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briefs

P'burg road reopened

PRESTONSBURG — The state road at Adams Middle School, Route 1428, was reopened to traffic yesterday evening, according to Steve Grigsby of the Allen Maintenance Garage, Highway District 12.

Grigsby said that motorists should be extremely careful when they approach the work site, where state highway crews have installed a new culvert under the road.

"The surface is very rough," Grigsby said. "We still have to pave over the section where the open cut was made."

Grigsby said the area is clearly marked with signs as well as variable message boards in each direction to alert the public that they are coming upon a section of rough road.

Dump proposal moves forward

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County Solid Waste Board members took the second step this week in initiating plans to bring a construction waste dumpsite to level.

Members tossed their opinions on the table for more than two hours before passing a motion Friday to propose an amendment to the county's solid waste management plan.

Executive Director Mike Vance and members Burl Scott and Barney Walker — the three solid waste board members who

attended a Connecticut fact finding trip on Monday — were the only members to attend the meeting. They were joined by Lon May, the Floyd County solid waste coordinator, Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, representatives of Waste Management and the prospective landfill company, Murphy Road Recycling LLC.

The main areas of concerns included environmental issues, the background and capability of the company, which has never operated a landfill, to run the facility, and how Floyd County residents would react to the proposal. But all members

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Ted George, left, was chosen as the new principal of Prestonsburg High School by the site-based decision making council Friday.

Company sues ex-worker for alleged theft

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The owners of a local convenience store says a former cashier who allegedly stole money during her early morning shift is not entitled to receive more than \$600 in unpaid wages.

The company is also suing her for damages in excess of \$18,000, an amount they allege she stole from the register during the last three months of employment at the Cardinal Country Store on Route 80.

The suit, filed Friday by a Lexington firm on behalf of Kentucky Oil Company, requests that Lavonna Gaye Meade, pay interest on all the money she allegedly stole from the business.

Meade, 46, of Abbott Road, was charged in May with felony theft and tampering with physical evidence. She pleaded not guilty at her arraignment in June and is scheduled for a preliminary hearing in the district court case next month.

She was terminated from her nine-year employment with the business in March, after store managers claimed

she stole and embezzled money from the register during her early morning shift.

According to the suit, Meade allegedly collected cash payments from the register, removed register receipts, reset the register and took the money collected during an approximate one-hour period "for her own personal use and enjoyment."

Kentucky Oil initiated an investigation at the store after losses were reported in its monthly inventory. On March 5, they claim Meade was caught in the act on videotape, and that she turned off the recorder and "complained vehemently" to her managers about being recorded.

Kentucky Oil placed the recorder in a box to prevent tampering, the suit says, and Meade obstructed the lens with tape and by throwing the circuit breaker controlling the camera.

Kentucky Oil then rewired the the camera, without Meade's knowledge, to a breaker box in another part of the store. They claim they recorded her stealing money from the register on five sepa-

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3 DAY FORECAST

Today



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Tomorrow



High: 87 • Low: 65

Tuesday



High: 83 • Low: 58

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George new PHS principal

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The principal's position at Prestonsburg High school was awarded to Ted George Friday afternoon after the second meeting of the school's site-based decision making council selected him over three other candidates.

George was happy to hear the news.

"I wish it wasn't Friday,"

George said. "I would like to get started right away and get down there to meet the faculty."

George reiterated his goals for the school and added that he already feels invested.

"I love this school. It's where I went," George said. "They have a great staff there and they all want to make it one of the best schools in the region ... We're going to raise the level of expectations for everybody."

A preview of George's style

was on display Tuesday at a forum for the public to meet the prospective candidates. There he mentioned that the only way to run a school is to have an open-door policy that treats everyone on site with equality.

George further said that the only way to insure that the core curriculum is being taught is to be out of his office and in the classrooms.

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Two plead guilty at hearings

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Bobby Gene Hall was back in court Friday for a pretrial conference, but instead ended up pleading guilty and taking the recommendation of the Commonwealth Attorney's Office.

Hall, 36, of Prestonsburg, was charged with first-degree assault, second-degree assault,

criminal mischief and terroristic threatening for attacking Charles Bruner, Hall's counselor at Mountain Comprehensive Care, with a long handled shovel.

Hall had been receiving counseling at Mountain Comp in Prestonsburg. A confrontation began between Hall and Bruner and Hall became very belligerent.

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Woman released to wait for rehab

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

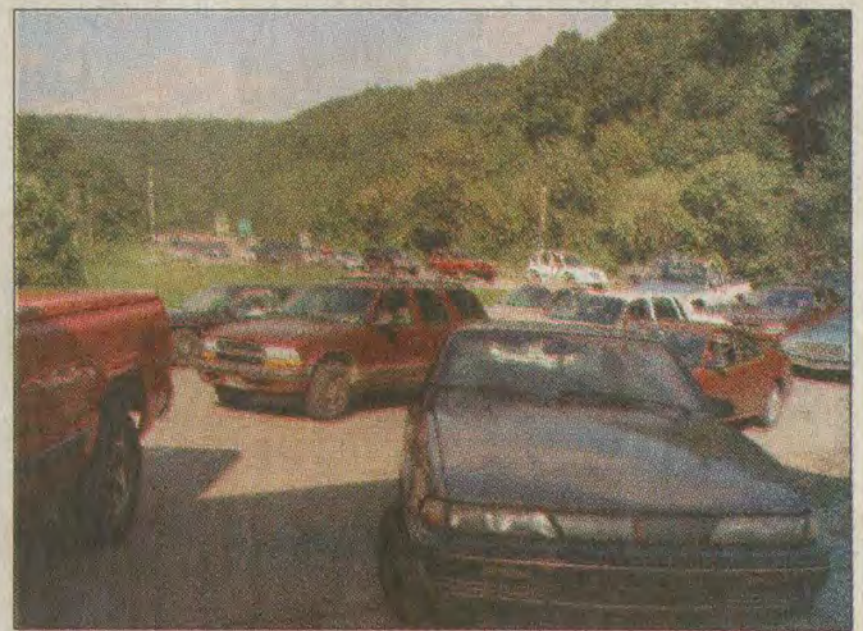
PRESTONSBURG — A Magoffin County woman was back in court Friday scheduled for sentencing in front of Judge Danny Caudill.

Amanda Guess has been waiting for a bed in a substance abuse rehabilitation facility for several weeks to no avail. The last time she was in court, Guess agreed to seek treatment before being sentenced. Caudill ordered her to

remain in custody until she could enter a program and if it were not completed successfully, he would sentence her on his own accord.

Since there has been no progress on that order, Caudill ruled that instead of sentencing, Guess be released from jail until she could enter a center. The conditions of her release included that she abide by the rules of probation and contact the sheriff's office every day

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Cars were lined up on the shoulder of Route 80 to get the gasoline pumps at Cardinal Mart. For one hour Friday they were selling gasoline for 99 cents. Scott Stanley, representative for Cardinal Mart said, "We do this every so often to give back to the community." The entire month of August a percentage of the money from gasoline sales will go to LINKS and the East Kentucky Black Lung Association, which also had a representative on hand. "This was all made possible by the help of [state] Rep. Chuck Meade," Stanley said. Meade was also at Cardinal Mart on Friday representing the fight for coal miners. Next Friday, Cardinal Mart at Jenny Wiley Village will be having a gasoline sale.

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Odds and Ends

■ MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Myrtle Beach might want to consider a name change — to Turtle Beach.

This resort community has the dubious distinction of ranking up there with New York City's Chinatown as the largest source of illegal turtles sold on the East Coast, according to turtle rescue groups.

The reptiles can be found in the souvenir shops, alongside T-shirts and suntan lotion.

Some stores keep hundreds of turtle hatchlings in fish aquariums, then sell them when they're about the size of a half dollar. A turtle in a small container goes for \$10 to \$25.

"If you talk to anyone in reptile rescue across the country and ask, 'Where are these reptiles coming from?' They're going to say, 'Myrtle Beach, South Carolina,'" said Bonnie Keller, director of Virginia Reptile Rescue, which finds homes for unwanted pets.

Weak laws combined with poor enforcement and uninformed tourists have led to burgeoning sales, said Lori Green, who heads another rescue group, Turtle Homes U.S.A.

Myrtle Beach police recently raided five beachwear stores and seized 200 red-eared sliders, which found a new home at Alligator Adventure in North

Myrtle Beach. Federal authorities received a complaint from a tourist that prompted the raid.

Federal law prohibits the sale of any turtle with a shell smaller than 4 inches. The law was written to prevent the spread of salmonella to small children but conservationists say it also protects the turtles.

"I talk to so many people that bought turtles in Myrtle Beach and don't know what to do with them because they weren't told," said Katrina Smith of the Mid-Atlantic Turtle and Tortoise Society based in Maryland.

■ BRISTOW, Okla. — Drew Patterson wanted to pro-

tect himself after hearing reports of a fugitive in this northeastern Oklahoma community.

He didn't think he would nursing a sore rear end.

Patterson's .22-caliber pistol, hooked into the waist band of his denim shorts with the hammer pulled back, apparently fired, hitting Patterson in the left buttock Wednesday afternoon.

Patterson, 27, said he suffered "one of my most embarrassing moments" when his gun fired.

"At first, I didn't feel anything at all," said Patterson, who talked readily about the incident Thursday at his parents' Bristow home.

"Then about 30 seconds later, I felt that burning, stinging," he said. He felt something warm trickling down his left leg and found an exit wound.

Patterson said he walked into his parents' home and said, "Mom, I did something bad."

Law enforcement officers searching for escaped inmate Raymond Lee Smith, 26, who ran from a Bristow courtroom Wednesday, stopped their hunt when Patterson's gunshot wound was reported.

Smith fled a courtroom in handcuffs and an orange jumpsuit and was still at large Thursday. He was facing charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon on a police officer.

Residents in the Bristow area armed themselves last year when a suspected murderer, Scott Eizember, roamed the rural area as authorities searched for him for 37 days.

"I had good intentions, but I screwed the whole thing up,"

Patterson said.

Patterson said he was told to keep walking to avoid complications as the wound healed.

"It hurts fiercely now," he said while walking slowly and gingerly.

■ LUMBERTON, N.C. — The working girls in Robeson County are going to get a chance at a better life just like Eliza Doolittle does in "My Fair Lady."

County health officials have received a \$30,000 grant from the state to pay for someone — a former prostitute herself — to educate the women about other ways of life that are open to them.

"We want to take a sex trade worker and transform her into a productive person who feels

good about herself," said Bill Smith, the county health director.

The program, appropriately titled My Fair Lady, is the only one of its kind in the state, said Linda Carter with the state Department of Health and Human Services. The department's Prevention and Community Planning unit is providing \$30,000 a year for three years.

Health officials hope the program will help eliminate syphilis in the county, which ranked first in the nation in 2001 with its rate of 73 cases per 100,000 people.

Health officials believe the county's syphilis rate would continue to drop if there were

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Aug. 8, the 221st day of 2004. There are 145 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Thirty years ago, on Aug. 8, 1974, President Nixon announced he would resign following new damaging revelations in the Watergate scandal.

On this date:

■ In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte set sail for St. Helena to spend the remainder of his

days in exile.

■ In 1876, Thomas A. Edison received a patent for his mimeograph.

■ In 1942, six convicted Nazi saboteurs who'd landed in the U.S. were executed in Washington, D.C.; two others received life imprisonment.

■ In 1945, President Truman signed the United Nations Charter.

■ In 1945, the Soviet Union declared war against Japan during World War II.

■ In 1953, the United States and South Korea initialed a mutual security pact.

■ In 1963, Britain's "Great Train Robbery" took place as thieves made off with 2.6 million pounds in banknotes.

■ In 1968, Richard M. Nixon was nominated for president at the Republican national convention in Miami Beach.

■ In 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew branded as "damned lies" reports he had taken kickbacks from government contracts in Maryland, and vowed not to resign — which he eventually did.

■ In 1978, the U.S. launched Pioneer Venus 2, which carried scientific probes to study the atmosphere of Venus.

Ten years ago:

Israel and Jordan opened the first road link between the two once-warring countries.

Five years ago:

Opening a new attack on the Republican tax-cut measure, President Clinton warned the nation's governors at their meeting in St. Louis that the \$792 billion package would trigger "huge cuts" in Medicare, farm programs and other spending critical to their voters.

One year ago:

The Boston Roman Catholic archdiocese offered \$55 million to settle lawsuits stemming from sex abuse by priests. (The archdiocese later settled for \$85 million.)

Today's Birthdays:

Producer Dino DeLaurentiis is 85. Actress Esther Williams is 83. Actor Richard Anderson is 78. Joan Mondale (wife of former Vice President Walter F. Mondale) is 74. Actress Nita Talbot is 74. Singer Mel Tillis is

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State parks to begin using homegrown products

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — State parks will begin buying homegrown produce directly from farmers and may also start featuring art and music from Kentuckians, Gov. Ernie Fletcher announced Friday.

Farmers who register with the parks department now have the option of selling produce to any of the 17 state resorts in Kentucky, a move state officials hope will give farmers extra outlets to sell their goods.

"From a business standpoint the farmers get more for their produce, the parks will continue to pay wholesale distributor prices, which means their costs will not go up," Fletcher said. "And of course we get the added benefit of marketing Kentucky-grown products."

Previously, the state resort parks bought their produce from wholesale vendors. Farmers may also market their goods to the three state-run cafeterias in Frankfort, Fletcher said.

Currently, the state parks buy about \$4 million in food each year, with about \$250,000 spent specifically on produce, parks Commissioner George Ward said.

Depending on the need, a single large park in the system may buy more than 1,700 heads of

lettuce each month. Parks also offer more than 30 different kinds of fruits and vegetables per month, the governor said.

"This is a great opportunity for both the farmer and the park," Fletcher said. "For the farmer this program opens a new, lucrative market for their produce."

Prices for the goods will follow a "uniform market price" that is based on the average wholesale prices across the state, said Robert Perry, a director in the parks' food service division. Those prices will be adjusted each week, Perry said.

Because the parks' peak times coincide with the top growing seasons, there should be enough supply for the state to buy exclusively from Kentucky farmers, Ward said. If there is not enough supply, the state would likely buy from wholesalers, Ward said.

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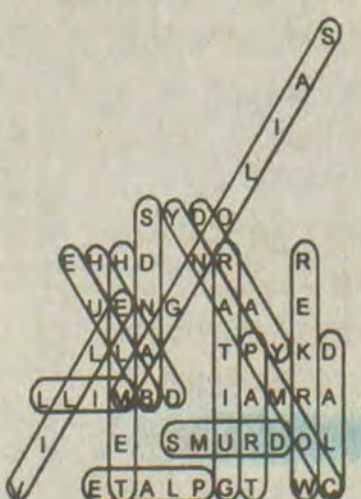
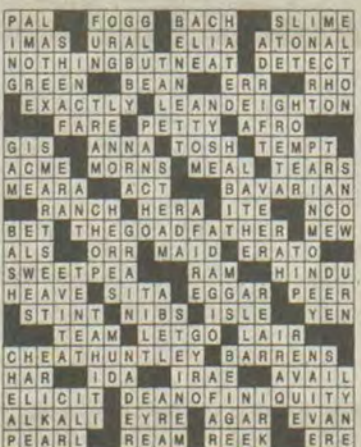
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Dump

agreed that the ash disposal site at Ivel needs remedied.

The question before the board is whether or not a construction landfill is the best solution for the problem. If the landfill comes to Ivel, the company agrees to remedy the situation and, upon closing the facility, promises to encapsulate the entire landfill, ash and all, with protective plastic liners, soil and grass. If the county requests that the state or companies who abandoned the site to take responsibility for ash problem, members say, "We won't have a leg to stand on."

Jim Wade, of Nesbitt Engineering, said that the state will revoke the permit on the ash site if Murphy Road doesn't step in, which means that the ash problem will be tacked onto the bottom of the priority list with state's Superfund.

Though he understood the need to fix the ash disposal site, Walker, who said he has received calls from three concerned residents living in Ivel, voted against the proposed amendment.

"I thought it was too perfect," Walker said. "I expected them to put a good show on, but to me, it was too perfect."

Walker said he asked one

company owner about violations incurred by the company during its operation, and found his answer — that there were no violations — to be "far-fetched."

"I've never seen any inspector come out and never find nothing," he said. "If they come out, they got to find something."

William Hoskins, the company's attorney, later informed Walker that the four companies affiliated with Murphy Road LLC have never received any citations. He also told the group that Murphy Road has agreed to help Floyd County do a feasibility study to develop a recycling plant — a bonus, members said, that could considerably help the region, especially since Murphy Road seems to run a well-organized and clean facility.

Scott disagreed with Walker's notion that Murphy Road "put on a show for the group." It wouldn't be possible for the company to do so, he said, because board members watched the entire process — from dumping and separation inside the recycling facility to dumping at the landfill in Springfield, a former municipal waste dump that was turned into a construction waste land-

fill to generate money so that the city could bring it back into compliance with federal guidelines.

Scott's concerns rested on ensuring that Murphy Road Recycling will use only construction waste from its site and that they'll allow local debris — such as debris from the Martin redevelopment project — to be dumped there.

"I don't want to bring somebody else's garbage here in our midst, just as somebody else in a neighboring state doesn't want Floyd County to take our garbage there," Scott said. "But I'm trying to look at the big picture ... Here's your lemons, are we going to make lemonade or not? That's what we need to ask ourselves."

"The solid waste board can't make a recommendation until you or anybody else makes sure they specify that this material only comes from this facility and that it be open for local participation."

Hoskins replied by reminding the group that the company would utilize Kentucky laws in operating the proposed Ivel landfill, just as they observe Connecticut laws in their other operations. The state mandates permits, he said, and a licensed operator will run the site.

Before the panel voted, Vance advanced the conversation by telling the group that Floyd County has a duty to "take the lead."

"There's not anything we can do, really, with the ash situation," Vance said. "What we can do is take a step toward

opening the door to the opportunity of a recycling program, something we tried to do 10 years ago.

"I work for 43 different counties and this county has always taken the lead in things like this. If we have a stewardship responsibility in this environment — and nobody wants outside waste, but God has blessed us with ravines and hollows, things that suit this purpose. Is it our responsibly to take care of what's ours or has God called us to serve in getting this environmental waste disposed of responsibly?"

Several people have said over the past couple of weeks that construction waste sites are not harmful to the environment. Judge Thompson said that's the only reason he'd consider the proposal.

Vance and Scott both agree that it would be an economic benefit for the county.

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. All materials taken to the landfill will be shredded before transport. The landfill will be covered with a foot of dirt each week.

David Bradley, representing

Waste Management, the county's current solid waste company that's also working with Murphy Road Recycling in Connecticut, said that Waste Management would work with Murphy Road in any way possible to make the proposal a reality.

The solid waste plan will not be amended until it is approved by the fiscal court. Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson informed solid waste board members that he'd stick by their decision in the matter.

Vance said the group would hold a public hearing for comments prior to any changes in the current plan. County residents will also be able to submit written comments and the amended policy will be held on record for a month for public viewing.

The next solid waste board meeting is scheduled for

Friday, Sept. 3, at 9 a.m. on the second floor of the Floyd County Annex Building, the former location of the Floyd County Juvenile Detention Center.

