doesn't."

I have some suggestions for any church that can help it cre-

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Politicians navigate clash in public policy, private expressions of faith

by NANCY BENAC
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Since the days of John F. Kennedy, modern politicians have tried to have it both ways on matters of religion — espousing personal religious beliefs that at times are at odds with their public policy pronouncements.

Democrat John Kerry is the latest candidate to navigate this terrain, offering himself as a practicing and believing Roman Catholic who nonetheless holds positions contrary to the teachings of his church. Kerry supports abortion rights, stem cell research, the death penalty for terrorists and civil unions for gay couples — all opposed by the church hierarchy.

President Bush, to a much lesser extent, occasionally has found himself at odds with leaders of his denomination, as

when prominent Methodist leaders preached against the war in Iraq as a violation of God's law.

But candidates who disagree with their church leaders aren't necessarily always in disagreement with their fellow parishioners — also known as voters.

American Catholics, for example, disagree with their church on birth control and a number of other issues "and they're not going to punish Catholic politicians for sharing their views," said Alan Wolfe, a Boston College political scientist and author of several books tracking social and religious trends.

"American Catholic politicians pay very little attention to the idea that their votes as public servants should be guided by their religion, and most American Catholics completely support that," Wolfe said.

In Kerry's case, his religion

is "creating an affinity for him among Catholics," despite his disagreements with church teachings, said Democratic pollster Celinda Lake.

Recent polls show a majority of American Catholics support abortion rights.

Still, the clash between a candidate's personal religious beliefs and public policy stances is getting a closer look this year in part because of increasing impatience among some Catholic leaders with politicians who claim the faith but say they don't want to legislate personal beliefs. Earlier this year, for example, Archbishop Raymond L. Burke of St. Louis said he would deny communion to Kerry because of his views. Archbishop Sean P. O'Malley of Boston, Kerry's hometown, suggested a similar penalty for those in conflict with the church without naming the senator.

The nation's Catholic bishops late last year created a task force to consider whether to recommend sanctions against Catholic politicians who favor policies contrary to church teachings. Among the options are denying access to Catholic schools or hospitals that might be used for campaign events to denying communion and seeking excommunication.

The task force is headed by Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, the Washington archbishop. Kerry met privately with McCarrick on Thursday for 45 minutes in what was characterized as a get-to-know-you session. It was not known whether the work of the task force came up.

McCarrick declined comment on the meeting. But a few days earlier he seemed open to

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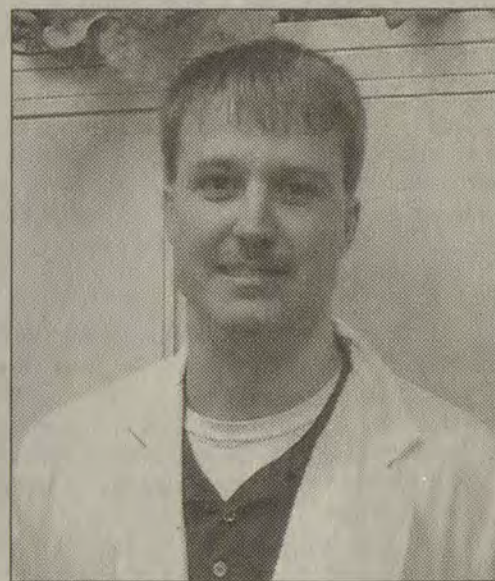
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Floyd County

Lillian Thornsbury Kendrick Blackburn, 70, of Martin, died Monday, April 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

John Clark Flanery, 42, of Langley, died Monday, April 12, at the St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Darlena Hammonds Flanery. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Marcella Campbell Gobel, 79, of Ivel, died Friday, April 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Raymond Hall, 47, of Lackey, died Friday, March 19, at Pippa Passes. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Lee Hall. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Halie Hughes, 85, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, April 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Hobert Hurt, 79, of Martin, died Friday, April 9, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 12, at under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Reba Johnson, 52, of Melvin, died Saturday, April 3, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services

were conducted Wednesday, April 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Claude Johnson, 76, of Bevinville, died Monday, March 29, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, McDowell. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine Martin Johnson. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Keith Eugene Marslett, 37, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, April 2, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Richard Earl Martin, 74, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, April 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Vaughn Martin. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 13, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Alma Jean Meade, 75, of Melvin, died Tuesday, March 30, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, at McDowell. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Toy E. Mitchell, 77, of Galena, Ohio, died Friday, April 9, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Winifred Mitchell. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 13, under the direction of Newcomer-Farley Funeral Home.

James Morton, 79, of Stanville, died Saturday, April 10, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 14, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Dollie M. Patton, 84, of New London, Ohio, died Friday, April 9, at New London Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 13, under the direction of Eastman Funeral Home, New London.

Rev. Vernon Slone, 77, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, April 11, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Alice Lavonne "Bonnie" Pitts Slone. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Denver Stewart, 69, of Honaker, died Tuesday, March 30, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Phillip Braydon Wells, two-months-old son of Phillip and Elizabeth Shepherd Wells of David, died Saturday, April 10, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday,

April 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Pike County

Biven Bartley, 99, of Pikeville, died Sunday, April 11. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 14, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Willis David Collins, 53, of Pikeville, died Sunday, April 11. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 14, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

James Harvey "Jimmy" Damron, 50, of Pikeville, died Saturday, April 10, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 13, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Dallard Hall, 80, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, April 13, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 15, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Kevin Howell, 39, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, April 13. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Paul Hylton, 78, of Marrowbone Creek, died Friday, April 9, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Geneva Hill Hylton. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 12, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Marcus Lawson and William Bradley Lawson, twins, died Thursday, April 8, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Graveside services were conducted Saturday, April 10, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Ellen Elaine Craven Leisure, 64, of Pikeville, died Thursday, April 8, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. A memorial service was conducted Wednesday, April 14, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Hiram Richard McCoy, 52, of Jimmies Creek, died Monday, April 12, the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident at Millard. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 15, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Mary Magdalene Miller, 79, of Pikeville, died Saturday, April 10, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

James Carroll "Jim" Morton, 79, of Pikeville, died Saturday, April 10, at Pikeville Health Care Center. He is survived by his wife, Arlene Powers Morton. Funeral services were

conducted Wednesday, April 14, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Lawrence James Ray, 73, native of Pike County, died Saturday, April 10, in Portage, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 15, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Sidney Allen Tackett, 72, of Grundy, Virginia, a native of Dorton, died Tuesday, April 6, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. He is survived by his wife, Mildred Whited Tackett. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 8, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

Geroyd "Log" Thacker, 64, of Regina, died Saturday, April 10, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 13, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Jeanette Louise Vanhooze Adkins Brown, 68, died Tuesday, April 6, at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 10, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Joe M. Butcher, 69, native of Williamsport, died Friday, March 26, in Titusville, Florida. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 29, under the direction of North Brevard Funeral Home.

Opal Castle, 86, of Paintsville, died Friday, April 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 12, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Malta Marie Clay, 72, a native of Stambaugh, died at her residence in Port Richey, Florida. She is survived by her husband, William E. Clay. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 10, under the direction of Chamberlain-Huckerriede Funeral Home, Lima, Ohio.

Henry Thomas Hammond, 76, of Hager Hill, died Saturday, April 10, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 12, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Deanna Carol Jones, 37, a Johnson County native, died Sunday, April 4. She is survived by her husband, Gary Jones. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 9, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Bob Pelphrey, 67, a Paintsville native, died Friday, April 10, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Martin Pelphrey. Funeral services were

conducted Monday, April 12, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Richard Scott VanHoose, 26, a native of Ashland, died Friday, April 9, in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 11, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Knott County

Archie Combs, 72, of Mousie, died Saturday, April 3, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. He is survived by his wife, Anna Ray Combs. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 5, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Eva Elizabeth Craft, a Knott County native, died Monday, March 15, in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Burial was Thursday, March 18, at Little Memory Baptist Church of Sunman, Indiana.

Brian Keith Johnson, 42, of Amburgey, died Friday, April 2, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Donna Johnson. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 5, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Scott Mullins, 41, of Mousie, died Sunday, March 28, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Donna Fugate Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 31, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Socie Hall Osborne, 82, of Dema, died Tuesday, March 30, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

David M. Slone, 47, of Topmost, died Saturday, April 3, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, McDowell. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Martin County

Lucian Thomas "L.T." Hardin, 74, of Inez, died Saturday, April 10, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Goble Hardin. Funeral services were conducted

ed Tuesday, April 13, under the direction of Richmond Callahan Funeral Home.

Marcus Lawson and William Bradley Lawson, twin sons of Lloyd Lawson Jr., and Phyllis Jean Mollett, of Martin County, died Thursday, April 8, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Graveside services were conducted Saturday, April 10, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Delphia Stevens Roark, 80, of Salyersville, died Friday, April 9, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 12, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Obituary

Bill Calhoun

Bill Calhoun, age 62, of Prestonsburg, passed away, Thursday, April 15, 2004, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, following an extended illness.

He was born May 25, 1941, in Prestonsburg, a son of the late Joe and Rosie (Warriss) Calhoun. He was a self-employed painter, a veteran of the Vietnam war, and was a member of the Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg.

He is survived by one brother, Dewey Calhoun of Indiana; three sisters: Mae Sizemore of Ada, Ohio, and Faye Gray and Mary Alice Miller, both of Prestonsburg; several nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Dotie Hastings.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, April 18, at 1 p.m., at the Burke Funeral Home, in Prestonsburg, with Rev. William Canterbury officiating.

Burial will be in the Richmond Memorial Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home, where an evening service will be conducted Saturday, at 7 p.m. (Paid obituary)

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In his argument for an appeal, Napier also alleged jury tampering and argued against the change of venue in the case, but the Supreme Court found no fault in either instance.

They handed down an opinion affirming Caudill's sentence April 8.

Napier shot Eddington, his neighbor, with a 12 gauge shotgun while the man was mowing his lawn in Perry County. Apparently, the shooting occurred because of a land dispute between the two.

Napier's two sons reportedly told authorities that Napier confessed to the shooting and asked them to dispose of the gun after the investigation of the scene.

Napier was represented by attorneys Ned Pillersdorf and Joseph Lane.

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to Mexico."

Sandfer said his chances of being hired by another company are slim, not just because of his age, but because job prospects are so slim right now.

"I'm hoping it will turn around at some point, but right now, I really don't see it happening," Sandfer said. "I think it's going to take some in our federal government that have enough brass to stand up and not let all our jobs leave this country."

Odds

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of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, said his office rarely gets complaints about mixed-up bodies.

A funeral home found guilty of mixing up bodies could lose its license, be fined up to \$1,000 or receive a letter of reprimand.

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — A pregnant woman who couldn't make it to a hospital in time gave birth to her son on the sidewalk outside the medical center. Janet Schlump's husband, Brian, set off for the hospital

Moments

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ate a more visitor-friendly atmosphere.

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If you really want to know all the things that can help a visitor to your church, for one Sunday, go and be a visitor at another church, just to remind you what it is like to be somewhere for the first time.

My prayer always is that all churches would realize that God's love is for everybody, and we should never become an organization that is "for members only."

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Fletcher: House, Senate leaders must agree on session

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by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher made no promises Friday in a written response to House Speaker Jody Richards' request for Fletcher to call the General Assembly back into session to get a budget.

Instead, Fletcher told Richards to "begin working toward consensus" with his archrival, Senate President David Williams, who sent the speaker a letter of his own.

The General Assembly adjourned Tuesday night without a budget, and Fletcher has singled out Richards for blame.

The Republican-controlled Senate demanded that a budget contain tax code changes Fletcher proposed. Democrats who control the House refused. They had earlier refused to act on the tax plan separately.

On Thursday, Richards urged Fletcher in writing to bring the legislature back to the capital.

In his response, Fletcher said he needed to be sure that Richards was serious. He noted Richards' comment earlier in the week that a special session

would be adjourned immediately by the House. Richards, in a telephone interview Friday night, said he was talking about a special session on taxes, not on a budget.

"We feel that the people want a budget, and that's what we're working toward," Richards said. "We would be willing to work with the governor and with the Senate after we get a budget — to go on and work on tax modernization."

But Williams, in his letter to Richards, said "updating our antiquated tax code" had to be part of the deal.

Fletcher proposed to broaden certain taxes on corporations, but at sharply lower rates, and make a modest cut in individual income taxes. To offset those revenue losses, he proposed to raise taxes on tobacco, alcohol and hotel rooms and to impose a tax for the first time on satellite television services.

