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briefs

Alleged escapee charged

by JOYAL FRAZIER STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — More charges were filed this week in district court against Jerry L. Amburgy, 27, of East Point.

Amburgy allegedly escaped from police custody at Highlands Regional Medical Center on July 16 after he had a automobile accident, and was charged with driving under the influence and driving on a DUI-suspended license.

According to the criminal complaint filed by Kentucky State Trooper Jason Dials, Amburgy had been advised that he was under arrest for DUI and was waiting for the doctor to release him from the hospital into the custody of Trooper Dials. Amburgy allegedly escaped when he was taken for an x-ray for injuries he sustained in the accident.

The DUI and driving on a DUI-suspended license charges were not filed against Amburgy until this week, after he had turned himself in to police, at which time the arrest warrant for the escape was executed.

Amburgy is scheduled for arraignment on the DUI charges and a preliminary hearing for the second-degree escape charge on August 9.

Police add one more to roundup list

by JOYAL FRAZIER STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County law enforcement officers were still making arrests Friday from a drug roundup that started Wednesday morning.

Sheriff John K. Blackburn found Racheal Tackett in a motel, allegedly hiding out from police,

and arrested her to add her name to the list of 29 other alleged dealers throughout Floyd County.

Arraignments for those netted in the roundup started Thursday in circuit court. Bonds ranged from \$10,000 to \$60,000 cash, 10 percent or property, depending on the charges and the history of the individual.

Most of the people who were

arrested waived thier right to have an attorney present in order to go ahead with their arraignment. There was only one defendant who appeared in front of Judge Danny Caudill who was not appointed an attorney from the public advocates office.

Judge Caudill was quick to let the 16 sitting in his courtroom know who was in charge when

they started mumbling and talking amongst themselves.

"If you want to talk, it is not going to be in my courtroom," Caudill said sternly. He then instructed the bailiffs to watch the defendants closely and not let them talk.

Friday afternoon there were only 10 people arrested in the roundup still in jail. But while

those who have been released have been able to come up with cash to pay their bonds, most have been granted court-appointed attorneys because of a lack of income.

The next scheduled court appearance starts Wednesday for this group, and the pretrial conferences are currently being scheduled for Nov. 4.



photo by Mary Music

Ivel Road LLC, operating under a Connecticut parent company, proposes placing a construction demolition and debris landfill in this valley at Ivel.

Company reveals plans for construction dump

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

IVEL — A proposed construction, demolition and debris landfill is expected to bring more than \$13 million to Floyd County over the next 15 years, officials said Thursday.

That number includes the salaries and benefits for eight paid employees who will operate the site, proposed to be located behind the Ivel Loadout Station near Stratton Branch.

Ivel Road LLC is agreeing to pay the county an

annual fee of \$25,000 during the construction and development period, which is expected to last for three years. When the landfill is fully operational, the company will double that fee amount, bringing the county \$50,000 annually, according to an economic impact report completed by Marshall Miller and Associates in Lexington.

A 1990 fiscal court ordinance indicates that companies transporting waste through the county must

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Proposal Highlights

- Company to pay county \$25,000 a year during construction, \$50,000 a year once complete. ■ Construction to create 12 jobs averaging \$30,000 a year. ■ Operation of dump to create eight jobs. ■ Waste to be transported by rail, then loaded onto trucks traveling a private road to the dump. ■ Dump to accept bricks, shredded tires, concrete or masonry materials, wood, rock, wall coverings, plaster, plumbing fixtures, yard waste, paper products, metal, furniture, insulation, shingles, vinyl flooring, asphaltic pavement, glass, plastics and electrical wiring. ■ Dump will not accept asbestos, garbage, hazardous waste, PCB-containing waste, whole tires, fuel tanks or drums

Mayor's wife obtains EPO against him

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — An emergency protection order taken out on Wednesday by the estranged wife of Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, Maggie, has raised a little bit of dust for the official, but he was more than willing to discuss the case with The Times.

The mayor explained that he last saw his wife on Monday when he and mutual friend Gina Johnson helped her load up her furniture.

"Everything was fine between them," Johnson said. "They were very civil to each other and talked about planning a cruise together."

But in the EPO, Maggie Fannin mentions that she was getting calls from the mayor. She does not accuse her husband of violence, but the document stipulates that Jerry Fannin is to refrain from acts of violence against her.

Mayor Fannin challenged any allegation that he ever hurt his wife.

"I don't do that to people," Jerry Fannin said. "The only thing I can be accused of is loving her too much. I have just tried hard to make this thing work."

The mayor was quick to respond to allegations in another media report that he

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Accused aide turns self in, denies charges

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The former May Valley Elementary aide accused of abusing disabled students in his class turned himself over to authorities Friday, two days after being released from custody on four criminal counts against him.

Marty Mullins, 30, now facing five counts of first-degree criminal abuse, was taken into custody at the Floyd County Detention Center.

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photo by Mary Music Marty Mullins waited to be processed Friday after he turned himself over to the Floyd County Detention Center.

Crackdown on overweight trucks brings change

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHITESBURG — Kevin Ison is back on the job hauling freshly mined coal along a twisting mountain highway, the big diesel engine in his Mack truck humming under half the load that it used to carry.

A state crackdown on overweight trucks threatened to put Ison out of business until

a coal company agreed to the unlikely arrangement of paying more money for smaller loads.

"I feel like the weight of the world has been lifted off my shoulders," Ison said, his dusty black and white coal truck back in service after a successful two-day labor strike against Enterprise Coal Co. "We were going broke."

Although they drive the most powerful

rigs in the mountains, independent coal truck drivers complained that they were helplessly caught in the middle of what has become a relentless state crackdown on overweight vehicles. Drivers risked fines each time they hauled too much coal. Yet, they couldn't afford fuel and insurance unless they hauled too much coal.

The dilemma spawned sporadic labor strikes across the eastern Kentucky coal-

fields over the past month as truckers tried to get more money from coal operators to make up for financial losses that came from hauling smaller loads.

Enterprise Coal joined a handful of companies that already have agreed to increase the rates they pay independent truckers. Under the agreement reached

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Odds and Ends

■ **ST. PAUL, Minn.** — Some grieving families think the Teamsters Local 120 is making a grave mistake.

The union is picketing cemeteries, even when funeral services are in progress, in its strike on the Twin Cities' biggest maker of burial vaults.

Brown-Wilbert Inc. employs about 25 Teamsters, many of whom make burial vaults at a plant in Roseville. But some also deliver and install the vaults at local cemeteries. Since the strike started, Brown-Wilbert managers have been doing that graveside work.

Pickets were at St. Paul's Calvary Cemetery on

Wednesday when Cheryl Grudnoske attended the funeral of her husband's uncle. The Teamsters stayed near the cemetery gate and didn't picket near the burial site.

Still, Grudnoske said, she thought the picket line was disrespectful to the deceased — who was a union member — and his grieving relatives. She said she called the Local 120 offices.

"I said: 'I'm a union supporter. Do you think you made any points with us? What do you think you achieved? Everybody there was upset with you.'"

Brad Slawson Sr., acting

principal officer of Local 120, said the union members had a legal right to strike where they work, which in this case includes cemeteries.

"Well, obviously, we know that (mourners) will be upset with it," he said. "Unfortunately, it's the business we are in. The only alternative is not picketing at all."

■ **CASTRO VALLEY, Calif.** — Lucky the bunny is living up to her name.

It had seemed like luck had run out: Strapped to a powerful explosive with a lit fuse, Lucky was tossed into a lake.

But the explosive didn't

blow up, and the rabbit was pulled out of the water.

Now Lucky's owner and his friend face misdemeanor charges of animal cruelty after photos of the July 13 incident surfaced on the Internet.

Nick Sigmon, 18, and Paul Collins, 20, are accused of taping an illegal M-1000 — a large firecracker equivalent to a quarter stick of dynamite — to the rabbit and throwing her into Lake Don Castro.

Sigmon said he fished Lucky out of the water to save her from drowning. But prosecutors charged the two lifeguards on Wednesday. Two other men who were present during the

incident may also face charges.

"I think that a lot of people are judging us without knowing us at all," Sigmon said. Asked why he fitted Lucky with the explosive, he said, "Um, that's a real tough question to answer."

Sigmon said he adopted the bunny after almost running over her with his car, but can no longer care for her because he's starting college this fall at University of California, San Diego, where he plans to study biology.

Someone found the photos on the personal Web site of one of the suspects and posted them on Craigslist, the popular Internet bulletin board, where the House Rabbit Society in Richmond saw it.

Lucky is recovering at a foster owner's home, where she's snacking on hay pellets and doing well.

■ **LAFAYETTE, Ind.** —

Those in charge of blind justice have been holding their noses at the Tippecanoe County Courthouse.

The source of a foul odor that has been lingering in a Superior Court office for a couple weeks might have been found Wednesday when health department workers discovered a large, dead squirrel stuck in the office's duct work.

Court secretary Sharon

Macy and her co-workers had been burning candles and spraying air fresheners to help mask the odor.

"All of these smells get to you by the end of the day," she said.

A search last week discovered a dead bat in a light fixture near the ceiling. But the stench wouldn't go away, and employees said further searches focused on the ceiling, boxes and in the floor.

Attorney Dan Moore said the odor was overpowering.

"It prevents you from taking a deep breath," he said.

■ **SAN FRANCISCO** — "Girly men" are wearing their party pride.

San Francisco-based fashion designer Sarah Lefton created baseball style T-shirts that read "Sacramento Girly Men," and they are selling like mad.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger made the now-famous put-down of Democratic lawmakers during a July 17 rally, using the "Saturday Night Live" phrase to chide the legislators for what he considered as caving in to special interests.

Orders for the shirts have come in from as far away as Ireland, Lefton said. They sell for \$24, and Lefton promises to donate 20 percent to the state Democratic Party.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Aug. 1, the 214th day of 2004. There are 152 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight In History:

On Aug. 1, 1944, an uprising broke out in Warsaw, Poland, against Nazi occupation, a

revolt that lasted two months before collapsing.

On this date:

■ In 1790, the first United States census was completed, showing a population of nearly 4 million people.

■ In 1873, inventor Andrew S. Hallidie successfully tested a cable car he had designed for the

city of San Francisco.

■ In 1876, Colorado was admitted as the 38th state.

■ In 1894, the First Sino-Japanese War erupted, the result of a dispute over control of Korea; Japan's army routed the Chinese.

■ In 1936, the Olympic games opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.

■ In 1946, President Truman signed the Fulbright Program into law, establishing the scholarships named for Senator William J. Fulbright.

■ In 1946, the Atomic Energy Commission was established.

■ In 1957, the United States and Canada reached agreement to create the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD).

■ In 1966, 25-year-old Charles Joseph Whitman shot and killed 15 people at the University of Texas before he was gunned down by police.

■ In 1981, the rock music video channel MTV made its debut.

Ten years ago:

Supporters of Haiti's military rulers declared their intention to fight back in the face of a U.N. resolution paving the way for a U.S.-led invasion. Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley confirmed they'd been secretly married eleven weeks earlier.

Five years ago:

A heat wave that had gripped the nation since mid-July finally broke; authorities attributed nearly 200 deaths to the heat and humidity.

One year ago:

A suicide bomber rammed a truck filled with explosives into a military hospital near Chechnya, killing 50 people, including Russian troops wounded in Chechnya.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Arthur Hill is 82. Actor-director Geoffrey Holder is 74. Singer Ramblin' Jack Elliott is 73. Cartoonist Tom Wilson ("Ziggy") is 73. Actor-comedian Dom DeLuise is 71. Fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent is 68. Former Senator Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., is 67. Actor Giancarlo Giannini is 62. Blues singer-musician Robert Cray is 51. Singer Michael Penn is 46. Rock singer Joe Elliott (Def Leppard) is 45. Rock singer-musician Suzi Gardner (L7) is 44. Rapper Chuck D (Public Enemy) is 44. Actor Jesse Borrego is 42. Rapper Coolio is 41. Rock singer Adam Duritz (Counting Crows) is 40. Movie director Sam Mendes is 39.

Fletcher: Time for special session may be running out

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A standoff that has left Kentucky without a budget could conceivably continue past the November election, Gov. Ernie Fletcher said Thursday.

The stated aim has been to get an agreement on a budget and taxes, at which time Fletcher would call the General Assembly back into session. It is not otherwise scheduled to convene until January.

"We're drawing close to a time where we really have to make a decision whether we're going to be able to get a special session called to effect some tax and budget initiatives," Fletcher said.

"Or are we going to have to wait till after the election as we get closer into September and Labor Day? It'd be probably very, very difficult to get something done as campaigns get heated up," he said.

Kentucky has been without a budget since July 1. The Democrat-controlled House and Republican-led Senate adjourned in April without passing a new budget because of differences over taxes.

Fletcher is operating state government on a spending plan that is being challenged in court by Attorney General Greg Stumbo.

Fletcher was scheduled to

meet Friday morning at the Capitol with most of the House's elected Democratic leaders. He said he did not know how much would be accomplished.

"We've offered them some suggestions," Fletcher said. If the Democrats make an offer, "I can go back to the Senate and make sure that that's going to be something that they can agree to as well," Fletcher said.

Fletcher indicated he was being more of a mediator. He had originally said the House and Senate would have to strike a deal, then come to him. "That didn't work, did it?" he said.

Also in a wide-ranging news conference, Fletcher:

— Said he goofed by calling a quick special election for a vacant Senate seat in the Henderson-area 4th District.

Democrat Dorsey Ridley defeated Republican David Thomason by 19 points in the election Tuesday. Ridley will replace the late Paul Herron, a Democrat who died June 16.

Fletcher signed the special election order five days later. Thomason, who once represented the area in the House as a Democrat, joined the Republican Party on the same day.

Democrats said Fletcher's call for a quick election was disrespectful to the Herron family. Fletcher said it diverted attention from other issues. Thomason "probably would have been better served if I had called that election a little bit later," Fletcher said.

The district has a 78 percent Democratic registration. Fletcher made two campaign trips on Thomason's behalf. He said he did not interpret Thomason's defeat as a personal repudiation.

— Criticized North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, the Democrats' putative vice presidential nominee, who also is a trial attorney.

"When he talks particularly about health care, he's made a living out of suing doctors and hospitals — money that could have gone into health care," said Fletcher, who also is a physician.

Asked if Edwards wouldn't argue that he was fighting for people wrongly injured, Fletcher said it was the predictable way to "rationalize it."

"Yes, he'll try to defend it. But certainly he's accrued a substantial amount of wealth in his — quote — noble cause," Fletcher said.

Volunteers still working in flood-ravaged Eastern Kentucky

by ROGER ALFORD
Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — Weary volunteers said they see no end in their struggle to repair flood-damaged homes in eastern Kentucky nearly two months after storms ravaged the mountain region.

George Betz, chairman of Kentucky Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters, said crews working in the region are resigned to the fact that recovery will be a long process, made longer by lean budgets.

"I'd love to say we'll be able to meet all the needs," Betz said. "We're going to make a big attempt at that, but I don't know if the resources will be there."

More than 9,000 people across Kentucky have applied for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the wake of storms that brought tornados and floods to the state more than a month ago. Anyone who hasn't yet applied must do so by Aug. 9.

So far, FEMA has approved more than \$34 million in grants and low-interest loans for home repairs, said agency spokeswoman Bettina Hutchings.

Hutchings said that amount won't cover all the needs. That, she said, is why volunteers play such a crucial role in recovery after disasters.

"There were so many people so heavily damaged that even if they received all the money FEMA could give them, they're still not going to be whole," Hutchings said. "We're here to get them on the road to recovery. Volunteer agencies will step in and provide any additional assistance, money, materials, manpower, that the disaster victims may need."

Volunteers still are working to supply families with household furnishings, clothes, shoes and school supplies, said Eileen Mullins, head of Haven of Rest, a Southern Baptist ministry in Martin County.

"Some people still don't have homes yet," Mullins said. "Some are still living with rela-

tives. They'll never get back what they lost, but they're attempting."

Mullins said church groups from as far away as North Carolina have been coming to the region to help local residents cope. Some have helped to distribute donated goods. Others have helped to rebuild damaged homes.

Betz, who also works for the American Red Cross in Louisville, said volunteer groups often are the first at the scene of a disaster and the last to leave. He said they've been stretched thin across Kentucky, which has had four presidential disaster declarations in the past 18 months because of floods, tornados and ice storms.