During the meeting, the board also discussed the Floyd County landfill, which "has been trying to close" since June 1992. Thompson said the county has spent nearly \$8 million in trying to close the 7-acre landfill, which is situated above several abandoned mines. The county constructed a new drainage system, he said, and trucks haul water to treat it on daily basis. The state is now taking responsibility for the landfill, Thompson said, but the county is still responsible for the water that drains from it.

Members also discussed the county's hazardous waste transport, routinely done by Stericycle.

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Guilty

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Hall left Comp Care and went to a nearby construction site and asked workers if he could borrow a shovel. He then proceeded back to the parking area and began beating Bruner's automobile with the shovel while Bruner was trying to get into his car. When Bruner tried to stop Hall, he began hitting him repeatedly with the shovel.

Bruner sustained severe injuries, especially to his hand, and had to have screws inserted in it to help a fracture grow back correctly.

Hall had a hearing in circuit court Aug. 3 to see if he was mentally competent to stand trial. Judge Danny Caudill ruled that he was competent and set a pretrial conference for Friday.

Hall shuffled into the courtroom with shackles on his hands and feet. After talking with his attorney, Jim Adkins, Hall

entered a guilty plea.

The commonwealth offered Hall 10 years for the first-degree assault charge, which is a Class B felony, and dismissed the other charges against him. A Class B felony has an 85 percent parole eligibility, meaning that Hall will have to serve at least eight-and-one-half years in prison.

Bruner was present in the courtroom and sat quietly as he listened to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner explain the sentence he was recommending for Hall.

"The victim is very traumatized by the whole incident," Turner explained. "He was concerned about the sentence that Hall was going to get."

Judge Danny Caudill ordered a pre-investigative report be done before Hall's formal sentencing on Sept. 3.

Lawsuit

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rate occasions during the week of March 8.

"Clear and distinct discrepancies" in monthly inventory loss control records and shift reports prove that Meade engaged in this activity as far back as August 1999, the suit alleges.

Upon her dismissal, Meade filed a claim with the Kentucky Department of Labor, seeking payment of \$663.65 in lost

wages allegedly owed her. Kentucky Oil disputes her request, claiming that the money she says she is owed is a "mere fraction" of what she allegedly took over the course of her employment at the store.

The company is asking the court to order the deposit of those funds into an interest-bearing account.

Release

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at 8 a.m. She would be told at that time whether she was to immediately report to the probation and parole office for drug testing.

"You may be tested several times a day, several times a week or not at all," Judge Caudill told her. "You will never know."

Guess was charged with three counts of theft, two counts of receiving stolen property, possession of drug paraphernalia and prescription drugs not in proper container, when she and her husband Jonathan Guess were spotted by Lt. William Petry attempting to gain access into vehicles at Microtel Motel beside the Mountain Arts Center. Prestonsburg city officers Mike

Conn and Danny Martin, along with Petry, initiated a search of Salyersville resident Jonathan Guess's vehicle and produced the missing items that had been reported stolen.

Jonathan Guess received five years on each of the four counts of theft and twelve months for receiving stolen property each to run concurrent. The sentence is to be probated after Guess serves one year.

Caudill told Amanda Guess before she left the courtroom, "This is the last time I am going to do anything to try to help you."

Another appearance in court is pending on whether a bed opens for her in rehab.

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Floyd County Schools Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning gave his approval of the school council's decision.

"I have to commend the [council] for making it a little harder on themselves by having the open forum," Fanning said. "Ted will start as soon as possible."

The pressures of being a school principal are no stranger to Fanning, who also said, "It takes hard work, but he's not afraid of that. He also has a good staff who have opened the school before."

Court deals with probation motions

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Probation issues continued to clog up Floyd Circuit Court on Friday, with six actions on the docket for motion hour.

Shock probation hearings filled up four positions on the docket. The four felons who were seeking an early probation after apparently being "scared straight" by their incarceration were Michelle Carroll, Sandy Brown Reed, Jesse Compton and John Brian Smith. Each was granted such a hearing which has been scheduled for Oct. 1.

Probation revocation hearings accounted for two spots on the docket. The first one called was for Douglas Dewayne Martin. Martin capitulated to violating the terms of his probation on three occasions. Two violations had to do with using drugs and one violation was for associating with a convicted felon.

Martin, who is being detained at the Floyd County Detention Center, will have a ruling on his case in 10 days from Judge Danny Caudill.

Martin is on probation for a theft case. If his probation is revoked, he will have to serve the rest of a two-year sentence. A mitigating argument was advanced that pertaining to Martin's drug problem, but that was countered by a probation report that stated that Martin had received drug treatment but was unsuccessful.

A second probation revocation hearing, for Michael

Mitchell, was continued.

The United States Department of Justice reports that, last year, there were 4.8 million people on parole or probation in the country. Of those, half had been convicted on a felony. Only 45 percent of those involved successfully completed their parole or probation and more than half violated the terms of their contract and were returned to prison.

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Guest View

Close election loophole

In the final days of a political campaign, any number of occurrences can affect the outcome of an election. However, candidates not being required to disclose the source of contributions shouldn't be one of them. But as the law currently stands in Kentucky for congressional races, that is exactly what's allowed.

According to state campaign finance laws, legislative candidates don't have to report campaign money deposited in the last 15 days of a race until after the election, even if the money was received much earlier.

The practical effect means that voters who may choose to make critical election decisions close to election time are being denied an important piece of information, which could affect how they vote.

Consider, for example: If a candidate took a position against imposing limits on damage awards in medical malpractice lawsuits, as was the case during a state Senate race four years ago, would it be relevant for voters to know that groups that stood to benefit financially from his position — in this case trial lawyers — were also funding his campaign?

The answer would likely be yes, but under the guidelines of the 15-day limit on donation deposits, candidates could keep such information a secret until it's too late for voters to act upon it.

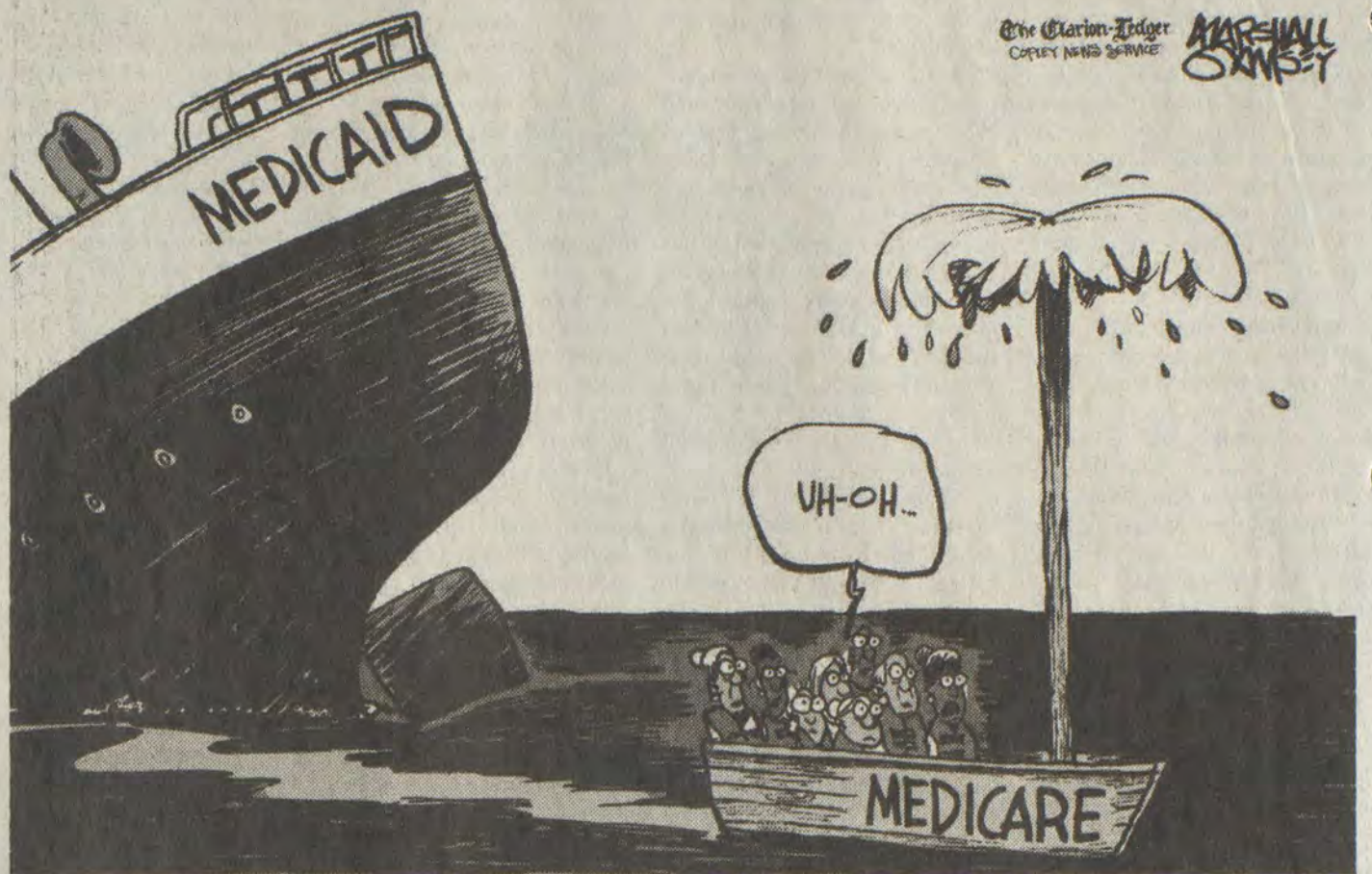
In effect, the names of key interest groups could remain anonymous as long as donation deposits occur within the 15-day window. Just call it a version of campaign contributor peek-a-boo — hide now and reveal later.

Fortunately, some state legislators see the abuse this game could spawn, and are compelled to do something to change it. One solution, as Senate President David Williams suggests, is to require electronic deposits within 24 hours of receipt. This would still allow candidates to receive money right up to Election Day, but contribution checks couldn't be held to circumvent public disclosure.

Sarah Jackson, executive director of the state Registry of Election Finance, takes it one step further by recommending that candidates report checks when received as opposed to when they are deposited.

Both are sound reforms that would help close this loophole in the current campaign finance system, but both also require changing the law. To ensure that the public has as much information as possible before they cast their vote, it needs to be done.

— *The Courier-Journal, Louisville*



— Rich Lowry Column —

Wealth vs. work

The cliché is that in choosing John Edwards as his running mate, John Kerry didn't just acquire a potential vice president, but a message: the rhetoric of "two Americas" — one characterized by "work," the other by "wealth" — that Edwards relentlessly repeated during the primaries. Less appreciated is that the choice of Edwards might finally give President Bush a message, too.

Kerry has long lacked a campaign theme. By saying recently that the Edwards "two Americas" line is what the campaign is "all about," Kerry has signaled that he is ready to adopt the Edwards message. The Bush campaign should take a page from Kerry — let John Edwards show the way.

Edwards has complained about Bush's income-tax cuts "on the rich," and scored him for wanting "to eliminate the capital-gains tax, dividends tax, the estate tax, all the taxation of

wealth or passive income on wealth, and shift that tax burden to people who work for a living." Edwards, in other words, takes direct aim at Bush policies rewarding savings and investment.

The opposition Edwards tries to make between work and wealth doesn't make sense. Why do people work? For wealth. Rewarding wealth means rewarding the fruits of work. For instance, two-thirds of the beneficiaries of Bush's cut in the top marginal tax rate own some form of small business. In America, you work, make a business succeed, then get wealthy (and become the target of demagogic politicians — the American dream!).

Edwards doesn't seem to understand that wealth, when it is saved and invested, is "working." Does he really want Bill Gates to stop investing in Microsoft, which has created countless jobs and made countless investors rich? Or the next Bill Gates not to be able to raise the capital to give his venture a go, because that capital is likely

to come from — gasp — the rich?

Bush can adopt an agenda for an "ownership society" that confronts this Kerry/Edwards angle of attack. Its most important element would be private Social Security accounts, allowing people to save and invest for their own retirement. Liberalized individual retirement accounts (IRAs) could also increase the number of savers and the amount they save, while private health and education accounts would allow people to save for their own health and educational needs. And Bush could steal a worthy Edwards proposal — tax credits to help poor people save.

The themes of all policies are ownership (you own your own wealth, which no one can take away), choice (you decide what to do with your money) and opportunity (you get a chance to enjoy the wonder of compound interest and, through stocks, to own a piece of the American economy — a chance, in short, to get rich). These themes are as winning and all-American as a John Edwards grin.

The election competition, then, would become roughly between punishing the rich and making more people rich. It's the latter goal that accords with traditional American striving. Wealth vs. work? Bring it on.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.



The Rich Lowry column

— beyond the beltway —

Democrats off to a good start, despite themselves

by DONALD KAUL

The Democratic National Convention got off to a rip-roaring start last week with its parade of Golden Oldies — President Jimmy, Uncrowned Prince Al and, of course, Big Bill.

Taken together, their speeches constituted the best first day of a political convention in memory. The trio managed to offer a scathing critique of the Bush Administration's preemptive-war strategy, as well as his reverse Robin Hood economic policies, without getting too personal about the President himself (although Jimmy Carter can hardly hide his contempt for the man). Their speeches were mercifully short and lively, even funny.

Al Gore supplied the wittiest crack with his opening: "... you know the old saying: you win some, you lose some. And then there's the little-known third category." Carter gave the bleakest assessment of Bush's leadership: "After 9/11, America stood proud, wounded but determined and united. A cowardly attack on innocent civilians brought us an unprecedented level of cooperation and understanding around the world. But in just 34 months, we have watched with deep concern as all this goodwill has been squandered by a virtually unbroken series of mistakes and miscalculations."

But it was left for Bill Clinton to demonstrate why he remains the brightest star in the Democratic firmament (and

why he would be nominated and probably re-elected if he could run again). He laid out the stark contrasts between the two parties in a masterful speech glazed with an irony that, at times, reminded one of Mark Antony's funeral oration in Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar."

"Democrats want to build an America of shared responsibilities and shared opportunities," he said. "Republicans believe in an America run by the right people, their people ... If you agree with that, by all means re-elect them. If not, John Kerry and John Edwards are your team for the future." He mocked the tax cut he, as a newly rich man, has received from the Republicans and he pointed out that Kerry, despite his privileged background, had volunteered for a war that he, Clinton, and Bush and Cheney had avoided.

It was red meat to the Democrats in the hall and they roared as they consumed it.

Whether it convinced people outside the hall, undecided voters, is problematic. Basically, that's going to be Kerry's job and it's not entirely clear whether he's up to it. Still, it was a good start.

One should never underestimate the Democrats' ability to screw up a good start, however. Consider, for example, the case of Sandy Berger, President Clinton's former National Security Adviser.

By all accounts a brilliant man, he is experienced in foreign affairs and wise in the ways of Washington. He was acting as an unpaid foreign policy adviser to the Kerry campaign.

Until it was learned that he was under investigation by the FBI for removing classified documents from the National

Archives without proper authority. He admits doing it while researching an incident that occurred when he was Security Adviser, but he says it was an accident. He inadvertently swept some papers up with other papers and carried them off, his spokesperson said.

But he also admitted sticking some of the material in his coat pockets.

The Republicans are going ballistic, of course. What better way to cast doubt on

Kerry's competence (and Clinton's, for that matter) as a national leader?

House Majority Leader Tom (Take No Prisoners) DeLay said: "... it could be a national security crisis."

I doubt that but the Republicans have a right to suggest it. At the very least it was monstrously stupid of

Berger; if not stupid, what? Democrats quickly responded by accusing Republicans of playing politics with the issue. (The FBI had been investigating the matter for several months but only on the eve of the Democratic convention was it revealed.)

Republicans playing politics? In an election year? Say it ain't so.

But you see what I mean. Democrats seem to have an instinct for the jugular. Their own. Whether it proves to be a fatal instinct remains to be seen.

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Minister's Moment:

Becoming a living witness to God

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There was a little girl named Allison who always had a hard time going to bed. And this night was no exception. After a bedtime story, the nightly prayer, a drink of water and a visit to the bathroom, Allison was tucked in and the lights were turned off — but not for long.

"Mommy," she called out in a sad voice. "I can't go to sleep. I'm afraid of the dark."

"Now, Allison," her mother replied patiently. "There's no reason for you to be afraid. You know that God is always right there with you."

"I know, Mommy," said the little girl. "I know God's here. But I want somebody with skin on."

Little children aren't the only ones who get scared in the dark. We all get scared in the dark times, and we all need someone to hang on to — someone with skin on. Jesus understands this, so He makes

so clear in the Bible. "I'm not a ghost," He says to His friends. "I'm very real; I'm here. You can count on me. So don't be afraid. I'll always be here for you, closer to you than your breath, closer than your heartbeat. I'll always be here, even when it's very dark."

Jesus' words comforted His disciples and calmed their fears, and that's good. But it isn't enough as far as Jesus is concerned. Jesus wanted more for them and wants more for

each of us — A lot more than just peace and quiet.

Jesus wants to transform, to change us into new people, who see the world, who see life in a new way (His way) — and respond to it in a new way. Jesus wants to transform us into people who understand what it means to be made in God's image and what it means to be entrusted with wonderful gifts of the of the Holy Spirit. Jesus wants to transform us all into people who understand that our great

est joy — our lasting joy — is to build a loving relationship with God and with each other — to be a people of compassion, love, forgiveness and mercy. Jesus wants to help us see that the cost of being transformed into Himself — and being transformers (helping others become Christlike) — is always high, but the cost of not being transformed into Christ, the cost of staying mired in ourselves and stuck in our fears is higher still. For that choice leaves us with little or nothing of the only joys that truly warm the heart and enliven the spirit.

Our being transformed into the likeness of Christ is God's hope and desire for us, God's will for us. And this hope of God for each of us will happen and continue to happen for each of us, if we trust in God's presence, which is closer than our breath, if we draw strength from the love, which is closer to us than our heartbeat.

In the Bible, Jesus tells His disciples to be His witnesses to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. Witnessing, to Jesus, is more than telling people about the life of this traveling rabbi who lived 2,000 years ago. Anyone can do that. Witnessing, to Jesus, is more than testifying that Jesus is risen. Witnessing, to Jesus, is testifying by our lives that the power of the risen Jesus has touched us and transformed us in the most remarkable ways imaginable.

Witnessing, to Jesus, is letting Jesus speak through us, in our words, in our actions, to other people. Each of us is to be a living witness to the resurrec-

tion of Jesus.

The most powerful force in the world is not missiles and bombs, but someone touched and transformed (changed) by the power of the risen Christ. That is the greatest power on earth — a life changed by Christ can change the hearts and the lives of others, and in that process, change the history of this nation, of all nations, of this world.

And so witnessing, to Jesus, is not necessarily getting on a soapbox on the street corner, nor appearing on the radio and TV, but testifying by our lives that the power of the risen Jesus has touched us and change our lives. The risen Christ has made the world of difference in my life and in our lives. It is letting Jesus speak through us to other people.

No matter how beautifully expressed, abstract ideas rarely move people. But let a person come forward, a living person, capable of speaking to the heart; let truth flow from that person's life; let Christ speak through that person's words; let love be that person's gift to others — then people will listen, lives are changed, and the dawn of better days will brighten our skies.

Let each of us be a physical presence of the risen Lord; may each of us be Jesus with skin.