Richards and other Democrats said the net effect would be tax cuts for business and tax increases for most individuals.

Fletcher, to placate legislators who signed pledges not to raise taxes, designed his tax plan to

"revenue neutral" for up to two years. By definition, it would have little appreciable effect on the upcoming, two-year budget period. Yet, Williams insisted further budgeting could not accurately be done without it.

Revenues have fallen short of budgeted spending for four years in a row. And within the past year, Kentucky's tax laws governing holding companies and cable television franchises have been declared unconstitutional.

"Unfortunately," Williams told Richards, "you still fail to

recognize that it is not possible to develop a budget without knowing the state's revenue situation."

Williams also asked Richards to submit his own tax reform plan, after which negotiations could begin. He said Richards publicly claimed in a March 19 news conference to have such a plan; Richards denied it.

Richards said the starting point could be a bill for pared-down business taxes the House passed before adjourning Tuesday night.

Fletcher, in his letter, said a

special session should resurrect two other initiatives, both promoted by first lady Glenna Fletcher, that failed to pass.

One was "Read to Achieve," a program for young, struggling readers. The other was creation of a "Healthy Kentucky" commission to promote lifestyle changes such as smoking cessation and weight loss.

Fletcher said he felt "deep disappointment that, under your leadership, the House killed both of the First Lady's initiatives. ... Any special session should include an agreement on these measures as well."

The governor has sole authority to set the agenda for a special legislative session. But Richards said he would advise against any issue besides a budget.

"I think there will be mounting pressure on legislators and the governor to have a special session that deals with the budget and is not complicated by other factors," he said.

A pink slip, once given, could not be lightly rescinded, educators say. There would be an immediate question about whether affected employees could file for unemployment — a further expense to districts. And if the pink slip is not rescinded by June 30, the job has to be advertised anew.

Moreover, there is a hidden cost, said Superintendent Kay Freeland of Rowan County: A teacher lacking a reasonable expectation of being rehired will be out looking for a job instead of going to summer training.

"These are tough decisions. These affect people's lives. We need to have some guidance from Frankfort," Freeland said.

In a related development Friday, Attorney General Greg Stumbo encouraged Fletcher in a letter to call a special legislative session and to try to "facilitate agreement" among the warring leaders of the Republican-controlled Senate and Democrat-controlled House.

Fletcher: Companies can resume license tax deduction

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher on Thursday said companies could resume claiming a disputed tax deduction without fear of penalty in the event a pending lawsuit eventually goes against them.

The deduction, for license taxes paid by subsidiaries of Kentucky-based corporations, was declared unconstitutional because the state withheld it from holding companies headquartered in other states.

The General Assembly last year passed an emergency bill to continue most of the deduction for another year. Its cost to the state was estimated at \$60 million. Then-Gov. Paul Patton vetoed it.

A group of corporations later sued, claiming Patton illegally issued a "line-item" veto on a bill that did not make appropriations. That suit is pending in Franklin County Circuit Court.

Fletcher, who replaced Patton as defendant, now finds himself wanting to defend his veto authority but also wanting the tax deduction.

Under a new policy

announced by Fletcher and Budget Director Brad Cowgill, corporations that qualified for the deduction under the bill Patton partially vetoed can take it immediately.

Cowgill said the policy was based on a rule that says taxpayers who work on the Revenue Cabinet's advice will not be obliged to pay interest and other penalties.

"They can pay with or without a deduction as they elect," Cowgill said at a news conference. "But they can act with the assurance that no penalty will be imposed by the Revenue Cabinet by this administration, so long as they act in accordance with the bill that was vetoed."

Cowgill said corporate taxpayers would be getting a letter outlining the plan. Corporate license taxes are paid quarterly, and Thursday was a payment date.

The General Assembly this year passed a bill that would partially address the court ruling about disparate treatment of in-state and out-of-state companies. It would apply only to banks.



The Cisco Networking Class at the Pikeville Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College recently completed a community service project at Christ Central School. The project has taken more than two semesters and has included the installation of new ethernet switches, required over 500 yards of CAT 5 cable and the setup of lab and classroom computers on a network. Students were instrumental in the design of the network and documentation of media used. The students setup wall plates, installed patch cables, installed network cards, setup computer operating systems and researched network related topics as needed. Pictured, from left to right, are Steve Johnson, Matthew Short, Jason Gilliam, John Hatfield, Clinton Coleman, Jimmy Hinkle, Brandon Belcher, Richard Roe and Nathon Johnson. Missing from picture are Mark Walker, Jeremy Justice, Ken Goble and William Russell.

Davidson

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ment?) liquor, gambling, pornography, prostitutes, bad habits of various kinds and sometimes even more destructive attitudes of anger, hatred, intolerance and greed.

Now, lest you think I am being judgmental let me be very clear here. In my earlier days I used to judge other people but I quit when I found myself doing many things that were far worse than what I was judging others for.

As I have said many times in the past, I am just a sinner that has been saved by God's amazing grace. There is a vast difference between being judgmental and having a deep love for other people and wanting the very best for their lives. While I never want to take myself too seriously, I take what I do and what I write in this column very seriously.

Here is only one of the reasons why this is true. A few weeks ago I got a wonderful letter from a reader in Oklahoma who said,

"We greatly look forward to many more years of your articles and insights. With six adult children and 13 grandchildren, we have found many situations your articles apply to. I often mail things to the kids. They seem to take it to heart better when someone besides mom and dad is saying it."

This is certainly not original, but the bottom line is this. When we play with fire we are going to get burned. It does not take a genius to understand this truth, but there are millions of people in our country who make poor choices every day and not always, but in many cases, the choices they make literally destroy their lives. We should really be aware of the things we pick up. Our future depends on it.

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

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Governor's Scholars pay price for no budget

The Associated Press
 LOUISVILLE — Students in Kentucky's popular Governor's Scholars Program will be among the first casualties of the legislature's failure to pass a budget.

A total of 150 of the state's highest achieving students have been cut from the program, which offered opportunities on three college campuses.

In past years, 1,000 high school juniors have taken part, but Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration sent acceptance letters out to only 850 on Thursday. The reduction will save the state about \$300,000 out of a \$15 billion budget.

The cuts come two days after Kentucky lawmakers adjourned the 2004 General Assembly without solving a budget stale-

mate. "It's such a glaring example of our failure," said state Sen. Tim Shaughnessy, D-Louisville. State Education Secretary Virginia Fox defended the decision, saying the state has to act cautiously without a spending plan because there might not be enough money for 1,000 students by the summer.

"I do not want to mislead these young people," she said.

The program allows students to live on college campuses for five weeks, study advanced courses and gives them a better shot at college scholarships. About 14,500 students have participated in the program since it was created in 1983.

News of the cuts upset some of the 1,700 Kentucky students who are finalists for the highly sought-after slots.

"I'm disappointed, obviously," said Elise Reed, 17, a junior at Louisville's Assumption High School. "It means there's less chance I would get in and my friends would get in."

Fox said that in addition to selecting 850 students, the state notified another 150 students that they are alternates. They could be accepted if the budget situation changes, but that's uncertain, she said.

Shaughnessy said he objects to classifying 150 students as alternates and noted the Patton administration continued to fund the program at 1,000 slots without a budget in 2002. He called the designation as alter-

nates "a great disservice to these young people."

A spokesman for Fletcher declined to comment on the matter Thursday, referring a reporter from the Courier-Journal in Louisville to the Education Cabinet.

The Governor's Scholars Program — aimed at keeping bright students in Kentucky — has broad support among lawmakers of both parties.

Sen. Lindy Casebier, R-Louisville and chairman of the Senate Education Committee, said he was sorry to learn of the administration's decision.

"It's just unfortunate that we

weren't able to fund the positions the House and Senate restored," he said. "That's going to impact a lot of kids."

Assumption college counselor Elaine Salvo said 14 students at her school are finalists, and all were aware the program could be cut.

"My students are storming my door," she said. "They're on pins and needles."

Salvo and other high school counselors said not only does the program offer students enriched learning and a taste of college life by living on campus — it opens opportunities for college scholarships at

Kentucky schools.

Pam Robertson, a counselor at Louisville's Central High School, said the program has been especially beneficial to its students — many of whom are minorities — because it offers them opportunities that might otherwise be beyond their reach.

"Many of these kids are first-generation college applicants," she said. "It is their first experience at any access to college life."

Among such students is Central High junior Kanika House, 16, who said she was thrilled to be selected as a finalist. Students' applications are first reviewed at their schools and then at the school district before being sent to Frankfort for final selection.

House said money is tight in her home, and she believes the program would offer her a better chance at a college education and a career.

"I want to be able to go places, to get out and do more things," she said. "I want to go to college."

House said she hopes the reduction in slots doesn't diminish her chances.

"I'm very concerned about that," she said. "I know there's some way they can fund these programs."

Information from The Courier-Journal, www.courier-journal.com.

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— remains as clueless today as it was the day before the war.

After a week of vicious attacks on our troops, Paul Bremer, the top American official in Iraq, said, "Basically Iraq is on track to realize the kind of Iraq that Iraqis want and Americans want, which is a democratic Iraq."

That sounds suspiciously like the "light at the end of the tunnel" we followed in Vietnam, to our bitter regret.

Donald Kaul, donald.kaul2@verizon.net, recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way.

Faith

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some sort of sanctions, if not ready to go so far as to deny communion. "I think there are many of us who would feel that there are certain restrictions that we might put on people, that there are certain sanctions that we may put on people," he told "Fox News Sunday." "But I think many of us would not like to use the Eucharist as part of the sanctions."

Catholic conservative Deal Hudson, editor of Crisis magazine, said that for religiously active voters, Catholic or otherwise, the key question is whether candidates are sincere rather than any specific matter of policy.

"Most religiously active people, and certainly most Catholics, have been convinced that Bush is very sincere about

his religious convictions, even if they disagree with him," said Hudson. "People have yet to be convinced that Kerry is as sincere."

Bush frequently invokes religion in his public remarks and draws strong support from conservative Christians.

Kerry doesn't usually address religion directly but often casts his policy decisions in terms of moral imperatives rooted in faith. Asked about his policy differences with the church, Kerry has said, "I'm not running to be a Catholic president. I'm running to be a president who happens to be Catholic."

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Stumbo delivers keynote at UNITE meeting

by TOM DOTY
 STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Attorney General Greg Stumbo appeared at Tuesday's UNITE meeting as the keynote speaker.

Stumbo reiterated his commitment to fighting the drug problem on a statewide level and began his speech by thanking the assembled for being part of the effort to fight illegal drugs.

Stumbo also shared his experiences of working in Western Kentucky, where he saw the devastating effects of methamphetamine. He called this drug the new "scourge" and vowed to fight it tooth and nail.

"It's coming here if we don't do something about it," Stumbo warned the crowd.

On a related note, Stumbo also congratulated Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner. Turner's office had successfully prosecuted its first methamphetamine trafficking case earlier that day and saw a Floyd County jury recommend a maximum sentence for the offense.

Stumbo pointed out his primary targets by saying, "The people I want to go after are the distributors." This also means that Stumbo will be targeting doctors who knowingly prescribe addictive drugs to addicts.

"We have 30 doctors under investigation right now," Stumbo said.

A somewhat gentler tone was adopted as Stumbo talked about curing those who suffer from drug addiction. He praised the success ratio of drug court, which is now up and running with its first candidate in Floyd

County. "We need to get treatment for those who need it," Stumbo said. "Drug court works."

Stumbo was clear on the fact that drugs will not go away over night despite everyone's best efforts. He also noted that the Kentucky General Assembly had failed, again, to pass a budget for the next biennium but promised that future funding would go to drug treatment centers.

He ended his appearance by making a solemn and impassioned statement to the crowd. "I give you my word. I won't rest till we do everything possible to stop this scourge."

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Lofton, Kelly win high school honor

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Mason County's Chris Lofton and Sacred Heart's Crystal Kelly were named the state's Mr. and Miss Basketball Friday in a ceremony at the Capitol.

Both players were named the Associated Press Players of the Year last month. The Mr. and Miss Basketball awards honor the state's top senior players.

The 6-foot-3 Lofton led the Royals to its first state championship in 2003 and guided them back to the title game in 2004. Mason County lost to Warren Central 66-56 in this year's championship.

Lofton averaged 27 points per game and shot 58 percent during his career. He also grabbed nine rebounds and five assists per game.

Lofton was named the Most Valuable Player of the 2003 Sweet 16. He hit nine 3-pointers and scored 29 points in Mason County's 86-65 title-clinching win over Louisville Ballard.