Betz said the financial assistance from FEMA is critical in repairing damage. Without it, communities might never be restored.

However, he said volunteer groups serve as a safety net for

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Suspect, victim hazy on alleged knife assault

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Wayne Jervis, 58, was back in court Friday in front of Judge Eric D. Hall for a preliminary hearing on a first-degree assault charge against him.

According to a criminal complaint filed in district court by Kentucky State Trooper Justin Cornett, Jervis intentionally caused serious physical injury to another person by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument when he cut Eddie Dmitruk over the left eye with a knife on July 16.

According to the county attorney's office, Jervis and Dmitruk were out drinking together when they got into an argument that resulted in a physical altercation. Jervis pulled a

knife and cut Dmitruk. But, officials say, the two were allegedly so intoxicated they do not remember much about the incident. Jervis took Dmitruk to the home of a friend, who saw the cut and took Dmitruk to the hospital.

Of Friday, Judge Eric Hall found probable cause to send the case to a grand jury.

Jervis was released Friday on a \$5,000 partially secured bond that was amended from \$5,000 cash bond by Judge Hall.

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Davis was a prolific musician, the guitar being one of 20 instruments he mastered.

Pikeville College professor dies

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

TUTOR KEY — Pikeville College said goodbye last week to a distinguished professor, who died after a two-year battle with an incurable cancer.

Dr. Robert Davis, 52, associate professor of religion, died last week at his Tutor Key residence. Graveside services were held Tuesday at the Covenant Farm Cemetery.

Born in El Paso, Texas, Davis obtained an undergraduate degree at the University of Arizona and two graduate degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary before he came to Eastern Kentucky to teach 15 years ago.

In an interview with The Times earlier this year, Davis exemplified his strength in dealing with his illness.

"Death is something that happens ... Dying is not something you do," he said. "Our language about dying is highly inaccurate. Death takes you, you don't take it. The process of dying, however, that's the hardest part because the process of dying is also the process of living ... Living is something you and I both do. I'm determined to live until I'm not living any more."

During that interview, Davis said he rejected the assumption of a "natural evil," one specifically caused by natural means, because he said humans play a significant part in creating their own "evils" through pollution and other intru-

sions on Mother Nature.

He said the world's technological advances have given humans the "illusion" of a "money-back guarantee" in life, one that's unfounded because the natural world is stronger than human illusion.

"A tornado, for instance, is a naturally occurring phenomenon," he said. "Unfortunately, tragic things occur. Sometimes we get in the way. It's not its fault. It's not necessarily our fault. It's just that this is a very, very complex universe ... Other parts of the universe are wonderful, if we know our place and keep to it."

Davis, raised on the New England shorelines, loved music and played 20 different instruments. During his treatment, he refused heavy medications because he didn't want them to interfere with his "quality of life."

During that interview, Davis summed up his life quote:

"Human dignity is something each one of us has to generate to oneself and we have to recognize it in each other," he said.

He believed that his consciousness would carry on in a spiritual form after his death and said he was looking forward to understanding what life after death would be like.

"All I hope is that it's interesting," he said.

He is survived by his wife, Martha J. Morris Davis, two daughters, one stepdaughter and one stepson.

Otter Creek inmate charged with assault

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — An inmate at Otter Creek Correctional Center in Wheelwright had a criminal complaint filed against him Thursday charging him with second-degree assault.

According to the criminal complaint, Daryl Johnson, from Indiana, allegedly put a combination lock in to a sock and hit Dwan Carter, another inmate at the facility, in the head repeated-

ly. Carter had to have seven stitches in his head from the attack.

Jeff Little, assistant warden at Otter Creek Correctional Center, said, "We are not sure what started the altercation. They both have different stories about what started it, so that is something we are still investigating."

"The lock was kept on their locker that holds their personal belongings," Little explained.

Johnson is scheduled for arraignment August 11.

Trucks

with Enterprise on Wednesday, that rate increased from \$1.60 a ton to \$3 a ton.

Ison said the increase will adequately compensate for the smaller loads truckers now must haul. He said his loads have been trimmed by 20 tons each.

Greg Howard, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Vehicle Enforcement, said the smaller loads will translate into safer highways, which is the goal of the crackdown.

Truckers aren't the only ones being held accountable for overweight trucks. Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement has begun writing citations to coal companies for overloading trucks.

Officers began their crackdown about a month ago, sparking demonstrations by drivers. Some called for legislation that would make coal companies share the responsibility for overloaded trucks. Truckers faced fines of court costs of more than \$100 for each citation they received. Often, the penalties exceeded their income for a load of coal.

Howard contends that current law holds coal companies

accountable for overloading trucks and sending them out on state highways.

That contention is being tested on Consol of Kentucky, the first coal company to receive a citation for allegedly aiding and abetting in the breaking of the weight law.

Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, said the legal action taken against Consol appears to be intended as a test case to try to hold coal operators responsible for violations by coal haulers.

Howard said the crackdown has been effective. He said he watched 50 trucks being weighed last week. All 50 were within weight restrictions. If that had been done a month earlier, he said, all 50 trucks likely would have been dangerously overweight.

Roy Crawford, a Whitesburg engineer whose son was killed in a collision with a coal truck in Letcher County, said the state had ignored the dangers of overweight trucks before Howard, with approval of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration, ordered the crackdown.

Aide

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Mullins was picked up Tuesday night and detained in Knott County until he was transported to the Floyd County jail, where he was released Wednesday evening on a \$5,000 cash bond posted by Knott County resident and prominent Eastern Kentucky political figure Grady Stumbo.

In a bizarre twist, jail officials reported Friday that Mullins was mistakenly placed in a holding cell Wednesday with William Powers, one of the parents who filed charges against him. Powers, arrested during a UNITE drug roundup last week, is charged with drug trafficking.

Five parents currently involved in a civil suit against Mullins, the Floyd County Board of Education, and several May Valley School personnel, including principal Carol Combs, filed criminal complaints against Mullins earlier this week, alleging that he physically and mentally abused their children. Another parent is expected to file charges against him next Wednesday, said Floyd County Keith Bartley, who contacted each parent a few weeks ago to pursue a criminal case against the man.

The abuse allegedly occurred at the school, where Mullins worked as an instructional aide in an emotional/behavior disorder class, between January 2001 and September 2002.

Allegedly, he shoved, kicked, punched, pushed and pinched the students, all of whom were under 12 at the time of the alleged offenses. The children also claim that Mullins twisted their arms and wrists, used pressure points to bring them to their knees, slammed them against walls, sat on them, and locked them in the bathroom as punishment.

Last year, the Cabinet for Families and Health Services substantiated the claims of abuse against Mullins.

Bartley said the parents didn't file charges because they thought social services would contact authorities. Mullins' attorney, Terry Jacobs, a close friend of Bartley, says they didn't file charges because they're on a "money hunt."

"First of all, we categorically deny that Mr. Mullins violated any criminal law and we deny also that he violated the civil

rights of any of the plaintiffs," Jacobs said. "We feel this is a money hunt by the plaintiffs."

"It's odd that the parents of these children now maintain that they were highly upset at the treatment of their children and the school, yet they didn't remove the children from the school or seek any criminal charges. They found the office of their attorney, but didn't bother to walk across the street to the courthouse to file criminal charges."

Jacobs said testimony given during depositions in the civil case indicates that one child went to the school, carrying a business card of a "local attorney" and told the class, "My mommy says I'm gonna be a rich boy."

"My guy's a good fellow," Jacobs said. "We think the prosecution is overzealous in this case."

Several of those giving depositions, Jacob said, testified that Mullins was kind, gentle and loved the children, a statement strongly denied by Bartley.

"As far as the evidence in the civil case that this guy is being called a 'big teddy bear' who loved these kids, I'd venture to say that anybody who talked to these kids, when they stopped crying, wouldn't be calling him a big teddy bear. They'd be calling him a felon," Bartley said.

Jacobs stands on the claim that Mullins never deviated from using any type restraint techniques that weren't taught to him through his specialized training, a statement the county attorney also disagrees with.

"To be quite honest with you, I don't think he was trained to lock children in the bathroom or tell them that they're having sex with their parents and a lot of other instances these children talked about that are a lot worse," Bartley said. "Thus, I disagree that Mr. Mullins only applied the techniques with which he was trained to do."

Mike Goble, the Kentucky State Detective heading the investigation, interviewed two children Friday afternoon, Bartley said.

Mullins is scheduled to be arraigned on August 10.

Dump

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pay an annual fee of \$25,000 and \$250 per ton for solid waste processed, disposed, stored or transported.

According to the economic impact report, the facility will produce jobs for 12 men or women during the construction and development period. Those jobs are "almost exclusively" for skilled equipment operators, who average an estimated \$30,000 annually.

Currently, Kentucky has two operating construction and debris landfills, neither of which pays such fees. Gene McLean, spokesperson for the parent company, Murphy Road Recycling, says they're willing to pay the fees as a means to demonstrate the company's commitment to the county.

"It's a real win-win situation as far as the site goes," he said. "We're curing a negative and creating a positive ... If we can cure a problem and be an economic driver for the county, then that's what we're going to do. We want to be a credit for the community."

The company proposes to place the dumpsite on a 300-acre abandoned coal combustion landfill in Ivel, currently covered with an approximate 2 million tons of fly ash deposited there by a coal company that pulled out last year. The site also has several acres of wooded area that will be utilized.

Ivel Road LLC will move approximately 900,000 yards of coal ash to prepare the site for the landfill, Nesbitt engineer Jim Wade said. If the county approves the plan, construction and demolition debris will be brought to the county by rail. A major part of the development process will include the construction of rail siding alongside already existing CSX lines at the Ivel Loadout business. Wade said the company will construct a facility on an access road near the ash disposal site to unload the rail cars into trucks, which will carry the debris to the dumpsite. As a convenience to the public, he said, debris will only be removed from cars inside the building. They plan to use only private roads, he said, to transport the materials.

"After we're fully operational, you won't even know we're here," Wade said.

Items that will be permitted at the landfill include bricks, shredded tires, concrete or masonry materials, wood, rock, wall coverings, plaster, plumbing fixtures, yard waste, paper products, metal, furniture, insulation, shingles, vinyl flooring, asphaltic pavement, glass, plastics and electrical wiring. The landfill will not accept asbestos, garbage, hazardous waste, PCB-containing waste, whole tires, fuel tanks or drums.

Both Wade and McLean say there is no risk of any hazardous materials leaching into area water systems. Metals will be recycled from the site, they say, via an excavating belt placed near the unloading facility building. All other materials will be piled, crushed and spread out on top of a plastic barrier, used in regular solid waste landfills, to prevent leaching. The state requires that the fill be covered with dirt once a week, Wade said.

As "another layer of enforcement" with regard to environmental issues, McLean suggested that the county use a percentage of the annual fee to contract a licensed inspector to oversee the facility.

Both Wade and McLean say that the landfill will be operational for "well beyond" 15 years. When it does close, Wade said, the material will be covered with another layer of plastic and vegetation will be sown.

"We're very professional at what we do," McLean said. "We'll create an environmentally safe operation that deals with construction debris only and we're willing to do it to the specifications required by the waste management board and the county. It does our business no good not to do it that way."

Wade said county residents will be permitted to dump at the site, proposed to house construction debris from Hartford, Conn., if it doesn't violate any franchise agreement with Waste Management.

Several county and solid waste officials will fly out Monday to tour the facility and a transfer station in Hartford. A Floyd County Times reporter will accompany the officials on the trip.

Mayor

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altercation with her at the Poor Boys Pawn Shop in Paintsville.

"I've never even been to Poor Boys and I have never hurt my wife in any way," Fannin said.

A canvass of Poor Boys and surrounding businesses found 11 people who were there that day, but none of them recalled seeing the Fannins and nobody recalled anything out of the ordinary occurring that afternoon.

Maggie Fannin's father, Jimmy Williams, doesn't believe that there was an altercation, saying, "I have known Jerry for seven years and I don't believe he would hurt anybody, especially Mary."

Williams went on to mention that he sought out Jerry Fannin Wednesday night after hearing

about the EPO.

"I went to see Jerry at church and we hugged," Williams said.



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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

The new battle of the bulge

A new report confirms what the popularity of Golden Corral and the local Chinese buffet tells us to be true: Kentuckians are fat, and getting fatter.

And the repercussions have more to do than whether we can fit in last year's bathing suit, according to Kentucky Obesity Epidemic 2004, the report released Friday.

Kentuckians are dying early and suffering an array of health problems, since excess weight is a major risk factor for heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, diabetes, asthma, arthritis and several types of cancer, the report says. Last year, \$1.1 billion was spent on medical costs directly related to obesity in Kentucky.

"Basically, obesity is slowly killing us," said Gov. Ernie Fletcher, who recently created a 13-member panel called "Get Healthy Kentucky!" He also announced a series of nine forums to be held next month to get public input on the issue. ...

Kentucky is just the latest state to focus on what is a national problem. The American Obesity Association estimates that 127 million adults in the United States are overweight, with 60 million of them obese. ...

Kentucky's new report found that 70 percent of men and 55 percent of women are overweight, with 24 percent of those reaching obese levels. It also found that 15 percent of high school students and 17 percent of middle school students are overweight.

You can quibble with the definition of "overweight" and "obese," and indeed we find the formulas to be a little severe. But that doesn't mitigate the obvious point - we all need to eat less and exercise more.

But as Kentucky officials correctly point out, lectures aren't enough. The key is to address policies and environmental factors that keep people from achieving those goals.

The report mentions some changes that need to be made: Schools must help children develop healthy eating habits and regular patterns of physical activity; communities must provide affordable physical activity opportunities; communities must be built in ways that encourage families to be active together; and it should be easier for women to breast-feed their infants.

These aren't esoteric goals.

Boone County's farsighted and well-planned expansion of its parks system is an example of how local government is making recreation possible. Forward Quest's plan for a 45-mile bike path along the Ohio River is another example.

The demise of the Northern Kentucky Community Center in Covington, which once counseled teen mothers on such things as nutrition for their children, is an example of how a community has failed its citizens.

Another example is how the Kentucky state legislature has consistently failed to pass laws limiting the junk food and soft drinks sold in school cafeterias. The irony is that the junk food and soft drink legislation was attached to a

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— Jim Davidson

They came to repay their debt

The other day a friend sent me a terrific article that reminded me of a sportscaster who was on a Little Rock television station many years ago. His name was Benny Craig and since he either worked for or represented Colonial Baking Company, he always called himself that "Old Bread Man." When he signed off each evening, his favorite saying was, "No one ever stood as straight as the one who stoops to help a child."

Even though it's been three or four decades since he was on the air, I didn't have to look this up, because I still remember Benny Craig and what he stood for. Have you ever thought about what other people will remember you for? While you or I won't be around, it is very important for loved ones and friends we leave behind. They want to think and believe good things about us.

What other people will remember us for when we are dead and gone will be determined, by and large, by what we believed in, what we stood for and the way we lived our lives. In this respect, I will confess that I love a good story that has a moral or principle that helps me to see myself in a better light.

With all the negative news in the world today, it's so easy to become dis-

couraged and we need to hear or read things from time to time that will help us to keep perspective. We each have potential that we never use, but regardless of how much knowledge or skill we possess, it's the condition of our heart that will determine the important things that others remember.

The article I mentioned a moment ago contains a wonderful story about a man who owned and operated a produce stand in a small community back during the Great Depression. His name was Mr. Miller. In those days there was very little actual money around, so many business transactions were conducted by barter, which is to say one product or service was

exchanged for another, without any money changing hands. As in all communities, past and present, there were a number of poor families that usually went to bed hungry. Not always, but in many cases, those who suffered most were the children who grew up in these homes.

It turns out that Mr. Miller had a heart of pure gold. There were three small boys who came by his produce stand on a regular basis and they always admired the things he had for sale. Of course they never had any money to buy

anything and very little to barter. As Mr. Miller would see one of the boys admiring some of his produce, he would usually strike up a conversation and finally get around to asking if this particular boy would like some of the particular item he was admiring. The boy would always reply, "I don't have any money to pay you with." Mr. Miller would then say, "don't you have anything you could trade?"