Australian scientist: DNA research and Mormon scholars changing basic beliefs

by PATTY HENETZ
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SALT LAKE CITY — Fundamental teachings of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints about some events in the Book of Mormon are changing — not through revelation, but through church-sanctioned scholars' reinterpretations, an Australian geneticist and former LDS bishop writes in a new book.

In "Losing a Lost Tribe: Native Americans, DNA and the Mormon Church," author Simon Southerton applies his own and others' DNA research to Mormon beliefs, while also examining the writings of Brigham Young University scholars at the Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies, or FARMS.

Southerton's work examines church teachings that American Indians and Polynesians have a historic bond with ancient Israelites. While the question of whether such a connection exists may seem like an arcane theological point to outsiders, to some Mormons, a reinterpretation would be startling and disturbing.

Indeed, Southerton himself, once a bishop leading a local congregation in Brisbane, Australia, left the church because of his conclusion that no such tie exists. (The church takes issue with his findings.)

A senior researcher with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization in Canberra, Australia, Southerton also takes aim at FARMS' assertions that the Book of Mormon's events could only have occurred in parts of Mexico and Guatemala.

That interpretation goes against traditional church teachings that Book of Mormon events took place across the

Western Hemisphere and that Native Americans are the descendants of the Hebrews who settled the Americas in 600 B.C., he notes.

"You've got Mormon apologists in their own publications rejecting what prophets have been saying for decades. This becomes very troubling for ordinary members of the church," Southerton said.

For a century or so, scientists have theorized that Asians migrated to the Americas across a land bridge at least 14,000 years ago. Over the past 20 years, researchers examining American Indian and Polynesian DNA have found no evidence of Israelite ancestry.

But Mormons have been taught to believe that the Book of Mormon — the faith's keystone text — is a literal record of God's dealings with the ancient inhabitants of the Americas called Lamanites. They are said to have descended from the Israelite patriarch Lehi, who sailed to the New World around 600 B.C. The book's narrative continues through about 400 A.D.

The church teaches that Joseph Smith translated this record in the 1820s from gold plates he unearthed on a hillside near Palmyra, N.Y. The Book of Mormon was first published in 1830.

The book describes how the Jews who landed in the Americas split into two nations, one light-skinned and culturally advanced, the other inferior and cursed by God with dark skin.

Through most of the thousand years included in the Book of Mormon the two nations warred, until the light-skinned people succumbed to wickedness and the dark-skinned race conquered them. Mormons believe the dark-skinned race — Lamanites — are American Indians' principal ancestors.

Though not mentioned specifically in the Book of Mormon, Polynesians have been taught they, too, are a branch of the House of Israel descended from Lehi.

Traditionally, and with apparent endorsements from the church's leaders — who have the dual title of president and prophet — Mormons have understood the Book of Mormon to cover all of the Americas in what is known as the hemispheric model.

At a Bolivian temple dedication in 2000, church President Gordon B. Hinckley prayed, "We remember before Thee the sons and daughters of Father Lehi." And in 1982, the church's then-President Spencer Kimball told Samoans, Maori, Tahitians and Hawaiians that the "Lord calls you Lamanites."

But FARMS writers focusing on the Book of Mormon's "internal geography," that is, descriptions of how long it took the ancient peoples to get from one place to another, now believe the events occurred only hundreds of miles from each other, not thousands. That raises new questions — including how

to explain the vast growth in the Americas' population by the time Europeans began colonization.

Both the LDS church and the BYU scholars, meanwhile, disagree with Southerton's conclusions.

On its Web site, under the "Mistakes in the News" heading, the church declares, "Recent attacks on the veracity of the Book of Mormon based on DNA evidence are ill considered. Nothing in the Book of Mormon precludes migration into the Americas by peoples of Asiatic origin. The scientific issues relating to DNA, however, are numerous and complex."

The site then offers Web links to five articles, four of which were published last year in the Journal of Book of Mormon Studies, a FARMS publication.

BYU political science professor and FARMS director Noel Reynolds said the 25-year-old foundation's research and writings are not aimed at proving or disproving the Book of Mormon.

"We understand the difficulties of that. We get dragged into these discussions repeatedly because of books like Southerton's or ordinary anti-Mormon questions," he said.

While believing a hemispheric model might be considered "naive," Reynolds said, "it's also fair to say that the majority of LDS over a period of time have accepted a hemispheric view, including church leaders."

Church spokesman Dale Bills said the church teaches only that the events recorded in the Book of Mormon took place somewhere in the Americas.

Southerton remains unconvinced by their arguments.

He said that, given the state of DNA research and increasing lay awareness of it, church leaders ought just to own up to the problems that continued literal

teachings about the Book of Mormon present for American Indians and Polynesians.

"They should come out and say, 'There's no evidence to support your Israelite ancestry,'" Southerton said. "I don't have any problem with anyone believing what's in the Book of Mormon. Just don't make it look like science is backing it all up."

Church member Jose Aloyza, a Peruvian native and attorney who now lives in Utah, likened the impact of Southerton's conclusions to staring into a spiritual abyss. "It's very difficult. It is almost traumatizing," he said. "I'm almost here feeling I need an apology. Our prophets should have known better. That's the feeling I get."



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FLOYD COUNTY

Virginia Renee Meadows Clark, 29, of Estill, died Sunday, August 1, in St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Jason Clark. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 4, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Pauline Compton, 57, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, August 1, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Estil Compton. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Velvie (Bev) Lea Dixon, 52, of Warsaw, Indiana, died Monday, August 2, at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 7, under the direction of McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel.

Ralph (Chan) Gayheart, 59, a Floyd County native, died Wednesday, July 28, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 2, under the direction of Edgington-Taylor Funeral Home, Winchester.

Sherman Lee Hall, 60, of Grethel, died Sunday, August 1, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 4, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

James Monroe Keathley, 66, of Harold, died Tuesday, August 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Arzella Hamilton. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Carlie Avis Kimbler, 56, of Harold, died Thursday, July 29, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 2, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Evelene Webb Little, 70, of

Wayland, died Thursday, July 29, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Thomas E. Music, 56, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, July 31, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 4, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Rosie Mae (Carroll) Owens, 86, of New London, Ohio, a native of Honaker, died Monday, August 2, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 7, under the direction of Eastman Funeral Home.

Franklin D. Reynolds, 69, of Printer, died Thursday, July 29, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Freddie Jullian Shell, 52, of Warsaw, Indiana, formerly of Floyd County, died Sunday, August 1, as the result of an accident. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Onedia Shepherd, 66, of Columbia, City, Indiana, a native of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, June 26, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 29, under the direction of DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home.

Albert A. Snipes, 87, of Homer, Michigan, a native of Bonanza, died Wednesday, July 28, at Oaklawn Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, August 2, under the direction of J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home.

Sola J. (Maw) Tackett, 76, of Galveston, died Wednesday, July 28, at the Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Bennie Tackett.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Grover J. Thompson, 82, of of Charley, died Monday, August 2, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, August 6, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

William E. "Bill" Blair, 77, of Flat Gap, died at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Lydia Lillian Skeens Blair. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 5, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

William T. Blankenship, 72, of Florida, formerly of Paintsville, died Wednesday, July 21. Arrangements were under the direction of the Moss Feaster Funeral Home, Largo, Florida.

Ruth Hazelette Centers, 89, of Paintsville, died Thursday, July 29, at Paul B. Medical Hall Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 1, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Oakley Green, 89, of East Point, died Friday, July 30, at the Riverview Nursing Home in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 2, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Amanda M. Hall, 89, of Paintsville, died Wednesday, August 4, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 7, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Lucas Lee Horne, 33, of Flat Gap, died Tuesday, July 27, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Opal Stella Staniford Horne. Funeral services were

conducted Saturday, July 31, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel.

Helen Jacovitch, 81, of Nippa, died Wednesday, August 4, at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, Michigan. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 7, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Sudie Baldwin Young, 89, of Paintsville, died Wednesday, July 28, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 1, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Merlie Davis, of Russell's Point, Ohio, a Magoffin County native, died Wednesday, April 28, at the Heartland of Indian Lake Rehab Center, Lakeview, Ohio. A graveside service was conducted Saturday, May 1, in the Huntsville Cemetery.

Jimmie Ray Jackson, 45, of Falcon, died Thursday, July 29, at Salyersville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 1, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Corbet C. Salyer, 62, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, August 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Sue Rowe Salyer. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 7, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Bobby E. Slusher, 62, of West Milton, Ohio, formerly of Stanville, died Saturday, July 31, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Christine Howard Slusher. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 5, at the Magoffin County Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

Paul R. Diehm, 48, of

Pikeville, died Monday, August 2, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Fay Diehm. Graveside services were conducted Friday, August 6, under the direction of Klachn, Fehl and Melton Funeral Homes, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Freda Marie Ferrell, 63, of Majestic, died Tuesday, August 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 7, under the direction of R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home.

Plenna Bruce Justice, 80, of Pikeville, died Monday, August 2, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Juanita Justice. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 6, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

Maedelle Maynard, 72, of Atlanta, a native of Pikeville, died Thursday, July 8. A memorial service was held in Atlanta at the Hellenic Chapel, Thursday, July 22.

Ann Lynn Clark Osborne, 69, of Virgie, died Monday, August 2, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Virgil Osborne. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 7, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Barbara Gail "Sally Farley" Robb, 67, of Stelle, died Monday, August 2, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 5, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

James Riley Tackett, 39, of Feds Creek, died Wednesday, August 4, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Cordelia Blackburn Tackett. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 8, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Maxine West Williams, 58, of Indian Creek, Virgie, died Sunday, August 1, in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. She is survived by her husband, Paul Gene Williams. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 6, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

Robert "Bob" Tibbs, 72, of Taveres, Florida, formerly of Pikeville, died Monday, July 26, in Taveres. He is survived by his wife, Marie Destrampi Tibbs. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 2, in the Veterans Cemetery, Florida.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Dollie Violet Canterbury, 50, of Lenore, died Saturday, July

31, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, James Canterbury. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 2, under the direction of Chafin Funeral Home.

Kenneth Ray "Cork" Sturgill, of Martha, died Tuesday, August 3. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 5, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Grover J. Thompson, 82, of Louisa, died Monday, August 2, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 6, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Clover Ward, 93, a Louisa native, died Thursday, June 24, in St. Catherine's Care Center, Washington Court House. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 28, under the direction of Porter Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

Clifford Raymond Caplinger, 70, of Ridgecrest, California, formerly of Martin County, died Friday, July 23. Graveside services and interment were Saturday, July 31, at Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, California.

Obituary

Sandy Mitchell

Sandy Mitchell, 48, of Beaver, died Wednesday, August 4, 2004, at the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington.

Born March 13, 1956, in Detroit, Michigan, he was the son of Daisy Mae Tackett Mitchell of Beaver, and the late Willie Mitchell. He was a disabled coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Vicky Newsome Mitchell.

Other survivors include one son, Stevie Dale Mitchell of Beaver; two brothers: Terry Mitchell of Beaver, and Willie Michael Mitchell of Teaberry; and one sister, Sheila Akers of Dana.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, August 8, at 11 a.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, at Teaberry, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

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

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Parks

Still, the program might inspire farmers to use methods such as hydroponics or greenhouses to provide produce year-round, Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer said. Communication between farmers and park chefs might also inspire new ideas, he said.

Meanwhile, the parks department is also implementing a program called "True Flavor of Kentucky," which is an effort to increase the resorts' use of Kentucky products, Ward said.

One plan is to regionalize the menus at various state parks by offering local foods, he said. For instance, the state may look at serving catfish from local farms.

Kentucky musicians and artists would also get an opportunity for more exposure, Ward said. Rather than play jazz or other styles of music in resort dining rooms, the state is planning to play music from Kentucky musicians. Resorts may also display crafts or artwork by Kentuckians, he said.

Odds

fewer prostitutes. About 49 percent of the women in Robeson County with syphilis said they had sex for drugs or money, according to a recent survey by state and county health officials.

EUREKA SPRINGS, Ark. — Police in Arkansas and Missouri say someone has discovered a deceptively easy way to steal money with the help of their victims.

The thieves apparently install a false box over bank night depositories and watch while unsuspecting customers drop in cash. Officers say the ruse has been used in Eureka Springs and Branson, Mo.

Eureka Springs Police Chief Early Hyatt said the customers were bamboozled.

"Each one said, 'Well, it looks strange,' but they thought maybe they were fixing" the night depository, he said.

Hyatt said security camera videotape shows two men in a Ford Escort station wagon with no license plate pulling up to a bank over the weekend, removing the box from the vehicle and approaching the depository.

He said five customers, most depositing cash from local businesses, made drops while the

crooks apparently watched from nearby.

UNIONTOWN, Pa. — Something smelled rotten when Michael Hanczyk showed up in court to fight a drunken driving charge. Authorities say it was the booze on his breath.

A judge stopped a hearing Tuesday and ordered the 42-year-old Hanczyk to take a field sobriety test after he and others said they smelled alcohol on Hanczyk's breath.

"Everyone smelled him," said district attorney Nancy Vernon.

A breath test indicated that Hanczyk had a blood alcohol content of 0.296 percent, more than three times the state's legal limit, Vernon said.

Fayette County Judge John Wagner Jr. threatened to put Hanczyk in jail for 30 days for contempt of court, but then said he would wait for a blood test. Hanczyk was taken to a hospital and the hearing was rescheduled.

Hanczyk's attorney, Daniel Hargrove, did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment late Tuesday.

Hanczyk was charged with drunken driving after a July 8,

History

72. Actor Dustin Hoffman is 67. Actress Connie Stevens is 66. Country singer Phil Balsley (The Statler Brothers) is 65. Actor Larry Wilcox is 57. Actor Keith Carradine is 55. Rhythm and blues singer Airrion Love (The Stylistics) is 55. Country singer Jamie O'Hara is 54. Movie director Martin Brest is 53. Actor Donny Most is 51. Rock musician Dennis Drew (10,000 Maniacs) is 47. T.V. personality Deborah Norville is 46. Actor-singer Harry Crosby is 46. Rock musician The Edge (U2) is 43. Rock musician Ricki Rockett (Poison) is 43. Rapper Kool Moe Dee is 42. Rock

musician Ralph Rieckermann is 42. Country singer Mark Wills is 31. Actor Kohl Sudduth is 30. Rock musician Tom Linton (Jimmy Eat World) is 29. Singer JC Chasez ('N Sync) is 28. Rhythm and blues singer Drew Lachey (98 Degrees) is 28. Rhythm and blues singer Marsha Ambrosius (Floetry) is 27. Actress Countess Vaughn is 26. Britain's Princess Beatrice Elizabeth Mary is 16.

Thought for Today:

"I think most people are more important than their opinions." — Jorge Luis Borges, Argentine author (1899-1986).

2003, accident in Henry Clay Township, near the West Virginia border.

Police said Hanczyk suddenly stopped his car, setting off a chain-reaction crash with two other vehicles. After two troopers reported smelling alcohol on Hanczyk, he refused to take a field sobriety test but later agreed to take a blood test, which indicated he was drunk, authorities said.

But Hargrove sought to have the charge dismissed, saying police didn't have probable cause to arrest Hanczyk because he was driving safely.

EAST LYME, Conn. — The ghostly white scarecrows on Joseph Smith's cornfield frightened more than the geese he was trying to scare away.

The scarecrows so closely resembled Ku Klux Klan garb that they sparked complaints from minority guards and visitors at a nearby prison.

Workers on Smith's farm made the scarecrows last week out of the white, hooded environmental suits they wear to spray the crops. Soon after, administrators at the J.B. Gates Correctional Institution began receiving complaints.

Smith's wife, Terri Smith, said the entire episode was a misunderstanding.

"We were just trying to scare away the geese," she said. "We're like the most non-racist people you'd ever meet."

The Mexican seasonal workers on the farm have tried several tactics to keep the geese away from the corn. Because the prison is close by, the workers cannot fire guns or use other loud sounds like they do on another property they farm.

The first complaints came from visitors to the prison, said Gene Tewksbury, president of AFSCME Local 1565, the union that represents prison guards.

"If you were driving up there, what would you think?" Tewksbury said.

The scarecrows have been removed.

MOUNT STERLING, Ohio — Undercover officers weren't needed to nab this alleged drug dealer.

William McCrary was charged with selling drugs to a uniformed police officer sitting in his marked cruiser, police said.

"It was one of those things where he got comfortable with

thinking Officer (Brian) Botkin would do it," Mount Sterling Police Detective Joe Cox said Tuesday. "Probably every drug dealers' main goal is to get a police officer on their side. Look at where you could go from there."

McCrary, 30, was indicted by a grand jury on July 14 on three counts of trafficking in drugs, all fifth-degree felonies.

"We are probably just as amazed that it went through as most people that read about it would be," Cox said.

McCrary is currently jailed for violating a civil protection order.

Botkin led McCrary and another man to believe he had been a heavy marijuana user before he became an officer in order to establish a relationship with them.

"Our plan was to use him to go up the chain," Botkin said. "But now he's in jail and (his supplier) knows."

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Universal Orlando theme park is in the doghouse after losing a puppy a guest had left at its kennel.

Joe Wheat thought Connor, a 4-month-old white Labrador

retriever, was in good hands during his visit on Saturday. And Connor was, until the moment the kennel handed him to someone else.

"We take care of more than 5,000 animals a year, and this is the first time we've ever faced a situation like this," Universal spokesman Tom Schroder said Tuesday.

Wheat said when he dropped off Connor, with his favorite chew toy, at the 117-cage kennel on Saturday afternoon, he filled out a form that asked for information on himself and his dog. He should've received a pink duplicate that acts as a claim ticket, but didn't.

When Wheat returned about six hours later to retrieve his retriever, Connor was gone. The dog had been checked out by someone with the ticket.

On Sunday, Wheat found Connor's toy in the park's RV parking lot, about 300 feet away from the kennel. Wheat said he was upset park officials wouldn't let him review security tapes.

"At this point, we're trying to understand what happened and, and more importantly, trying to get Connor back to Mr. Wheat," Schroder said.

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Elderly couple claim big loss in coal company's bankruptcy

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROWDY — An elderly Eastern Kentucky couple say they fear federal bankruptcy protection for one of the nation's largest coal companies might mean they won't get paid for royalties on coal taken from their property.

In a letter to a federal bankruptcy judge, Silas Miller, 86, and Edith Miller, 82, of Rowdy, contend that Horizon Natural Resources owes them \$688,672.

Silas Miller, a retired miner who suffers from black lung disease, said an agreement allowed the company — at one time the nation's fourth largest coal producer — to mine a 50-acre mountaintop above his home in exchange for \$2 for every ton of coal hauled out.

He contends a Horizon subsidiary didn't pay as agreed. "I just think they ripped me off," Miller said. "There's got to be some way to do something to change that."

Neither Horizon spokesman Matt Isner nor attorneys representing the company in bankruptcy proceedings returned phone calls Thursday.

Horizon, posting huge financial losses and unable to pay its creditors, filed for bankruptcy in November 2002.

The company's assets, valued at just less than \$1 billion, are expected to be auctioned Aug. 17 to try to satisfy about \$1 billion in debts and other obligations.

The Millers said they can only hope to get the money they claim the company owes them.

"We are suffering many injustices," they wrote in the letter filed in the court record on July 22.

The Millers' son, Lonnie Miller of Rowdy, said he feels that the coal company has preyed on an elderly couple.