Lofton scored a school-record 2,763 career points, 252 of which came in 10 state tournament games. That's the third most in state history, behind only Clay County's Richie Farmer (317) and Paintsville's J.R. VanHoose (272).

Lofton hasn't announced his college choice, but Valparaiso and Cincinnati are on his list. He had scheduled visits to Arkansas State and Arkansas and Louisville has offered him a spot to walk on.

The 6-2 Kelly and was the cornerstone of one of the most dominant runs in state high school basketball history.

Sacred Heart won its third straight state championship last month. Kelly helped the Valkyries to 95 consecutive wins against in-state competition and a 111-3 record over the past three seasons.

Kelly, the MVP of the 2003 Sweet 16, averaged 14.5 points and 9.3 rebounds per game during her career.

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Bobcat football continues promising off-season

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — First-year Betsy Layne head coach Jackie Bush wasted little time in the off-season getting his football team back in the weight room and back to workouts. The Bobcats won the first game of the 2003 season, beat-

ing Allen Central and then lost the next nine, finishing with a 1-9 record in Bush's debut season. Bush's win in his coaching debut broke a near three-year losing streak and in the process got more people talking positive things about the Bobcat football program.

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photo by Steve LeMaster
This spring, Jackie Bush (not pictured) worked the Betsy Layne High football team through drills. The 2004 season will be Bush's second at the helm of the Bobcat football program.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS



file photos by Steve LeMaster
Ed Senig, Floyd County Special Olympics, talked with Prestonsburg High football players who volunteered during last year's Area 3 Games. The Area Games are expected to be rescheduled for some time in May.

Area 3 Games postponed

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Special Olympics Area 3 Games scheduled for Saturday at Prestonsburg High School were canceled because of poor track conditions. Ed Senig of Floyd County Special Olympics, the host group, hopes to reschedule the Area 3 Games for either May 1 or May 8. However, no date has yet been finalized.

The 2003 Area 3 Games marked the event's first time to be held in Prestonsburg. A definite date for the 2004 Area 3 Games is expected to be announced within the next week.

The Area 3 Games brings together Special Olympics athletes from several counties, including Floyd, Johnson, Martin, Magoffin, Perry, Knott and Letcher.



C.E. "Little Shag" Branham (right) was one of the volunteers present for last year's Area 3 Games.

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 - Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
 - Arizona at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
 - Los Angeles at San Fran., 4:05 p.m.

American League

- Today's Games
- Baltimore at Toronto, 1:05 p.m.
 - Detroit at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
 - Chicago White Sox at Tampa Bay, 1:15 p.m.
 - N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 2:05 p.m.
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 - Texas at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
 - Oakland at Anaheim, 8:05 p.m.

South Floyd in search of preseason scrimmages

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HI HAT — The South Floyd High School girls' basketball program is looking for two preseason games for the 2004-05 season. The Lady Raiders basketball team finished the 2003-04 season with a 13-17 record. A highlight for South Floyd was a runner-up finish in the 15th Region All "A" Classic tournament.

Tony Isaac coached the Lady Raiders during the 2003-04 season.

his first campaign as a girls' basketball coach. Isaac, who once served as an assistant coach in the South Floyd High boys' basketball program, coached the South Floyd Middle School boys' basketball team before taking over the SFHS girls' program. He replaced Melinda Osborne.

The recent season ended for South Floyd with a first-round 58th District Tournament loss to eventu-



Issac

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AC softball team looks to improve as season continues

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — The Allen Central High girls' fast-pitch softball team has yet to score a run during the 2004 season. Over two games, Allen Central has been outscored 30-0. The Lady Rebels began the season on Thursday, April 8 with a 16-0 loss on the road at Shelby Valley. Rain then washed out a game the Lady Rebels

had scheduled against June Buchanan. Allen Central returned to play this past Thursday on the road at Johnson Central. The game against the host Lady Eagles resulted in a 14-0 loss. Allen Central coaches Mark Martin and Don Burke aren't asking anyone to question the talent on this year's Lady Rebel softball team. Instead, the coaches see a talented group

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Holiday Inn to host Lady Blackcat banquet

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Holiday Inn will host this year's Prestonsburg High School girls' basketball banquet. The Lady Blackcat basketball banquet is set for Monday, May 3 at 7 p.m.

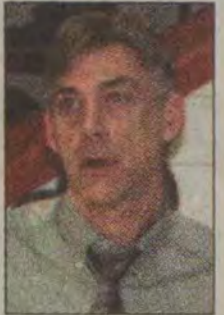
The 2003-04 high school basketball season was head coach Jack Pack's first at the helm of a girls' team. He replaced Harold Tackett.

Pack had formerly coached both high school boys' and college mens' teams.

In his first season at the top of the Lady Blackcat program, Pack coached Prestonsburg to a

12-16 record. The Lady Blackcats

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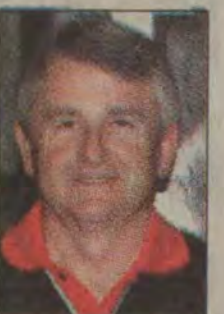


Pack

Site of Blackcat basketball banquet changed

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A recent story in The Times concerning this year's Prestonsburg High School basketball banquet listed the PHS cafeteria as the site for this year's annual banquet.



Crisp

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Bobcat

Betsy Layne dropped out of district competition last season, stepping away from Class 2A, District Eight. Betsy Layne's schedule for the 2004 season will most likely remain much the same with games against the likes of Allen Central, Phelps, Cumberland and Jenkins against dotting the schedule. The Betsy Layne football schedule for the 2004 season is expected to be finalized later this month.

Earlier this year, Betsy

Layne entered a team of 10 football players in a bench press competition at Pikeville High School and walked away with a second-place finish. Four Bobcat lifters won first-place. Eight of the Betsy Layne lifters finished first or second.

Bush is pleased with his team's off-season progress.

"The kids we have out have worked hard," said Bush. "Our numbers are still low, but everyone is working hard. The kids have gotten stronger."

Next up for the Bobcat lifters is a competition Saturday at Shelby Valley High School. Betsy Layne hopes to take 20 lifters to that competition.

Betsy Layne had around 16 football hopefuls out for five days of spring practice.

Bush said his team would most likely scrimmage Fleming-Neon and Letcher, a team that'll play a limited junior-varsity football campaign, in the preseason some time in August.

Kyle Busch concludes Gateway Busch testing

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MADISON, Ill. — Kyle Busch and the No. 5 Team Lowe's Racing crew are back in North Carolina after completing a two-day test session at Gateway International Raceway near St. Louis.

Busch and his Hendrick Motorsports team spent Tuesday and Wednesday testing at the 1.25-mile oval in preparation for the May 8 NASCAR Busch Series event at that facility.

"Everything went fairly well," Busch said of the test. "The first day, we were kind out in left field as far as our setup, but we slowly made adjustments and made notes of what worked

and what didn't, and we were able to get ourselves pretty good by the end of the second day."

The test session was somewhat unique, in that crew chief Lance McGrew did not elect to spend any time focusing on a qualifying setup. With the recent announcement that all on track activities for the Busch Series competitors at Gateway will occur on Saturday, May 8, the No. 5 crew was able to focus solely on getting its car ready to race.

"We worked all on race setups, since it's a one day show," Busch said. "You unload, practice, and then qualify with your race setup, then they impound your car. Over a 50-lap

run, we feel like we have a pretty strong car. Lance (McGrew, crew chief) has a couple of changes he wants to make before we go back, but we're in good shape."

The test session not only marked the first time Busch had seen Gateway, but was also the first time a stock car had been on the track since work was done to the racing surface.

"They ground the track and put a new sealer on it," Busch said, "and I guess we were the first team to get to try it out. When we first got out there, the car had no grip. The front wouldn't turn and the rear wouldn't bite, but that had to do with our setup and the fact that the track had no rubber on it. Once we got our setup closer to what we needed and we got some rubber on the track, everything was cool."

The unique design of the track reminded Busch of his "early" racing days in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series — all the way back in 2001.

"It reminds me a little bit of when I ran trucks at Chicago Motor Speedway," Busch said. "The straightaways are long, and the corners are kind of tight. Turns 1 and 2 are a lot different than 3 and 4, so you have to drive the ends of the track differently. I had a lot of fun with the place, though. The surface should make for some great racing."

to win game three 154-139. Pikeville closed with two strikes and a spare and won when BSU finished with two open frames. But the Cardinals picked up a 179-176 win in the fourth game. Pikeville had posted its score with a spare/six in the 10th frame, but the game Cards closed with strike/spare to pull out the win.

Pikeville closed it out with a 176-143 win followed by a 193-161 decision in the sixth game.

Pikeville wins 4-2

TIMES STAFF REPORT

TULSA, Okla. — Pikeville opened play in the 2004 IBC with a 4-2 win over No. 15 Ball State University.

Pikeville opened strong, rolling strikes on the first four frames of the opener and picking up a 187-173 win. BSU — alma mater of David Letterman and Pikeville College professor Nancy Cade — rebounded with an 189-181 win in Game Two.

The Lady Bears rebounded

Late pre-spawn is big bass time

by STEVE VANTREESE FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — It's no coincidence that Kentucky anglers catch many of their biggest bass this time of year.

The largest bass, the mature females of the species, really are bigger right now than at any point on the calendar, said Kentucky Department of Fish

and Wildlife Resources biologist Gerry Buynak. What's more, the fish are in a determined feeding mode and they're generally located where more fishermen can find them, he said.

The occasion is the late pre-spawn period when females are prepping themselves for the rigors of the reproductive cycle.

"This really gives people their best chance for catching some of these monster bass

because they're up shallow around the banks getting ready to spawn, and the females are feeding extremely well, getting their bodies in condition for the spawn," Buynak said. "They're eating a lot and putting on weight, and all the weight goes into eggs and their reproductive organs."

A female bass, pot-bellied because she is laden with eggs, can be appreciably larger than the slimmer, post-spawn fish she will become. Length doesn't change, but sheer bulk and weight certainly can.

Buynak said egg content in a female bass might only represent two or three percent of total body weight in late summer or autumn, but immediately before the spring spawn, eggs develop and expand to the point that they may represent 10 percent of a fish's weight.

"I've seen findings where a bass' egg mass accounted for as much as a fourth of its body weight," Buynak said. "You could easily have a six-pound bass that would be back to five pounds after spawning."

The annual propagational duties of bass develop in close accord with the spring rise in water temperatures.

"Male bass start their nest building and guarding territories as early as when the water temperatures hit and stay at 55 degrees or higher," Buynak said. "The bigger females first come in and start their activities at the nests when the water is more like 60 to 62 degrees."

"They don't all spawn at the same time, of course, and they don't do all their spawning at once," he said. "A female commonly will spawn more than one time at more than one nest. The biggest females tend to be the first ones to go to the nests, and the smaller females follow as the temperatures continue to rise."

Breathitt County head coach Brian Hall, a Floyd County native, was named Coach of the Year.

The girls' team includes Polly Sebastian (Top vote-getter, Player of the Year), Heather Benton, Camille Cook, Whitney Hogg, Austin McIntosh, Brittany Baker, Heather Martin, Sarah Tipton, Britta Maggard, Latisha Ousley, Ciara Pittman, Beth Branham, Ashley Stidham and Brandi Hollon.

Whitesburg's Dickie Adams was named Coach of the Year.

Basketball banquet set for 14th Region

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HAZARD — The 14th Region Basketball Coaches Association has set Sunday, April 25 as the date for its post-season awards banquet where members will honor the all-regional teams as well as players and coaches of the year.

The banquet will also induct four members into the Court of Honor which will honor retired coaches throughout the 14th Region. The association has also set May 2 as the date for its All-Star games which will feature the 53rd/54th District All-Stars versus the 55th/56th District All-Stars. There will be four games, starting at 2 p.m. The games will be held at Perry County Central High School. There will be both boys and girls underclassmen and senior games with 80 student-athletes being recognized as 14th Region All-Stars.

Bonds seems poised to keep breaking records

by JANIE MCCAULEY ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds became so caught up in passing his godfather in his climb up the career home run list, the last thing he wanted was to predict how many more homers he has in him.

With his easy, seemingly effortless swing and powerful body still going strong, anything appears possible for the San Francisco slugger.

And he turns 40 this summer. "I'm not going to try to figure out what's next," said Bonds, who homered on consecutive days to reach No. 661 and pass godfather Willie Mays for third place on the career list. "I'm just trying to stay healthy and win a championship."