With one particular boy it soon became a regular routine with him saying, "All I have is this big blue marble." Mr. Miller would then say, "Red is my favorite color, but you go ahead and take these peas, corn or whatever, and we will work out the payment later." Of course, later never came. In time each of the three boys grew up and moved away, but they never forgot Mr. Miller and his kindness and generosity to their family. Then one day, word came that Mr. Miller had passed away and each of the young men made special arrangements so they could attend his funeral. They were each there, one in an Army uniform and the other two wore nice haircuts, dark suits and white shirts - all very professional looking.

As each one walked slowly up to Mrs. Miller who was standing next to her husband's casket, they hugged her, kissed her on the cheek, spoke briefly

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— beyond the beltway

Trolling for intelligence to back your war

by DONALD KAUL

There is a priceless scene in the old (1950s) movie "See Here, Private Hargrove" that recent events bring to mind. The film follows the adventures of a hapless draftee as he attempts to become a soldier.

In the scene I'm talking about he is commanding a truck full of troops on military maneuvers during basic training and finds himself hopelessly lost in a forest. Hargrove spreads his map on the roof of the truck, looks at the emptiness around him and says:

"According to this map and my calculations, we are in downtown Toronto." At the exclamations of shock and outrage by his colleagues, he fixes them with an indignant stare and says:

"Do you want to check my figures?" That, basically, is the position the Bush administration finds itself in these days.

He and his henchmen made their case for the invasion of Iraq and sold it to the American people (if not the United Nations), then proceeded to go through with it, only to find that they were wrong about everything — weapons of mass destruction, ties to the 9/11 bombings, a Weapons Wagon waiting for them — everything.

They're trying to lie their way out of it of course (wouldn't you?) but their

efforts to show that Saddam Hussein was an imminent threat to us or that he participated in any substantial way in the 9/11 attacks are pathetic. Mainly what they and their defenders are arguing is the fallback position: that they were victimized by "bad intelligence." In effect, President Bush is asking us if we want to check his figures.

As it happens, we do. Admittedly a lot of the intelligence that came into the White House was bad — some of it even fraudulent — but there was good intelligence too.

Word comes now, via the Washington Post and the New York Times, of a small intelligence agency in the State Department — 165 analysts, a tenth of the CIA's complement — that more or less got it right.

The Bureau of Intelligence and Research at State was critical of the stated reasons for going to war from the very first. It challenged as unsubstantiated the views of other intelligence agencies that Saddam was rebuilding his nuclear weapons program. Nor would it go along with the theory that Iraq could develop a weapon in the next 10 years, given that it didn't see any movement in that direction at present.

In addition, it was skeptical of the idea that the conquest of Iraq would help spread democracy across the Arab world and it predicted, correctly, that Turkey would not allow American troops to cross its territory to invade Iraq.

The reason this intelligence was given so little weight (none, actually) was that the ruling cabal — Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz — didn't want to hear it.

Perhaps the saddest aspect of the farce is that not even Secretary of State Colin Powell paid any attention to the analysis of what were, after all, his own people. Instead he went before the UN and made a bogus case for the invasion using bogus evidence.

That's not an intelligence failure. That's a failure of intelligence.

They're talking about overhauling and reorganizing our intelligence agencies and I'm sure they will. And it's a 50-50 shot that they'll make things worse — bigger, more expensive, worse. Our problem is not that we don't have enough intelligence, it's that we don't have anyone to properly sort out what we've got. At present we have 10 or 12 intelligence agencies, none of whom talk

much to each other, feeding information to our policy makers who pick and choose among the facts and theories presented to them.

What we need at the top is an agency like the Bureau of Intelligence and Research to separate the wheat from the chaff and to pass the wheat along to the president and his people.

What we've got now is the White House gang sifting through the wheat and chaff — and feeding us the chaff.

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Obituaries

Franklin D. Reynolds

Franklin D. Reynolds, 69, of Printer, died Thursday, July 29, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born January 19, 1935, in McDowell, he was the son of the late James and Frankie Jane Slone Reynolds. He was a mechanic and coal truck driver, and attended the Old Time Baptist Church, at Printer.

Survivors include a sister, Velma Mathews of Oak Grove; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother,

Thomas Reynolds; and four sisters: Cristalee Mathews, Thelma Patton, Nevaline Blanton, and Lola Mae Ousley.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, August 1, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Denver Meade officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Evelene Webb Little

Evelene Webb Little, 70, of Wayland, died Thursday, July 29, 2004, at her residence.

Born August 6, 1933, in Wayland, she was the daughter of the late George and Dixie Crum Webb. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Crit Little.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Shelia Pummill of Middletown, Ohio, a loving companion, Carl Ray Fraley of Pikeville; a daughter-in-law, Cindy Little of Townsend, Massachusetts; four brothers: Hobert Webb of Morehead, Alvin Webb of Wayland, Melvin Webb of Allen, and Roosevelt Webb of Norwalk, Ohio; four sisters: Marilyn Isaac of Wayland, Mary Caudill of Hager Hill, Eunice Garcia of Mansfield, Ohio, and Oletta Wright of Akron, Ohio; two grandchildren: Erica Callahan and Wendy Leclair; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Thomas Gregory Little; a brother, George Elliott Webb; and a sister, Anna Ruth Fraley.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 31, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Randy Osborne officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Albert A. Snipes

Albert A. Snipes, 87, of Homer, Michigan, passed away, on Wednesday, July 28, 2004, at Oaklawn Hospital.

He was born November 14, 1916, the son of James Thomas and Elizabeth Jane (Leek) Snipes in Bonanza.

On January 17, 1937, he married Hazel Hackworth; she preceded him in death on December 17, 1995.

He was a supervisor for General Motors for 33 years, before retiring.

He moved to Homer in 1962. He attended Fellowship Baptist Church for more than 20 years, and enjoyed woodworking and reading his Bible. He cared about people, and was known for his generosity.

Survivors include three daughters: Lillian and Junior Butler of Springport; Jean and Richard Smith of Homer; and Barbara and Richard Dittis of Albion; and two sons: James and Jaynell Snipes of Dearborn, Michigan; and Tommy and Charlene Snipes of Phoenix, Arizona; 12 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services will be held Monday, August 2, at 11 a.m., at the J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, 811 Finley Drive, Albion, Michigan.

Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Visitation will be Sunday, August 1, from 5-8 p.m., at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to Fellowship Baptist Church.

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with her and then moved on to the casket. Her misty bright blue eyes followed them as one by one, each young man stopped briefly and placed his own warm hand over the cold pale hand in the casket. Each left the mortuary awkwardly, wiping his eyes. Then a friend came along who Mrs. Miller had told years ago about the marbles and he mentioned this to her. With her eyes glistening, she took his hand and led him to the casket.

She said, "Those three young men who just left are the boys that I told you about. They just told me how they appreciated the things Jim 'Traded' them. Now, at last, when Jim could not change his mind about the color or size — they came to repay

their debt." "We have never had a great deal of the wealth" she confided, "but right now, Jim would consider himself to be the richest man in the world." With loving gentleness, she lifted the lifeless fingers of her deceased husband. Resting underneath were three exquisitely shined red marbles. When we come to the end of our days we will not be remembered by our words, but by our deeds. Life is not measured by the breath we take, but by the moments that take our breath.

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

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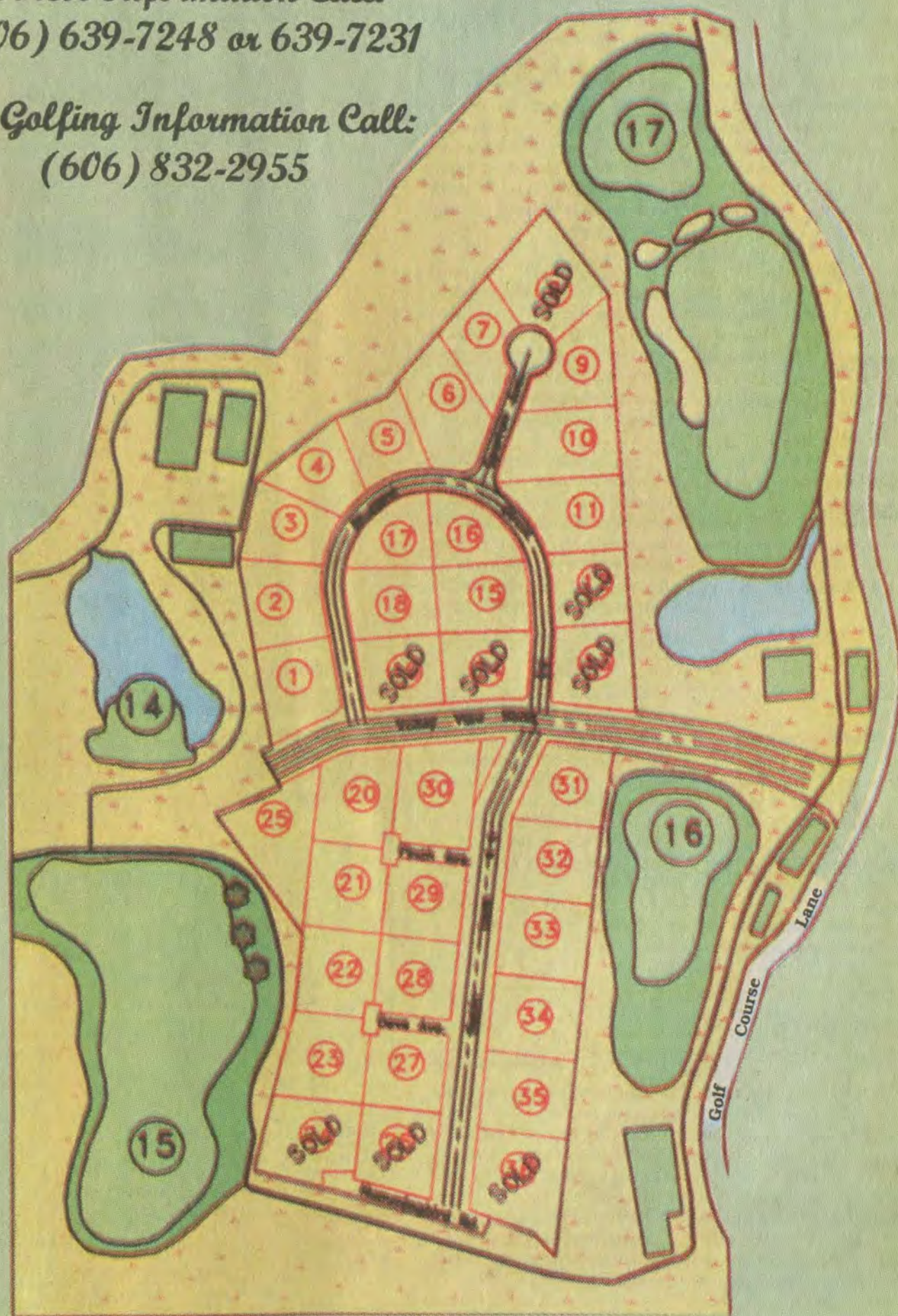
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Ralph (Chan) Gayheart

Ralph (Chan) Gayheart, 59, widower of Wanda Clark Gayheart, died Wednesday, July 28, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington.

He was born in Floyd County, the son of the late Crit and Phoebe Bradley Gearheart. He was a veteran of the Vietnam war. He was a retired employee of the U.S. Postal Service, and an employee of the Keeneland Association.

Survivors are one son and daughter-in-law, Ralph "Poke" (Lisa) Gayheart; one daughter and son-in-law, Kathy (Johnny) Haney; three grandchildren: Andrew Gayheart, Madeline Haney, and Hanna Haney, all of Lexington; five brothers: Ted Gearheart, and Dale Gearheart, both of Ohio, Bobby Gayheart, Paul Gayheart, and Larry Gayheart, all of Kentucky; five sisters: Gamet May of Michigan, June Ducote, and Joyce Maca, both of Alabama, and Lois Gearheart, and Sheila Maggard, both of Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Maxine Turley, and a brother, Don Gayheart.

He was a loving father, papaw and brother, and will be greatly missed.

Funeral services will be at noon Monday, August 2, at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home, on Main St., with Rev. Raymond Bishop officiating.

Burial will be in the Athens Cemetery.

Visitation is at Kerr Bros Funeral Home.

All arrangements are handled and prepared by Edgington-Taylor Funeral Home, Winchester.

Pallbearers will be: Keith Gayheart, Brad Maggard, Jason Gayheart, Jeff Maggard, and Chris Maggard.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

Sherry Rae Baker, 42, of Wheelwright, died Friday, July 23, following a brief illness. She is survived by her husband, Rodney Baker. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ronald Bentley, 58, of Plain City, Ohio, a native of McDowell, died Wednesday, July 21, at St. Ann's-Mount Carmel. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (Willey) Bentley. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 24, under the direction of Ferguson Funeral Home.

Georgia Home Brown, 68, of Wellington, Ohio, formerly of Hueysville, died Saturday, July 24, at the Jewish Hospital, in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, John Brown. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Raymond Conn, 72, of Sunbright, Tennessee, a native of Dana, died Thursday, July 15, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Erma Morgan Conn. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 17, under the direction of Schubert Funeral Home.

Ed Hall, 77, of West Palm Beach, Florida, formerly of Floyd County, died Sunday, July 4. He is survived by his wife, Rita Hall. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 7, under the direction of Quattlebaum Funeral Home.

Lovella Webb Hansford, 78, of Wayland, died Thursday, July 29, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, George R. Hansford. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, August 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Bruce Landon Lawson, 54, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, July 22. He is survived by his former wife, Sharon Woodrow Lawson. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 25, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Paul Burt Moore, 46, of David, died Saturday, July 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center emergency room. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ellen A. Robinson, 92, of Burnside, formerly of Allen, died Monday, July 19, at her daughter's home in Lebanon, Tennessee. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 22, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Sandra Lynn Shepherd, 38, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, July 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Ronnie Shepherd. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Opal Leigh Calhoun Younce, 89, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, July 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 27, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Bethia Blair, 95, of Staffordsville, died Tuesday, July 20, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 24, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Robert Davis, 52, of Tutor Key, died at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Martha J. Morris Davis. Graveside services were held Tuesday, July 27, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Lucas Lee Home, 33, of Flat Gap, died Tuesday, July 27, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Opal Stella Staniford Home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 31, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Ella Jo Moore Johnson, 76, of Atlanta, Georgia, formerly of Flat Gap, died Sunday, July 25, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 29, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Isaac McFaddin Jr., 70, of Vandalia, Ohio, a native of Paintsville, died Saturday, July 24. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Y. McFaddin. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 28, under the direction of Marker and Heller Funeral Home.

Lillie Mae Tackett Meade, 83, of East Point, died Thursday, July 22, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 25, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Donna K. Murphy, 41, of Van Lear, died Tuesday, July 27, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 31, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Lona Smith Bailey, 85, of Salyersville, died Monday, July 26, at the Salyersville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 29, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Larry Blanton, 40, of Salyersville, died Monday, July 19, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Alesia Combs Blanton. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 22, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Leander "Lee" Roark, 84, of Salyersville, died at Veterans Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia, on Tuesday, June 22. He is survived by his wife, Luna King Roark. Funeral services were conducted under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

Arnold J. Brewer, 72, of Palmetto, Florida, formerly of Beauty, died Saturday, July 17, at Bay Pines VA Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy N. Brewer. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 21, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Jack Cline, 82, of Winchester, a Martin County native, died Wednesday, July 21, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 24, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Winford Davis, 77, of Lovely, died Thursday, July 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were con-

ducted Sunday, July 25, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Garnet Meade, 91, of Kermit, West Virginia, a native of Warfield, died Sunday, July 28, in Gainesville, Georgia. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 28, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Johnny Ray Perry, 38, of Inez, died Saturday, July 24, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 26, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Knott County

David Dewayne Amburgey, 41, of Mallie, died Monday, July 19, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine Begley

Amburgey. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 21, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Kermit Ashley, 66, of Jeffersonville, formerly of Knott County, died Wednesday, July 21, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 24, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Ora T. Combs, 91, of Sassafaras, died Monday, July 19, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 22, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Curtis Hall, 89, of Litt Carr, died Wednesday, July 21, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July

23, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Flora Hall, 87, of Topmost, died Wednesday, July 21, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Merrill Jacobs, 38, of Hindman, died Friday, July 23, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Nancy J. Brown Smith, 86, of Jonesboro, Indiana, a Knott County native, died Wednesday, July 21. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 26, under the direction of Harper and Dunnichay Funeral Home.

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Guest

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pretty good bill proposed by Northern Kentucky Sens. Jack Westwood and Dick Roeding that would have created a Commission for a Healthy Kentucky similar to what Fletcher is proposing. But both efforts fell victim to partisan opposition.