"They've been done wrong," he said.

The Millers aren't the only retirees who could be hit hard by Horizon's bankruptcy.

The United Mine Workers of America said 3,800 retirees could lose their health benefits if the bankruptcy judge voids labor contracts with the union as company attorneys have requested. An additional 2,500 employees who would be eligible for health benefits after they retire could lose those, too, if the judge grants the attorneys' request.

Newcoal LLC, formed by New York billionaire Wilbur L. Ross and four other investors, wants to buy Horizon's properties. But a Horizon official said Newcoal apparently doesn't want Horizon's six union operations in Illinois, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Jim Morris, Horizon's vice president for business development, has said other potential buyers also have been unwilling to buy the company's union mines because of financial obligations related to labor contracts and retirement plans. Horizon said

that's why the company asked the judge to void union contracts.

The bankruptcy judge heard arguments for and against that motion last month, but hasn't yet ruled.

About 1,000 protesters, most of them coal miners and their fami-

lies, rallied outside a bankruptcy hearing on July 20 to show their concern about the issue. They say thousands of active and retired miners would lose their health benefits if the judge grants the request.

Judicial candidate: Turn prison into drug treatment center

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — A candidate for Kentucky Supreme Court is recommending that a newly built prison in Elliott County be turned into a long-term drug treatment center.

Will T. Scott, a Pikeville attorney, said it would be the best use for the \$92 million facility.

"Eastern Kentucky has one of the highest per capita rates of illegal drug use in the nation," he said. "Our problem keeps getting

worse."

Gov. Ernie Fletcher said Friday that Scott's proposal is "certainly something we would consider looking at."

House Majority Leader Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, said he, too, is willing to consider the idea.

"I would not be opposed to a state-run drug rehabilitation program for drug offenders," Adkins said. "It would still need to be a state-run, state-operated prison."

The Little Sandy Correctional Complex, a 961-bed prison that

was supposed to open in June, remains empty while state officials consider its fate. Plans were for the prison to bring at least 280 jobs to the county, which has one of Kentucky's highest unemployment rates.

Fletcher, however, maintains the state doesn't need a new prison.

Corrections Commissioner John Rees recommended that the Fletcher administration privatize the prison. The administration has said the state could collect rent by

leasing the prison to a private company that would, in turn, lease the beds to hold other states' inmates. Or the state could offer a management contract, paying a company to run the prison and hold Kentucky inmates in some of its beds more cheaply than the Corrections Department could.

Adkins has steadfastly opposed privatizing the prison. He said that would reduce salaries offered at

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MSU-P'burg to hold forum on master's

PRESTONSBURG

Morehead State University at Prestonsburg will hold an open meeting on Thursday, at 6 p.m., at their new building next to the Eastern Kentucky Science Center on the campus of Big Sandy Technical Community College.

The meeting will focus on the school's new master's degree program, which is designed to prepare individuals for teaching, administration, student personnel and developmental studies programs in post-secondary and adult continu-

ing education institutions.

The program will require 30 hours of credits and aims to be flexible, offering some self-directed courses as well as the option to take several classes over the internet.

The staff at MSU-Prestonsburg will be available to help students figure out how to meet enrollment qualifications for the program.

For more information on the program, call the school at (606) 886-2405 or (800) 648-6372.

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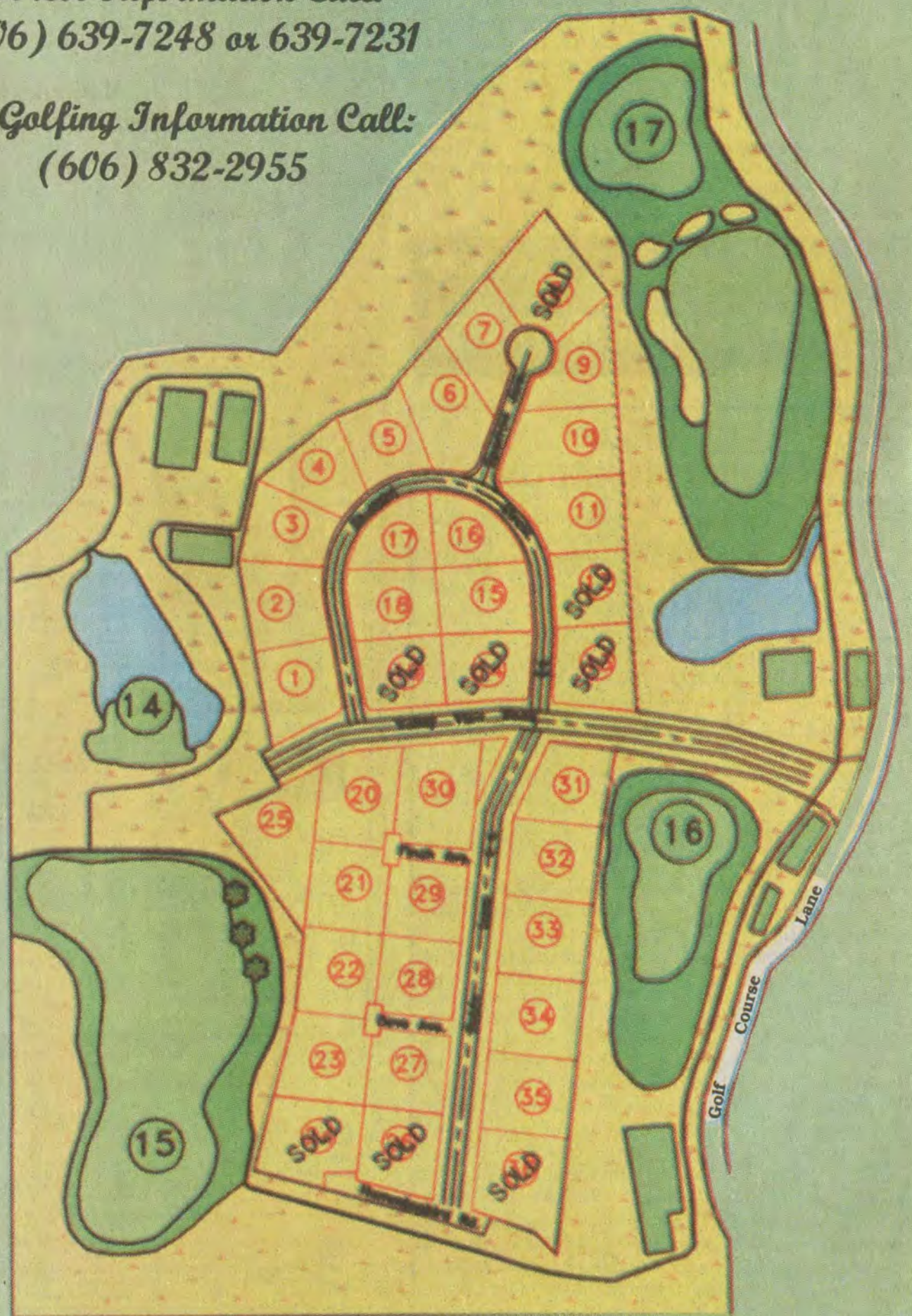
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Man pleads guilty to shovel attack

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by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Bobby Gene Hall was back in court Friday for a pretrial conference, but instead ended up pleading guilty and taking the recommendation of the Commonwealth Attorney's Office.

Hall, 36, of Prestonsburg, was charged with first-degree assault, second-degree assault, criminal mischief and terroristic threatening for attacking Charles

Bruner, Hall's counselor at Mountain Comprehensive Care, with a long handled shovel.

Hall had been receiving counseling at Mountain Comp in Prestonsburg. A confrontation began between Hall and Bruner and Hall became very belligerent.

Hall left Comp Care and went to a nearby construction site and asked workers if he could borrow a shovel. He then proceeded back to the parking area and began beating Bruner's automobile with the shovel

while Bruner was trying to get into his car. When Bruner tried to stop Hall, he began hitting him repeated with the shovel.

Bruner sustained severe injuries, especially to his hand, and had to have screws inserted in it to help a fracture grow back correctly.

Hall had a hearing in circuit court Aug. 3 to see if he was mentally competent to stand trial. Judge Danny Caudill ruled that he was competent and set a pretrial conference for Friday.

Hall shuffled into the court-

room with shackles on his hands and feet. After talking with his attorney, Jim Adkins, Hall entered a guilty plea.

The commonwealth offered Hall 10 years for the first-degree assault charge, which is a Class B felony, and dismissed the other charges against him. A Class B felony has an 85 percent parole eligibility, meaning that Hall will have to serve at least eight-and-one-half years in prison.

Bruner was present in the courtroom and sat quietly as he listened to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner explain the sentence he was recommending for Hall.

"The victim is very traumatized by the whole incident," Turner explained. "He was concerned about the sentence that Hall was going to get."

Judge Danny Caudill ordered a pre-investigative report be done before Hall's formal sentencing on Sept. 3.

the facility. State pay would start at \$20,000 to \$22,000 a year, nearly twice the average local per capita income.

Kentucky's 14 state prisons ended the month of June with 11,955 inmates and 309 empty beds. But nearly 6,000 state inmates were being held in lower-cost county jails, some of which warn they can't handle additional bodies.

Scott, a former circuit court

judge, said eastern Kentucky needs a large drug treatment center to combat addiction.

"We can make that institution the most advanced, long-term, compulsory drug and alcohol abuse treatment center in the nation," he said. "We're trying enforcement. We're trying education. We've been doing those for 20 years. We've got to have treatment."

Artist's exhibit opens at MAC

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Mountain Arts Center opened a new display in the art gallery Friday featuring pencil portraits, vivid acrylic paintings and much more by Alfredo Escobar, of Berea.

Escobar is an accomplished artist and graduate of Eastern Kentucky University. His pencil portraits have gained him international and regional acclaim as an artist who is able "to capture the essence of his subjects," as one satisfied man remarked upon seeing his own portrait.

Escobar recently finished three pencil portraits of Billie Jean Osborne, Keith Caudill and Fred ("Munroe") Goble to be displayed at the MAC. In each

of his pencil portraits are the names of the individuals that he is drawing incorporated into the fine lines and shades of their faces.

Escobar uses his talents to offer educational activities to students as an artist-in-residence in schools across the state. The projects he has been involved in focuses on subjects such as graphic arts in the music industry, mural paintings and folk art. One teacher involved in his program remarked, "Alfredo makes every kid an artist."

Escobar is a member of the Berea Arts Council and is a Master Artist with Very Special Arts of Kentucky. He is also a Juried Artist of the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen. His major influences in his work as an artist and educator are

Diego Rivera, professor John Dewey and Salvador Dali.

The art exhibit at the MAC opens Friday, August 6 and continues through August 30. For more information contact the Mountain Arts Center at (606) 889-9125 or www.alfredoescobar.com

Pike vote fraud trial postponed until Aug. 23

The Associated Press

LONDON — The trial of a prominent eastern Kentucky businessman described by prosecutors as a kingpin in a vote-buying scheme has been postponed.

Ross Harris of Pikeville had been scheduled to stand trial on Monday. The case was postponed because Mark Chandler, an attorney representing a co-defendant, was scheduled to be out of the country.

U.S. District Judge reset the trial for Harris and Loren Glen Turner of Drift for Aug. 23.

Former state Sen. John Doug Hays, who was seeking election as Pike County district judge in 2002, and seven of his supporters are scheduled to stand trial on Oct. 4.

All 10 of the defendants have

pleaded not guilty.

A federal grand jury indicted them for allegedly scheming to buy votes on behalf of Hays in the judicial race. Prosecutors contend money was given to people for their votes under the guise of paying them to haul voters to the polls on election day. Most of that money, they contend, came from Harris.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth Taylor alleges that Harris made contributions through third parties in amounts far above legal limits.

The case was moved to London after prosecutors raised concerns about whether a fair trial could be held in Pikeville.

Larry A. Mackey, an Indianapolis attorney and former federal prosecutor who is representing Harris, said he doesn't foresee further delays.

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Panthers to meet media Tuesday night

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — The 2004 edition of the Pikeville High School football team will meet the media and fans Tuesday night at Hillard Howard Field. The event is scheduled to run from 7-8 p.m. Pikeville is coming off a season in which it posted an 8-5 record. In 2003, Pikeville rebounded nicely from an 0-3 start to begin the season. The Panthers reeled off seven wins last season before falling to Lynn Camp in the Class A, Region Four title game.

Former Pikeville High football greats, many of whom played on one, two or all of three of the school's Class A state championship grid teams, will also be present during the media night. The event will serve as both a chance to meet the newest Panther football team and former Panthers.

Pikeville plays in Class A, District Eight, a competitive district that also includes longtime rivals Paintsville and Hazard.

Prestonsburg, Pikeville's season-opening opponent in the annual Pike County Bowl, held its annual media day one week ago today. The two teams will meet in the Pike County Bowl on Saturday, Aug. 21.

Georgetown picked to win MSC football crown

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CAMPBELLSVILLE — The coaches of the Mid-South Conference have voted Georgetown College as their pick to win the MSC football title during the upcoming season. Voting was done recently as the Mid-South held its annual meeting at Campbellsville University.

Georgetown captured 10 of the 11 first place votes on the ballot for a total of 100 points. The Tigers are coming off a season of 9-3, 8-1 in MSC play (Co-Champion). This is the seventh consecutive year that Georgetown has been rated first in the pre-season conference poll.

Lambuth University (9-3, 8-1 MSC Co-Champion) got the second place nod with 84 points. Campbellsville University 9-2, 7-2 MSC) was third with 80 points.

The results of the poll are as follows, listed by school, last year's final overall record and poll points, with teams getting 10 points for a first-place vote, down to one point for 10th. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team.

School	2003 Record	Points	(First Place Votes)
Georgetown College	9-3	100	(10)
Lambuth University	9-3	84	(1)
Campbellsville Univ.	9-2	81	
Cumberland College	8-2	76	
Belhaven College	4-7	63	
Pikeville College	4-6	50	
Union College	4-7	41	
UVA - Wise	3-8	36	
Bethel College	2-9	33	
Cumberland University	3-7	28	
Ky. Wesleyan College	1-9	13	



photos by Jamie Howell
Prestonsburg senior running back Joe Blackburn (32) turned the corner while being pursued by Paintsville junior defensive end Kevin Williams.

Blackcats outscore Paintsville in first scrimmage

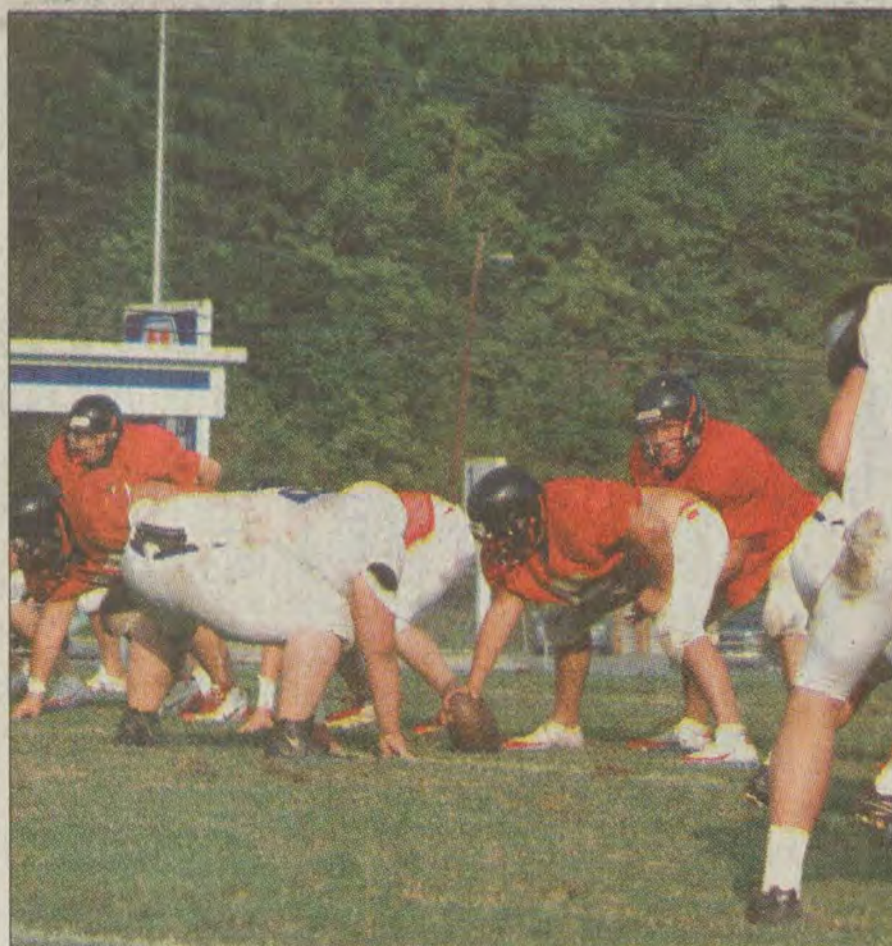
by JAMIE HOWELL
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WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Another season of high school football is almost here and by the looks of the stands at Prestonsburg High School Thursday night, area fans are ready. A packed house witnessed the homestanding Blackcats outscore Paintsville 4-1 in the first scrimmage of the season.

Senior Trevor Compton and junior David Shaffer shared time at the quarterback position for Prestonsburg and both looked good at this point of the season.

Joe Blackburn got the bulk of carries in the Blackcat backfield, and a bright spot for the Prestonsburg offense was Kyle Ousley at the wide out slot. Several key contributors from last year's team return on defense and the defensive unit allowed only one Paintsville score. Jesse Chaffin, John Mark Stephens, Jeremy Carr, Chad Allen, Brandon Peters, Zach Lafferty, David Shaffer, Trevor Compton and Zach Ousley are some of the defensive players that return for Prestonsburg.

Paintsville was led by its young quarterback,



Senior Trevor Compton went up under center for the Blackcats in their scrimmage against the visiting Tigers.

Daniel Pugh. The sophomore scored the only Paintsville touchdown of the night on a 20-yard keeper.

Prestonsburg got a touchdown pass from Trevor Compton and two scoring passes from

David Shaffer.

Ousley had a touchdown catch and Brandon Peters also caught a touchdown pass. Prestonsburg will travel to Morehead to tangle with 4A power Boone County for its final pre-

season scrimmage of the 2004 season on Friday evening.

The Blackcats will open the season on the road against arch rival Pikeville in the Pike County Bowl.

Hayes among nation's top 50 players

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky senior forward Chuck Hayes has been named one of 50 pre-season candidates for the prestigious John R. Wooden Award. The list, announced last week, is composed of student-athletes, who, based on last year's individual performance and team records, are the early frontrunners for the coveted trophy.

Hayes, a 6-6 forward from Modesto, Calif., is one of two returning starters on the 2004-05 Kentucky squad. He averaged 10.7 ppg and 8.1 rpg as a junior, while earning Associated Press Third Team All-Southeastern Conference and SEC All-Tournament team honors in 2004. The leader has started 76-straight games, the longest active streak on the team and 34 games shy of the school record, set by Alex Groza.

Hayes was one of five SEC players on the team as he was joined by Florida's David Lee and Anthony Roberson, Mississippi State's Lawrence Roberts and Alabama's Kennedy Winston.

This marks the seventh consecutive year that Kentucky has been rep-

(See HAYES, page two)

Eastern Kentucky coach's contract extended

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky coach Travis Ford has received a multi-year extension on his contract, Athletics Director John Shafer said Thursday.