Babe Ruth (714) and Hank Aaron (755) still loom in Bonds' path. But first, Bonds wants to enjoy his latest historic homer.

Bonds pinch hit in Wednesday's 3-0 loss to the Brewers, and Milwaukee manager Ned Yost made sure Bonds didn't beat them. Yost ordered an intentional walk.

After all of his accomplishments, Bonds believes he's finally earned the admiration of his godfather.

"Barry doesn't need approval from me, because I've been there since he was 5," said Mays, a teammate of Bonds' late father, Bobby. "Whatever he does, right or wrong, I'm going to be there for him. ... Barry knows how much I love him."

Bonds has won a record six NL MVP awards and set the single-season home run record with 73 in 2001, but he may never consider his career complete without a World Series ring. He fell six outs short of the title in 2002 and came back the next spring proclaiming his determination to give the Giants another chance to win it all.

He reiterated that sentiment Monday after splashing home run No. 660 into McCovey Cove to tie Mays. His solo shot Tuesday landed in nearly the same place — and was recovered by the same fan — in the water over the right-field fence.

"A championship. That's it," Bonds said. "I don't have any personal goals."

Someone asked Bonds if he believes he has room to offer Mays a pointer or two.

Mays quickly piped in before Bonds could speak.

"That's kind of taboo, man," the Hall of Famer said.

"No," Bonds said emphatically, giving his answer with a quick glance at his godfather.

During this special 29 1/2-hour span, many San Francisco fans forgot about the steroid scandal surrounding their star slugger and focused instead on his marvelous milestone.

Bonds' teammates have shown their support since questions surfaced about whether the slugger got a boost from banned substances, which he has repeatedly denied.

"Whenever someone or something is on top, somebody wants to bring it down for their own notoriety," Giants outfielder Dustan Mohr said. "You're not going to bring down baseball. It's the best game on earth. Guys should get more credit for the work they do in the offseason rather than someone accusing them of taking shortcuts. Fans only see us from 7 to 10 p.m."

Mays has refused to speak about the steroid controversy. He's more interested in getting Bonds to shed his prickly personality and become more fan friendly late in his career.

Mays didn't hit his 660th homer until he was in the twilight of his career at 42 and 3 months — on Aug. 17, 1973. Since he retired after that season, many players who were tagged with the title of being the next Willie Mays have fallen woefully short.

"I still think he's the greatest baseball player of all time, bottom line," Bonds said. "They were saying my dad was the next Willie Mays. They just got the name wrong, from Bobby to Barry."

Everybody's curious just how long it will be before Bonds decides he's done.

"I have a little bit of a timetable, and when I reach that timetable, that's it. It's over," said Bonds, who has expressed his plans to play out his contract, which runs through the 2006 season.

Bonds was asked if he'd thought about where he ranks among the best athletes ever, not just the baseball greats.

"Everyone's era is different," he said. "There are going to be great baseball players in every era. So, as long as you're proud

of the achievements in your career, that's all that matters. If someone ever hits 73 home runs, I'll be there for them."

Bonds' milestones have been frequent of late. His 500th homer came less than three years ago. Then there was the run to 73 in 2001, a record eight home runs in the 2002 postseason run, No. 600 last season and then this week's memorable shots.

His teammates are enjoying all the fanfare.

"It's neat to be part of history," said J.T. Snow, who scored in front of Bonds on his home run Monday. "It's something the grandkids will talk about, and I was on base. I hope the people of San Francisco appreciate what they have here. Every day is a history lesson."

And there very well may be more to follow.

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went 7-11 against 15th Region competition and posted a 3-6 mark in the 58th District. The season ended for Prestonsburg with a first-round loss in the opening round of the 58th District tourney.

Under Pack, the Lady Blackcats made strides, outscoring opponents 1404-1379.

Heather White is the lone senior Lady Blackcat. Players from the 2003-04 season will be recognized during the banquet.

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quet. The site has since been changed to StoneCrest Golf Course. The banquet will be held on Sunday, April 25 at 4 p.m. The basketball team plans to celebrate this past season's 58th District Championship and 15th Region Tournament Semifinals appearance.

Prestonsburg defeated host Allen Central to win the 2004 58th District title. The Blackcats pulled off an upset over then two-time defending 15th Region champ Shelby Valley in the first round of the regional tournament.

The Prestonsburg High basketball program, coached by Jackie Day Crisp, will say goodbye to one senior, Nicholas Jamerson. Top returnees for next season's team will include Trevor Compton, Jesse Chaffin, Joe Blackburn, Sean Leslie, Michael Stephens, Michael Morrison and John Mark Stephens.

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of Lady Rebels, that by the end of the regular season, should be ready for a run at the district title.

"We're a very inexperienced team, with just three seniors," admitted Allen Central assistant coach Don Burke. "Right now, we only have 11 girls on the active roster, but we have a good group of girls."

Burke holds all three Lady Rebels seniors — Terri Mullins, Jessica Isaac and Tab Caudill — in high regard.

"We have great senior leadership," added Burke. "All of our girls are beginning to come around. Errors have hurt us early on, but we should begin to gel."

Burke ranks Mullins as one of the top players in the 15th Region.

"Terri can play any position you put her at," Burke said.

The past week's heavy rain amounts hasn't allowed the Allen Central girls much time on the field.

"These girls are willing to learn," Burke added.

Allen Central has a district game against South Floyd scheduled for Wednesday. The Lady Raiders are slated to host Allen Central in the Floyd County fast-pitch battle.

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al district champ Betsy Layne.

Coaches of teams interested in setting up a scrimmage with South Floyd should email Lady Raider assistant coach Greg Johnson at GJohnson@Floyd.k12.ky.us.

Prince Arch wins Keeneland feature

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cottrell, Sr.

LEXINGTON — Prince Arch took the lead in midstretch and pulled away for a 5 3/4-length win over Brass Hatt in Thursday's featured \$111,100 Fore-runner Stakes for 3-year-olds at Keeneland.

Prince Arch, with Brice Blanc riding, covered the 1 1/8 miles on the turf in 1:48.64 and earned \$68,882 for owner Raymond

The son of Arch won for the third time in nine career starts and increased his bankroll to \$136,262. Prince Arch, trained by Kenny McPeck, paid \$7.80, \$4.20 and \$3. Brass Hat, with Jason Lumpkins in the saddle, paid \$7.20 and \$5.80. Big Booster, with Shane Sellers aboard, was two lengths back in third and paid \$6.60.

One small step in baseball's long journey

by JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The commissioner calls it the "most powerful moment in baseball history" and anybody would be hard-pressed to argue otherwise.

On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers broke the game's color barrier. He went 0-for-3 in his debut before a home crowd, but scored the deciding run in a 5-3 win over the Boston Braves. That simple oh-fer changed more than

just baseball and sport. After it, America was a different country.

What no one could have known at the time was how much more lasting its effect would be on history than baseball. And perhaps Robinson's legacy will always be bigger outside the game than inside it.

Whether baseball can recapture some of that pioneering spirit, and convince Robinson's heirs to return, remains anyone's guess. The good news is that Bud Selig & Co. are finally trying.

On Thursday, major league

baseball staged the first of what will be an annual celebration of Jackie Robinson Day. There were video tributes to Robinson and a few surviving Negro League stars at ballparks across the land. Selig flew from his Milwaukee office earlier in the day so he could drop in at Forest Hills High in New York to see the finishing touches put on a baseball diamond that MLB paid \$1 million to refurbish. Later, he joined Rachel Robinson, Jackie's widow, for a tribute at Shea Stadium.

For all the progress baseball has made, and all the opportunities Selig will point to on the horizon, a constant worry gnaws at him.

"Somehow, the kids in the inner-city got away from us," he said. "Basketball and football became much more popular, and now we've got a giant task in front of us. Winning back those kids is not going to be easy."

The numbers bear that out at just about every level. The strange thing is that even as more African-Americans move into the front offices, fewer are turning up on the diamond. And the stands appear to have suffered the most

dramatic losses of all, though reputable figures are hard to come by.

"I went to the first game Jackie played in Wrigley Field," Selig recalled. He was a teenager and living in Milwaukee at the time.

"I sat with a friend of mine, a cousin who taught at the University of Chicago and we were the only white people in the upper deck. Now when I think back on it, I think of the great era that was about to begin: Campanella, Aaron, Mays, McCovey and Banks. And when you think that it predated the civil-rights movement in this country — by what, 17, 18 years? — it's an even more remarkable story."

There still isn't a single African-American owner, president or chairman in charge of a club, and only 3 percent of the people directing day-to-day operations in baseball are black. At the next level down, that of vice presidents, the percentage climbs to 5 percent.

Maybe the best thing that can be said about those numbers, compiled by the Institute for

Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida, is that each subsequent level shows more and more participation by African-Americans.

The diamond, though, is a different story.

In 1980, the percentage of African-Americans playing the game peaked at 24 percent and eight of the ballplayers who appeared in the All-Star Game for each league were black. Last season, blacks comprised just 9 percent of the players on opening-day rosters and only seven ballplayers total played for the National and American League squads.

Though few ballplayers today know much about Robinson's

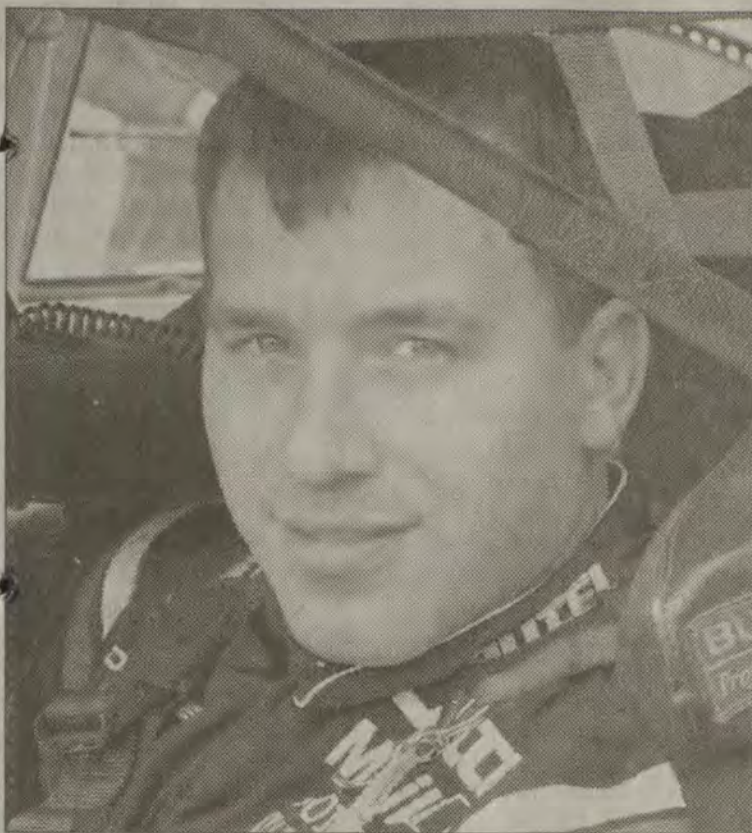
contributions, two of the three African-American managers in the game underscored the significance of celebrating it.

"Not to sound smart," the Cubs' Dusty Baker said, "but he changed the complexion and the face of the game. ... Not just as a ballplayer, but as a man."

Added Pittsburgh Lloyd McClendon, whose Pirates were in Chicago: "Generations of fans have changed, and knowledge slips away a little bit. But baseball has done a nice job to remember and commemorate. We ought to keep that up."

Robinson's pioneering efforts

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Ryan Newman now owns the speed record at Kentucky Speedway.

Newman sets unofficial Kentucky Speedway record during test session

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Pole for "The Meijer 300 Presented by Oreo."

SPARTA — Penske Racing South NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series driver Ryan Newman turned a test lap of 186.851 mph (28.9 seconds) in his No. 12 ALLTEL Dodge to set an unofficial Kentucky Speedway stock car speed record today.

Newman joined Brian Vickers, Chad Blount, Kerry Earnhardt and Mike Harmon in the test session.

NASCAR Busch Series driver Stacy Compton turned Kentucky Speedway's fastest official stock car lap of 176.384 mph (30.615 seconds) on June 13, 2003 while winning the Bud

The fastest official lap on record at the speedway was 221.390 mph pole-winning effort by Indy Racing League IndyCar Series driver Sarah Fisher on Aug. 11, 2002 during qualifying for "The Belterra Casino Indy 300."