It's true that what to eat and whether to exercise are at their

core a matter of personal responsibility. But there is much government can do to make things easier.

Gov. Fletcher is correct to focus attention on this issue, for both health and economic reasons.

— *The Kentucky Post, Covington*

Volunteers

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those people who don't get enough money from FEMA to make all necessary repairs and need donated labor or materials to complete the work.

"There's probably more than \$2 million in unmet needs in eastern Kentucky right now," Betz said. "We can go only as far as our money, materials and manpower allow.

He said volunteer groups have provided \$3 million in

funding to storm victims in the past two months.

The number of floods and other disasters that hit Kentucky leave the volunteers stretched thin.

"In Kentucky, if you're not in a disaster presently, you're just one day closer to the next one," he said.



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UK picked last in SEC East Media predicts Georgia to top LSU

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Georgia received 61 of 88 votes cast by media attending the 2004 Southeastern Conference Football Media Days to win the 2004 SEC Championship, the league announced on Thursday. LSU took 19 votes while Florida had five and Ole Miss, South Carolina and Auburn had one each.

In the Eastern Division, Georgia took 78 of 88 votes while Florida had 9 and South Carolina had one. In the Western Division, LSU had 71 of 88 while Auburn had 14, Ole Miss had two and Alabama had one. The attending media also voted on a pre-season All-SEC team.

Kentucky tied with Mississippi State for last in the SEC in the media pre-season poll, which was released Thursday.

There were no unanimous selections amongst the group. LSU had seven first-team selections while Georgia accounted for six. Each SEC was represented by at least one student-athlete in the first or second team.

Kentucky senior defensive end Vincent "Sweat Pea" Burns was the only Wildcat named to an All-SEC squad.

Indoor Bowl 4 to be televised

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Prestonsburg High School graduate Jeremy Caudill, after moving on to the University of Kentucky football program, played many times on both national and regional television. Now, as a member of the Lexington Horsemen indoor football team, Caudill will again be on TV as he and his teammates play for a championship.

Indoor Bowl 4 will be televised. WKYT Channel 27 will televise the game live on Saturday at 8 p.m. It is the first Indoor Bowl for the Lexington national indoor football franchise. The Horsemen are scheduled to travel to South Dakota to take on the Sioux Falls Storm.

The Horsemen came out on top just eight days ago, defeating the two-time National Indoor Football League Champion Ohio Valley Greyhounds, 35-34, at the WesBanco Arena. With the win, Lexington not only snapped Ohio Valley's 35 consecutive home winning streak, but also put an end to the Greyhounds' chance at winning a third straight NIFL Championship.

The Horsemen have made arrangements for a bus package for fans to attend Indoor Bowl 4. The package includes bus fare, hotel and ticket for \$199 per person.

The bus will leave Friday in the morning and return Sunday, Aug. 8 in the afternoon.

For more information, call the Horsemen office at 859/422-7277. Packages should be booked by Monday.

Hamilton likely to join Blackcat grid team

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg High School football team, instead of rebuilding, often seems to reload. Such is the case with the upcoming 2004 season.

It's a new season and Prestonsburg is again a strong contender in Class 2A.

A Blackcat football team last played in a Class 2A State Finals game in 2001.

Gone from last season's Prestonsburg squad is do-it-all skill player Nicholas

Jamerson, a Kentucky Mr. Football Top 10 finalist, who wore many hats for the Blackcat football team.

Prestonsburg returns a senior class that includes several talented players who contribute on both offense and defense.

When Prestonsburg opens the 2004 season, Blackcat fans may see a new player not quite so familiar. Junior Brenton Hamilton, a native of Floyd County who has spent the past two sea-

(See HAMILTON, page two)



file photo by Jamie Howell

Brenton Hamilton (30) has transferred from Pikeville to Prestonsburg.

PRE-SEASON FOOTBALL



file photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg High quarterback Trevor Compton talked with head coach John DeRossett during a game last season.

Paintsville-Prestonsburg scrimmage key for both teams

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg will host Paintsville Thursday in the first scrimmage of the pre-season for both teams. The matchup may offer a tale of two teams, but still yet two teams that have similarities.

Of the two teams, Prestonsburg is by far more experienced. Prestonsburg has a team full of senior leadership. Paintsville returns just one senior from last season's team, center Zac Branham. Both teams made the playoffs in 2003. Paintsville went just one game deep in the post-season, while Prestonsburg went two games into November. Paintsville fell to Somerset and Prestonsburg ended its season with a loss to Belfry. Paintsville posted an

uncharacteristic sub-par record of 5-6. Prestonsburg finished 7-5.

Paintsville is coached by David LeMaster, who as a player, went under center for the Tiger football program in the Class A State Finals. In back-to-back seasons (2001-2002), the two border rivals hooked up for regular-season meetings, with Prestonsburg winning both contests. Prestonsburg High School head coach John DeRossett is one in favor of renewing a regular-season rivalry between the two neighboring schools.

"It's a great Eastern Kentucky high school football rivalry," DeRossett said. "We're trying to work it out to where we can play Paintsville during the regular-season. It's good for both programs."

(See SCRIMMAGE, page two)



file photo by Steve LeMaster

Taking the nod as starting quarterback, as a freshman, Daniel Pugh helped Paintsville to five wins.

Fall meet begins at Red Mile; Season begins at Thunder Ridge in Oct.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The Red Mile began its championship fall meet Friday night with the first of 42 racing dates ending with the Grand Circuit tour Sept. 26-Oct. 9.

Kentucky-sired pacers and trotters will contest all their sires stakes eliminations and finals, which total approximately \$1 million, at the Red Mile for the first time this year. The Red Mile, which will distribute an estimated \$10 million in purses now through October 9, is celebrating its 130th meet.

Several harness horse owners and trainers from the area have ties to the Red Mile.

"This is the first time all of the Kentucky Sires Stakes have been held under one roof," said Marc Guilfoil, director of Standardbred racing for the Kentucky Racing Commission. "I called all the stallion owners for their input on holding the races at one location, and it was unanimous. The timing with the new single meet in Lexington certainly works, and it's exciting to have our races be part of an extensive stakes schedule."

The Kentucky Sire Stakes Finals, for two and three year olds of both sexes and gaits, kick off in late-August with \$8,000 eliminations and conclude with \$100,000 finals, as well as \$25,000 consolations, through mid-September.

Locally, in October, Thunder Ridge will host its harness racing season. Thunder Ridge has already put in for earlier dates for the 2005 harness racing season.

The Red Mile will also offer two Kentucky-bred Early Closers during the current meet. The Kentucky-Sired Summer Championships for three-year-olds, previously held as a part of the Red Mile's Spring Meet, have been scheduled during the month of August. The Lexington Breeders Classics, directed toward state-bred freshmen, will be raced in early September. Both Early Closing events include eliminations and a \$100,000 estimated final.

"A large part our mission at the Red Mile is to enhance the state-bred program. Between the Kentucky Sires Stakes and our Kentucky-sired Early Closers, we can provide a month's worth of racing for the Kentucky-bred horse. These races also play a large role in improving the quality of our racing product," said Nick Salvi, racing secretary at the Red Mile.

"Having all divisions of the sires stakes here will allow horsemen to keep their horses on the Red Mile's forgiving surface, and give them ample opportunity to prepare for the Grand Circuit," he said.

Cumberland College ranked 17th in NAIA Preview Poll

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLIAMSBURG — The Dannelly Media NAIA Preview was recently released, placing the Cumberland College football team 17th in the overall NAIA football lineup. The Patriots finished last season with an 8-2 record, placing them just short of the NAIA playoffs. The Patriots, however, are looking forward to the return of several key players; including star running back Derrion Gee and star defensive

back Dustin Huffaker.

In the Mid-South Conference, Cumberland was ranked third in the final 2003 poll.

"I am very impressed with Cumberland College's team," said Jason Dannelly, the preview editor. "Coach King has a lot of talented ball players back from last year and will be a major force in the Mid-South Conference."

Cumberland College will kick off the 2004

(See POLL, page two)



file photo

Adams and Johnson County Eighth Grade have met in Big Sandy Valley Conference title games in previous years. The Big Sandy Valley Conference is expanding. More on the expansion appears inside today's edition.

Kentucky cornerback to miss season due to injuries from fight

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOOVER, Ala. — Kentucky cornerback Bo Smith will miss the season because of head injuries suffered in a fight, coach Rich Brooks said.

The junior from Owensboro is recovering from a fractured

skull and a broken orbital bone around his left eye. He was hit in the head with a baseball bat during a July 10 fight in Oldham County.

Smith will take a medical redshirt this season, Brooks said Wednesday at the Southeastern Conference Media Days. It's too early to

tell whether the injuries are career-threatening, Brooks said.

"It was a fight that turned into a disaster," Brooks said.

Another Kentucky player, walk-on tight end Ryan Schumm, was charged with first-degree assault in the fight. Schumm, who has been

suspended from game competition, is accused of breaking another man's jaw.

Schumm did not play for the Wildcats last season.

Smith, who was expected to be one of the leaders of Kentucky's defensive secondary, was not charged in the

fight.

Smith started seven games last season and was sixth on the team in tackles with 57. He missed the last two games due to an injury.

Losing Smith leaves the Wildcats thin at one of their

most fragile positions, Brooks said.

"This hurts us, no question about it," he said. "Bo's an outstanding player, a good cover corner, but right now I'm just worried about his recovery."

Ford's recruiting class ranked

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky University head coach Travis Ford has parlayed his men's basketball team's success last season into one of the nation's top recruiting classes. The Colonels' 2004 recruiting class was ranked No. 28 nationally in the final rankings by HoopScoop Online. HoopScoop Magazine is one of the most respected basketball recruiting

sources in the nation. The class is the second-highest rated in the Ohio Valley Conference, falling behind only Murray State, which was rated 20th. Ford and his staff are certainly not resting on their laurels, though. The group is out on the road eyeing prospects for the class of 2005.

New poll debuts: A new I-AA poll made its debut this week and the Colonels were listed among the nation's elite. Eastern

Kentucky was ranked 22nd in the inaugural poll, giving EKV the distinction as the only OVC team to make the rankings. However, two of the team's opponents were listed among the Top 25. Western Kentucky was ranked 14th, with Appalachian State coming in at No. 19. Jacksonville State was listed among others receiving votes. The poll is produced by AnyGivenSaturday.com, which the site touts as "the world's largest online online community devoted to the NCAA Division I football subclassification I-AA." The poll is produced by "distinguished members of the AGS Community" with guidelines for voter eligibility and accountability set forth by an advisory panel from AGS.

New teams enter Big Sandy Valley Football Conference

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — Big Sandy Valley Football Conference commissioners Ronnie Wells and Dip Stafford welcomed in coaches July 12 when a pre-season meeting was held at the Paintsville Recreation Center.

The conference is currently split into four-team divisions.

Allen, Allen Central, Adams and South Floyd currently makeup the South Division. Conference newcomers Hazard, Breathitt County, Pikeville and Leslie County make up the Mid-South Division.

A team from either Knott County or Perry County is expected to move into the North Division, joining Morgan County, Johnson County Eighth

Grade and Magoffin County.

Paintsville, Johnson County Seventh Grade, Inez and Warfield will make up the North Division.

Teams in the conference have six games scheduled at this time with three games being in-division and three out-of-division. All 16 teams will be eligible for the playoffs which will get underway Oct. 12. The second round of the playoffs is scheduled for Oct. 16 and the third round, Oct. 19. The post-season grid will be held Oct. 23 at Johnson Central High School.

The annual pre-season grid is slated for Aug. 28 at Breathitt County.

Johnson County Eighth Grade is the defending conference champion.

Poll

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season on the road as it travels to Presbyterian College on Aug. 28. Game time is 1:30 p.m.

Allen joins Pikeville College staff

Former Georgetown College Tiger Jim Tom Allen has joined the Pikeville College football coaching staff. Allen recently served as an assistant coach at Paintsville High School, working as a defensive coordinator.

Allen joins a Pikeville College staff that is led by head coach Jerry Mynatt. Mynatt, who came to Pikeville College after the resignation of Prestonsburg High School alum John Gilliam, coached the Bears to a 4-6 overall record during the 2003 season. Pikeville posted a 3-6 Mid-South Conference mark.

Frontier League takes reins of Florence Freedom team

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FLORENCE — The Frontier League has taken over management of Florence Freedom, a minor league baseball team in northern Kentucky beset by financial problems.

League Commissioner Bill Lee made the announcement Thursday during a news conference in which he also said more investors are being sought to help pay creditors.

At least 10 creditors have

filed \$3.1 million in liens against the team's ownership group, Northern Kentucky Professional Baseball, claiming they have not been paid. Construction on a new stadium also has stopped.

"All we want is our money," said Don Wagner, a creditor who is president of Tru Wall Concrete. Wagner said he is owed \$528,910.

Employees, city officials and fans hope the change in management will be a new start for the team that is playing its first season in Florence.

"I'm very pleased in the direction the Frontier League is taking with this team," said Mayor Diane Whalen. "I think you'll see changes here. I think the fans will see changes here. We are glad they're here."

Northern Kentucky Professional Baseball asked the Frontier League to manage the team so that it can focus on fixing its finances, Lee said.

Information from: The Cincinnati Enquirer, <http://www.enquirer.com>

Bengals sign QB Casey Bramlet, CB James Allen

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals signed quarterback Casey Bramlet, their seventh-round draft choice this year, to a three-year contract on Thursday.

Terms weren't disclosed. Bramlet started three years at Wyoming and set school records for completions (767), passing yards (9,684) and touchdown passes (56).

The Bengals also signed cor-

nerback James Allen, a rookie free agent from Brigham Young, to a one-year contract. As a Allen junior in 2003, he ranked fourth on the team in tackles, with 57. He had four sacks and also returned nine kickoffs for an average of 18 yards.

The Bengals have now signed three of their 11 draft choices, including Bramlet, wide receiver Maurice Mann of Nevada (fifth round) and cornerback Greg Brooks of Southern Mississippi (sixth round).

Scrimmage

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Prestonsburg has several storied rivals — Pikeville, Belfry, Ashland, Lawrence County, and yes, Paintsville.

As with most all pre-season scrimmages, both teams can use the exhibition game in many different ways, most importantly as a way to evaluate returning and incoming talent.

The Paintsville team that comes into Prestonsburg Thursday will be led by a second-year varsity quarterback that is shaping up as one of the top all-around athletes in the state.

Tiger quarterback Daniel Pugh is set to enter his second season as a varsity football

starter. Pugh, who also excels in both basketball and baseball, started 11 games under center as a freshman. Now, he is working under assistant coach Chuke Williams, who once served as the head coach of the Prestonsburg High football program.

Prestonsburg quarterback Trevor Compton is set to return for a second season as a starting quarterback. Compton also starts in the Blackcat defensive secondary.

A set game time for Thursday's Paintsville-Prestonsburg scrimmage will appear in Wednesday's edition.

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sons playing varsity football for Pikeville High School, has transferred to Prestonsburg and in an ideal situation for Blackcat fans, may be ruled eligible and be ready to play in the first game of the season.

The first opponent for Prestonsburg?

Pikeville. Yes, Hamilton's old team.

Hamilton, while at Pikeville,

played fullback, sharing time in the Panther backfield with Robert Shurtleff. He also played on defense, earning starting time as early as his freshman season.

Prestonsburg will open the 2004 season on the road Saturday, Aug. 21 in the Pike County Bowl against the host Pikeville Panthers.

A-Rod, Varitek suspended four games apiece

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Yankees star Alex Rodriguez and Boston catcher Jason Varitek were suspended for four games apiece and fined \$2,000, and six other players were punished for their roles in a bench-clearing brawl last week between New York and the Red Sox.

Yankees pitcher Tanyon Sturtze and Red Sox outfielders Gabe Kapler and Trot Nixon were suspended for three games and fined \$1,000 by Bob

Watson, major league baseball's vice president of on-field operations.

New York outfielder Kenny Lofton, Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling and Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz were fined \$500 each.

Rodriguez, the Yankees' All-Star third baseman, and Sturtze are appealing their suspensions. Varitek, Kapler and Nixon also plan to appeal, Red Sox

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Helton: Don't knock over the victory lane bottles

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

You may or may not have noticed what seems to have become a weekly ritual in Victory Lane when the winning driver crawls out of his car and - before anything else, including high-fiving his crew - wipes out whatever bottles are perched atop his roof.