Terms of the extension were not disclosed. When he took the job in April 2000, Ford signed a four-year contract that included a base salary of \$80,000 a year. After his first season with the Colonels, the university gave Ford a new four-year contract, which would have extended the original agreement through the end of the 2004-05 season.

In four seasons, Ford is 39-71 at Eastern Kentucky, but the Colonels are coming off a 14-15 season — the team's highest win total since finishing 15-12 in 1992-93 — and have made the Ohio Valley Conference tournament for two straight years. That's the first time that's happened since the 1996-97 and 1997-98 seasons.

"Travis has done an outstanding job in making improvements to our basketball program every year during his tenure at Eastern Kentucky," Shafer said.

Ford, who played at Kentucky, coached three seasons at Campbellsville University before taking the job at Eastern Kentucky. He posted a 67-31 record at Campbellsville, which is a member of the NAIA.



BLUEGRASS STATE GAMES SUCCESS — Prestonsburg High School student-athlete Brad Bond captured a pair of medals at the Bluegrass State Games, winning a gold in the 110 meter hurdles and a silver in the 300 meter hurdles.

'NASCAR Outdoors' debuts

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Outdoor Life Network, NASCAR Images and NASCAR present NASCAR Outdoors, a brand-new, half-hour series featuring popular NASCAR personalities as they fish, hunt and relax off the track.

Featured in the series are: NASCAR Nextel Cup Series drivers Tony Stewart, Ryan Newman, Jeff Green and John Andretti; NASCAR Busch Series driver Kenny Wallace and owner Richard Childress.

In the first episode, Ryan Newman, known for his studious, calculated approach to winning races, will take on the most sophisticated form of angling — fly fishing for trout in the Appalachian High Country.

NASCAR Outdoors will air each and every Friday at 8 p.m. ET/PT as part of OLN's Field and Stream programming block.

Ryan Newman Fly Fishing aired Friday.

Here's a look at the other upcoming shows.

Derrike Cope Quail/Chucker Hunt
Airs Aug. 13

For more than two decades, 1990 Daytona 500 champion Derrike Cope has taken his shots at NASCAR's best. Now he takes aim at an even tougher target — fast-moving quail and chucker in Upstate South Carolina. Bag the limit with a driver who pushes the limits on NASCAR Outdoors.

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NASCAR

Bobby Allison/Steve Grissom Bass Fishing Aug. 20

NASCAR Nextel Cup legend Bobby Allison and 1993 NASCAR Busch Series champion Steve Grissom pair up to talk a little racing and do a little bass fishing just down the road from the Atlanta Motor Speedway. The Alabama Gang invades the Peach State during the next episode of NASCAR Outdoors.

Kenny Wallace Striped Bass Aug. 27

NASCAR driver Kenny Wallace tests the boundaries of the old fishing adage "be quiet, you'll scare away the fish" when he takes his high-speed verbal skills off of North Carolina's famed Outer Banks to fish for striped bass. Grab a rod and some earplugs for this episode of NASCAR Outdoors.

John Andretti/Barry Dodson Blue Fin Tuna Sept. 10

Nor rain, nor cold, nor the swelling Atlantic can keep

NASCAR Outdoors from blue fin tuna! Two-time NASCAR Nextel Cup winner John Andretti and 1989 champion crew chief Barry Dodson brave the elements and enter "The Graveyard of the Atlantic" off the coast of North Carolina to go after the big one.

Jeff Green Quail Hunt Airs Sept. 3

NASCAR Nextel Cup driver Jeff Green spends his weekends driving the most famous car in racing, Richard Petty's number 43 Dodge. Now he takes on an equally difficult challenge in the shadows of the North Carolina Speedway at Rockingham — quail hunting in the rolling hills of Richmond County on NASCAR Outdoors.

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resented on the Wooden Award's initial watch list. Last season, Gerald Fitch made the list, while Keith Bogans was a player to watch in 2002. Both Bogans and Tayshaun Prince, a 2004 NBA World Champion, were among the top 50 in 2001, and Bogans also made the list as a sophomore in 2000. Scott Padgett was on the list in 1998 and 1999, when only 25 candidates were named.

Throughout the season, the

group will be evaluated and considered for the Midseason Top 30 list, released in mid-January. On Tuesday, March 29, 2005, the ten-player Wooden Award All-America Team will be announced. The men's and women's Wooden Award will be announced at the 2005 Award ceremony at The Los Angeles Athletic Club on April 9, which will be broadcast live on CBS.



Paintsville junior Kevin Williams moved in for a tackle as teammate Adam Cummings tried to fight off a Prestonsburg block. In the scrimmage, Prestonsburg outscored Paintsville 4-1.

NFL CAMPS: A rare injury for the durable Flutie

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARSON, Calif. — Doug Flutie underwent arthroscopic knee surgery Thursday morning and will miss about two weeks, one of the few injuries of his seemingly endless career.

The 41-year-old quarterback had been bothered by soreness in his left knee and hadn't practiced since Saturday. He tried to return to the Chargers' training camp afternoon session Wednesday, but was pulled out when the pain returned.

"That kind of stuff just doesn't happen to him," said Drew Brees, currently the starter ahead of Flutie and unsigned rookie Philip Rivers. "He's just not used to that."

The Chargers are low on arms in camp, down to Brees and Cleo Lemon, a member of the practice squad last year. Rivers remains a holdout.

"We've talked about the possibility of bringing somebody in," coach Marty Schottenheimer said about his shortage of quarterbacks. "But we haven't made any final decisions in that regard."

Schottenheimer said the team wouldn't sign Quincy Carter, who was released Wednesday by Dallas. He didn't elaborate.

Flutie, who turns 42 in October, has been relatively healthy throughout his pro career, which dates to 1985 and the New Jersey Generals in the USFL. He missed three games in 2000 as a member of the Buffalo Bills with a groin injury.

In his first start last year, a 42-28 win over the Vikings, Flutie rushed for two touchdowns — the only 40-year-old in NFL history to do so.

Including his stints in the USFL and CFL, Flutie is one of just six players to pass for more than 50,000 career yards.

Patriots — New England has signed yet another veteran to fit in with the younger players on coach Bill Belichick's defense — Dana Stubblefield, the 1997 NFL defensive player of the year.

In 11 NFL seasons, the 33-year-old defensive tackle has played for San Francisco, Washington and Oakland, winning a Super Bowl ring with the 49ers in 1994. He was with the Raiders last season after a second stint with the 49ers.

Last month, Stubblefield was one of three players who was fined three games' salary for testing positive for the steroid THG

in 2003. He will be used to help fill the void left when Ted Washington departed as a free agent after last season and to help break in rookie nose tackle Vince Wilfork, the team's first draft pick, as well as Ty Warren, the No. 1 last season.

Stubblefield has appeared before the grand jury investigating the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, which has been at the center of a steroids controversy in several sports.

Falcons-Titans — Atlanta quarterback Michael Vick pulled up limping during a team drill in the first of four practices between the Falcons and Titans in Nashville on Thursday.

Vick made a sharp cut off his left leg and faked out Titans cornerback Samari Rolle on his way into the end zone. After running into the end zone, he grabbed the back of his right leg, grimaced and clutched his leg as he started limping toward the huddle.

It was the same leg in which he broke his fibula last preseason, keeping him out of 11 regular-season games. He lay on the ground, and trainers immediately worked to stretch his hamstring muscle.

Vick said he was all right and doesn't expect to miss any time.

During practice, a series of fights broke out between the teams, and by the end of the nearly 90-minute session, the Falcons felt as if they stood their ground well.

"Tennessee had to match our tempo," Atlanta linebacker Keith Brooking said. "They're a very good football team. We don't have a lot of respect right now, and it's not deserved. We came here to test ourselves against a really good football team."

Atlanta tight end Jason Rader and Titans rookie tackle Aaron McConnell got into a fight that turned into a scrum with all the linemen moving in, and Titans end Carlos Hall grabbed an Atlanta player and pulled him away from the pile.

In other news, Titans starting tackle Albert Haynesworth hurt his right foot, an injury coach Jeff Fisher said will keep him out at least a week or two.

Haynesworth had just run through a blocker to the quarterback during a one-on-one drill in the morning session when he said he felt something pop in his foot.

Fisher said an MRI performed on Haynesworth's foot found he had sprained the plantar fascia, a

tight band of muscle just below the arch. The Titans plan to treat the swelling and pain, and Fisher hopes to know more about Haynesworth's status within three or four days.

Vikings — Center Matt Birk had a hernia operation this week but is expected to play in the season opener against Dallas.

Birk had minor surgery Wednesday to determine the cause of a pelvic injury that caused him to miss three consecutive practices.

Coach Mike Tice said Thursday the Pro Bowl player would miss three to four weeks, and that he has been guaranteed that Birk will be ready for the opener Sept. 12.

Lions — Cornerback Fernando Bryant strained his right hamstring Thursday. Coach Steve Mariucci said he hoped Bryant would miss only a few days.

Bryant, who was a five-year starter in Jacksonville, is being counted on to start, joining Drew Bly to form a speedy and experienced tandem of corners. He signed as a free agent in the off-season.

Eagles — Terrell Owens acknowledged he is making too many mistakes, including a drop over the middle, perhaps because he's still adjusting to wearing pads in workouts.

The Eagles use pads in their morning sessions and run more live drills than their new star receiver was used to in San Francisco.

"I've just got to conform to the way they do things here," he said. "Whether I like it or not, it's just the way things are done. From my standpoint, to go live you take a risk at getting guys hurt, especially some of the key guys. I feel like I'm one of the key guys in the offense."

Cowboys — Forget the silver and blue — at least for one game.

The Cowboys on Thursday unveiled the throwback uniform they will wear for their Thanksgiving Day game against Chicago. Along with blue jerseys, that include white patches with a blue star on each shoulder, the team will wear white pants and white helmets.

It is a replica of the Cowboys' uniform from 1960-63, the team's first four seasons and when Don Meredith was the quarterback.

Belfry outfielder signs with Pikeville College

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Coach Robert Staggs has added another player to his softball roster at Pikeville College with another signing Friday afternoon.

Jessica Smith, a member of Belfry High School's Class of 2004, signed a scholarship agreement Friday in the college's Hall of Fame Room.

"We're very pleased to welcome Jessica to our family," said Staggs, who will be in his third season as head softball coach in the spring. "She's a talented out-

fielder and will help our team, and we're thrilled she is coming to Pikeville College."

Smith helped Belfry to its second straight 15th Region championship in May, hitting .292 on the season. Of her 35 hits, three were doubles and she had four triples. She scored 37 runs, drew seven walks and was hit four times, and stole 17 bases on the season.

Smith is the seventh incoming freshman to sign with Pikeville, and the fifth from Pike County. She will join Belfry teammate Anna Bevins, Kalaiah Evans of

Pikeville, Melinda Ratliff of East Ridge and Shelby Valley's Kristi Taylor. Heather Robbins of Morristown, Tenn., and Sharelle Adkins of Chapmanville, W.Va., round out the class.

"I'm excited about this class of freshmen," said Staggs. "There's a tremendous amount of talent here, and makes the future of Pikeville College softball a bright one. I think our fans will be pleased with the talent we've assembled, a collection of young ladies who will take care of business on the field and in the classroom."

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Approaching squirrel season could be a boomer

by STEVE VANTREESE
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PADUCAH — It's high times for squirrels, and it's near that for squirrel hunters.

Across the state, the population of squirrels may be about as generous as it gets, according to Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources small game biologist John Morgan.

"We have a very strong crop of squirrels," he said, linking the number of the animals to the forest nut and acorn (mast) abundance that is their primary sustaining food source.

"Last fall we had the best mast crop that we've had in over 20 years," Morgan said. "And we've had good mast crops for about three years in a row, so the squirrel numbers are up."

Morgan speculated that the trend of more wildlife food and the corresponding increase in squirrel numbers well could mean that Kentucky's summer-winter squirrel hunting term that begins on the third

Saturday in August is "the best season we've ever had on record."

It certainly will be longer. Kentucky's 2004-05 squirrel season will run Aug. 21 through Feb. 28 — adding the entire month of February to a hunt that previously cut off Jan. 31 and some years ago concluded even earlier with the close of the year, Dec. 31.

Morgan said the extended hunting period will be monitored by department managers, but generally speaking there is no down side to additional hunting opportunities for squirrels.

"The mast crop is a much greater factor in squirrel populations than hunting pressure is," he said.

Squirrel hunting puts even less pressure on the squirrel ranks now because of social and hunter trends that send fewer people into the woods. There just aren't as many squirrel hunters as there used to be, and small game hunters in general have declined.

"For those that do hunt, a lot

of them nowadays jump right into deer hunting and skip squirrels," Morgan said. "Squirrels used to get a lot more attention back when there weren't so many deer and there were a lot less opportunities to hunt deer."

Most squirrel hunting typically occurs during the first weeks of the season.

"Hunters tend to go after squirrels when that season comes in, then they move on to other game as other seasons open," Morgan said. "Our small game survey of hunter 'cooperators' shows that during the first seven weeks of squirrel hunting, 27 percent of the season, about 43 percent of the total squirrel harvest is taken. Squirrels just happen to be the first of the seasons."

Regardless of the decline in small game hunter ranks, Morgan said there will be a significant force of "hard core squirrel hunters" out prowling Kentucky's forests and woodlots come opening day. Their tactics in most instances probably will focus on seeking squirrels

around early ripening hickory nuts.

"You can expect a lot of the squirrels to be concentrated on hickory trees that have early nuts, and from what I've seen, there's going to be another good year of hickory nuts out there," Morgan said.

"The problem with early season hunting around the hickories is that they have all those big leaves that hide the squirrels

that are chewing nuts up in the upper branches. The foliage makes it hard to see anything.

"The early hunters have to be patient and wait out the squirrels until they come out on a limb or show up through an opening in the leaves," Morgan said.

Other than a month of extension this time, squirrel hunting regulations are unchanged from past seasons. The daily bag and

possession limits remain at six and 12 squirrels, respectively.

Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset. Most hunters use shotguns or .22-caliber rifles, but legal gear for squirrels includes all modern or muzzleloading rifles, modern or muzzleloading shotguns no larger than 10 gauge, archery or crossbow equipment, dogs or falcons.

August sign-ups for Mentor/Youth Dove Hunts set

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) has reserved five locations for mentor/youth dove hunts on Sept. 4. Fields in McCracken County, Shelby

County, Washington County, Adair County and Lincoln County will host these hunts.

The Mentor/Youth dove hunts require prior registration to participate. The number of hunters on each field is limited to insure a safe and quality hunt. To register for the Mentor/Youth Dove Hunts, call 1-800-858-1549 between 8 a.m. Aug. 16 to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 27.

Unreserved slots at the Mentor/Youth Hunt fields will be available on a first come, first served basis.

During these hunts, a mentor may bring two youths. One adult and up to two youths are allowed at each stake, but only two shotguns are permitted at each stake. Only one limit of doves is allowed per shotgun.

For more information on the Mentor/Youth Dove Hunts, log on to fw.ky.gov and click on the 2004-2005 Dove Hunting Guide or call 1-800-858-1549.

Elk Hunt Draw for Limited Entry Areas released Aug. 20

Those who purchased a 2004 Elk Hunt Permit for the 2004 Elk Quota

Hunts will know Aug. 20 if they were successfully drawn. A total of 38 permits will be issued.

To check and see if you were drawn for the 2004 Elk Quota Hunts, log on to fw.ky.gov or call 1-800-858-1549 on or after August 20, 2004.

President Bush announces programs to benefit wildlife NWTf leaders on hand for announcement

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

President George W. Bush's announcement of plans to strengthen conservation provisions in the 2002 Farm Bill was welcome news to National Wild Turkey Federation leaders and others attending an Aug. 4 event in Le Sueur, Minn.

President Bush's call to expand the Farm Bill's Conservation Reserve Program was met with approval by the nearly 100 farmers and conservationists assembled at a farm in southwestern Minnesota.

"The best thing from the Farm Bill was the conservation title," the President said. "It encouraged people to put aside lands for the right reasons, to protect the soil, protect the water, provide habitat for wildlife."

The CRP's portfolio of technical assistance and cost share incentives encourages landowners to set aside marginal acres to ensure the land stays healthy and productive. Currently, there are 35 million acres of farmland enrolled in the CRP. However, contracts covering two-thirds of these acres expire in 2007.

The President's call for Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman to offer early re-enrollment and contract extensions will secure land conservation benefits for the future. The President also announced a general sign up of an additional 800,000 acres under CRP.

Another measure calls for expanding the program to enroll 250,000 grassland acres that border farmlands. A third initiative announced by the President

would expand CRP to cover wetlands outside of the 100-year flood plain such as prairie potholes and playa lakes.

"I'm also making available resources needed to help farmers protect 250,000 acres of such wetlands," said President Bush. "This is part of an initiative that I outlined last Earth Day, which was to restore, improve and protect at least 3 million wetland acres over the next five years."

Efforts to convert more cropland to native grasses and trees and conserve wetlands is good news for the NWTf's nearly 525,000 members and the nation's 2.6 million wild turkey hunters. These habitat improvements will provide critical elements for wild turkey survival such as food, cover, and habitat

for nesting and rearing broods.

"Stronger conservation provisions in the Farm Bill are critical to restoring and maintaining wildlife habitat. We applaud Congress and the Administration for their success and urge them to fight against any future reductions in funding for these critical programs," said Rob Keck, CEO of the NWTf. "We feel the ongoing dialogue we've had with the Bush Administration and Congress is important. It has allowed us to work together on behalf of all sportsmen to make good things happen for conservation."

In addition to attending the Aug. 4 meeting, Keck had previously attended meetings with other conservation leaders at President Bush's ranch in

Crawford, Texas, last April and at the White House in December 2003.

At these meetings, a variety of issues were discussed including implementing the Healthy Forest Restoration Act to benefit human and wildlife interests, creating incentives to encourage private land management and working to move wetland conservation from "no net loss" to a "net gain" of wetlands.

NWTf leaders attending the meeting with President Bush in Le Sueur, Minn. included Rob Keck, CEO; Robert Dettmer, M.D., board chairman; Bill Torhorst, vice president; Tom Berenz, secretary; David Mahlke, Minnesota state chapter president; and Tom Glines, regional field supervisor.

Belterra Casino Indy 300 to spark IRL Indy Car Series stretch run

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTA — The Indy Racing League "Belterra Casino Indy 300" at Kentucky Speedway will help separate the contenders from the pretenders when it begins a six-race run toward the 2004 IndyCar Series championship on August 15.

The race is the first of a critical three-race August stretch that includes events in Pikes Peak, Colo., and Nazareth, Pa. Series leader Tony Kanaan believes the combined results from the three consecutive races will play an important role in deciding which driver will earn the series crown.

"After the three races coming up, we are going to have a decision as to who is in for the championship and who is not," Kanaan said during a test today at Kentucky Speedway. "I'm taking every race - Kentucky, Pikes Peak and Nazareth - as a championship race. After that, we can have a bit of break and hopefully win the championship."

The Andretti-Green driver will arrive at "The Belterra Casino Indy 300" with a 57-point lead over his closest pur-

suer, Indianapolis 500 winner and Rahal-Letterman Racing rival Buddy Rice.