Newman led the NEXTEL Cup Series with eight wins and 11 Bud Pole Awards in 2003 and has earned Bud Poles at Rockingham, N.C., Atlanta, Ga., and Bristol, Tenn., this season.

He enters this week's NASCAR NEXTEL Cup tilt at Martinsville, Va., 10th in the series points standings.

Gray to be featured on live chat

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky defensive line coach Michael Gray will be featured on a live chat session on ukathletics.com on Tuesday at noon. Fans may submit questions in advance or during the chat session by clicking on the link on the front page of ukathletics.com.

The Blue/White Spring Football Game will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Commonwealth Stadium. Admission and parking are free to everyone and first-come, first-served. If you've always wanted to sit on the 50-yard line, this is your chance!

The Wildcat Refuge play area for children will open at 11 a.m. at its usual location outside Gate 9.

The UK Football Alumni will have their annual reunion with a cookout on Friday night, Apr. 23.

The varsity will play all four quarters of the game. The alumni teams will play touch football during halftime of the varsity game.

WLAP Radio (630 on the

AM dial) will have extensive coverage of the Blue/White Game. WLAP's broadcast will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the station also will have a post-game

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Weathersby remains in serious condition

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Bengals cornerback Dennis Weathersby remained in serious condition Thursday with head injuries suffered in an auto accident.

Weathersby's car went off a highway ramp and struck a utility pole on Monday. A blood test found no trace of drugs or alcohol.

Weathersby's condition has been unchanged at University Hospital since the accident.

It's the second major setback in 13 months for Weathersby, who was considered one of the top cornerbacks available in last year's draft. He was shot in the back a week

before the draft, prompting him to drop to the fourth round.

Weathersby, from Oregon State, was the innocent victim of a drive-by shooting related to gang violence in suburban Los Angeles, police said. A reputed gang member later was convicted of the shooting.

The bullet passed through Weathersby just below the lung and lodged in his arm. He hadn't fully recovered when training camp began, and played in only four games on special teams last season.

Coach Marvin Lewis was counting on Weathersby to play regularly this season in an overhauled secondary.

All over majors, baseball honors Jackie Robinson

by BEN WALKER
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NEW YORK — As a boy, Bud Selig went to Wrigley Field to watch a rookie named Jackie Robinson. More than a half-century later, the memory still sticks with the commissioner.

"We were the only white people in the upper deck," Selig said. "I never saw so much excitement."

At ballparks all across the majors Thursday, fans and players got to see and hear about the Hall of Famer's legacy. Baseball paused for Jackie Robinson Day, with video tributes, speeches and commemorative No. 42 signs honoring the man who broke the sport's color barrier.

"When you look back on the history of our game, Jackie Robinson coming into baseball — there's no question in my mind that April 15, 1947, was the most powerful moment in baseball history," Selig said at Shea Stadium.

"It transcended baseball. It was a precursor to the civil rights movement by 15 or 16 years," he said.

Robinson's widow, Rachel, was escorted onto the field by Selig and New York Mets center fielder Mike Cameron before the game against Atlanta.

Rachel Robinson spoke to a sparse crowd and her daughter, Sharon, took part in a first-pitch ceremony.

Rachel recalled those early days after Robinson started his career with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

"After the first few games, when black fans started to come to the games and rooted so hard and came up to him, he began to get the feeling of what his playing meant to people," she said.

"Sharon and I know that a younger generation are beginning to discover Jackie Robinson. We're proud of all the progress," she said. "I also know in a very intense and passionate way that there's a lot that still needs to be done in baseball and in life."

Starting this year, every April 15 will be celebrated as Jackie Robinson Day in the majors.

His No. 42 was retired throughout baseball in 1997 when the sport paid tribute to the 50th anniversary of the day

he debuted for Brooklyn.

Players who wore No. 42 at the time were allowed to keep it. Mariano Rivera of the New York Yankees and injured Mo Vaughn of the Mets still have it.

At the new Citizens Bank Park, the Phillies honored the five living members of the Philadelphia Stars team from the Negro Leagues.

Mahlon Duckett, 81, admitted he was a bit worried when Robinson left to join the Dodgers' organization.

"At first, I was a little leery because he wasn't the best ballplayer in the league in 1945," he said.

"But I felt great when he went up there. I knew that he could play some ball," he said. "I never thought that he would turn out to be the player that he turned out to be, and that's one of the greatest of all time."

Phillies outfielder Doug Glanville said Robinson's legacy was more than a great African-American success story — it was an American success story.

"I certainly know I would not be standing here without some of the sacrifices he made," Glanville said.

At Wrigley Field, managers Dusty Baker of the Chicago Cubs and Lloyd McClendon of the Pittsburgh Pirates spoke of what the day represented. Along with Montreal's Frank Robinson, they are the only three black managers in the majors.

"I don't necessarily have to hear his name or have a special day to recognize or respect what Jackie Robinson and other great minorities have done to pave the way for myself and others. I'm grateful every day," McClendon said.

"Certainly generations of fans have changed, and knowledge slips away a little bit. But baseball has done a nice job. We ought to keep that up. We shouldn't forget the past. I think because of those struggles, we have a better game today," he said.

Said Baker: "He changed — not to sound smart — he changed the complexion and the face of the game."

"If it wasn't for Jackie Robinson, I probably wouldn't be sitting here now. I'm very grateful and very thankful for

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Zito pleased with Birdstone's workout

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Birdstone, scratched from the Blue Grass Stakes because of a high white blood cell count, looked strong in a five-furlong workout Thursday at Churchill Downs in preparation for next month's Kentucky Derby.

The son of 1996 Kentucky Derby winner Grindstone covered the distance on a fast track in 1:01. It was the colt's first workout since arriving at the track on Tuesday.

"He worked sensational," trainer Nick Zito said. "I'm very, very happy with every-

thing."

Birdstone is one of two Kentucky Derby contenders for Zito, who won the Derby with Strike the Gold in 1991 and with Go for Gin in 1994. His other probable entry, The Cliff's Edge, arrived with Birdstone. The winner of Saturday's Blue Grass galloped, but did not work, on Thursday.

Birdstone, owned by the Marylou Whitney Stables, turned in the 11th fastest of 46 five-furlong workouts at Churchill on Thursday. Zito said Birdstone galloped out six furlongs in 1:14.

Kentucky recruit will attend prep school for a year

by MALCOLM C. KNOX
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky basketball recruit Adam Williams will attend Fork Union Military Academy instead of going to the University of Kentucky this fall.

Williams plans to join the Wildcats after spending a year at the prep school in Fork Union, Va.

Kentucky has used all the scholarships it has available under the NCAA's rule limiting Division I teams to five new scholarship players per season, and eight per two seasons. Williams and his father, Tex Williams, agreed to the plan after meeting on April 9 with Kentucky coach Tubby Smith.

"We came to a consensus and an agreement that we could come up with a win-win situation," Tex Williams said in a phone interview. "It works out

better for both parties."

The three met and discussed Adam Williams' situation in Beckley, W. Va., where Tex Williams was coaching a high school all star game.

Despite the one-year detour, Tex Williams said there is no question about where his son intends to be two years from now. He said they discussed the possibility of Adam changing his mind about his college choice during his year at Fork Union.

"He said, 'No way,'" Tex Williams said. "He still wants to go to Kentucky."

Tex Williams also is confident that his son's spot in Lexington still will be available.

"I guess the bottom-line figure is I trust coach Tubby Smith," he said. "He still wants Adam to be a Kentucky Wildcat."

Scott Stricklin, assistant ath-

letics director for media relations, said the university has not announced the agreement. He said information about recruits will be included when the university releases its list of signees.

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show, including a call-in segment for fans.

Kentucky Football Calendar:

- Monday — Practice, 3:40 p.m. at Nutter Training Center
- Wednesday — Practice, 3:40 p.m. at Nutter Training Center
- Friday — Practice, 3:40 p.m. at Nutter Training Center
- Saturday — Blue/White Spring Football Game, 1 p.m. at Commonwealth Stadium

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what he went through," he said. Fans at Jacobs Field received a limited edition postcard of Robinson. Also, the Cleveland Indians awarded two scholarships to local athletes in honor of the late Dodgers great.

At The Ballpark in Arlington, Bobby Bragan talked about what his former Brooklyn teammate — and the Dodgers executive who signed him — meant to the game.

"Branch Rickey and Jackie Robinson to me, combined, made the greatest contribution of the 20th century other than Billy Graham," said Bragan, 86.

"We traveled by train back then and on the first road trip, a few of us didn't want to sit with Jackie in the dining car," he said. "But on the second trip, we were fighting to be the ones to sit with him. He turned us around like that."

Lady Bears seeded second in IBC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

TULSA, Okla. — Seeding held form on Thursday in the qualifying round of the 2004 Intercollegiate Bowling Championships at Riverview Lanes.

Wichita State rallied early in the evening session and took

the top seed in the Match Play tournament, a double-elimination best-of-seven event which begins Friday morning. They finished the 32 Baker game qualifying with a score of 6451.

Pikeville was second, checking in at 6216. The Lady Bears entered the final four games — where they shared lanes with WSU for the second time today — behind by 112 pins. They trimmed eight off the lead with a 195-187 edge in the 29th game, but from there the Shockers closed out with consecutive 201, 247 and 227 scores to secure the top seed.

More results from the national bowling event will appear in Wednesday's edition.

UK Athletics to hold excess inventory sale

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LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky Athletics will hold an excess inventory sale April 26-30. Items available are: 7 olympic platforms, 10 sport strength bench press units, and 10 squat racks, all from the Nutter Football Weight room. Items are in good condition, and will be sold by sealed bid auction. Items are available to view by appointment only during the week of April 26-30, with bids due to Leonard Maxberry at the UK Surplus Property Office, 375 Peterson Service Building, by 3 p.m. on Friday, April 30. Call 859-257-2672 for an appointment or 859-257-8628 for information about bidding procedures.

See www.uky.edu/EVPFA/Controller/paihome/surp-other-sale2.html for additional information about the equipment.

Pike County athletes sign

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKE COUNTY — One Shelby Valley senior is headed to Pikeville College, where she will play fast-pitch softball. One Belfry senior has signed to play basketball at Alice Lloyd College. Both signed Thursday during ceremonies held at their respective high schools.

Shelby Valley senior Kristi

Taylor has signed to play softball for Pikeville College. She will be under the guidance of head coach Robert Staggs.

Belfry Lady Pirate Lyndsey Mahon is the latest player from Eastern Kentucky to sign to play basketball for Alice Lloyd College and first-year head coach David Adams. Before signing Mahon, Adams, who took over the ALC women's basketball program in replacement of Tim Rice, inked Whitesburg's Cassie Whitaker and Betsy Layne's Tabettha Witt and Whitney Lykens before signing Mahon.

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have had a significant effect on minority participation, but most of the gains have been registered by Latinos. Last season, Latin ballplayers made up exactly a quarter of the opening day rosters, nearly double the number at the start of the 1990s.

At least that has not gone unnoticed. Some of the successes behind that story are now being employed by baseball in a belated attempt to win back black ballplayers and fans. A \$3 million baseball academy similar to those established by clubs in such fertile recruiting ground as the Dominican Republic is about to come online in Compton, Calif.

"We need to provide fields and facilities where kids can play," Selig said. "We need to provide some equipment and instruction. We need to provide a lot of things."

And while providing a history lesson about Robinson might seem a small way to start a big task, every journey starts with a single step.

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She shot 65.5 percent from the field and 74 percent from the free-throw line.

Kelly also has not announced her college choice, but said recently Kentucky, Louisville and Western Kentucky were on her final list. Florida was also in the race and Gators' coach Carolyn Peck attended Kelly's final two games at the Sweet 16 in Bowling Green.

Reds manager Miley ejected for arguing called strike

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Reds manager Dave Miley was ejected in the fourth inning of Friday's game against the Cubs after arguing with

home plate umpire C.J. Bucknor about a called third strike.

With two outs in the fourth, Sean Casey took a 3-2 pitch from Cubs right-hander Sergio Mitre that appeared to be outside and a little high. But Bucknor called it a strike, ending the inning. As the Cubs trotted off the field, Casey protested the call.

Miley came out to get Casey away from Bucknor. But as Casey went back to the dugout, Miley continued the argument. After a couple of minutes, Bucknor tossed the manager.

It was Miley's first ejection the year and second of his career. He was ejected in September, when he was the Reds' interim manager.

ACMS defeats Stumbo

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — Allen Central Middle School defeated Stumbo in two straight games in the first match of an A-team volleyball doubleheader Thursday night and won two of three games in the nightcap. Allen Central won 21-15, 21-5.