But NASCAR sure has noticed what is the 21st Century version of bowling for dollars. And president Mike Helton has

warned drivers not to do it any more.

"Don't take it on yourself to take the product off your car," Helton said in Sunday's pre-race drivers and crew chiefs' meeting at New Hampshire International Speedway. "You can move away from it or move around it to be polite and respectful to everyone involved."

The product to which Helton is referring is a large plastic bottle from a beverage sponsor that is placed on the roof of the car

so it can get exposure during the winner's interview.

At NHIS on Sunday, Kurt Busch spoke to TNT with a large Powerade bottle behind him. But at Chicagoland Speedway two weeks ago, winner Tony Stewart knocked a bottle of Tropicana - the race sponsor - to the ground as soon as he got out of the car.

Jeff Gordon casually wiped out a large Powerade bottle after he won at Daytona.

The reason? Simple.

Powerade is a Coca-Cola product, while Gordon has a contract with Pepsi. Stewart is a Coca-Cola driver, so while he didn't mind the Powerade bottles, he did mind the Pepsi-owned Tropicana.

That's fine, NASCAR has said, but don't look silly on television.

"It was just the representation on TV in terms of the professionalism of our athletes, in terms of knocking bottles off rather than just leave it alone,"

NASCAR spokesman Mike Zizzo said Monday. "If they want to move out of the area where the bottle is - that's what Mike said to them - there are ways to work around it. But we need to co-exist."

Fox analyst and NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series owner Darrell Waltrip said the issue goes beyond sponsor contracts.

"That's what's made our sport successful: you give and you take," Waltrip said. "You give and you take on the track, you give and you take when you're in victory circle of off the racetrack."

"It's a continuing trend of, 'Whatever happened to the gentlemen's agreement?'"

For years, the gentlemen's agreement dictated that drivers wouldn't race back to the caution flag. But that ended last year when NASCAR decided to freeze the field when the track went yellow because drivers ignored the gentlemen's agreement.

"Where did all the gentlemen go?" Waltrip said. "Where did the respect go?"

Wherever it went, NASCAR wants to make sure it comes

back - at least in Victory Lane.

"We've had sponsor conflicts over the years, and it's not been a huge deal," Zizzo said. "Everyone kind of co-exists with that, and Mike just wanted to make it clear that we need to co-exist today and in the future."

Waltrip said he has noticed the beverage deals have crept into other parts of a race broadcast.

"What has really become painfully obvious to me is how you can't do an interview with them any more that they don't have to turn a bottle of something up in the interview - whether it's a Coke or Pepsi or Gatorade," Waltrip said. "They've all got these deals where I guess they get paid every time they (take a drink). They call them 'chug points.'"

"It's just gotten to be ridiculous. It's almost as ridiculous as putting on different hats used to be."

Zizzo said Helton did not mention any kind of penalty that would be handed down if drivers continue the practice of clearing bottles in Victory Lane.

Jeff Gordon: Pennsylvania 500 Preview

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LONG POND, Pa. - Although Pocono Raceway's two NASCAR NEXTEL Cup events are separated by only 49 days, Jeff Gordon's results in the two events are like night and day.

Gordon, driver of the No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet, has three wins, two poles, 11 top-fives and 16 top-10's in 23 events at the 2.5-mile speedway. He has led 830 laps - the most of any driver - and has

led the most laps five times.

However, his average finish in the first event is 7.3 and his average starting position is 6.9. Compare that to the second event, the Pennsylvania 500, where the numbers jump to 13.4 and 12.1, respectively. Gordon has finished 30th or worse on three occasions at Pocono, each of those occurring in the second event.

"We haven't qualified as well in the second event, and that may be the difference," Gordon said. "When you're

'off' just a little bit in qualifying, it's tough to play catch up in the race."

"Track position and pit strategy always seem to be part of the equation here. I'm sure it will be no different this weekend."

Earlier this year here, Gordon overcame 'poor' track position to finish fourth. He restarted 17th with only 28 laps to go and improved 13 positions before the end of the race. Only 12 of those 28 laps were under green flag conditions.

Gordon has gained a lot of momentum in the 49 days and five races since then, capturing two wins, four poles, four top-five finishes and leading the most laps three times. His only 'hiccup' during that span was a blown motor at Michigan while he was running second.

"We've had a good stretch of races here recently, and hopefully it continues this weekend," Gordon said. "We had a great car here in June, and we're bringing the same car back for this event. But that doesn't guarantee we'll be strong this weekend."

"Teams that didn't do well here earlier may try something different or radical in their setup and hit on something."

even if means running more laps than scheduled.

"I think we're going to see some of the most weird, ridiculous and controversial situations ever in the next seven races," Wallace said. "I'm against the green-white-checked finishes. I've told the NASCAR officials that and I don't mind being vocal about it."

No middle ground for Jeff Gordon at Pocono

by MIKE HARRIS ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pocono is a tale of two races for Jeff Gordon.

The two Cup events at Pocono Raceway are only 49 days apart, and the characteristics of 2 1/2-mile tri-oval don't change. But for Gordon, it seems like the June race and the August event are very different.

Overall, Gordon has three wins, 11 top-fives and 16 top-10s in 23 events at the track in Long Pond, Pa., where the Nextel Cup cars race Sunday.

His average starting position in the first event is 6.9, with an average finish of 7.3. Compare that to the second event, the Pennsylvania 500, where the numbers jump to 12.1 and 13.4, respectively. Gordon has finished 30th or worse on three occasions at Pocono, all of them in the second event.

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Since then, the four-time series champion has gained a lot of momentum. A blown engine relegated him to 28th the following week at Michigan, but he has two wins, a second and a fourth in the four races since.

2005 Craftsman Truck Series schedule announced

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - The 2005 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series schedule announced Thursday increases the number of races held in conjunction with the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series and closes existing "gaps" between late winter and spring events.

The 25-race schedule, which opens Feb. 18 at Daytona International Speedway and concludes Nov. 18 at Homestead-Miami Speedway, includes 16 same-week races in cities hosting NASCAR Nextel Cup events.

"The growth of the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series coin-

cidates with the opportunity to bring more events to NASCAR fans across America," said NASCAR president Mike Helton. "Next year's realignment has created additional positive steps to enhance and expand visibility of the series to the benefit of our teams, tracks, sponsors and television viewers."

The reconfigured schedule also takes advantage of heightened fan and media interest in the "Chase for the NASCAR Nextel Cup," the season's final 10 races that provide a points framework awarding the

Kasey Kahne: Pennsylvania 500 Preview

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

This will be Kasey Kahne's second career NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series start at Pocono. He held the pole position for the Pocono 500 in June as he set a new track qualifying record and finished the race in 14th place. The team also tested at Pocono on June 3.

"We went to Watkins Glen to test (Monday), but we got rained out. I really needed the time on the track, so that's disappointing," said Kahne. "We had to do some laps instead in our Dodge Ram rental van. It was pretty fast, it just doesn't handle quite the same on all those turns."

"I'm excited about going back to Pocono this weekend. We were pretty good there before and we qualified good, but I think we'll be a lot better this weekend. There's so much to learn about that track - the difference in all the corners, the shifting - that I think I'll be able to handle it better this time."

"As we come down to the final 10, every lap of every race really counts. We're starting to feel a lot of pressure. Tommy and I are focused on getting in the top 10, but we're also focused on doing the same things we've been doing each week. We really aren't going to change our strategy. We don't want to take any chances, but

we've also got to be aggressive enough to go out there and bring home some top-five finishes that will get us into the chase."

"I hope drivers don't get overly aggressive as we get close to the cutoff for the championship. Guys have been driving pretty hard all year, but if people start taking out other cars on purpose so they - or a teammate - can move up in the points, that will be a bad thing. Everybody wants to compete for

the title in those last 10 races, but everyone's still got to play fair."

"I like the ideas of the green-white-checker. I think that's what we've needed all season. I'm glad NASCAR did it. If we had the green-white-checked all season, I probably would have won a couple of races. Like Michigan, for example, where I just couldn't catch Ryan Newman."

Fun Ford Weekend to make 13th stop in Thunder Valley

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. - The 13th Annual Fun Ford Weekend, one of the most anticipated shows of the year, returns to Bristol Dragway Aug. 6-8 with an action-packed weekend of racing, which includes a car show and corral, manufacturer's midway, and a swap meet.

Racing will take place in nine classes, including Mr. Gasket Pro, ProCharger Street Outlaw, BFGoodrich Drag Radial, ProCharger Street Renegade, Edelbrock Street Bandit, Probe Street Warrior, Steeda/Hyland Mod Motor, JDM Tough Truck and Vortec Focus Frenzy. The winner in the Mr. Gasket Pro class will take home \$7,500 while the Steeda/Hyland Mod winner pockets \$6,000 and the ProCharger Street Outlaw winner will earn \$5,000. All other class winners will earn between \$500 and \$1,000.

Fun Ford Weekend also features a two-day car show with a perfect venue for displaying the ultimate in Ford's finest show quality automobiles, which will be judged in Top Twenty-Five and Best in Class categories. Cost to enter the car show is \$30 for one day or \$40 for two days.

Spectator admission is \$20 on Saturday and \$20 on Sunday or a two-day pass may be purchased for \$35.

Gates open on Friday, Aug. 6 at 10 a.m. with a Test & Tune slated from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Gates open on Saturday at 7 a.m. with racing set for 9 a.m., with car show judging taking place at 2 p.m. Gates open on Sunday at 8 a.m. with time trials set to begin at 9 a.m. and car show judging to start at 2 p.m.

The Sunoco Bracket Series returns to action at Bristol Dragway this weekend, with a doubleheader set for July 31 and Aug. 1. Gates open on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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Chinese Taipei set to return to Little League World Series

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Teams from Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei and Saipan, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, became the third and fourth to earn berths in the 2004 Little League Baseball World Series by winning the Asia Region and Pacific Region tournaments, respectively, today in Agana, Guam.

of Kaohsiung defeated Sendai Higashi Little League, from Sendai, Japan, 7-5, in the Asia Region championship game and will be representing Chinese Taipei for the first time in the Little League Baseball World Series. Sendai was the 2002 Little League Baseball World Series runner-up, losing to Valley Sports American Little League from Louisville, 1-0.

Chinese Taipei finished the four-team regional tournament

with a 3-1 record. This is the second year that leagues in Chinese Taipei have chartered with Little League Baseball since voluntarily withdrawing from the program following the 1996 season.

Teams from Chinese Taipei have qualified for the Little League Baseball World Series 21 times and have 17 world championships. The most recent title was won in 1996 when a team from Kaohsiung defeated

Western (Cranston, R.I.) Little League, 13-5.

The Saipan Little League defeated Jakarta Little League, from Indonesia, 4-3, in the Pacific Region championship game also in Guam. This was Indonesia's first time playing in a Little League Baseball regional final. Saipan Little League finished the four-team tournament with a 3-1 record.

A team from CNMI has never won the Little League Baseball World Series. The only other appearance by CNMI in the Little League Baseball World Series came in 1993.

Shou Tien Little League and Saipan Little League join Linda Vista Little League of Guadalupe, Mexico and Pabao Little League of Willemstad, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, as participants in the 2004 Little League Baseball World Series.

The Little League Baseball World Series for 11-12-year-olds will be played in Williamsport, Aug. 20-29. Sixteen teams from around the world will take part.

ABC will televise the Little League Baseball World Series U.S. championship game on Aug. 28, at 7:30 p.m. The world championship game of the Little League Baseball World Series can be seen live on ABC at 6:30 p.m., on Aug. 29. Twenty-five other World Series games will be televised on ESPN or ESPN2

for a total of 27 games on national television.

The next berth in the Little League Baseball World Series will be decided Saturday in Panama City, Panama, when the Latin American Region Tournament is due to end.

The U.S. region finals, all of which will be televised live on ESPN2, are: Southeast (St. Petersburg, Fla., Aug. 7, 7 p.m.); Midwest (Indianapolis, Aug. 8, 7 p.m.); Great Lakes (Indianapolis, Aug. 9, 8 p.m.); Southwest (Waco, Texas, Aug.

10, 8 p.m.); Northwest (San Bernardino, Calif., Aug. 11, 8 p.m.); West (San Bernardino, Calif., Aug. 12, 8 p.m.); New England (Bristol, Conn., Aug. 14, 8 p.m.); Mid-Atlantic (Bristol, Conn., Aug. 15, 5 p.m.). All times are Eastern U.S. time.

Little League Baseball is the largest organized youth sports program in the world, with 2.7 million participants in all 50 states and more than 70 other countries.

Bay played for Canada in 1990 Little League World Series

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Rookie Jason Bay of the Pittsburgh Pirates is the first Canadian Little Leaguer to play in the Little League Baseball World Series and play Major League Baseball. He is the 26th Little League Baseball World Series participant to reach the major leagues.

Bay is from Trail, British Columbia, and as an 11-year-old, he played center field for Trail Little League in the 1990 Little League Baseball World Series in Williamsport. In the

World Series, Jason was 2-for-5 for the Canadian Region champions, with two walks, three runs scored, and one run batted in. The Canadian team finished 1-1 in that year's World Series tournament.

In his first full major league season, Bay is a frontrunner for the National League Rookie of the Year Award. The Pirates' outfielder made his major league debut in 2003 with the San Diego Padres.

Bay was traded from San Diego to Pittsburgh in Sept. 2003. This season, the Pirates' left fielder is leading all major

league rookies with a .315 batting average, 44 runs batted in, 13 home runs, and a slugging percentage of .630 through 58 games. He also has two eight RBI games in his major league career.

Before signing to play professional baseball, Bay played for the 1996 Canadian junior national team and was a standout at Gonzaga University, where he won the West Coast Conference batting title as a senior. He was drafted by the Montreal Expos in 2000. Mr. Bay is a graduate of J. Lloyd Crow Secondary School in Trail, BC.

Marshall football tickets available online

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — The Marshall University Athletic Ticket Office will make all unsold seat locations in Joan C. Edwards Stadium available for purchase on a single game basis starting on today exclusively on Herdzone.com via internet ticket sales. In addition, the ticket office is announcing the return of the "Herdzone" seating section — a limited number of \$10 tickets located in Section 232 of the end zone.

"We are releasing some great seats for single game purchases," Marshall Director of Ticketing Michael Carpenter, said. "The Herdzone is a good way to get a great seat for all the action at a bargain price."

Starting at 12:01 a.m. today, single game tickets (including

Herdzone tickets) will be available exclusively online at www.herdzone.com.

Regular phone-in and walk-up orders will be taken beginning on Monday, August 2. The Marshall University Ticket Office's in-season hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The ticket office is located at 1801 Third Avenue. Fans may order by phone by calling 1-800-THE-HERD or 696-4373.

The Herdzone features 1,000 seats in the upper end zone, sold for \$10 each, on a first-come first-serve basis. Single game ticket prices start at \$32 for prime seats on the east side of the stadium, \$25 for sideline reserved seats, \$15 in the end zone, and the limited number of \$10 tickets in the Herdzone.

Charges against school board member, UK basketball player dropped

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOPKINSVILLE — Kentucky basketball player Ravi Moss and his father had charges of disorderly conduct dismissed Thursday in a case their lawyer said was "blown out of proportion."

Moss; his father, Christian County Board of Education member Austin Moss; and for-

mer Kentucky football player George C. Massey Jr. had disorderly conduct charges dismissed after last-minute negotiations.

Massey also was charged with second-degree hindering apprehension, which was also dropped.

"We came prepared ready to try the case because we thought all this was wrong," defense attorney Bill Deatherage said, and

The defendants agreed to an offer of diversion and deferred prosecution, allowing the charges to be dropped Thursday because diversion would be retroactive to Oct. 1.

The charges stemmed from an incident Sept. 26 during the annual football game between Hopkinsville and Christian County high schools at the Stadium of Champions.

According to court records, Ravi Moss was standing in a walkway near the bleachers and asked by sheriff's deputies to leave. He did but returned to the same area a short time later and was escorted out of the stadium by police.

Ravi Moss then began to argue with Sheriff's Deputy Chad Grace, who then charged him with disorderly conduct. Austin Moss then arrived at the gate, grabbed Grace and yelled at police, according to authorities. He then was charged with disorderly conduct. Massey also showed up at the scene and failed to obey police orders to stay away, court records showed.