"It's been a great year and it's very competitive as well," said Kanaan, driver of the No. 11 Dallara/Honda/Firestone. "We have a big lead right now and Buddy is closing up on us, so it's going to be really exciting when we get here for this next race. We need to keep the consistency. That's the key, that's what's keeping me in front of the championship right now."

Consistency has helped Kanaan produce three wins and three second-place finishes during his span of nine consecutive top-five and 10 straight top-10 performances through 10 events this season.

A similar consistency also has been evident in the Andretti-Green teams of drivers Dan Wheldon, Bryan Herta and Dario Franchitti. All but Herta have visited Victory Circle this season and the team will enter "The Belterra Casino Indy 300" with Wheldon third in the championship standings, Franchitti in sixth and Herta in eighth.

"The team atmosphere is very good," Kanaan said. "I

think we're doing a great job. We like each other a lot and I think that's helped us on the race weekends, too. We've won six out of the 10 races already and it's just been awesome."

The efforts of Rice and his teammate, Vitor Meira, also have been awesome this season.

In addition to his May win in Indianapolis, Ind., Rice has collected victories in two of his past four starts while Meira has generated two second-place and two fifth-place finishes in his past five events.

Making their recent accomplishments even sweeter is the fact that both lost their previous series seats at the end of last season.

"Buddy and I worked together a little bit last year when he was with Cheever and I was with Menards," Meira said. "Suddenly, by the end of last year, we were both out of a job. Now, we are both with this great team and it's a big turnaround."

Rice joined Rahal Letterman full-time to substitute for Kenny Brack, who is taking this season to recover from serious injuries sustained

in a crash in the 2003 series season finale at Texas Motor Speedway. Meira came to the team for the third race of the season when Bobby Rahal decided to add a second series entry.

"I lost the ride with Menards and was without one until after Phoenix," Meira said. "On race weekend in Phoenix, (CEO) Scott Roembke and Mr. Rahal called me and asked me to meet them in Columbus (Ohio). I went there as quick as I could because Rahal-Letterman is a top team and joining it is a once in a lifetime opportunity. From that point on, everything just got better, better and better."

The reunited teammates showed what they are capable of producing at Kansas Speedway on July 4 when Meira started from the pole in his No. 17 Team Centrix G-Force/Honda/Firestone but was nipped by Rice and his No. 15 Pioneer Argent G-Force/Honda/Firestone by .0051 of a second at finish line in the second-closest race in IndyCar Series history.

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UK golfer wins Kentucky Open

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NICHOLASVILLE — University of Kentucky golfer John Holmes posted a one-stroke win in the Kentucky Open tournament, which

ended Thursday at Champion Trace Golf Club.

Holmes, of Campbellsville finished at 10-under-par 206, one shot better than Jeremy Langley of Lexington. Josh Teater of Lexington finished three shots behind Holmes, and Grover Justice of Pikeville was another shot back in fourth.

Holmes, Langley and Justice entered the final round tied at 7-under-par. Holmes shot a 69 on Thursday, Langley a 70 and Justice a 73.

Holmes, who will be a senior at UK in 2004-05, tied for sixth in the NCAA tournament in June at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Va., and received All-America honors. He led Kentucky to an eighth-place finish in that event, the best in school history.

Also in June, Holmes won the Men's State Amateur Championship by 12 shots at Traditions Golf Club in Hebron.

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Harvick in need of another great Brickyard race

by JENNA FRYER
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INDIANAPOLIS — As a kid growing up in the same hometown as Rick Mears, there was no bigger goal for Kevin Harvick than someday racing at the storied Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Harvick could only hope he'd someday join Mears, a four-time Indianapolis 500 champion, on the list of Indy's winners.

He did it last year, making his way to Victory Lane in

NASCAR's Brickyard 400. The Indy victory made Harvick the toast of the town back in Bakersfield, Calif., just as Mears had been so many years before.

"Winning the Brickyard is the biggest thing I've done in my career," Harvick said. "To know the aspirations I had as a kid, and to grow up and actually go to Indianapolis and win at the Brickyard, is probably almost unrealistic when you think about it."

"When you grow up and you want to do something, nine

times out of 10 you don't get to go it that way. I'm pretty lucky to be able to do what I do and to bring back a lot of thoughts and dreams and things."

His return trip for Sunday's race couldn't come at a better time.

The Brickyard was his only victory of last season, and he hasn't won since.

His Richard Childress Racing team failed to finish a race last weekend for the first time in 58 events — his streak of consecutive finishes is the NASCAR record — and saw

his position in the top 10 of the points standings fall into serious jeopardy.

With just six races left before the chase for the championship begins, Harvick is clinging to the 10th spot in the standings and several drivers are within striking distance of taking the final playoff position away from him.

"As far as we're concerned, what happened last weekend is well behind us," Harvick said. "All we can do now is try and win the Brickyard for the second time in a row and start a

new streak."

If anyone can make it two in a row at Indy — no one has, although Jeff Gordon has three Brickyard victories — it's Harvick. He has a 5.67 average finish at Indianapolis, the best of drivers with two or more starts.

"It's a good race for us, especially at this stage in the chase, and it's exciting for us to go back knowing that we've won there before," Harvick said.

Harvick will get some serious competition from Tony Stewart, an Indianapolis native who is almost desperate to score a win on his home track.

The track is so special to Stewart, he's been known to lose control of his emotions here.

Two years ago, he punched a photographer after the race in a blowup over his disappointing finish. Then last season, he led a race-high 60 laps but made a late pit stop and never got back into contention. He faded and finished 12th, then stormed off, never discussing a finish that team owner Joe Gibbs described that day as a "heartbreaking."

Stewart tested at Indy this year, hoping the extra practice will be enough to send him to Victory Lane.

"Just showing up there for a test, it sends goose bumps down your spine for somebody like me that grew up around Indianapolis."

Motor Speedway," Stewart said. "Everybody's question normally is 'What is it going to mean to win there?' It will be one of the biggest ones of my career obviously, if not the biggest win as far as an individual race."

Gordon, another driver who grew up in Indiana, is also a serious contender. With three wins at Indy, he's hoping to join Mears, Al Unser Sr., and A.J. Foyt as the only four-time winners in the track's 94-year history.

Gordon counts his 1994 Brickyard victory — the first stock-car event at the track — as his greatest win.

"When I made the move from open-wheeled cars to stock cars, I thought I had lost my chance to race here," he said. "To finally get that chance was a dream come true. I can't even describe the atmosphere here for the inaugural race in 1994. It was just incredible. And then to go out and win the event was mind-boggling."

"I know I'll never be able to accomplish anything greater than winning that race."

Mexico City to host Busch Series in 2005

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR announced its 2005 NASCAR Busch Series schedule Thursday. It includes an international date — a race in Mexico City at the famed Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez road course.

The event, set for March 6, will be the third race of the 35-race season and the first NASCAR Busch Series points event held outside the United States. It also will mark the return of road-course racing to the NASCAR Busch Series, as will an Aug. 13 event set for Watkins Glen (N.Y.) International. The NASCAR Busch Series previously had road-course races at Road Atlanta in 1986 and '87 and at Watkins Glen from 1991-2001.

"Mexico has a long tradition in motorsports, and we are thrilled that NASCAR is now part of it," said NASCAR Chairman/CEO Brian France. "Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez is a beautiful track that provides our NASCAR Busch Series teams the opportunity to perform on an international stage."

"We look forward to providing this event for our growing Mexican fan base."

"I'm thrilled about the prospects of racing in Mexico as part of NASCAR's efforts to attract Mexican-American fans," said FitzBradshaw Racing co-owner Armando Fitz. "This effort truly highlights our sport's interest in establishing a strong relationship with the Hispanic community."

"Whether it be crossing the finish line or racing in a new country, it's always exciting to be first," said David Green, the 1994 NASCAR Busch Series champi-

on. "As a driver, you always jump at the opportunity to race at different venues. Mexico City is the perfect comeback for road-course racing in the NASCAR Busch Series."

"This is a great opportunity for the series and I can guarantee the fans in Mexico City will not be disappointed."

"We are proud to bring NASCAR, the greatest stock car series in the world, to the Mexican market and race fans," said George Gonzalez, Director for Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez, "and we are prouder still that NASCAR has chosen Mexico to stage a points race for the first time ever outside the U.S."

"The Mexican motorsports fan is well-informed about motorsports and this race will allow them to experience NASCAR first hand," said Ed Rensi, co-owner of Team Rensi Motorsports. "Big, new markets mean big, new opportunities for our team and our sport. Our team can't wait to go racing in Mexico City."

Mexico has a long history of interest in motorsports and a passionate fan base. A race weekend at the 2.75-mile Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez last year drew a three-day total of 402,413 fans, including 221,011 on race day. NASCAR's connections to Mexican racing span more than a half century. In June 1950, NASCAR founder Bill France Sr. teamed with Curtis Turner to drive in the first Mexican Road Race — a 2,178-mile race from El Paso, Texas, across Mexico to Guatemala.

Mexican racing legend Pedro Rodriguez participated in six NASCAR events from 1959-71. His best finish was fifth in the 1965 World 600 at Charlotte.

Rodriguez and his brother, Ricardo, raced frequently at Daytona International Speedway in the early 1960s with Pedro winning the Daytona Continental sports car event in 1963 and '64.

Rodriguez again scored back-to-back Daytona wins with victories in the 1970 and 1971 24 Hours of Daytona sports car classic.

"Another benefit to NASCAR's initiative in Mexico is a long-term commitment to embrace Mexican fans throughout Mexico and the U.S.," said NASCAR Chief Operating Officer George Pyne. "This is a great opportunity for NASCAR to connect with Mexican motorsports fans as well as Mexican-Americans, who represent nearly 60% of an integral part of the U.S. Hispanic demographic."

Worldwide fan demand, combined with the power of the NASCAR brand and the quality of the competition has fueled interest in NASCAR by broadcasters around the world. NASCAR is now seen in more than 150 countries and in 23 languages. This year, NASCAR's international broadcast partners will air more than 4,000 hours of NASCAR-related programming outside the U.S.

The return of Watkins Glen to the schedule now gives that track a doubleheader weekend, with the NASCAR Busch Series a companion to the NASCAR Nextel Cup event set for Aug. 14.

"We are thrilled to have the NASCAR Busch Series back," said Craig Rust, the track's president. "This is not only a fantastic edition to our Sirius at the Glen weekend in 2005, New York State's largest spectator event, but also illustrates our continued

efforts to bring the highest level of motorsports entertainment to our fans."

The 2005 NASCAR Busch Series schedule showcases exciting racing at popular venues coast to coast as well as the trend of pairing NASCAR Busch Series races with NASCAR Nextel Cup Series and NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series events.

There are nine such NASCAR "tripleheader weekends" in 2005. The 2005 NASCAR Busch Series will encompass 35 events at 27 tracks in 22 states and two countries with 26 events run in conjunction with the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series. All 35 events are scheduled to be broadcast on FOX/NBC/FX/TNT.

"Sponsors are attracted to NASCAR because of the sport's ability to attract fans and viewers representing all demographics and backgrounds," said Tony Ponturo, Vice President of Global Media & Sports Marketing, Anheuser-Busch, Inc. "We're excited about the addition of a NASCAR Busch Series event in Mexico City next year as a way to reach out to adult beer drinkers in Mexico who are passionate about all sports including racing."

Proudly sponsored by Anheuser-Busch through its Busch brand, the NASCAR Busch Series will compete in its 24th consecutive season in 2005, opening February 19 at Daytona International Speedway, as part of a tripleheader weekend including the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series and the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series' Daytona 500.

The NASCAR Busch Series moves to California Speedway in

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Sadler wins second quarter USG Person of the Year balloting

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Continuing his support of the Autism Society of America and its efforts to find a cure for autism, as well as the recently-christened Victory Junction Gang Camp, Elliott Sadler hosted the "Race for Hope," an event which raised over \$86,000 for both organizations. In addition to his work with the "Race for Hope," Sadler spends time with autistic children at tracks throughout the season.

For his efforts, Sadler has been named the 2004 Second Quarter NASCAR USG Person of the Year.

"It's an honor to be the winner of the Second Quarter voting for USG Person of the Year," said Sadler. "Race for Hope was a huge success and was a fun event for the drivers, media and most importantly the fans. We have worked hard over the past few years to increase autism awareness. My niece, Halie Dru, was diagnosed with autism and as a family we've been doing everything we can to create more awareness."

The race allowed several current and former NASCAR drivers, including his brother, Hermie Sadler, Dale Jarrett, Michael and Darrell Waltrip, Tony Stewart, Jamie McMurray, Richard Petty, Casey Mears, Sterling Marlin, Jimmie Johnson and Martin Truex Jr., to lend their support and to mingle with fans.

"Race for Hope is a great avenue for that and it also allowed us to raise money for another great cause — The Victory Junction Gang Camp. Kyle and Patti Petty had an amazing dream that became a reality and as a friend of theirs in the NASCAR community I wanted to give something back

to them. Adam Petty was a friend of mine and I can't ever remember seeing his face when he wasn't smiling. He loved children and with the camp, his memory will live on. I'm just glad to be able to support them."

USG (United States Gypsum), an Official Promotional Partner of NASCAR, is in its second year as sponsor of the NASCAR USG Person of the Year program. The award is designed to honor drivers not only for their accomplishments on the track, but for their community service contributions and charitable efforts.

To determine the NASCAR USG Person of the Year Award winner, the NASCAR Nextel Cup season has been divided into four quarters in which drivers are nominated for their off-track efforts. A select group of panelists will choose one of the four quarterly finalists as the NASCAR USG Person of the Year. This award will be presented the week of the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series Awards Ceremony in New York City, along with a prize of \$100,000. The prize will be divided evenly between the driver and the charity of his/her choice. Other notable nominees were Ricky Craven, the 2003 NASCAR USG Person of the Year, Jamie McMurray and Jeff Gordon, the 2004 First Quarter USG Person of the Year.

In addition to the NASCAR USG Person of the Year, USG also sponsors the Driver of the Race Award, which goes to the eligible winning driver of each of the 36 NASCAR Nextel Cup Series championship events. Each USG Driver of the Race Award winner receives \$2,500 with an additional \$2,500 going to the charity of his/her choice.

Hall of Fame trainer P.G. Johnson dies

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — Hall of Fame trainer Phil Johnson, who won the 2002 Breeders' Cup Classic with long shot Volponi, died Friday. He was 78.

Johnson, who had undergone throat cancer treatment for several years, died at his home in Rockville Centre, N.Y., his family said.

Johnson bred, owned and trained Volponi, who won the \$4 million BC Classic at Arlington Park at odds of 43-1. It was the biggest win of Johnson's 60-plus year training career.

"He was a great man and an

established institution in New York," veteran jockey Richard Migliore said Friday morning, standing a few yards away from Johnson's barn at Saratoga Race Course. "We're all going to miss his wit and wisdom."

Johnson, born in Chicago, broke into racing in 1942, when he bought a horse named Song Master for \$75 at an auction. Two years later, the horse gave Johnson his first winner.

Among the top horses trained by Johnson, who operated Amherst Stable out of his home, were Quiet Little Table, who upset the great Foreign in the 1977 Suburban Handicap, Kiri's Clown, Maplejinsky, Match the Hatch, Naskra, Nasty and Bold and

Volponi.

Johnson won training titles at all three New York tracks during his career — four times at Belmont, three at Aqueduct and once at Saratoga.

Last year, Johnson's horses won 20 of 166 starts, with 22 seconds and 26 thirds for earnings of \$1,376,268. He had 11 winners from 76 starters this year, with a promising 2-year-old colt, Port Chester, scheduled to run in Friday's fourth race at Saratoga.

Johnson, also known as "P.G." was elected to racing's Hall of Fame in 1997.

Volponi was his biggest star, finishing first or second in 24 of 31 career starts for earnings of \$3,187,232. The horse was retired

after finishing last in the 2003 Breeders' Cup Classic. Now a 6-year-old, Volponi stands at Hopewell Farm near Midway.

Volponi's win in the BC Classic at Arlington Park was somewhat overshadowed because it triggered the Pick Six betting scandal. Three men were given jail sentences for their part in trying to manipulate a bet that would have produced nearly a \$3 million payout. Volponi returned \$89 to win.

Johnson's wife of 59 years, Mary Kay, died earlier this year. Johnson is survived by two daughters, Kathy and Karen, a reporter for the Daily Racing Form.

Kastor leads U.S. resurgence in women's marathon

by BOB BAUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GIORGIOUPOLI, Greece — Twenty years ago, a slight figure wearing a white painter's cap emerged from the tunnel at the Coliseum in Los Angeles to a burst of roars and applause.

Joan Benoit was the winner of the first Olympic women's marathon. Since then, however, Americans have had little to cheer about.

Athens might be different. Deena Kastor represents the country's best hope for a marathon medal since Benoit's 1984 victory.

"I couldn't have prepared myself any better," Kastor said as she and the other two U.S. women marathoners relaxed Friday at a seaside resort in Crete, where the

U.S. track and field team has set up its pre-Olympic training camp.

Four years ago, the United States had just one woman in the Olympic marathon, Christine Clark, a doctor from Alaska who finished 19th in the Sydney games. This year, there is a full contingent: Kastor, 40-year-old South African transplant Colleen De Reuck and Jen Rhines, who eclipsed her personal best by 11 minutes to finish third at the U.S. trials.

The 31-year-old Kastor thinks Americans lost interest in the marathon during the last two decades, but that it's on the upswing.

"We now see a marathon boom in the United States," she said. "It's a glorified event again. To go to some of the major marathons

and see 30,000 people lined up at the starting line, it's exciting to see America going that way."

De Reuck said much of the renewed interest is due to Kastor, who carries U.S. hopes despite an upset loss to De Reuck in the trials.

"She made a mistake. She didn't drink enough fluids early in the race," De Reuck said. "She won't make that mistake again."

The loss only fueled Kastor's preparations for Athens.

"I feel it's probably the race that brought me back to being hungry in the sport again, that got me excited to begin training and try to do things right leading up to this marathon," she said.

Kastor lives with her husband of 11 months, Andrew Kastor, in Mammoth Lakes, Calif., the heart

of the Sierra Nevada. She ran as many as 145 miles per week at altitudes up to 9,000 feet before coming to Crete to get acclimated to Greece's heat and humidity.

Just 5-foot-4 and 104 pounds, Kastor's biggest challenge this week — when she'll run about 100 miles in training — is eating and sleeping enough to recover from her workouts.

She probably won't be considered a contender when she lines up against the favorite, Paula Radcliffe of Britain, on Aug. 20, but her credentials are solid enough so that a medal is no fantasy.

A silver medalist at the last two world cross-country championships, she was Deena Drossin when she broke Benoit's 18-year-old American record at 2 hours, 21

minutes, 16 seconds with a third-place finish at the 2003 London Marathon, a race won by Radcliffe in world-record time. Only seven women have run faster than Kastor's time in London.

The marathon, especially at the Olympics, often produces a surprise winner. The Athens race presents a particularly daunting challenge, passing through steep hills along the ancient route taken by the original marathoner, Philippides. It is said that in 490 B.C., the Greek soldier ran the distance to Athens to deliver news of a victory over the Persian Army at Marathon, then dropped dead.

"To retrace history like that, you bet it's going to be thrilling for all of us," Kastor said. "I don't know how much we'll be able to appreciate while we're out there,

but right now we're appreciating it. Probably afterward we'll appreciate that we made that trek — if we make it."