The Allen Central B-team won three straight in a best of five match to improve to 3-1 on the season. In the B-team win, Allen Central won the first and third matches.

Allen Central will return to action Monday night when it hosts Mountain Christian Academy.

Churchill Downs readies for Kentucky Derby amid construction

by CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Thoroughbreds' hooves thunder through the morning mist. Back in the barns, grooms sponge down steaming colts while barnhands use pitchforks to stuff stalls with mounds of hay.

The usual hectic preparations are under way as another Kentucky Derby approaches.

But this spring, the familiar daybreak sights and sounds at Churchill Downs give way to the rumble of earth-moving equipment and the rattle of power tools. The grandstand is undergoing a \$121 million renovation, an effort to restore the decaying structure and help Churchill Downs compete with riverboat casinos and other more modern entertainment venues.

"The facility was becoming a maintenance nightmare," said Tom Meeker, president and chief executive officer of Churchill Downs Inc., which owns the track. "Plus, it was becoming harder and harder to market. Families have many options now. They don't want to go to places that are dark and dingy."

The project is scheduled to be completed in April 2005. And as the May 1 Derby draws closer, concerns about the historic track's future give way to questions about how the ongoing construction will affect its signature event.

Derby attendance has averaged 150,244 patrons the past four years, and John Asher, the track's vice president of racing communications, said only 300 fewer reserved seats will be available this year.

The most glaring visual change spectators will notice is the cavernous, steel-girder skeleton standing where the clubhouse used to overlook the first turn. In years past, the section housed the press box and areas reserved for the well-to-do.

This year, the unfinished top three floors will be closed and many of the privileged guests will be moved to a temporary, 77,000-square foot block of white tents in the infield.

"We're not going to promise that all of the walls are going to be covered, but all of the concessions will be open, all of the restrooms will be functional and all of the mutual windows will be open," Asher said. "It's going to look different, no question, but we really believe it's going to be a normal experience."

The white tents will eventually be replaced by the Infield Hospitality Village, which will cover one-seventh of the 25 acres where the wildest Derby revelry occurs. An intriguing aspect of the

setup is that the pristine clubhouse crowd will enter through the same gate and tunnel as the oftentimes rowdy infielders, although a chain-link fence will separate them.

On the paddock side, yellow panels enclose the clubhouse expansion. The finished product will include a glass-walled grand entrance, luxury boxes, a food court, dining and entertainment areas, and a simulcast theater. Giant video screens will also be added to the infield tote boards.

For this Kentucky Derby, it will be the area where visitors see the starkest contrast between the old and the new.

"I'm very proud of what they're doing," said Bob Lewis, owner of Derby winners Silver Charm (1997) and Charismatic (1999). "One of the things we need to recognize in the thoroughbred industry is the need to move forward and stay abreast of changing times and circumstances the industry is faced with."

He added: "It certainly does need some revamping. It was getting awfully seedy and difficult to move around."

Not everyone is sold on the changes.

Jose Cuevas, an assistant trainer for Bobby Frankel, who trained Kentucky Derby hopeful Master David, said he's heard grumblings about what the finished renovation will look like.

"All over the country they're saying that when you get to Churchill, it's not going to look the same," he said.

Earlier this month, a bulldozer plowed across uneven gravel along a pathway that's densely packed with patrons every Derby Day. Asher said the area would probably be covered with asphalt for the Derby.

But if patrons can stand a little dust, they will find more room

under the unfinished clubhouse. The pathway has been widened, the ceiling of the ground level has been raised and several walls on the second and third floors have been knocked out. Asher said the renovation will add 400,000 square feet to the total area under roof at the track.

The 130-year-old track's signature features — the ornamental Twin Spires — will remain the centerpiece. Built in 1895, the structures were touched up in 2002 as part of a first phase of construction.

"They are obviously the signature of this track, the signature of one of the premier sporting events in America," said Churchill Downs president Steve Sexton. "They had to be preserved, they had to remain a focal point."

Cuevas thinks the new additions encroach on the spires.

"It doesn't look good to me," he said. "It's a mess."

Three floors were added to the existing grandstand north of the spires as part of the first phase of construction, completed in 2003. The addition includes 64 luxury suites, two spacious meeting rooms and an elegant reception hall. Its muted white exterior and terraced edge keeps an observer's eye focused on the spires.

The primary goal, Meeker said, is to modernize the track while preserving its rich history.

"Some people say tradition is defined by being old. But old and broken down was never my idea of great tradition," he said. "It can be new and it can still have tradition. I think, as long as the elements of its age and stateliness are maintained."

Associated Press writer Malcolm C. Knox contributed to this report.

On the Net: <http://www.kentuckyderby.com>

Betsy Layne improves to 9-1

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN — The Betsy Layne Elementary volleyball team traveled to Mountain Christian Academy Thursday night and scored victories in both the A- and B-team games.

In the B-team game, the Lady Cats took two out of three frames. The Betsy Layne B-team won the first contest 21-17. The MCA B-team won the next game 21-14.

The Betsy Layne B-team won the finale by the score of 16-14.

The Betsy Layne A-team won in two straight sets by the scores of 21-6, 21-13.

The Ladycat A-team now boasts a record of 9-1. Betsy Layne will return to action on Tuesday on the road at Adams. The Ladycats, coached by Jim Roberts, will finish the regular-season Thursday on the road at Allen Central.

H.S. FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL SCOREBOARD

Thursday's games

- Belfry 7, East Ridge 1 (Border War Tournament)
- Bell County 6, Clay County 4
- Bourbon County 13, Fleming County 2 (5 innings)
- Boyd County 5, Ashland Blazer 3
- Boyd County 3, Fairland, Ohio 1
- Breathitt County 10, Knott County Central 0
- Corbin 12, Lynn Camp 2
- East Ridge 2, Haysi, Va. 1 (Border War Tournament)
- Fairview 7, Greenup County 3
- Fleming-Neon 18, Cordia 6 (5 innings)
- Gilbert, W.Va. 11, Phelps 6

- Harlan 8, Cumberland 7 (8 innings)
- Harlan 12, Cawood 5
- Lawrence County 14, Sheldon Clark 4 (6 innings)
- Lewis County 13, West Carter 2 (5 innings)
- Lincoln County 6, Rockcastle County 1
- Mason County 6, Rockcastle County 1
- Middlesboro 11, Whitley County 1
- Paul Dunbar 3, North Laurel 0
- Pike County Central 19, Jenkins 3
- Pineville 30, Barbourville 3
- Pulaski County 4, South Laurel 3
- Reidland 2, Lone Oak 0
- Rock Hill, Ohio 11, Raceland 6
- Rowan County 15, Bath County 0 (3 innings)

SPRING SOCCER SEASON — Trailblazer forward Clara Osborne prepared to pass the ball across the field during early season Eastern Kentucky Youth Soccer Association action.



Floyd County Trailblazer midfielder Kathleen Smith (left) and Pike County Irish midfielder Catherine Dawahare raced to the ball during a game played last weekend.

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SPECIAL COLUMN

This Town, That World

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

SIGN AT LOCAL NEWSPAPER STAND: "Put dime in tube. You may be on Candid Camera."

ALL'S QUIET

A visitor to this office arrived, Wednesday, at a time, when things had simmered down a bit. The Dalmatian lay snoring gently in his usual daytime place of repose, an office table, and—believe it or not!—a sparrow had winged his way, tra-la! into the room and had come to roost on the desk 'phone.

Our caller expressed some curiosity as to just what this place had come to. For some time now, I've been saying it seems to have gone to the dogs, but it hadn't occurred to me, that it might be for the birds.

Speaking of the high cost of most things, it says here that it now costs more to amuse a child, than it once did to educate his father.

And somebody reminds me that I will never become a skilled conversationalist, until I learn how to put my foot tactfully through the TV set.

CRAZY, MIXED UP AGE

I am not one who pines over-much for the good, old days, good as they were, and as good as it was to be young and gay. I do not hone for a cold floor, a dead fire, and a snowy coalpile, not at my age. I would like a repeat of the peace and quiet, and re-run on the old swimmin' hole scene. But that old one-hoss, open sleigh bit is just a bit sticky. If you don't think so, just try, next time the temperature drops below freezing, driving around with the car-heater off, and all the windows rolled down.

Those were the good, old days, true, but it was because we who lived in those old days were so young, everything was new.

P.S. I started out doing this piece with an idea of setting up another sort of contrast, and winding up by proving that the modern age is all right, but it sorter got away from me. I got to thinking that just about any age is better than one in which men cry for food, and wind up wanting to drop a million-dollar H-bomb

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MEET APPALACHIA

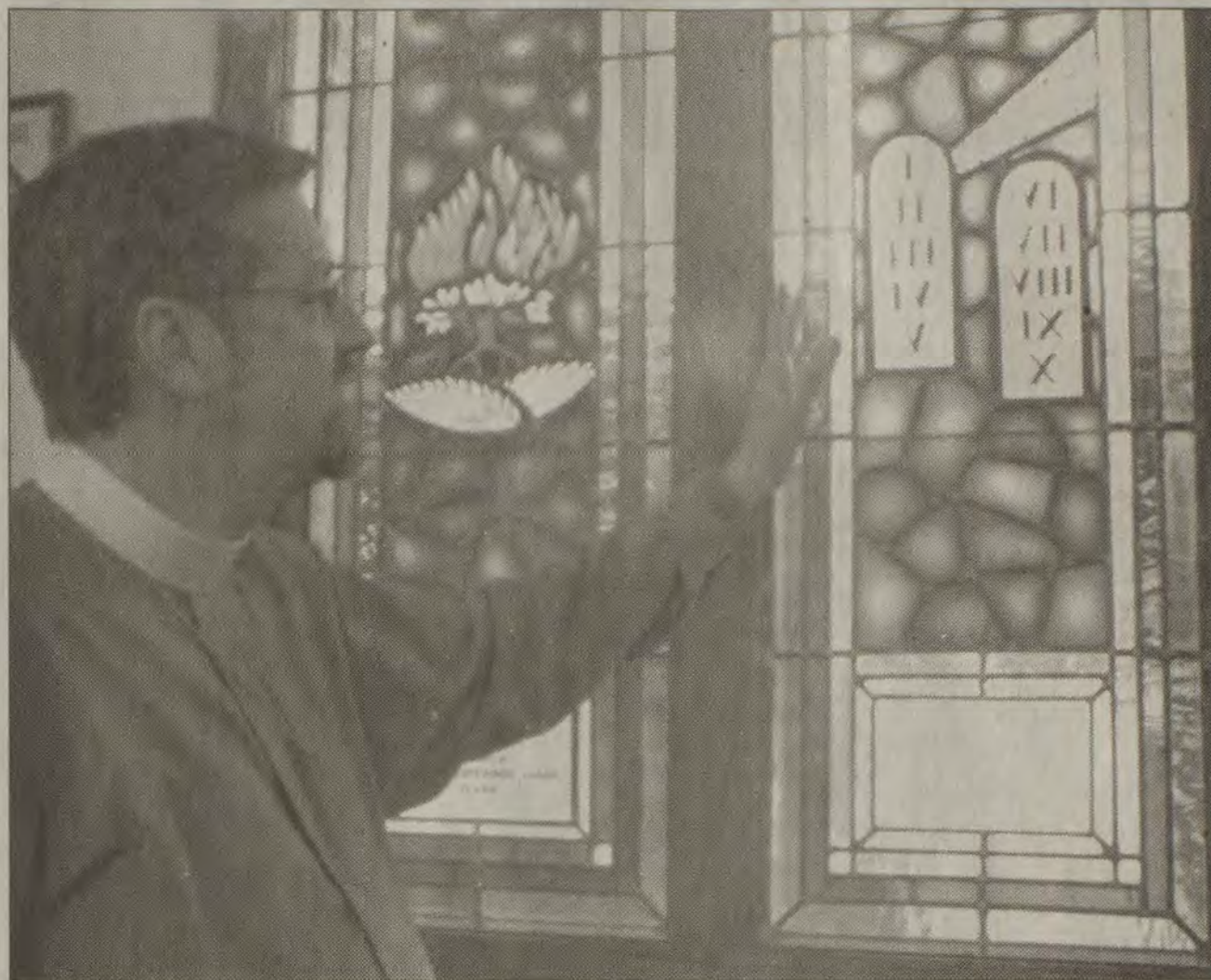


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Ross says Moses symbolically broke the stone tablets as a way to show the importance of placing the 10 Commandments in one's heart.