Deatherage said he has been in contact with Kentucky basketball coach Tubby Smith about Ravi Moss' involvement in the case and said the coach was concerned about his player.

"I don't think this will affect Ravi's position on the team," Deatherage said. "This was a bad misunderstanding that led to an unfortunate situation."

The defendants immediately left the courtroom and could not be reached for comment.

Deatherage said his clients "feel hurt in a way." "They feel they were treated unfairly. The whole thing was blown out of proportion," he said.

Information from: Kentucky New Era, <http://www.kentuckynewera.com>

NFL: Manning, Gallery sign in time to get to camp

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The waiting game is over for Eli Manning and Robert Gallery. Now, the NFL's top draft picks can strap on the pads and go to work.

No. 1 Manning and No. 2 Gallery signed contracts Thursday, just in time for opening workouts on Friday.

"I was hoping to get it done," quarterback Manning said of negotiations with the New York Giants. "I just wanted to get here on time."

Gallery, the tackle around whom Oakland hopes to build an offensive line, saw the importance of coming to terms with the Raiders.

"I had to be here on the first day," he said.

Manning signed a six-year contract that will guarantee him \$20 million. The base package is \$45 million. Despite the numbers, he tried to remain focused on football.

"I just left it up to them," he said of discussions between the team and agent Tom Condon. "I just wanted to get here on time. When it came to crunch time, they got it worked out."

A source familiar with negotiations, who requested anonymity, said Gallery will get as much as \$18.5 million in guaranteed money and \$60 million over the life of his seven-year deal. The Raiders didn't release details of the contract and wouldn't confirm salary figures.

Gallery was in awe of his new deal.

"Signing your name under those numbers kind of took my breath away," he said. "I've had more debt than I've had transactions in my favor."

They were the headliners on a day when many draft choices also signed in time for the opening of their training camps.

Titans

Tennessee came to terms with

cornerbacks Rich Gardner and Michael Waddell.

Gardner, a third-round selection, is a former walk-on at Penn State. Waddell was picked in the fourth round out of North Carolina.

Packers
Punter B.J. Sander, offensive lineman Scott Wells and defensive tackle Donnell Washington came to terms with Green Bay.

Wells, a four-year starter at Tennessee, agreed to a three-year deal. The seventh-round draft pick fits the Packers' need for a center-guard combination back-up.

Sander, a left-footed punter from Ohio State, and Washington, from Clemson, were taken in the third round. Terms of their contracts were not immediately revealed.

Vikings
Minnesota signed defensive end Darrion Scott and offensive tackle Nat Dorsey.

Scott, taken in the third round out of Ohio State, played inside and outside for the Buckeyes. Dorsey, a 6-foot-7, 322-pound left tackle from Georgia Tech, was selected in the fourth round.

Lions
Detroit signed cornerback Keith Smith and linebacker Alex Lewis.

The Lions selected Smith out of McNeese State in the third round. Lewis, from Wisconsin, was taken in the fifth.

Jaguars
Jacksonville agreed to terms with kicker Josh Scobee, cornerback Chris Thompson, and defensive end Bobby McCray.

Scobee, one of three fifth-round picks, was a three-time All-WAC kicker at Louisiana Tech. Thompson, another fifth-round pick, was drafted out of Nicholls State. McCray was a seventh-round selection from Florida.

Cardinals
Arizona signed guard Nick Leckey, its sixth-round pick out of

Kansas State. The Cardinals also came to terms with offensive lineman Everett Lindsay, who has played 136 games with Minnesota, Cleveland and Baltimore since 1993.

49ers
Punter Andy Lee and linebacker Richard Seigler agreed to three-year contracts with San Francisco.

Seigler, a fourth-round selection, was a two-time All-Pac-10 linebacker at Oregon State, where he played three seasons for 49ers coach Dennis Erickson.

Lee, a sixth-round draft choice, was a two-time All-Big

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NASCAR Nextel Cup championship.

The final five events of the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series will be in combination with those weekends — at Martinsville Speedway, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Texas Motor Speedway, Phoenix International Raceway and Homestead-Miami Speedway.

New combination events will be held Feb. 25 at California Speedway, June 18 at Michigan International Speedway, Oct. 29 at Atlanta and Nov. 4 at Texas. The first Texas Motor Speedway date, a stand-alone race, will be held June 10.

Atlanta Motor Speedway receives a second combination race in 2005 while California Speedway moves its fall stand-alone race to combination status as the season's second race. Michigan International Speedway's previous races were stand alone events, as well.

Martinsville Speedway hosts a pair of combination events, on April 9 and Oct. 22 for the third consecutive year. Other continu-

ing combination weekends will be held at Lowe's Motor Speedway, Dover International Speedway, Bristol Motor Speedway, Indianapolis Raceway Park during the Brickyard 400 weekend, New Hampshire International Speedway, Phoenix International Raceway and Richmond International Raceway.

The NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series will continue to have stand alone events at Gateway International Raceway, Kansas Speedway, Kentucky Speedway, Mansfield Motorsports Speedway, Memphis Motorsports Park, Nashville Superspeedway, and Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

On the weekend of June 24-25, the Series will team up with the NASCAR Busch Series for a unique combination weekend at The Milwaukee Mile.

SPEED Channel, which in 2004 is enjoying a 31% increase in the number of households tuning in and a 16% increase in the total number of viewers for

the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series, will broadcast all 25 races on the schedule along with MRN Radio and XM Satellite Radio.

The 2005 season marks the beginning of the second decade of the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series. Craftsman continues its entitlement sponsorship of the series in 2005 for the 10th consecutive season. Craftsman was the series' inaugural presenting sponsor in 1995.

Tentative 2005 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Schedule		
Feb. 18	Daytona International Speedway	Speedway
Feb. 25	California Speedway	Speedway
March 18	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Speedway
April 9	Martinsville Speedway	Speedway
April 30	Gateway International Raceway	Speedway
May 15	Mansfield Motorsports Speedway	Speedway
May 20	Lowe's Motor Speedway	Speedway
June 3	Dover International	Speedway

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June 10	Texas Motor	Speedway
June 18	Michigan International	Speedway
June 24	The Milwaukee Mile	Speedway
July 2	Kansas Speedway	Speedway
July 9	Kentucky Speedway	Speedway
July 23	Memphis Motorsports Park	Speedway
Aug. 5	Indianapolis Raceway Park	Speedway
Aug. 13	Nashville Superspeedway	Speedway
Aug. 24	Bristol Motor	Speedway
Sept. 8	Richmond International	Speedway
Sept. 17	New Hampshire International	Speedway
Sept. 24	Las Vegas Motor	Speedway
Oct. 22	Martinsville	Speedway
Oct. 29	Atlanta Motor	Speedway
Nov. 4	Texas Motor	Speedway
Nov. 11	Phoenix International	Speedway
Nov. 18	Homestead-Miami	Speedway

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Preseason Football Rankings

<p>Class A Preseason Top 10</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Danville 2. Newport Central Catholic 3. Louisville Holy Cross 4. Beechwood 5. Hancock County 6. Mayfield 7. Lynn Camp 8. Pikeville 9. Bardstown 10. Fairview 	<p>Class 3A Preseason Top 10</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Boyle County 2. Highlands 3. Hopkinsville 4. Oldham County 5. Bowling Green 6. Lexington Catholic 7. Central 8. Rockcastle County 9. Bell County 10. Covington Catholic
<p>Class 2A Preseason Top 10</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elizabethtown 2. Belfry 3. Trigg County 4. Breathitt County 5. Lloyd Memorial 6. Russell 7. Corbin 8. Prestonsburg 9. Fort Campbell 10. Owensboro Catholic 	<p>Class 4A Preseason Top 10</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trinity 2. Male 3. Saint Xavier 4. DuPont Manual 5. Ballard 6. Henderson County 7. Dixie Heights 8. Paul Dunbar 9. Butler 10. Scott County

Carolina on the minds of America's Olympians

by EDDIE PELLIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Red, white and Carolina blue.

The coaches on the U.S. Olympic team certainly have that look.

Larry Brown, former player and assistant at North Carolina, is the head coach. Roy Williams, former assistant and current head coach of the Tar Heels, is Brown's assistant. And paying a visit to the team's pre-Olympic training camp this week is the biggest Tar Heel of them all, Dean Smith.

Smith has no official role on the coaching staff. But anyone who thinks he's in Jacksonville just for show should think again.

"Everything I've been taught comes from something he taught us," said Brown, 63, arguably the most accomplished active basketball coach in the world these days.

All the defensive calls Brown makes this summer, as the American team heads to Athens, will be the same ones Smith used over his 36 years at North Carolina.

The work ethic. The discipline. The fundamentals. Even in an era of pampered, high-priced players, Brown has managed to stay true — and keep his players true — to many of the basic tenets of the game, most of which he learned from Smith.

Earlier this summer, Brown led the underdog Detroit Pistons to the NBA title, and in doing

so, became the first coach to win it all in both college and the NBA. Now, he's seeking to add Olympic gold to his haul.

Melding this collection of 12 NBA stars, however, might be among the biggest challenges he has faced in his four decades of coaching, especially considering he's got limited time to do it. This week is the first time this group has been together. After an exhibition game Saturday against Puerto Rico, the team heads to Europe for a few more weeks of practice. Then, it's Athens, where the United States opens play Aug. 15.

"When I coached, we had six weeks to be together and put everything together," Smith said. "It's a lot different now."

Smith was coach of the U.S. Olympic team in 1976, back in the day when professionals weren't allowed to play, and when the bulk of college talent was centralized in a handful of locations. One of them, of course, was North Carolina, and that helps explain why four of Smith's Tar Heels — Walter Davis, Phil Ford, Mitch Kupchak and Tom LaGarde — were on the team that won gold in Montreal.

The win back then only served to strengthen Smith's resume. He was 15 years into a career that ended with 11 Final Four appearances and two national championships.

"I know that everything I've learned in basketball, 90 percent of it comes from him," said

Williams, who was Smith's assistant before he left to coach Kansas. "His impact on the game is still huge."

In typical fashion, the 73-year-old former coach of the Tar Heels doesn't talk up his role. But there's a reason he's here this week — huddling with the coaches, chatting with players, sitting with Brown at the scorer's table during a scrimmage Thursday to help evaluate this forming team.

"I don't know if I still have

an influence or not," Smith said. "I'm not too sure about that."

Pretty much everyone else is. Even the Duke guys. On a different day, in a different setting, former Blue Devil Carlos Boozer would have been trained not to like Smith, Brown, Williams or anything else that comes packaged in Carolina blue. This summer, though, they're all working toward the same goal.

"It's an honor to be in his presence," Boozer said. "Never

mind the Duke-UNC thing, because he's one of the greatest of all time, and I'd like to learn as much as I can from him."

STARS AND STRIPES: The Americans easily handled Puerto Rico in the scrimmage Thursday. LeBron James was the crowd favorite, with a number of huge dunks, including a double-pump reverse jam that drew the biggest cheer of the day. Asked what he learned from the scrimmage, Brown said, "That Dwyane Wade can

really play." But the coach also said the Americans need a lot of work on defense. They were also missing an outside-shooting presence. Although no official stats were kept, the United States hit only four shots outside 15 feet over the four 10-minute quarters. ... Emeka Okafor (ankle) sat out of the scrimmage, but is expected to be fine. ... Tickets for Saturday's exhibition were sold out, according to managers at Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena.

Wrestler Toccara Montgomery can visualize gold medal presentation

by M.R. KROPKO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — When Toccara Montgomery first became intrigued with wrestling as a sophomore in high school, her goal was to eventually be good enough to stop losing matches against boys.

Now the 21-year-old senior at Cumberland College, in Williamsburg, doesn't mind saying she often visualizes herself at a medals ceremony in the Summer Olympics in Athens.

"It's been playing back in my head, me standing on the podium, with my medal on, maybe holding flowers and just the anthem playing with the flag over my head," she said recently in Cleveland, her hometown. "It's something I'm looking forward to."

Montgomery, one of four members of the first U.S. Olympic women's wrestling team, is widely considered to be a strong contender for gold. She won a championship in the 2003 Pan American Games. She has lost some matches but also has won at least once over each of her main competitors in international events for her weight class, up to 158.5 pounds.

"It's really a tough weight class, but I feel confident. We'll see," she said.

USA Wrestling's National

Women's coach Terry Steiner, responsible for training America's best women freestyle wrestlers, has no doubt that Montgomery will be focused and ready.

"Toccara has proven herself as a definite gold medal contender. She was second in the world championships last year. She just beat a six-time world champ from Canada. I don't know if she is a gold medal favorite, but she is definitely highly regarded," Steiner said.

"I think her biggest asset is her demeanor, how calm and collected she is even under the most stressful circumstance," he said.

This year's Olympics is the first to include women's wrestling.

"If you don't follow women's wrestling at all, there would be a lot of people who don't know it exists," Steiner said. "There have been world championships for about 20 years. So the Olympics was bound to happen sooner or later."

The opportunity has inspired Montgomery.

"It was about two years ago women's wrestling was accepted to the 2004 Olympic Games, and I thought, 'Wow, I might have an opportunity to compete!' So I started to get my training centered on Athens as my primary goal," she said.

At Cleveland East Tech under coach Kip Flanik, she tried out for the wrestling team as a personal challenge she thought might be fun. There were few if any other girl wrestlers on opposing teams. Losing to boys did not dim her spirit, and by her junior year she started winning.

By her senior year, Flanik found national girls' wrestling competitions for her to try.

"He told me I had a talent, and if I wanted to pursue something greater in the sport he would help me get to as many women's tournaments as possible. I still wrestled about eight matches my senior year against guys and I won all of them," she said.

After high school, she went to Cumberland on scholarship. Soon after she made that decision the college's coaching job for women's wrestling opened up, and Flanik was hired.

The team had about eight girls her first year and about 27 last year. "Everyone at Cumberland has been really supportive," Montgomery said.

She is majoring in elementary education.

"I really like kids, and I think second grade is really when they have learned the basics and are really starting to use more learning skills and abstract thinking, and I really want to work with

them," she said.

For now, she educates her three pet pit bulls, Coco, Xavier and Vegas.

"They are my babies. They are sweeties," Montgomery said, breaking into a wide grin. "Pit bulls in a way are a lot like women's wrestling. You hear so many things and you don't know what to believe. A lot of times you get just the negative. I believe pit bulls are a great dog."

"They will grow up the way you raise them. I raise my pit bulls to be gentle, kind and loving dogs, and that's just what they are. Wherever I'm at, they're at."

But they won't be with her in Athens, although she lobbied to take at least one. The dogs may have to stay in Cleveland with her parents, Paul and Tara Montgomery.

Her mother said she was worried about Montgomery's safety when she started wrestling.

"I've always been proud of her, no matter what she has done," Mrs. Montgomery said. "I'm glad she is blessed to have gotten as far as she has gotten in this sport."

On the Net:
USA Wrestling:
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Ellis Park cancels stakes races as wagering lags

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HENDERSON — Wagering at Ellis Park has lagged behind expectations this year, forcing the track's parent, Churchill Downs Inc., to cut purses and cancel stakes races on short notice.

Churchill took the unusual step of canceling the high-level races after the meet had started at Ellis on July 7, and officials are also cutting purses by 5 percent. Track officials also blame the sluggish performance on the three-day closing of a Louisville off-track betting facility, where bettors can wager on Ellis races.

"In all my 28 years in Kentucky, I've never heard of canceling a stakes when a meet was in progress," said Marty Maline, executive director of the Kentucky Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association.

The association has objected to the cancellation of the stakes races — the \$75,000 Governor's Handicap on Aug. 28, the \$100,000 Dade Park Turf Classic on Sept. 4 and the \$100,000 Tri-State Handicap on Sept. 6, closing day.

The association contends that under its contract with Ellis Park, any decision must be mutually agreed upon.

For the first three weeks of the meet, average daily wagering was down almost 16 percent at Ellis. Total wagering was only slightly higher, even with almost four additional days this year.

Like many small tracks, Ellis depends on revenue from off-track betting, though those numbers are also down.

Total intertrack wagering — betting at other Kentucky tracks

on Ellis — was down almost 10 percent, with the daily average down 25 percent. Not counting the three days that Louisville's Trackside, the biggest single simulcast market, was without power, ITW betting was down double digits seven more days during the first three weeks.

Ellis moved to a six-day race week this year, adding Mondays, after racing five days the past few years.