Kastor and Rhines have toured the course.

"The hills aren't as drastic as we had anticipated, but given the heat and the intensity of the competition, it's definitely going to be a challenge," Kastor said.

Since the women's marathon comes a week before the men's, it will be the first look at how rough the course will be.

"The finish line, I don't think, is going to be a pretty place to be," Kastor said. "If there are 75 women in that race, they better have 75 IVs ready afterward."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Harrick placed on probation

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia's men's basketball team was placed on four years' probation for rules violations under former coach Jim Harrick involving academic fraud, unethical conduct and improper benefits.

The NCAA decided not to impose a one-year postseason ban on the basketball team, citing the school's self-imposed penalties that banned the team from the 2003 SEC and NCAA tournaments.

The school's athletic department is on notice for the next five years. A violation by any Georgia athletic program before April 2009 could result in stiffer penalties.

BASKETBALL
Jamal Crawford is on his way to the New York Knicks.

After signing a seven-year deal worth about \$56 million with the Chicago Bulls, the point guard was traded to New York in a six-player deal that was weeks in the making. In exchange for Crawford and veteran forward Jerome Williams, New York gave the Bulls former Illinois standout

Frank Williams, center Dikembe Mutombo, forward Othella Harrington and center Cezary Trybanski.

Crawford led the Bulls with 17.3 points a game last year and is one of the league's top young guards.

FOOTBALL
CARSON, Calif. — Doug Flutie underwent arthroscopic knee surgery and will miss about two weeks, one of the few injuries of his seemingly endless career.

The 41-year-old quarterback had been bothered by soreness in his left knee.

OLYMPICS
NEW YORK — Lisa Leslie had 15 points and 12 rebounds, and Tamika Catchings added 12 points and 11 rebounds to lead the U.S. Olympic team to a 74-58 victory over the WNBA All-Stars at Radio City Music Hall.

The United States, comprised of most of the best players in the WNBA, outrebounded the All-Stars 62-30, and outscored them 42-22 in the paint and 32-9 on second-chance points. However, the Olympians also committed 28 turnovers.

Kentucky-Louisville series will continue, athletic directors say

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky-Louisville football series will continue after the present contract runs out in 2005, athletics directors from both schools said Thursday.

Kentucky's Mitch Barnhart and Louisville's Tom Jurich both said the series, which resumed in 1994 after a 70-year

hiatus, is in no jeopardy of ending.

Kentucky coach Rich Brooks said last year that the Wildcats might prefer to schedule the game later in the season, instead of at the start. Louisville officials have maintained they want the game at the beginning of the season, and Jurich and coach Bobby Petrino affirmed that opinion Thursday.

"You've got the whole spring

and summer for people to speculate and the hype to build," Jurich said. "The high schools get big advantages out of it. You get so much enjoyment from everybody's standpoint. Plus, you're both undefeated going into the game. There is no down side to it."

Barnhart wouldn't say Thursday if it still is Kentucky's stance that the game should be later in the season.

"We will play. I don't know any of the details, but we're going to play," Barnhart said. "We'll get to it soon enough. It won't affect the future of the series. We'll work it out."

Barnhart and Jurich said they likely would meet after the season to discuss the details of a future contract between the schools. Jurich said Louisville's impending move from Conference USA to the Big East Conference will have no effect on the Cardinals' annual game with Kentucky.

As for this year's game, Petrino and Kentucky assistant head coach Steve Ortmyer — subbing for Brooks — said the Sept. 5 contest in Louisville could likely come down to Louisville's high-powered offense against Kentucky's experienced defense.

"I can see that as being a very good matchup," Ortmyer said.

Louisville finished 9-4 last season, averaging 35.6 points and 488.8 yards of total offense per game. The Cardinals have nine starters back on offense, including senior quarterback Stefan LeFors, a first-team All-Conference USA selection last season.

Kentucky, 4-8 last season, has nine starters back on defense, including defensive end Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns, who has appeared on many pre-season All-Southeastern Conference lists.

Petrino wouldn't say if heralded freshman quarterback Brian Brohm — one of the nation's top high school quarterbacks last season — would play against the Wildcats or if he would be redshirted. Sophomore Michael Bush, who is moving from quarterback to running back, also will play some on defense, Petrino said.

Louisville won last year's game 40-24. Petrino called a timeout with 13 seconds left that allowed the Cardinals time to tuck on an extra touchdown, and he said he wouldn't be surprised if Kentucky coaches and players used that as motivation for this year.

"As a football coach, I couldn't win," Petrino said. "We scored a touchdown, and the Kentucky fans got mad at me, and the U of L fans were mad at me because I didn't go for two" after the touchdown.

Ortmyer played down that incident, though.

"I don't even give that a thought," Ortmyer said. "Everybody has got their game plan. I don't have a right to worry about what the opponents' game plan is. The only thing that upsets me is that we didn't stop them."

Brooks missed the news conference Thursday to attend a funeral, Kentucky athletics department spokesman Scott Stricklin said.

Sanders juked his way into Hall of Fame

by LARRY LAGE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — When Barry Sanders gets his first glimpse of the sea of gold blazers at the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Sunday, it might make him want to do something he hasn't done in five years.

"I will probably feel like suiting up again," he said, laughing.

If Sanders did, he would probably juke any of the legends of the game that tried to tackle him.

Sanders, one of the most elusive and exciting running backs in NFL history, will be inducted in Canton, Ohio, along with John Elway, Carl Eller and Bob Brown.

Sanders ran for 15,269 yards in 10 seasons with the Detroit Lions. Then, within one average season of surpassing Walter Payton's rushing record, he suddenly and shockingly retired soon after his 31st birthday and just before training camp in 1999.

He will go into the Hall of Fame about two weeks after Ricky Williams' stunning retirement at the age of 27.

"Yeah, it is sort of eerie," Sanders said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Ricky is obviously younger than I was, but leaving the game is a personal thing that we all struggle with."

Fans across the state of Michigan struggled for a long time with the fact Sanders retired, and the way he did it.

Sanders announced his decision through a written statement released by his hometown newspaper, The Wichita (Kan.) Eagle. He then eluded reporters as if they

were trying to tackle him for four-plus years.

Last winter, Sanders had his first news conference since his retirement to answer questions and promote his new book. He acknowledged the way he retired was "a little clumsy," and shot down many rumors, including the one that the move was a ploy to be traded.

After once being booed at a Pistons game, Sanders drew cheers when he was shown on the scoreboard at one of their games this year.

"Initially, I think some fans were disappointed, or angry, because they thought my retirement was about something manipulative," Sanders said. "But that's not the type of person I am."

When Sanders scored one of his 109 touchdowns, he simply flipped the football to an official, or handed it off, and jogged away.

"We would try to get him to spike the ball — just one time — but he wouldn't do it," said Kevin Glover, Sanders' center in Detroit and a close friend.

When reporters gathered around Sanders after games or practices, he wondered why people wanted to talk to him. In an era of look-at-me athletes, he wanted the public to look elsewhere.

"I was just never comfortable with being in the spotlight," he said. "I don't have to worry about that now."

Sanders spends most of his time in suburban Detroit with his wife and three children, golfs about once a week, and has some business interests. When his 10-year-old, 3-year-old and 5-month old sons are older, he'd like to travel the world.

"Honestly, I want to see every place there is," Sanders said.

In his book, "Barry Sanders: Now You See Him..." Sanders said he always respected the defensive schemes Tony Dungy devised while he was Minnesota's defensive coordinator and Tampa Bay's coach. Dungy, now Indianapolis' coach, said there was only so much he could do.

"You really couldn't design a defense for him because

he'd make plays that weren't there," Dungy said. "With Barry, you could play everything perfectly and he would still run for a lot of yards."

At 5-foot-8, 203 pounds, Sanders didn't look special standing still. With the ball, however, Sanders was spectacular as his powerful legs and quick feet made jaw-dropping moves rarely seen before, or since.

Sanders, the third pick overall in 1989 draft after winning the Heisman Trophy at Oklahoma State, was the first player to run for 1,000 yards in each of his 10 seasons.

In 1997, he became the first to run for 100 yards in 14 games during the same season, and did it in consecutive games. He was the third player to run for 2,000 yards, gaining 2,053, and shared the MVP award with Brett Favre.

The 10-time Pro Bowler was the first to run for 1,500 yards five times, and was the first to do it in four straight seasons.

He now trails Payton and Emmitt Smith in the record books, but Smith said he would still be chasing Sanders' mark if he didn't retire with plenty of life in his legs.

"Barry had not only the best chance of getting the record, but blowing the record way out, setting it in the 20,000-mark area," Smith said.

Unlike many Hall of Famers, Sanders never had a chance to play for a championship. Sanders led Detroit to the playoffs five times and to one win over Dallas in 1991, its only postseason victory since winning the 1957 NFL title.

But that doesn't tarnish his legacy.

"The best football player I've ever watched was Lawrence Taylor, and the best running back I've seen in 25 years is Barry Sanders," said former NFL linebacker Matt Millen, now the Lions' general manager. "It's not even close. It's going to be a long, long time before we see another like him, if we do."

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the Los Angeles market on February 26, before heading to Mexico City on March 6, followed by momentum-building events at Las Vegas Motor Speedway on March 12 and Atlanta Motor Speedway on March 19.

The 2005 schedule includes the addition of second dates at Phoenix International Raceway, which will run its races on Friday,

April 22 and Saturday, Nov. 12, and Texas Motor Speedway, which will host its events Saturday, April 16 and Saturday, Nov. 5.

The season will conclude, as it has since 1995, at Homestead-Miami Speedway. The race is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 19.

Brown's problem is the NBA's problem, too

by JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Larry Brown has a problem, which means the NBA does, too.

With less than two weeks left before the league's reputation goes up for grabs, too little of what the coach tells his dozen millionaires is getting through.

Brown wants Team USA to protect the basketball, use the clock, defend every possession and be prepared to cover each other's backs every time a breakdown occurs. And that's when he's not scolding somebody for showing up late. In short, he wants them to play exactly the way his Detroit Pistons did — as a team — to beat a more talented Lakers squad in the NBA Finals barely two months ago.

So how come nobody on the selection committee at USA Basketball (and the NBA suits hooked up via conference call) thought of it sooner?

Why not just send the Pistons to Athens?

Or, for that matter, whoever the league champion is, to wherever the Olympics are being played every four years?

For starters, think how many ulcers Brown would have been spared this time around. It used to be the rest of the world had something to learn from the NBA. Brown is one of the few people smart enough to know that now it's the other way around.

Catch Detroit in action and watch how they spread the floor, move the ball, make mid-range jumpers when they have to and knock players on their cans when it's necessary. What you're watching is a team playing the international style with barely enough flash to meet the NBA's minimum requirements. And if everybody in the league played that way, pro basketball would be a lot less painful to watch.

Of course, Brown had an entire season to put his stamp on the Pistons. And trying to teach another subset of the MTV generation to play "old school" basketball in the course of a couple of weeks and a handful of exhibition games is wearing the poor man out. This pre-Olympic walkthrough is fast becoming a race to see whether he runs out of time or aspirin first.

Before the tour began, most of Brown's players thought the only place anybody still played the game that way was on ESPN Classic. And while they might own "throwback" jerseys, the truth is, most of them wouldn't think of throwing the ball back out for a better shot if their lives depended on it.

Let's not forget: the NBA — most nights, anyway — is all about throwing down.

Which is an even better reason to send the Pistons.

Nobody faints at the sight of "USA" on the jerseys anymore. And the rest of the world has satellite dishes and videotape machines, too.

They can tune into the "association" any night and see for themselves it's strength and weaknesses, and adapt their game accordingly. They're used to the arc being wider, the 3-point line being closer and the quirky officiating. They know how a zone gums up the works against teams who don't share the ball with any particular purpose. They know how few guys can consistently make jump shots, who's selfish and who isn't, who always slacks off on defense and who never does.

That's why Italy borrowed a page from its national soccer team's playbook and packed the defense around the goal so tightly that it would have been a neat trick for an anchovy to slip through, let alone Tim Duncan. And won by 17.

It's why Germany created just as many good scoring opportunities for Dirk Nowitzki as the Dallas Mavericks manage any night of the week, even though everybody on Team USA knew from firsthand experience where the ball was going and how often their fellow All-Star was likely to miss. And for all that, the Americans still didn't squeak by until Allen Iverson's desperation heave hit the net just ahead of the buzzer.

Think the Pistons would have had those kinds of problems?

Not.

Granted, not every team would slide into the Olympic mold as easily as Detroit. Rip Hamilton proved in the Finals that the only place he can't hit a jumper from is the bench. Unfortunately, he's not on Team USA because nobody on the selection committee thought to call him until Shaquille O'Neal, Kobe Bryant, Kevin Garnett, Tracy McGrady, etc., already hung up on them.

Rasheed Wallace isn't on Team USA, either, though he's the ideal combination of big man and spot-up shooter that Brown desperately needs. Ditto for an intimidating shot-blocker like Ben Wallace, a point-guard who can shoot AND distribute like Chauncey Billups, and a dependable stopper whose versatile enough to play a few spots on floor, a la Tayshaun Prince.

And most important, all the names above are already a team.

Objections?

The NBA season is already too long; players who make a commitment to their country often wind up hurt at considerable cost to their employers; and then there's the sticky business of what to do with free agents and the internationals dotted on every NBA roster.

The answers, in order: The Olympics only happen once every four years; owners can learn to make sacrifices, too; free agents can, too, if they like, and foreign-born players can only represent their country of origin.

That leaves room for some substitutions, which in the case of the Pistons would mean swapping Darko Milicic (Serbia-Montenegro) for say, Tim Duncan. Go ahead, try and find a general manager who wouldn't make that deal.

USA Basketball's approach since the NBA came aboard in 1992 is to select a core of nine All-Stars and supplement players as needed, then set up a pre-Olympic crash course, and hope the team comes together at the finish line.

But hoping may not get it done this time around.

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2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup Standings

1. Jimmie Johnson, 3,040
2. Jeff Gordon, 2,808
3. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2,773
4. Matt Kenseth, 2,623
5. Tony Stewart, 2,606
6. Elliott Sadler, 2,504
7. Kurt Busch, 2,481
8. Ryan Newman, 2,472
9. Bobby Labonte, 2,466
10. Kevin Harvick, 2,420
11. Jeremy Mayfield, 2,380
12. Kasey Kahne, 2,351
13. Mark Martin, 2,331
14. Dale Jarrett, 2,317
15. Jamie McMurray, 2,287
16. Casey Mears, 2,197
17. Michael Waltrip, 2,165
18. Sterling Marlin, 2,159
19. Terry Labonte, 2,159
20. Rusty Wallace, 2,150

Casino

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"As an individual, I wanted to win, but from the team point of view it was great," Meira said. "Finishing that close, being one-two, and winning the pole is an optimal weekend for any team."

"We've had a lot of opportunities to repeat that and we will have more throughout the end of the championship if we keep working. Honda is the best engine out there, it's pretty clear to everybody. If we keep up our momentum and teamwork, there's no reason we shouldn't continue to have results like that."

While out of the championship hunt due to his late start

to the season, Meira still views "Belterra Casino Indy 300" as an important starting point to a solid stretch run that may include a Rahal-Letterman championship.

"This race is really important. It's the first race of three races that will decide who is in the championship because it's hard to make improvements and differences in the car (during a stretch of three consecutive races). After that, it slows down a little. I came in late, but I think Rahal-Letterman has a great chance with Buddy because we are just now picking up momentum and growing as a team."

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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.

Those redoubtable anglers, "Red" Moore and Stuart Stephens, are home from a fishing safari into Ontario. I made that trip, once upon a time, and I think these two will agree with me that Canadian fishing for a fellow travelling as far as we do loses two of the main points in the sport: 1. You don't have the thrill of the hunt, catching fish is so easy; 2. It's a poor place to do any braggin', since nobody knows you, you know nobody, and nobody cares, nohow. And take those two ingredients out of the sport, and you've got yourself a pretty flat piece of cake.

THE POOR PEOPLE IN NEW YORK!

What is there about fishing that will cause a man, maybe a few women, to defy the elements, rise at ungodly hours, bed down at hours and in places decent folks would turn up their noses at, even drive hundreds of miles with hope strong and good sense weak? Don't ask me!

I've often said that I'm nuts about fishing because I'm a nature-lover, thus making excuse for my persistence in the face of repeated failure, even misfortune. But I say, in all seriousness, that

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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: carolbcac@tusa.net. We'll be waiting to hear from you!

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B. Ward
 is a prolific collector of Appalachian history. His garage is filled—floor to ceiling—with 40 years of down home country and coal mining charm.

B. Ward Coleman, Bits and Pieces

William B. Coleman

Age: 68
Education: Third grade
Occupation: Collector
Life quote: "I treat people with respect and I expect them to respect me. I found out that's more important than anything I've done in my life."

About 'Meet Appalachia'

William "B. Ward" Coleman, like all the little tidbits tucked away in his garage, is a completely colossal find. When I visited him and his wife, Sylvia, I felt right at home. As soon as I stepped through the door, they asked if I was hungry or thirsty. You gotta love good ol' down home country folks.

— MARY MUSIC

by **MARY MUSIC**
 Staff Writer

Two men are standing in the garage. It's where one of those men displays a 40 year collection of Appalachian wares. It's where the other man, somewhat younger, decides to spend the afternoon.

He walks, hands folded behind his back, gazing at the various treasures hanging from the walls and the ceiling.

The owner of the collection walks alongside the man, smiling and sharing stories of what came from where and how long ago the pieces became a part of his history.

The visitor listens to the story about the horse drawn carriage, originally built in the 1880's. The owner tells him how it washed up in the 1977 flood, and how he restored it with the help of a friend. The man laughs when the owner tells him that he had to drive all the way to Paintsville to buy parts to fix the bright red spoked wooden wheels.

The wringer type washer sits alongside the opposite wall, complete with a hand held washing wand that looks more like a plunger. The visitor smiles again, thankful that he decided to stop today.

A few feet away, the visitor views the coal mining display, a group of pictures of coal mining companies from 1920's

and 40's

The man points at one picture.

"This one here is the Freeburn mining company," he tells the visitor, "It was taken in 1924."

"The Freeburn mine?"

"Yes, it used to be right up the road there."

The visitor steps closer to the piece, his eyes intensely focused on the faces of the lankily dressed men. He's looking for a familiar face, and he finds it.

He sees his brother, his father, in their hard hats and carbide lights. They were foremen at that mine.

His breath stops, remembering how he'd run to meet his dad walking home from work everyday.

He cries.

"I can't believe that you have a picture of my daddy. That's my dad and brother up there," he says. "Can I have a copy of that picture?"

"Why sure," the owner says. His fingers fumble to take the picture down.

Meet B. Ward Coleman, the owner of that Appalachian collection. Since he began collecting about 40 years ago, the former coal miner says mounds of visitors have had that same reaction when they find a piece of their history. It's unbelievable, he says.

(See **COLEMAN**, page seven)

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Creeping Flesh'

by **TOM DOTY**
 Staff Writer

Nineteenth century England is the setting for this fright flick from England, which sees two men performing separate and very dubious experiments which don't stem from a pure love of science.

The film opens with professor Emmanuel Hildern returning from New Guinea with a skeleton that disproves the genesis of mankind. It was found below the level of previous digs but has a skull that is even bigger than modern man.