The Rev. Canon Johnnie E. Ross

by MARY MUSIC
 STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Cannon Johnnie E. Ross

Age: 46
Occupation: Episcopal Priest, Biologist/Environmental Scientist
Education: BA, Berea; MA, Morehead, Episcopal Theological Seminary, Lexington
Life quote: "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:8

About 'Meet Appalachia'

The people portrayed in this section are people I've met as I walk along the road of my life. They were on a street, in a store or restaurant. They were recommended by a friend, or the friend of a friend, as the old trend goes. All of them see life as they see it. I am only here to tell their stories as I see them. These are their hopes and challenges. These are their dreams and accomplishments. These are what they allow them to be.

— MARY MUSIC

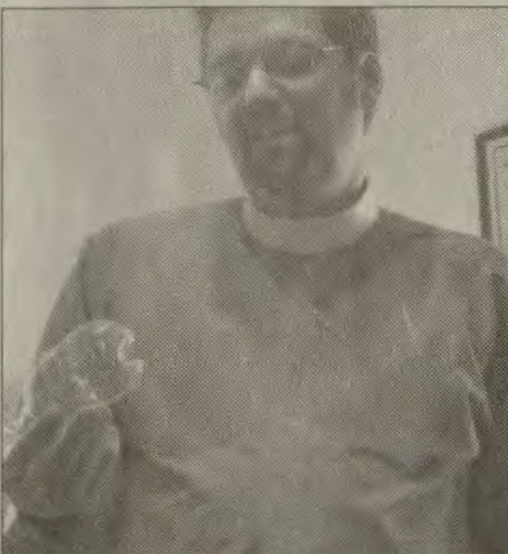


photo by Mary Music

"Belly of the Whale" experiences can help people become more "in tune" with God, the Rev. Canon Johnnie E. Ross said, explaining how he uses this glass figurine to reflect on the darkest hours of his life.

Chicken Soup For The Soul: It's baseball season

Denise Turner
 (FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE BASEBALL FAN'S SOUL")

The team members' attention spans stretch barely the length of a cartoon. Their eyes are invisible beneath oversized batting helmets. They wear T-shirts with messages like "Crittter Ridders Pest Control: 30 Years of Service in Roaches."

All across the country, it's T-ball season.

I became a T-ball mom when my 7-year-old son signed up to be a Giant (an obvious misnomer for a team where no one can bench press a Nerf ball). I should have been prepared. We limped through flag football last fall.

I still remember that day when the youngest kid on the football field kept interrupting the game squealing, "Coach, are we winning yet?"

It's a significant question. In T-ball, no one even keeps score. That's good. It makes me think of Megan, a little girl I met before I moved to Idaho. Megan could neither hit nor throw a ball, but she wanted to play T-ball. I saw a few of her games.

Megan's parents and coaches practiced with her, encouraged her and never once considered calling her a klutz. But when the last game of the season rolled around, Megan still hadn't connected with the ball.

When she finally did, she hit an easy pop fly, and her team lost. But

the people in the bleachers stood up and cheered for Megan. Because, by that time, everyone knew she was a winner.

I moved away before Megan grew up, but I'm sure she grew up successful. Not because she had any more talent than the boy whose dad yelled at him whenever he didn't get a hit. In fact, she probably had much less. But Megan had something else. She had people around her who cared, not about her batting average, but about her.

Not long ago, I sat listening to a speaker who insisted that we are living in the midst of a generation of kids who see themselves as potential failures.

Among the causative factors, she

said, parental influence is the greatest. I'm determined to be the right kind of T-ball mom. My husband might do a better job with practice sessions, but I'm pretty good at screaming, "Way to go, slugger!" Even when (and all of this has happened this season) ...

The second baseman is turning cartwheels when he's suppose to be fielding the ball.

A child is lying flat on the ground refusing to budge after he's been thrown out -- and the other kids are trampling over him.

A batter is rounding the bases because the right fielder doesn't want to give up the ball.

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photo by Mary Music

The Rev. Canon Johnnie E. Ross reflects on the Exodus story as it's depicted in these stained glass panels at St. James Episcopal church in Prestonsburg. Ross helped design the windows, which detail both the New and Old Testaments of the Bible.



Ross

Father Johnnie, who also highlights as an adjunct science professor at the Prestonsburg Campus of BSCTC believes that science and religion "work to inform" each other in a way that people around the world are just beginning to understand.

The man, who currently serves as Canon for Mission Development, serves as the church's representative on the National Board of Science and Faith, an organization which believes that faith informs scientific views.

With 28 years of environmental science experience, Father Johnnie was ordained, by choice, during the feast of St. Thomas in 1995, because St. Thomas, like himself, doubted whether or not he wanted to become a priest.

He began his "path of discernment" while attending Berea College, where he majored in biology. With a "catacomb" of diversity in his religious upbringing, he chose the Episcopalian path after his grandmother passed away.

Father Johnnie was raised in Salisbury, Ky., where he and his family were "extremely poor," but he says he didn't know he was poor until he moved away.

His father was shot and killed as he was walking on the sidewalks of Detroit, and Father Johnnie has since found in his life a host of people who, at one time or another, stood up as a paternal role model for him and his two siblings.

His grandmother, the child of a Native American member of the Cherokee tribe, became his mother; his mother became his father, Father Johnnie said, noting that she had to work, at times, two jobs to support her family. He credits the Salisbury community and a long list of people who have influenced his life, for the man he's become today.

"I credit that community for who I've turned out to be — good, bad or indifferent," he said. "God put those people there at particular times to fill spaces in my life."

Perhaps that's why his church so avidly reaches out to the community today.

The church began its Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry 15 years ago. The food pantry served 83,000 meals in this area last year, the same year they handed out GED certificates to Floyd County's largest graduating class. The church also operates a day care center as a means to providing child care for returning students. They also annually provide Prestonsburg college students with meals through their "Food for Finals" program during college finals week. This serves as a way to alleviate "at least one worry" off of a busy student's mind, Father Johnnie said.

"When a church touches the world in that way, we are being exactly what God called us to be," Father Johnnie said. "It's the church's duty to continually look at the world and respond to the world."

Father Johnnie remembers his own path of discernment all too well.

A Berea College student, he was facing a week of exams when he got the call that his grandmother, the woman who stepped up as his mother when his father was killed, had had a stroke.

When he received this news, he says he ran in tears to the col-

lege's chapel where he met a Father Parker, who, after a long discussion, convinced him to stay on campus and finish his testing before leaving to visit his grandmother.

Father Johnnie says that when Father Parker told him that "everything would be okay," he felt as though the man "knew something he didn't." So, in faith, he stayed, completed his exams, and went the following week to visit his grandmother, who was then in critical condition at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

And - it was okay. Father Johnnie spent 15 minutes with his dying grandmother. She recognized him and spoke to him, something she hadn't done in a week.

On the way home, Father Johnnie says a "profound sense of peace" came over him and he knew before he even got the call, that she'd passed away.

He was thankful for being able to speak with her before her death, and says he didn't regret staying at college to take those tests because his grandmother had always told him that education and religion were the two most important avenues of life.

When he returned to Berea, Father Johnnie, who said he felt as though God postponed his grandmother's death so that he could speak with her before she passed, visited the college Chaplain again to speak with Father Parker.

"I asked Father Parker, 'How do I become a Catholic?,' and he said, 'I haven't got a clue—I'm Episcopalian,'" Father Johnnie said, recalling that Father Parker sent him to Christ's Church in Richmond as a way to help discern his religious path in life.

When he visited the church, Father Johnnie said he wrote in his journal that Episcopalianism were either "crazy or profoundly holy."

Episcopalians go through a host of gyrations during services, he said, following instructions in prayer, sitting, kneeling, standing in praise, bowing, and continually marking signs of the cross.

It intrigued him so much that he continued worshipping there until he graduated from Berea.

After marrying his first wife, Johnnie moved back to Floyd County, where he became a substitute teacher until he gained full-time employment with the state as an environmental scientist, a job he kept, and loved, until May, 2003.

He came to St. James Episcopal Church, near the Prestonsburg Campus of BSCTC, in 1979, where he immediately took an active role, working with the Sunday School and providing a clown and puppet ministry for area children.

"I knew that the Episcopal church is where I belonged," Father Johnnie said, noting that his grandmother would turn over in her grave if she knew he wasn't a Baptist. "I never imagined that I would have two careers that I would love so much. I couldn't believe the state was paying me to do that job and I can't believe I'm paid money to do this job either. It's so rewarding."

As Canon for Mission Development with the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington, Johnnie travels to every church in the diocese where he can "touch" the lives of people he wouldn't have the opportunity of knowing otherwise.

He also represented the Diocese at the New Hampshire convention that gave consent of consecration for the Rev. Cannon Gene Robinson, the gay bishop, whose appointment to the church has controversially trapped media attention for some time now.

Father Johnnie, along with eight other Lexington deputies, voted in favor of Rev. Robinson during that convention - a vote he says some people believe was sinful.

"I'm of the opinion that a diocese should be able to call who the diocese wants to be bishop," he said, noting that it was a long, enduring spiritual process where those involved stopped every 15 minutes to pray. "I believe God will call who God will call regardless of our human frailties. If God looked more at my sins than my heart I would have never been ordained. . . I think it would be very hypocritical for me to say that someone is a worse sinner than me and dispense any grace that God holds for that person, be them black or white, gay or straight, or whatever... We seem to overlook the passage of not judging. Everybody knows John 3:16. Have you ever read 3:17? . . . I don't know how we as human beings can profess 'love others' then condemn the 'other.' That has to be in God's authority. We can't do that. It's impossible to judge someone and love them at the same time."

Father Johnnie said his decision came after he reflected on a friendship he established 10 years ago with a gay man, diagnosed with AIDS, who visited the church. During several months of weekly sessions, Father Johnnie says the two, who were both "seeking understanding," exchanged their views on religion and homosexuality.

"I came to understand that God loved him just as much as God loved me," Father Johnnie said, noting that it was a long road for him to take because he was raised with a community view that spoke out strongly against homosexuality.

"God manifests God's self more clearly in those who disagree with you—there's a message there," he said. "The trick is to discern God's message from the message of humanity."

Though some see his vote as an error or possible sin, Father Johnnie says he's willing to wait for "time" to show him. Women and African Americans received the same type of treatment, he said, when they decided to stand at the pulpit.

"All people belong to God. He knew us before we were placed in the womb," Father Johnnie said. "A piece of God that dwells in us, dwells in the others. For God to be revealed in his fulness, we need the other regardless of what plight or yoke they bear. . . I believe that before every being goes a great band of angels and we as human beings watch people pass by as if it doesn't matter. We refuse to reach out to the image of God in the people we pass daily on the street. . . The more that we, as Christians, focus on our differences, the more we will always segregate ourselves," he said. "It's the oddest thing in the world to me. We eat, work, and play together, but when 11:00 rolls around on Sunday morning, we all go to different places to worship... everything else we bicker about just isn't necessary."

His views on these differences came in part from his grandmother, who because of her own Native American heritage, "never saw anything as just black and white."

"I don't think there's a line to which we should love each other up to," he said. "I applied that in handling the person who shot my father and applied it up along the line since. It [homosexuality] doesn't make them any less of a child of God."

The man, who believes commonalities of various religions like baptism and communion, are stronger than religious differences, also says he's "not hung up on the fact" that everyone should be a Christian because we're all "children of Abraham."

In addition to his father's death, Father Johnnie says the hardest obstacle in his life was his divorce from his first wife, who mothered three children with him.

"Divorce is worse than death," he said, noting that he regards his divorce 10 years ago as his greatest failure.

He spent a lot of prayer time, during his divorce questioning God's hand in his life.

Though this "Belly of the Whale experience" was the hardest time of his life, Father Johnnie said it bloomed into the wonderful life he has now, with his "extraordinary" wife, Kay, and four children, Carrie, Kevin, Justin, and Thomas.

The darkest days of life, Father Johnnie says, can be "glorious" if one finds the spiritual direction to discern it.

Father Johnnie, who wrote a letter in the sixth grade to a Detroit judge to beg for the life of the man who shot his father, says he'll soon begin the task of finding that man.

He wants to speak with him, not as a means of forgiveness but because he was the last person to see his father.

Father Johnnie, who blamed God initially for his father's death, says the man doesn't need his forgiveness because that's God's territory. In fact, he says he never thought about whether or not he forgave the man until questioned during this interview. When he dealt with his anger toward God about his father's death, Father Johnnie said it also helped him deal with his father's murderer.