Steve Sexton, president of Churchill Downs racetrack and Ellis Park, said Monday racing was added to battle increased competition, including from Indiana Downs' OTB facility five miles away in Evansville.

Many horsemen blame the sixth day for declining business, saying it stretches the available purse money over too many races.

"Things were kind of positive here, but Monday racing is like an albatross around the neck," Maline said. "It's dragging down the whole meet."

Mondays have proved very weak, with attendance not much more than 1,000 and on-track betting barely topping \$100,000 for each of the first three Mondays.

Sexton said adding a racing day helps Ellis' bottom line.

"It's more economical for the track because of the out-of-state markets. Ellis will draw an average of 3,000 people a day and a couple of hundred-thousand dollars in handle. But the out-of-state market will do anywhere between \$2 million and \$4 million."

Information from: The Courier-Journal, <http://www.courier-journal.com>

Kids Weekend Extravaganza scheduled for horse park

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — Kids are the focus at the Kentucky Horse Park during the Seventh Annual Kid's Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7-8. The weekend features a full schedule of exciting and educational activities in addition to all of the regular activities throughout the park.

New to this year's event is the Babies R Us Back to School/End of Summer Fashion Show, which will be held on Saturday, Aug. 7, at 10 a.m. Sponsored by Babies R Us, Kids R Us, Michael's, and Lundy's Special Event Company, babies and young children from the Lexington area will show off the latest fall fashions.

The Third Annual Kid's Weekend Talent Contest will be held on Sunday, Aug. 8, at 11 a.m. Prize packages will be awarded in each of the contests consisting of a trophy and guest appearances at future park events, as well as Family Memberships to the Kentucky Horse Park. The Kid's Weekend Talent Competition is open to anyone ages 3-17, and registra-

tions for the talent contest will still be accepted through Aug. 2.

Kid's will also have fun learning getting their faces painted, participating in a scavenger hunt, painting horseshoes, "racing" stick horses, or taking a ride on the Mini-Train Express. Pony rides and other "action" attractions are also available for an additional charge.

The fun will continue throughout the weekend with entertainment by Talia Kendrick, Jordan Leigh Young, The Rock Steady Cloggers, and the First Place winners from last year's talent contest Roxanne Spangler Baker and Will Georgian. These entertainers will bring a unique flavor to Kid's Weekend, as they are all kids themselves.

For more information on Kid's Weekend, contact Amity Brannock at 859/259-4225 or abrannock@kyhorsepark.com. Admission to the Kentucky Horse Park for Kid's Weekend is \$14 for adults and FREE for children 12 and under. Admission includes the American Saddlebred Museum.

Manning

East punter at Pittsburgh.

Cowboys
Dallas agreed to a six-year deal with running back Julius Jones, its top pick.

The former Notre Dame star, a second-round selection, was expected to be the starter until free agent Eddie George was signed last week. They will compete for the job in training camp.

Dallas also signed cornerback Bruce Thornton, a fourth-round pick from Georgia.

Camp News

Chad Pennington plans to make the first opening-day start of

his career in September — with or without a new contract from the New York Jets. He said there will be no negotiations after Aug. 31.

"I've made sure it won't be a distraction," he said. "As far as I'm concerned, after today I'm not talking about it."

Pennington is entering the final season of a five-year deal that will pay him a base salary of \$4.57 million in 2004.

Lance Briggs, who started 13 games at outside linebacker for the Bears last season, moved to the middle as the temporary replacement for Pro Bowler Brian

Urlacher. Urlacher pulled a hamstring Wednesday, and is expected to be out several weeks.

Marshall Faulk, bothered by injuries for the past few years, is healthy again. But he acknowledges that he doesn't know how long his body, and ultimately his career, will last.

"This is probably the first year I've thought about it like 'Man, if the body isn't acting right, what do I do?'" the 31-year-old St. Louis Rams running back said. "Do I fight through it or do I not play? That's something I'm going to have to evaluate after the sea-

son."

Baltimore cornerback Dale Carter will miss the season because a blood clot in his lung.

"It's quite serious, very serious to the degree that it was life-threatening," coach Brian Billick said.

Carter, a four-time Pro Bowler, is expected to be the Ravens' nickel back this season, his 12th in the NFL. He doesn't feel unfortunate to be missing the season.

"The doctors told me I was the luckiest doctor in the world right now," Carter said. "I thank God I'm here today."

Suspended

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spokesman Glenn Geffner said.

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Texas Rangers signed All-Star closer Francisco Cordero to an \$8 million, two-year extension, avoiding the chance of arbitration this offseason and keeping him off the free-agent market the following winter.

Cordero, who is making \$2 million this season, received a \$250,000 bonus for signing a contract that will pay him \$3.75 million next season and \$4 million in 2006, said agent Bean Stringfellow.

The Rangers also have an option for 2007 that calls for a \$6 million salary if he's still the closer and \$5 million if he's not. If Texas doesn't pick up the option, Cordero would get a \$500,000 buyout.

A hard-throwing right-hander, Cordero went into the day with 30 saves in 32 chances. He's 2-0 with a 1.87 ERA, having allowed only 30 hits in 43 1-3 innings while striking out 48 and walking 20.

HOUSTON — Arizona slugger Luis Gonzalez will have season-ending ligament replacement surgery Monday, but expects to return to the Diamondbacks by next spring.

The left fielder has played all season with a partially torn ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow, feeling pain on every

throw to the infield. The ligament connects bones in the upper and lower arm.

Team orthopedists will perform Tommy John surgery in Phoenix on an off-day for the team.

Gonzalez, hitting .264 with 17 homers and 46 RBIs, will miss a chance at his sixth consecutive year with 100 RBIs. He plans to play until he has the operation, though, with his last game of the season coming Sunday at Colorado.

BASKETBALL
NEWARK, N.J. — Kerry Kittles was traded to the Los Angeles Clippers for a future second-round draft pick, another step in the dismantling of the New Jersey Nets.

Kittles is the second starter to leave the Nets this month; Power forward Kenyon Martin went to the Denver Nuggets for three first-round draft choices.

To try and fill the void left by Kittles, who spent eight years with the Nets, the club signed free agent guards Jacques Vaughn and Rodney Buford.

Kittles has averaged 14.3 points, 2.6 assists and 3.9 rebounds a game during his career. Last season, Kittles played in all 82 regular-season games and averaged 13.1 points and 4 rebounds.

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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.

There's an imaginary line which, by crossing, you lose a day. And there's one not so imaginary on the highway which, if crossed, that lose you a lot more.

I'm worried. I've just recalled that either July or August was, or is, National Hog Dog Month, and I can't remember which has that deathless honor.

NO COMMENT

Last week, this column invited letters from readers, stating their views on the proposal that a curfew be established in this county. One nice youngster stopped by to give his views. He opposes a curfew and expresses some skepticism of the situation as reported to The Times by an officer. Adults saith not.

BOTH HAD A PROBLEM

The fact that the General Assembly will be in special session soon, facing the hopeless task of satisfying frightened taxpayers, recalls this story.

Two men got together on a train, and one said to the other, "I just got out of prison this morning -- it's going to be tough facing old friends."

(See **WORLD**, page seven)

Please, keep 'em coming!

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

MEET APPALACHIA



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Bettina Hutchings, "Looking for the Next Adventure."

by MARY MUSIC
 STAFF WRITER

Bettina Lynn Hutchings

Age: 48
Education: Paralegal degree, Licensed Investigator, Cosmetology School, Emergency Management Courses
Occupation: Public Information Office, FEMA
Life quote: "You only learn your limits by going beyond them."

About 'Meet Appalachia'

Some people dream of doing things. Others dream and do them. I admire the strength I see in Bettina Hutchings. It's truly a gem to find people like her bouncing around in the world today.

— MARY MUSIC

She had been at Fort Campbell for several weeks, following the story about Michael Durrant, chief warrant officer with the 101st airborne who was shot down in Somalia.

Larry King wanted an exclusive interview and it was her job to coordinate it. She had been working with General Keen at Durrant's home base, which meant, basically, that she followed him wherever he went.

This weekend, she's riding across a live firing range with three other news correspondents. A firing master is driving the hum-v, speeding fast across the bumpy terrain. She hears gunshots in the distance, troops practicing their expertise at their home base.

"Do you know where we're going?" the firing master asks.

"No," she replies, dismissing the question.

She's watching the trees pass by her window. The other reporters are silent, obviously nervous about the situation. Things get tense as they round the field.

The blasts are closer now. Dangerously close. She wonders if they're going in the right direction.

"Sounds like they're really close to us," she yells, her voice partially muffled by the blasts.

Before he answers, a toe missile guidance wire winds across the windshield.

"Tell them to stop!" she yells, shots blasting around them. "Tell them to stop!"

"I don't know how to use the radio!" the man yells, spinning the steering wheel in his hand. "I can't use it!"

She grabs the receiver. "May Day! May Day! We're getting shot at! May Day!"

A scruffy voice crackles through the receiver. "Fall back, soldiers! Fall back! We got some lost reporters on the field."

Meet Bettina Hutchings, public information officer for FEMA whose also worn hats as a bartender, licensed investigator, Minor League Coordinator for the Atlanta Braves, and a CNN producer.

Bettina said Larry King had been battling with Connie Chung to get the "first" interview with Michael Durrant. Chung got it, all right, but she taped for two days before airing it. King did it live an hour before Chung's "Eye to Eye" show aired.

"Connie never like me after that," Bettina said.

Working with CNN was the "perfect" career for Bettina, and she took it very seriously. She's been all over the world, met mounds of people, and has loved nearly every second of it.

Her career with CNN began after she said goodbye to the Atlanta Braves. She started working there almost directly after graduating high school at the ten-

(See **ADVENTURE**, page seven)

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

RETURN OF THE LIVING DEAD- 1985, Rated R

This year there will see two sequels to this movie (parts 4 & 5) so it might be a good time to look back at this mid 80's classic which gave a comic treatment to George Romero's original concept of a zombie invasion. Louisville, Kentucky is the setting this time.



Tom Doty
 Staff Writer

The 'Unecda Medical Supply Warehouse' is the initial setting as we meet a new worker who is getting the two dollar tour. One stop on the rounds is the basement where we find a cadaver left over from the sixties (NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD was released in 67). The canister he's in gets ruptured and the gas inside wakes up a cadaver which doesn't seem happy to be back. After a comical attempt to re-kill the zombie the workers are left with the problem of destroying the remains. Eventually they decide to cremate it but the smoke passes through some rain and before you know it everyone is knee deep in he undead.

Things only get worse as punk rockers, the supply workers and a wacky mortician lock themselves in a funeral home to fend off the undead. Calls for help only wind up giving the zombies more to eat and everything looks pretty bad until the military are called in and proceed to make it much worse. That's right folks this one ends with nothing short of a nuclear weapon destroying the Derby City

This all works because of a tight screenplay by Director Dan O' Bannon (who wrote ALIEN). The script manages thrills, gore, snappy dialogue and still delivers on the scare quotient. The characters are a mix of old timers and punk rockers which gives the screenplay plenty of room for some generation gap humor. The best twist though is that these zombies can talk but all they want to gab about are their culinary tastes ("Brains"). They are also pretty clever and use police radios to bring in additional cops and paramedics like they were ordering from Papa Johns. The soundtrack is pure punk with some vibrant tunes by groups like The Jet Black Berries and The Cramps. Best Line: "You mean the movie lied." or "It hurts to be dead."

Chicken Soup for the Soul: With a little help from a stranger



I met a friend of a friend when they included me in their lunch plans. My friend is a rare enough bird, so I could have anticipated that her friends would rise, exponentially, on the scale of nontraditional species. No surprise, then, when I was led into a home eclectically decorated with exotic remnants of extraordinary places. Not a spoon collection or snow globe in this riverfront bungalow. How about a coconut shell, carved into a totem likeness of my hostess: "a gift from the shaman," she explained casually.

Over lunch I had to pretend perfect calm as I noted not one but four wasps buzzing at the overhead plant in her kitchen. "Oh, those are rescued. I had to save their hive, and they live in here and on the patio. They won't hurt you."

And they didn't. She supported herself as a freelance art photographer. Her work was tastefully exhibited in discreet clusters. Her name was something ethereal, full of A's and R's, requiring a leisurely roll about the tongue. She was one of the most genuine

humans I had ever chanced to meet. And so it was that in the presence of the free-range wasp colony, ice water with the freshest twist of lemon and a lunch of hummus on pita bread, this most unusual of creatures turned to me, full and attentive, sincere and with absolute meaning, and said, "Tell me about you."

I like to think I'm articulate enough, having suffered enough showers and spousal work gatherings to know small talk with some flair, but nothing prepared me for

"Tell me about you."
 "Well, I ..."
 She really wanted to know!
 "I guess I'm ..."
 She was still paying attention. She wanted me to tell her about Me. So, I suppose I stammered about being a nurse or a grandmother or winters in Minnesota. I'm not sure. I was quite unsure of my role in this question, and further, my role in my own world.

It was a take-home gift, that kind

(See **SOUP** page seven)

Ashland Gallery to hold quilt show, Sept. 1-30

Area quilters and quilt collectors are invited to share their artwork by participating in the Ashland Area Art Gallery's First Annual Quilt Show, September 1-30.

In addition to the show, the Gallery will sponsor workshops on quilting topics throughout September and a vendor's mall filled with quilting-related items, September 9-12.

"Our area is rich in quilting traditions and we see this event as a way to showcase the talents of the many Ohio Valley quilters," explained Cathy Vigor, a Gallery board member and an organizer of the event. "We anticipate that as many as 200 quilts will be entered in the 27 categories." Quilts will be displayed in the Gallery, as well as in the windows of selected downtown Ashland businesses. The event is being held in conjunction with Poage Landing Days and Ashland's Sesquicentennial.

Beginner quilters are welcome to enter one of more than 25 categories and two special challenge categories, as well as their more experienced counterparts. The theme for the Challenge Quilt #1 is Ashland's 150th birthday celebration. The Challenge Quilt #2 theme is the Poague family's landing settlement as the basis for establishing the City of Ashland.

Entry forms may be downloaded at www.kyquiltingconnection.com. Click on Quilt Celebration. For further information, contact the Ashland Area Art Gallery at 329-1826 or Quilt Celebration chair, Melvina Blair, at The Quilting Connection, in Russell, KY, at 836-9920. Deadline for submitting entry forms is August 18.

World

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"Cheer up, son," said the other. "You think you've got a problem—me, I'm on my way home from the Legislature."

too encouragin' this year, but it begins to look like we'll have to prop up our pawpaws.

The apple crop doesn't look

Adventure

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der age of sixteen. She took a job as a switch board operator with the Braves with the "intent" of working with Hank Aaron, but the working relationship between the two didn't last very long.

"Hank and I didn't hit it off real well," she said.

From there, Bettina worked her way up the ladder and became their minor league coordinator, in charge of managing their spring training. The former softball player, daughter of a baseball coach, loved the job and the game, but she hasn't seen one in years—a boycott, she says, of principle.

"It's absolutely ridiculous for them to strike," Bettina said. "They make millions to play an American game and it's impossible for families of moderate income to watch them. For a family of four, it's about \$100. I haven't seen a game since their last strike, and I've been offered World Series tickets and everything."

It's the principle. One person taking a stand did no good, but it was the principle for me."

That decision is an example of Bettina's "hard-headedness." She says that quality has helped her a lot in her life, particularly in the career world, where she stood against a long stand of men who had the favor.

Bettina left the Braves when a conflict of interest became too personal. She started dating a ballplayer, which butted heads with her responsibility as a contract writer.

CNN, the "Chicken Noodle Network," was just coming into existence. She had some ties with the company, and the company needed help. She flipped through a book of job descriptions and picked the one that seemed most interesting. She was 20-something. It was 1970-something, and Bettina, who

never had formal journalism training, was CNN's "International Desk Editor."

Unfortunately, her inexperience caused problems with the new job. She was responsible for keeping up with international events and happenings in countries she never even heard of before.

Frustrated, she marched up to Ted Turner and asked that he place her in another position. He made her CNN's National Field Producer in 1983, a job that took her all over the world.

Bettina's first "big" story was the Atlanta Prison riots.

"They only put me there because they didn't think anything would come of it," she said.

She was there for weeks, working from 4 a.m. to 1 a.m. and sleeping in a "commandeered" cab on her way back and forth from her home to the prison.

By the time the riot had ended, she was heavily exhausted, so tired, in fact, that she slept for two continuous days.

Stories like this one are extremely difficult to do, Bettina says, but they are adventurous. She says the "adrenaline factor" kept her going—well, that, and her cigarettes and coffee.

Bettina says her favorite assignment was the 1996 Freeman Standoff in Montana. Her 25-person crew moved in on a family ranch in Jordan, "slap dab" between the Freemans and the FBI.

They were there for months, during which time she developed a close, trusting working relationship with a state senator who negotiated with the Freemans by phone.

"I got to the point where I had to decide what I could report because I was given so much information," she said. "It made the job hard. I knew all about the negotiation, everything the FBI told him, everything he told the FBI...I tried to do it as responsibly as I could. It had the potential of being a horrible situation with a real bad outcome. I, in no way, wanted to be responsible for that. I just had to think about what people really needed to know."

Working with CNN, Bettina covered every hurricane from 1983 to 2000. She says she loves hurricanes. She's in "awe" of their power. It's scary, but exhilarating, she says.

She helped coordinate CNN's shelter after hurricane Hugo, an ironic foreshadowing to her current part time career with FEMA.

"Through so much of my CNN career, I was voyeur to disaster, not being in the position to help those people," she said. "You develop tunnel vision, ignore the human side of it."

Bettina also worked for CNN during the Tanya Hardin/Nancy Kerrigan "knee whacking" story. News media outlets sent

DIABUDDIES CORNER

One of the keys to living with diabetes or managing your weight is decreasing the size of your food portions. It's not always easy - we're surrounded by "jumbo" and "super-sized" fast food, buffet-style restaurants and "all-you-can-eat" menus. And when people get used to larger restaurant portions, they start serving similarly sized meals at home. The bottom line: the big portion trend has changed our notion of reasonable-sized portions and affected our health.

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

Sweet Potato Pie-8 Servings

Ingredients:

Pastry for single-crust 9-inch pie

2 cups cooked, mashed sweet potatoes (about 2 pounds)
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1 cup Equal® Spoonful*
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 can (12 ounces) evaporated fat-free milk

Light whipped topping (optional)
Grated nutmeg (optional)

*May substitute 24 packets Equal sweetener

Preparation:

Roll pastry on floured surface into a circle 1 inch larger than inverted 9-inch pie plate. Ease pastry into plate; trim and flute edge. Set aside.

Blend sweet potatoes in mixing bowl on medium speed of mixer until smooth. Stir in eggs, Equal®, flour, lemon juice, vanilla, spices, salt and evaporated milk. Pour mixture over pastry shell.

Bake in preheated 400° F oven 40 to 45 minutes or until filling is set and sharp knife inserted into center comes out clean.

Cool pie completely on wire rack. Cover and refrigerate. Garnish top of pie with whipped topping and grated nutmeg, if desired. Cut pie into wedges.

Calories: 197

Protein: 7 g

Carbohydrate: 28 g

Fat: 6 g

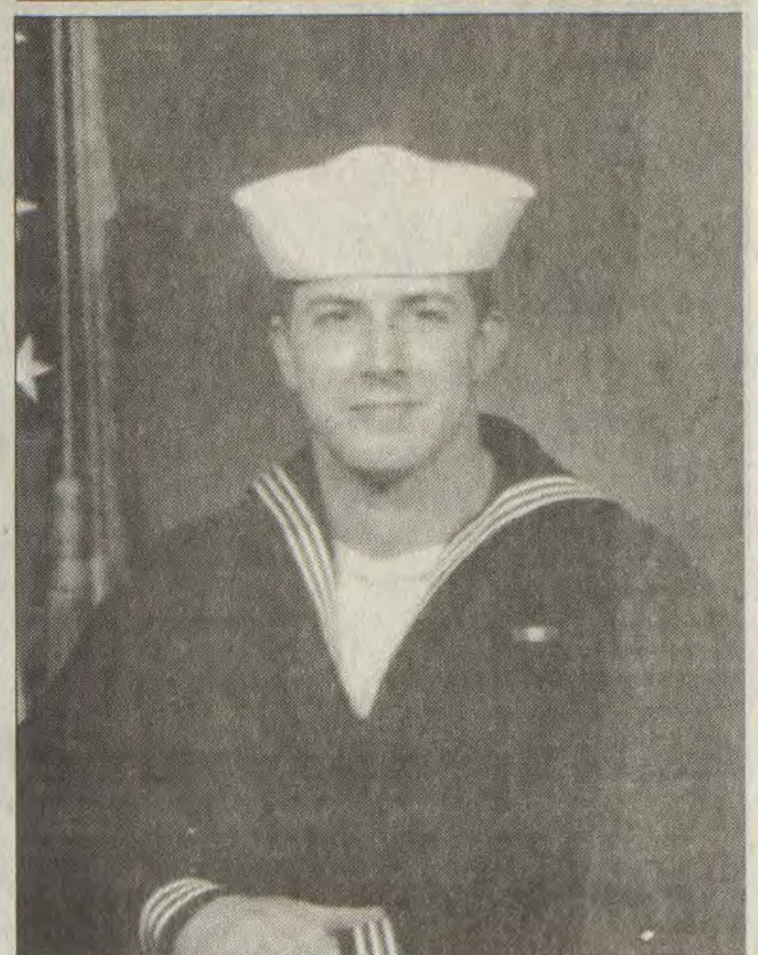
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Sodium: 316 mg

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Announcements



Graduates Naval Academy

William Ronald Howell, 29, of Jackson, Ohio graduated from the U.S. Navy Academy at Great Lakes, Illinois, on July 23, 2004. He is the son and stepson of Teresa and Avery Meade, of Harold, and the son of William Robert Howell, of Jackson, Ohio. He is the grandson of Joan Parsons, of Ivel. He has two brothers, Jason Howell, also of Jackson, Ohio, and Kevin Howell, of Harold, and one niece, Haley Howell. His family wishes to congratulate him on this proud achievement.

Weddings



Blair-Fishbaugh

Vicki Collins Blair and Michael Ray Fishbaugh, of East Point, are proud to announce their recent marriage. The couple wed in a ceremony that took place on Saturday, July 31, at 1:30 p.m., at their home, in the presence of family and friends. Vicki is a graduate of Johnson Central High School and attended Prestonsburg Community College. Michael is a graduate of Wawasee High School, Syracuse, Indiana and attended Ivy Technical College, in Warsaw, Indiana.

Soup

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of query. I don't think I was meant to answer it properly, there, or ever, for her. If I'm not what I do, or a person in a relationship, or a resident of a particular place, but all that and none of that, then tell me about me.

After a while, Bettina said they started making up tales, just for the fun of it.

She laughed when she told the story.

Bettina is currently planning her 50th birthday present—a 6 month hike on the Appalachian Trail. She also wants to canoe on the Amazon and ride horseback through Africa.

She says the "trick" to life is knowing what makes you happy, then finding it.

"You can't ever give up," she said. "You have to keep fighting. You have to fight for what you want and you can't let anything stop you. And you have to know what you want, that's the hardest part of it. ...People settle for what's handed to them. They don't think that rainbow exists out there for them. Part of the fun, part of the challenge, is searching for what is that pot of gold, and getting it. You can't give up. The trick is knowing what makes you happy, then going for it."

What if I told her all the things I wonder about, and how little I know for sure?

So, on those days when uncertainty reigns supreme and I'm tempted to skitter off into a familiar pattern of internal chaos, I can take myself, for just a moment, back to that warm, blessed kitchen table in the house by the river and begin. "Let me tell you about Me."

I'm the one who needs to attend to the conversation that follows.

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

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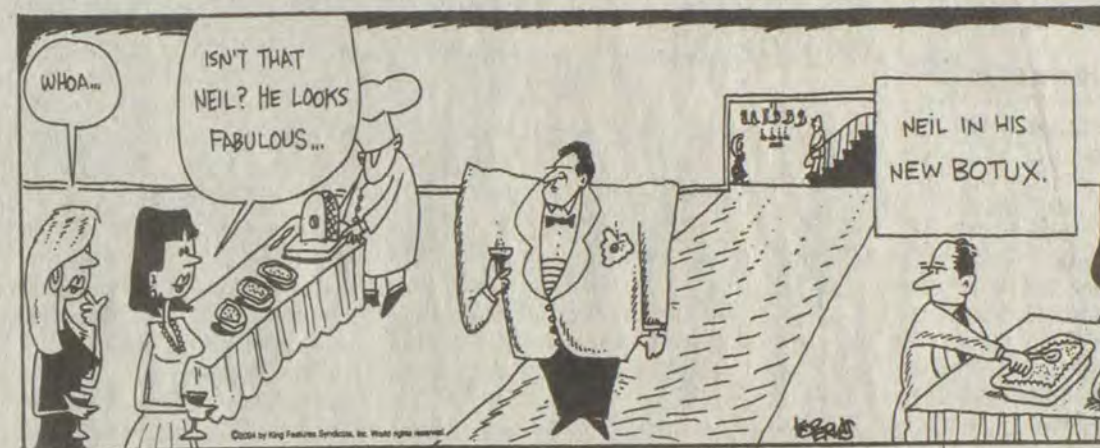
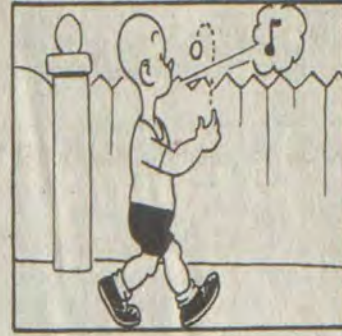
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FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
 Differences: 1. Cap is different; 2. Apron is missing; 3. Catnap is missing; 4. Burger is moved; 5. Light is missing; 6. Neckline is different.

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



Super Crossword

I APPEAL

- ACROSS**
- 1 Commedia dell'—
 - 5 One of the Mavericks
 - 9 Seraglio
 - 14 Telescope view
 - 19 Clark's co-worker
 - 20 "An apple —"
 - 21 Catherine of "Home Alone"
 - 22 Mindful
 - 23 Start of a remark by John Yeck
 - 25 — button
 - 26 Neighbor of Nigeria
 - 27 Confused
 - 28 Artist
 - 30 Apprehend
 - 32 Winter hazard
 - 33 Lincoln or Zumwalt
 - 35 Swerve
 - 39 Slavic soup
 - 42 Part 2 of remark
 - 47 Ring stat
 - 48 Pull the "Trigger?"
 - 49 — nez
 - 50 Western lake
 - 53 Fit for farming
 - 56 Patois
 - 58 Rag man?
 - 60 — lily
 - 61 Raison d'—
 - 62 Big hit?
 - 64 Creepy
 - 65 Word on a fuse
 - 68 Suffix with racket
 - 69 Farm feature
 - 70 Spice-rack item
 - 71 Part 3 of remark
 - 74 Part 4 of remark
 - 77 Skin problem
 - 78 Monte Rosa, for one
 - 79 Dion's "Funaround" girl
 - 80 Mitchell homestead
 - 81 Glowing
 - 82 Rule
 - 84 "— Angel" ("60 smash)
 - 86 Persona
 - 90 Publishing magnate
 - 92 Diva
 - 94 Author's afterthought
 - 95 Asta's mistress
 - 96 With 91
 - 97 Urchins
 - 99 Fuss and feathers
 - 100 Part 5 of remark
 - 105 Patron
 - 108 Chore
 - 109 "The Longest Day" author
 - 110 Baby rat
 - 111 Lady of the sea
 - 113 Eastern discipline
 - 116 Furious
 - 120 Part owner?
 - 123 Tower
 - 127 End of remark
 - 129 Tantrum
 - 130 Johnson of "Brief Encounter"
 - 131 Sometimes it's sweet
 - 132 Stylish
 - 133 Gold bug?
 - 134 Talent
 - 135 Couturier
 - 136 Diner fare
 - 9 Behave like a bunny
 - 10 "Gotchal"
 - 11 Sought office
 - 12 "— go brag!"
 - 13 A la King?
 - 14 Bandleader
 - 15 Be in debt
 - 16 Hyper
 - 17 Fromm or Segal
 - 18 Doctrine
 - 24 Biggest part of a fish?
 - 29 Recipe abbr.
 - 31 Reggae's Marley
 - 34 Female zebra
 - 36 German astronomer
 - 37 New York county
 - 38 Tow truck feature
 - 40 Hearsay
 - 41 TV's "One — Beyond"
 - 42 Gumbo veggie
 - 43 Stable
 - 44 Aspect
 - 45 Pulls together
 - 46 They're very well-armed
 - 47 Tic — toe
 - 51 Islamic deity
 - 52 Muralist
 - 54 Point the finger at
 - 55 Revere's signal
 - 57 Balliwick
 - 58 Elfman of "Dharma & Greg"
 - 59 Born
 - 63 Proper
 - 66 Wilder
 - 67 Wd. segment
 - 70 Wise guy
 - 71 Descendant
 - 72 Prelim
 - 73 Lack of feeling
 - 74 Feed a fire
 - 75 Use another blue pencil?
 - 76 Faucet
 - 77 Landon or Kjellin
 - 79 Position
 - 82 Jennifer of "Flash-dance"
 - 83 Most minute
 - 85 "The Secret of —" ('82 film)
 - 87 With 1 Down, "Sweet Liberty" director
 - 88 Shiva and Ganesh
 - 89 Conceit
 - 91 See
 - 93 — California
 - 94 Discern
 - 96 "Message to Michael" singer
 - 98 Bible feature
 - 101 Affliction
 - 102 Overhead item?
 - 103 Couple
 - 104 Add nutrients
 - 105 Tic
 - 106 Designer
 - 107 Made a choice
 - 112 Get — (retaliate)
 - 114 Bismarck or Kruger
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AUTOMOTIVE

130-Cars

For Sale 1998 Honda Accord EX, leather, 1 owner good condition call 606-285-1293

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SPECIAL 1999 z34 Monte Carlo 3800 engine 32,000 miles, \$6,500. *1994 Grand Cherokee loaded \$3,800 call Hicks Auto Sales at 606-791-2845 after hours 886-3451

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For Sale 1999 GMC Denali Yukon. Loaded heated seats, Black with Gray interior, it's a must see, 81,000 miles book value 20,000 asking price \$17,500, call after 5pm at 606-886-2030

For Sale 1994 Chevrolet S-10 Blazer (Khaki color) asking \$1,500. Buy as is call 606-886-2844. Leave message if interested.

180-Trucks

For Sale 2000 Dodge Ram Sport 4X4 Quad cab, Remote entry remote start, remote 6 disc CD changer, PW, PD, PL, PM, heated mirrors, step bars, cruise, bed liner, tinted windows, 606-226-1597 or 606-889-9283

For Sale Nissan Frontier 2002 power lock/ windows, 4 wheel drive fwd auto, 39,000 miles must sell \$14,800 call 606-886-6100

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205-Business Opp.

Candy vending route for sale 50 all cash high traffic locations. \$18,000 annual income, cost \$3000 call 800-568-1392 or www.vending-that-works.com

210-Job Listings

SULLIVAN UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL

We have an opening for an Accounting instructor in our Graduate School program taught on the campus of Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. Qualifications include a terminal degree and teaching experience. Please submit resume and letter of application to: Jennifer Crisp Distance Learning Coordinator One Bert Combs Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Help wanted semi-retired couple to do office work 5 hours per day Mon-Fri. Man Routine Manager job comes with 2 bed room apt. plus all utilities provided plus a small salary for more information call 606-886-2440 EOE.

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220-Help Wanted

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460-Yard Sale
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410-Animals

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510-Comm Property
For Rent: Beauty shop equipped with 3 stations, and tanning bed. located 1 mile south of Martin on Route. 122. or would consider remodeling for office space Call 606-285-4826 or 606-285-9112.

530-Homes

For Sale 3 bed room brick, 1 1/2 bath, located right Fork Bull Creek call 606-886-2818

Airater Septic System, It has 3 compressor Brand New, installed but never used call 606-297-1454 asking \$1,800. firm..

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For sale 2003 Giles Legency 14 x 60 has 8 x 8 out building call 606-358-4515 located in Prestonsburg, KY.

For Sale: 12 X 60 Mobile Home. Under pinning & steps included, needs repairs, excellent for or storage \$1000. OBO Call after 5 .30 call 606-874-4604

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570-Mobile Homes

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For Rent 2 bed room 1 1/2 bath Town house, also 1 bed room Apt. No Pets call 886-8991

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