Father Johnnie served five years on the Floyd County Board of Education, two of which he acted as chairman. He also served 15 years on the Floyd County Soil Conservation Board, was a local scout master for 12 years, and is currently a member of the St. James Episcopal Church's Housing board, where he has served for chairman for 10 years.

Of all the comments he received as chairman on the education board, his most cherished came from a student who called him up one night after watching a heated discussion during a meeting.

"When I announced that I was not seeking re-election, a boy called me and said he'd been watching the meeting with his parents," Father Johnnie said. "He said, 'I told my parents when I grow up, I want to be like him. Even in your anger you seem to have respect for other people.'"

When the boy asked Father Johnnie how he could be so respectful, he simply replied, "I realize that the same God in me dwells in them."

Lagoon

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that rhythm is the only alien here.

The best bit is the sheriff who is played by horror veteran John Agar (formerly married to Shirley Temple). Agar is long in tooth here and is called upon to carry the movie with mixed results. He does get to go all Dirty Harry on a teenager who disses him. He grabs the kid up and barks at him through clenched teeth, "Don't ever call me fuzzi, punk."

There is a very 1960s counterculture chic at work here, though, and it's best demonstrated through the revelation that the monster is part of a government experiment. That's right, folks, this movie actually rates as one of the first horror flicks to question the moral leadership of our government. Too bad the message couldn't be attached to a better flick, but it does score points for getting their before "Easy Rider."

Best line: "This is our private blast and if you can't dig it, then split."

1967, No rating.

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The coach is yelling, "Take your base, Son," but the kid is standing there pointing toward center field. His mother yells from the stands, "That means he has to go to the bathroom."

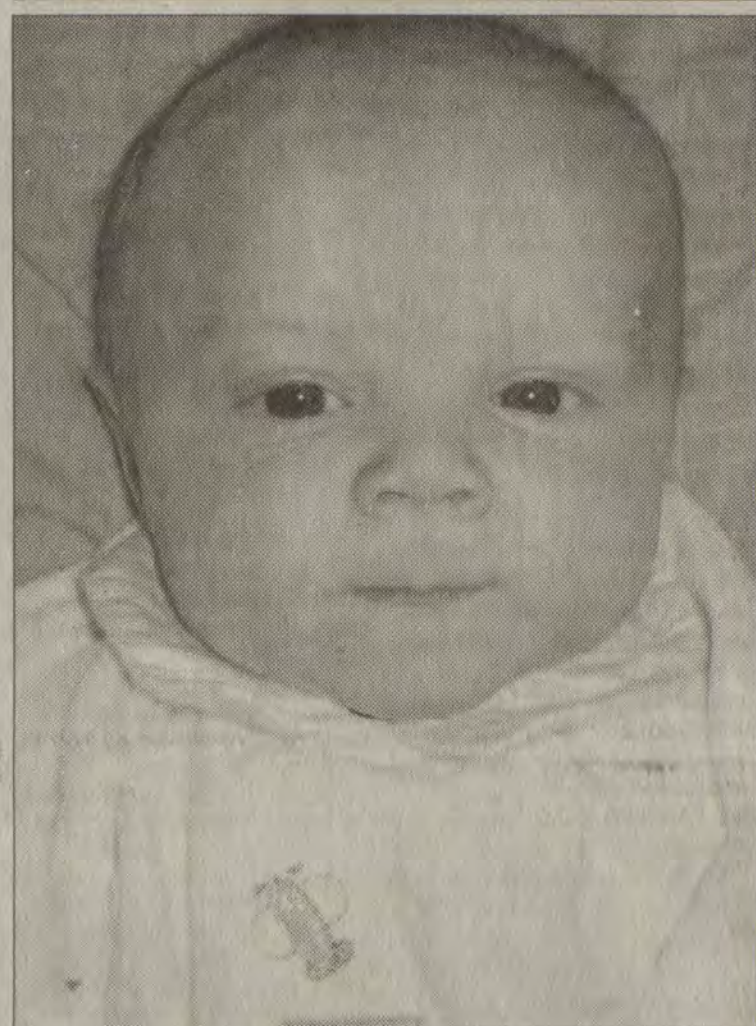
In spite of it all, these children are making their first stabs at growing up. They're taking their first steps toward life in the major leagues. They might be chewing bubble gum instead of tobacco, and they might not have learned how to scratch themselves yet, but they take their base hits seriously.

I'm glad they haven't yet "arrived." I'd hate to give up being a T-ball mom, because I think I really like the game.

After all, anything that ends with Reese's Pieces and Kool-Aid Kool Bursts can't be all bad.

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Birthdays



It's a Boy!

John Christopher Howard II was born November 21, 2003, at 3:04 p.m., at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center, in Danville. He is the son of proud parents Chris and Heather Howard, of Harrodsburg. The infant weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz., and was 19 inches long. He is the maternal grandson of Harold and Marlene Lanham, of Harrodsburg. His paternal grandparents are Clyde and Ella Jane Hampton, of Columbus, Ohio, and Don and Kathy Howard, of Berea. His maternal great-grandparents are the late Lawrence and Myrtle Whitehouse, formerly of Little South, and the late Hugh and Nora Lanham, formerly of Gravel Switch. His paternal great-grandparents are Elizabeth B. Castle, of Prestonsburg, and the late Howard Castle, and the late Sam and Alda Howard, formerly of Salyersville.

Diabuddies Corner

Tip of the Week (from www.diabetes.org)
The most life-threatening consequences of diabetes are heart disease and stroke, which strike people with diabetes more than twice as often as they do others.

Recipe of the week (from www.equal.com)

Cranberry Orange Muffins-1 Dozen

Ingredients:
1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup chopped fresh, frozen or dried cranberries
2/3 cup Equal® Spoonful®
2 teaspoons baking powder

2 teaspoons grated orange peel
3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup 2% milk
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 egg

* May substitute 16 packets Equal sweetener

Preparation:

Lightly coat 12 muffin cups with nonstick spray or line with paper-liners; set aside. Combine flour, cranberries, Equal®, baking powder, orange peel, cinnamon and salt. Stir in milk, oil and egg until all ingredients are just moistened. Spoon batter into muffin cups, filling 3/4 full.

Bake in preheated 375° F oven 16 to 18 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Remove muffins from pan and cool on wire rack. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Calories 120
Protein 3g
Carbohydrate 17g
Fat 5g
Cholesterol 19g
Sodium 148mg
Food Exchanges:
1 Starch, 1 Fat

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down your chimney. And it also occurs to me that any age which produces a law that will permit an able-bodied voter to get an absentee ballot on a filmsy excuse, and at the same time, prevent an aged or sick mother or father from voting, for the simple reason that he or she can't get out of the house, much less out of the county, is (where did this sentence start, anyhow?) farther back than the hoss and buggy.

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AUTOMOTIVE

130-Cars

For Sale 2000 Toyota Avolon in excellent condition, low miles one owner, call 791-1716

For sale 1993 Dodge Dynasty (new tires, battery, ect-120,000 mi.+) \$1,000.00 call 886-2370

For Sale 1987 Volvo Turbo 760, 1 owner, 4door Auto, good tires asking \$1,500 call 874-9946 or 606-246-0698

150-Miscellaneous

Will pick up and remove old junk cars for free. Quick change engine and transmission repairs call 886-6672

160-Motorcycles

1998 YAMAHA YZ80 New tires, pro-circuit pipe, \$1600. Call 452-9599 for more info.

For Sale 2002 YZ 85 Dirt Bike \$1950.00 or best offer call 889-9953

175-SUVs

1989 GMC Jimmy Red & Gray striped for more information call Leslie at 886-3731 or 226-2698

190-Vans

1985 Gmc Vandura Customize Van, 7500 plus miles in good condition asking \$2,500 firm call 606-874-9466

EMPLOYMENT

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205-Business Opport.

Help wanted Rn, Skin Integrity Nurse, Rn Mes - Cordinator other Rn's, LPN's positions available benefits and other oppouranties available must apply in person 260 South Mayo Trail, Pikeville, Ky. 41501 call 606-437-7327

Help wanted Receptionist and Billing in Dr.s. office Medical Secretary located in Martin Prestonsburg area alternate days and evenings call 606-285-9000 or 606-285-2812

210-Job Listings

Federal Employment Recruiting for Program Support Assistant at the Prestonsburg Primary Care Clinic to assist in clerical support to patient care. For details see www.usajobs.opm.gov. on how to apply. See informatin under the VA. Medical Center located at Huntington WV. EOE

SEI Security seeking Full time and Part time security officers must have transportation. Paid 20K Life Insurance excellent benefits, paid vacations call 606-886-6292. a Drug Free Co.

Help wanted parts runner/ Ware houseman with good driving record must have minor certification card, apply in person at Guyan Heavy Equipment at 1674 Water Gap Road Prestonsburg, Ky.

Experience Carpenter needed excellent pay call 886-9003

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HEAVY EQUIPMENT STEAM CLEANING COMPANY NEEDS EMPLOYEES

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220-Help Wanted

CCA/ Otter Creek Correctional Center is currently seeking an LPN. Must be licensed in the state of Kentucky, and possess a valid drivers license. Apply at the local employment office or send resume to P.O. Box 500 Wheelwright, Ky. 41669 CCA/Otter Creek Correctional Center is an equal opportunity employer.MF/DV

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250-Miscellaneous

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MERCHANDISE

410-Animals

Want to buy, Very young female teacup Chihuahua. Prefer all white in color but will consider solid tan, also Call Kathy at 886-8506 or email to features@floyd county times.com may also call 789-8380

420-Appliances

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For Sale: Computer table copy machine table Filing Shelf All \$40.00 call 606-886-3494

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Come join a growing company seeking to fill the position of **Crisis Intervention Specialist.** Position requires specialist to be on-call during the week and occasional weekends. Starting salary is 7.50 per hour. Applicants must have a GED or High School Diploma; Military or Security background preferred. CPR certified (if not we can schedule course), Knowledge of non-violent crisis intervention preferred. Apply in person at Community Connections 4663 US 23, South Ivel, Ky. 41642 (Old Unisign Building)

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Ph: 606-433-7721 • Ask for John Gates upon arrival.

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590-Sale or Lease

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RENTALS

610-Apartments

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Quik Silver Town houses now has new floor plans available, 3 bed room 2 bath, Hard wood floors and all amenities \$725.00 monthly plus utilities no pets Deposit required call 606-477-2192 or 606-226-1925

630-Houses

3 bed room 2 bath, new home, down town Prestonsburg, Zoned Residential or professional. Starting at \$650.00 call 606-297-6135 or 321-480-1791

For rent house with washer/dryer options, no utilities call 606-226-2266

For Rent 2 bed room central Heat and Air with washer and dryer hook ups excellent condition located 1 mile north of Prestonsburg on U.S. 23 No Pets. call 886-9007

For Rent 2 bed house room 1 bath HUD approved \$350.00 per month plus utilities and deposit ask for Bryan 587-1183

House for Rent in nice neighborhood, 245 Highland, 4 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, laundry room large front porch, available late April to inspect 5-7pm on April 20 call 859-498-1085

House for Rent 2 bedroom in Martin \$350.00 per month month \$150.00 deposit call 886-1624 after 5 pm

House for rent 3 bed room, 2 bath, Free gas, Appliances with 2 acres level yard enclosed with chain link fence, located mid-way between Allen grade school and Adams Middle School on Route 1428, \$550. per month plus deposit, all 886-6460 or 886-2670 beeper 886-5700

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640-Land/Lots

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650-Mobile Homes

For Rent Mobile Home on Ky. Rt 1426 at Harold, 3 bed room 2 bath \$425. per month \$425 deposit no inside pets call 478-9496

SERVICES

705-Construction

ALL TYPES: Remodeling & additions, garages, decks, etc. Also concrete work. Robbie Johnson, Jr., call anytime, 886-8896.

NOTICES

805-Announcements

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Rn Day Shift Available 8:30 am-5:pm Hospice of Big Sandy, Inc. Call 606-789-3841 or come in and fill out an application at 1520 Ky. High way 1428 Hager Hill, Ky. 41222 (psa)

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815 - Lost & found

***** Missing Cat ***** Blue Eyes, short hair, Siemese marked Friendly, outside cat male \$35.00 reward call Sarah at. *** 886-8402***

850 - Personal

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\$\$\$ Reward \$\$\$ for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who burgled the home of Edward Richie on Sat. April 3, 04 at Wayland, Ky call \$\$\$ 358-2103 \$\$\$

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