While cleaning it, the doc is surprised to see flesh reassemble on the finger he has just washed. He quickly removes the finger and studies it to find that it has

black blood cells which, he thinks, carry pure evil. This supports his crackpot theory that evil is a disease and so he uses the blood to develop a serum that will act as an evil vaccine. He gives it to a lab monkey, but can't resist the urge to inoculate his daughter. You see, the doc thinks that mental illness is a symptom of evil and his wife suffered from it. Too bad he didn't check on the monkey first, because his serum appears to speed up evil and not retard it. What do you expect from a scientist who has an assistant named Waterloo?

Meanwhile, his brother James is running the town asylum and wants to write the first book on mental illness. Problem is, he's motivated by anger from being ignored by his peers. You know the type, the kind of guy who says things like, "They laughed at me in Luxembourg, scoffed at me in Scotland and dished me in Denmark." In short, this guy is not above taking a few shortcuts.

One of those is not training his staff very well and two prisoners escape the asylum in the span of a day. He manages to shoot one, not very therapeutic, but the other makes it to town and trashes a pub.

The stories converge when Emmanuel's daughter goes on a rampage and winds up in James' asylum. He discovers the black blood and finds out about the skeleton. Before you can say "ethical challenge," he has stolen the bones but chooses a rainy night which reanimates the corpse into a seven-foot killing machine. The creature then heads back to Emmanuel's house to get its finger back. The conclusion has a few surprises and hints at a sequel that, unfortunately,

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Chicken Soup for the Soul: A hug and a kiss

Mary, a recent widow and devoted "50-something" grandmother, worked as a nursing attendant. Her triumph over a heart attack and bypass surgery was remarkable, undoubtedly because of the deep love she held for her grandchildren.

But this time, Mary's hospital stay was different. Afflicted with a noncontagious form of pneumonia, she was stunned to learn of her diagnosis — full-blown AIDS.

As part of a hospital volunteer visitation team, I call on each assigned AIDS patient at least once

a day. In my role as patient advocate, I let each person know that someone else cares about them — aside from their family and the medical staff. Once we become better acquainted, I greet most patients with a gentle hug and a kiss on the cheek. I can usually sense whether or not a patient is comfortable with this gesture.

After my third visit with Mary, I asked politely, "Would you like a hug and a kiss on the cheek?"

Mary smiled, holding out two waiting arms, and whispered a bare-

ly audible, "Yes, I'd love one."

As I drew back, I noticed a tear working its way down one cheek. "What's wrong?" I asked.

"That's the first time anyone has touched me since I was diagnosed with AIDS. The medical staff touch me, but ..." Mary turned onto her side, placing both hands over her face. "My sons won't even allow me to see my grandchildren," she said between sobs. "When my family visits, they sit clear across the room, as far away from me as possible."

I simply sat by her bedside and

listened in silence — handing her tissues and trying to understand.

A few days later, when I stopped to see Mary again, one of her sons and his wife were visiting. "Good evening, Mary. I see that you have guests, so I'll stop back later," I said, giving her a gentle hug and kiss on the cheek.

Mary grabbed my wrist as I turned to leave. "Wait a minute, Mack. I want you to meet my son, John, and daughter-in-law, Sarah."

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— Jim Davidson

Are meal deals really a bargain?

Did you know that 64 percent of all Americans are now overweight or obese? This is true, according to a recent report in the Newsletter of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

A part of the reason may be "value marketing" by a majority of the "fast food" restaurant chains in our country. When we have a courteous, polite restaurant employee say, "For just 58 cents more, I can super size that for you," it sounds like a good deal, but is it really?

After I share some facts and statistics with you, you be the judge, but let me preface my comments by attempting to set the record straight. As a small, independent businessman, I don't have a problem with any legitimate business earning a profit. That's free enterprise at its best. But if they do so at the expense of the good health of millions of Americans, that's a completely different story.

As part of a study conducted by health organizations nationwide, The American Institute for Cancer Research attempted to quantify just how much damage "value marketing" is doing to the health of Americans who regularly purchase meal deals. Here is an actual case study that may be of interest to you:

"Just before lunch, an employ-

ee of AICR went into a fast food restaurant in Washington, D.C., and ordered a cheeseburger. "For just \$1.40 more you can get a meal package — cheeseburger, fries and a Coke," the server said.

"Sounds too good to be true," the employee replied.

The server responded, "As a matter of fact, for just 58 cents more, you can super size it."

So this AICR employee, a small lady, walked out the door with a bag containing a 4-ounce cheeseburger, a large order of French fried potatoes and a large Coke. It was a bargain. The trouble was, her lunch now contained 1,380 calories, or about 700 more calories than a woman her size requires at lunch.

That's how "value marketing" works. Restaurants and food retailers offer the American consumer a lot more food for just a little more money. Since food, as opposed to labor, rent or utilities, is their smallest cost, they make money on such deals. Customers are happy, too. They pay a little less per unit and get an enormous portion of food.

Everything would be hunky dory, if they didn't eat all those extra calories. However, 70 percent of respondents to a recent AICR survey, said they eat every-

thing they are served in a restaurant, all or most of the time. So a decade or two of "value marketing" may explain why 64 percent of all Americans are now overweight or obese, the answer to the question that I asked you in the beginning.

For this employee who made the purchase, the good news is that she didn't eat that 1,380 calorie lunch. She brought it back to the AICR office, along with her sales slip.

Here are some more practical, true examples that you may want to consider the next time you make a food purchase. At Cinnabon, when one Minibon (300 calories) was ordered, the clerk said, "It's only 48 cents more for a classic Cinnabon (670 calories)." So researchers paid 24 percent more for 123 percent more calories.

At 7-Eleven, researchers asked for a "Gulp" of Coke (150 calories) and left the store with a "Double Gulp" (600 calories) for only 37 cents more. That's a 42 percent increase in price for 400 percent more calories.

At movie theaters, researchers asked for medium popcorn without butter (900 calories) and were told you can get a large (1160 calories) for only 60 cents more. That's 23 percent more money for 260 more calories.

Researchers found a whopping big "deal" at McDonald's. They paid 8 cents less to buy the large value meal (Quarter Pounder with cheese, large fries and large Coke

at 1,380 calories) than to buy the Quarter Pounder, small fries and small Coke (890 calories.) That is, they spent 8 cents less to purchase 490 calories more.

The list goes on, but the pattern is the same: customers are manipulated into paying a little bit more for many more calories than they can afford to eat.

If what I have been saying applies to you or your children or grandchildren and you want to fight back, here is how to do it. When it's time to order, say "small," or say "half" and share. When ordering, always insist on the smallest size. Just say, "The smallest size, that's the one I want."

With cancer still being one of the leading causes of death in our country, you might be interested in knowing that research links being overweight with increased risk of cancer. Overweight and inactivity account for one quarter to one third of all breast, colon, endometrial, kidney and esophageal cancers.

If you are concerned about your weight, you might want to think about where you are getting those extra calories. Are "meal deals" really a bargain? Just think about it for your health's sake.

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Announcements



A 13-inch remote control television was given away as recent fund-raiser. Above, Libby Smith, left, employee Lady of the Way Hospital, was the happy winner. Below, old Brandi Carroll sold the most chances on the televi and as a result won a new bike. Brandi is the daughter of R and Martha Carroll.



Soup

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During the introductions, her anxious family sat clear across the room from Mary's bed.

Later, when I looked in on her, her visitors were still maintaining their safe distance. I respected Mary's time with her family and didn't intrude.

The following evening, John and Sarah were back again, and the scenario repeated itself like a familiar rerun on television. I went in, gave Mary a gentle hug and a kiss, promising to come back later.

When I returned, something had miraculously changed. John and Sarah were seated in chairs — one on each side of Mary's bed — and they were holding hands.

Obviously choked with emotion, John said, "I guess if some stranger can hug and kiss my mother, we have nothing to be afraid of."

Fortunately, Mary became well enough to return home and continue her loving relationship with her family, including her cherished grandchildren — in spite of her illness.

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Lagoon

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never got made.

The situations may be extreme here, but it all comes together well under the talented vision of director Freddie Francis. He made a fair amount of films for Britain's Hammer Company and displays a sure hand with the proceedings. He still works, as a director of photography, and shot "The Elephant Man" for David Lynch.

The real stars here are the British horror heavyweights Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing.

As Emmanuel, Cushing brings a spark of humanity to a character who is motivated by

grief. Though he sets the events of the film in motion, he is not a monster and this makes his final fate all the more tragic.

Lee, who at 80 is currently enjoying a career resurgence with roles in "Star Wars" and "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy, has a smaller part as James but makes the character a scheming and arrogant putz. His final fate will infuriate viewers, but that's just a testament to his fine acting.

Best Line: "Unfortunately in the state of society, as it exists today, we are not permitted to experiment on human beings."

1972, rated PG.

World

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if there wasn't that sense of getting away from it all, that feeling of other worldness that I get, out on the water, I might be a bit more sensible about this fishing business.

The other evening, late, my fishing partner and I were having those last casts along a darkening shoreline. There wasn't another boat to disturb the water, not even the sound of a motor to break the spell.

The evening star peeped from behind a cloud, and just then a screech owl broke into his tremolo bit, a few yards up there in the trees. A moment later came an echoing, plaintif twitter from across the lake.

Then it seemed that three of the owls were trilling and next the inevitable whippoorwill chimed in, in his own breathless style.

I glanced to the other end of the boat, wondering if my buddy was enjoying all this as much as I. And he said:

"Boy, I sure do pity those poor people in New York!"

See what I mean?

***!!**

I am trying to write this while listening to the Cincinnati Reds make as if to lose a ball game to the Chicago Cubs. If any asterisks or exclamation p**oints turn up where they shouldn't, it's my reaction to what's happening.

Coleman

B. Ward grew up in Coleman, Kentucky, with 9 other siblings. He was "next to the baby" in the family, but he worked just as hard as anyone else. He says he lived a rough life, just as everyone did back in those days—the days of no electricity, outdoor toilets, "warshboards," and farming. His Saturday job—one he hated but never complained about—was cleaning out the church outhouse and emptying spittoons in the creek.

(Kids nowadays, he says, wouldn't be so willing to do a job like that for their parents.)

When he was 6 years old, B. Ward stepped too close to an open fire grate and was severely burnt. He still wears the third degree burn scars on the lower half of his body. It was something the man says he just learned to live with. It took about 3 years to recover fully from the accident. He remembers catching fire, running around the porch and his mother jousing a bucket of water on him to put the flames out.

That was the same year that his father, a coal miner, died of double pneumonia. B. Ward was in third grade and never returned to complete his education. The stress, he said, kept him from concentrating like he needed to. To support the family, his mother ran the Coleman Grocery Store for about 17 years.

"I just did the best I could and tried to grow up," B. Ward said.

But his lack of education didn't hold him back. Today, he's secure in himself, his life, and he's extraordinarily happy in just being B. Ward Coleman.

"I've been through some tough things, but I'm still making it, with the Lord's help," B. Ward said. "That's the one.

That's who I give the credit for, nobody else."

B. Ward, born as William B. Coleman, says he doesn't know exactly why people call him that. It's just a name he picked up while driving a school bus for Phelps High School. That's also where he picked up his beautiful wife, Sylvia. She was a student at the school, where he was also the janitor. They dated for three years before they married.

The couple live a simple and careful life in Phelps, an area that used to be known as Freeburn. They love each other, "never fly off the handle" and believe that marriage is best when couples work together.

That's how they've made it work—happily—for nearly 49 years now.

They moved into their home, the first they ever owned, on a "rock pile" in the 60's. Sylvia, 68, helped B. Ward remodel it. She climbed on the roof, put down floors, and helped hand dig the basement.

B. Ward returns the favor by helping with the dishes every now and then.

He was hired in at Chisholm Mine, owned by the Pikeville Coal Company, as a Loader and eventually took charge with electrical work. He worked there for 11 years. He also worked for 16 years at the Kenton Elkhorn Coal Company in Beaks, Ky. He retired from the coal mines in 1975, with 32 years under his belt.

The work was hard. He worked anywhere from 8 to 16 hours a day, and spent a lot of sick days at home because of the damp weather, noise from the blasts, and the constant strain on his back and legs.

But he's proud of his work there. He's a heck of a worker,

Sylvia says. His love for his work pour into the his outstanding Appalachian collection—a garage filled with thousands of items of memorabilia. The collection began as a traveling exhibit. B. Ward trucked coal mining tools, machines, hats, and lanterns all over the state to various functions and won several awards for doing so.

Sylvia convinced him to move the collection into his garage in 1994 because he got sick, a suggestion he's thankful for considering. It's more convenient and gives him more room to display his precious bits and pieces of Appalachian history.

Some of his most prominent pieces include several gas pumps—even a 1937 11 foot Gulf Gas pump—that are still in working order. He also has a five cent Coca Cola machine, a kerosene refrigerator, a wringer type washer, and, of course, a moonshine still that he made himself out of spare parts and a coffee can. The man is a genius when it comes to organizing his treasures. Every inch of the garage is filled—floor, walls, and ceiling. He's even got chunks of coal from his former mine—the Chisholm Mine—decked out as bordering wall paper along the center of one wall.

Though he says he couldn't possibly pick a favorite piece in his collection, he is quite partial to his coal mining treasures—tools, hard hats, carbide lights, crank phones (he still uses to call his wife in the house occasionally), payroll checks and scripts used by miners at coal company stores. He pointed out one script used by at Henry Ford's Coal Company years ago.

A visitor could easily spend

the day in his garage, and still not see everything on display. A red wagon, tricycle, and stroller hangs from the ceiling, where several posters are prominently displayed along with various cola bottles—even some from the first cola ever introduced to this area—"Grapette, Peachette, and Oranette" colas. A pack of Lucky Strikes, unopened, dates back to the 1940's. Calendars date back to the 1920's. He also has a carriage and a compass made in the 1800's.

Visitors, most of whom sign up through the Phelps Area Habitat for Humanities, come from all over the world to see the collection, proven by a host of pictures and a list of signatures recorded since he opened the doors about a decade ago. He says people try to pay him money when they come, but he never accepts it. He enjoys watching people—and talking to them—too much to charge a fee. He has a dollar bill framed that a visitor gave him years ago—the man wouldn't take it back, he said, so he framed it.

"I never take money for nothing. I've had people who threw it down, but I never take it. I'm a person who gives with a free heart, and you don't find many people who do that," he said.

He says he spends his days "piddling" with his "junk," cleaning it up and rearranging it. He knows every piece by heart—where it came from, the year, and how it was used. His knowledge of Appalachia is certainly prolific and a bonus to anyone who visits.

He and Sylvia have four children: Glendene Nelson, Brenda Kay Coleman, Linda Coleman, and Buddy Coleman.



B. Ward restored this carriage, built originally in the 1800's after it washed up in the '77 flood.



B. Ward made this moonshine still, but, of course, he's never used it.

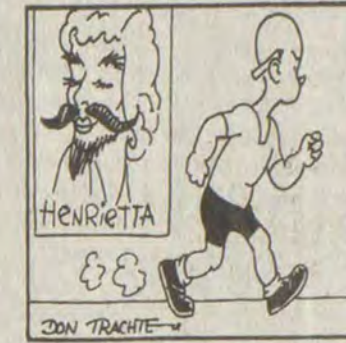
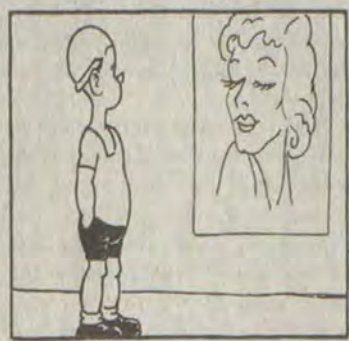
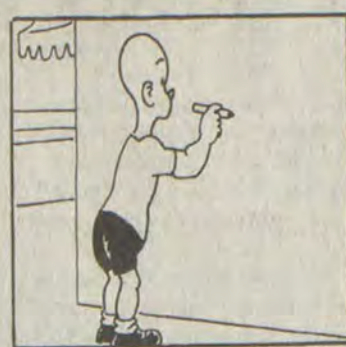
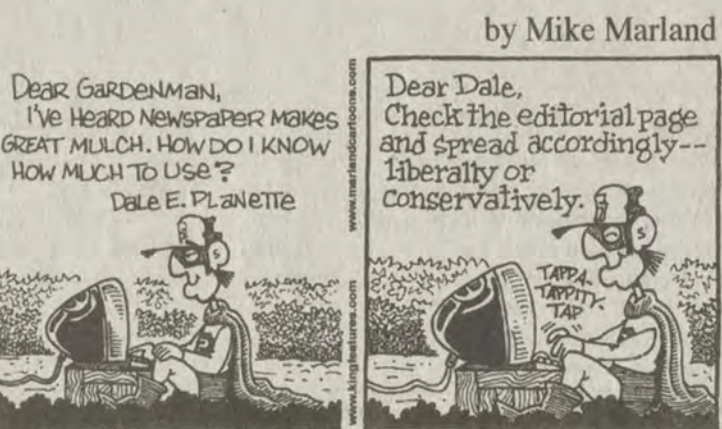
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 - 8 Cantata composer
 - 12 Goo
 - 17 "— corny as Kansas ..."
 - 19 Oranburg's river
 - 20 Literary pseudonym
 - 21 Like Schoenberg's music
 - 22 Like Felix Unger?
 - 25 Act like Holmes
 - 26 "— Card" ('90 film)
 - 27 Comic Orson
 - 28 Bungle
 - 30 Sweater letter
 - 31 On the nose
 - 34 Skinny novelist?
 - 39 Get on
 - 40 Rocker Tom
 - 41 Curly coil
 - 42 "Saving Private Ryan" extras
 - 45 Mofu or Magnani
 - 47 Reggae's Peter
 - 49 Offer an apple?
 - 52 Pinnacle
 - 54 Dawns, to Donne
 - 56 Coarse flour
 - 58 "— on My Pillow" ('58 song)
 - 60 Stiller's partner
 - 62 Tread the boards
 - 63 Man from Munich
 - 65 Ponderosa, for one
 - 68 Mrs. Zeus
 - 71 Mineral suffix
 - 72 Sgt., e.g.
 - 73 Gamble
 - 75 Extremely encouraging individual?
 - 79 Kitten's comment
 - 80 Shapton and Yankovic
 - 81 Hockey great
 - 82 A sweeping success?
 - 83 Calliope's sister
 - 85 '66 Tommy Roe tune
 - 88 Merino male
 - 90 Shiva worshiper
 - 93 Throw forcefully
 - 94 "The Ramayana" heroine
 - 97 Actress Samantha
 - 100 Jury member
 - 101 Economize
 - 103 Calligraphy supply
 - 105 Land in the sea
 - 106 Longing
 - 107 Jets, Mets, or Nets
 - 109 Release
 - 111 Hideaway
 - 114 Dishonest anchorman?
 - 118 New Jersey's Pine —
 - 121 Port abbr.
 - 122 Director Lupino
 - 123 "Dies —"
 - 125 Be of use
 - 127 Bring to light
 - 130 Corrupt college official?
 - 135 Acid's opposite
 - 136 Bronte heroine
 - 137 Ice-cream thickener
 - 138 Writer Hunter
 - 139 June birthstone
 - 140 Paper quantity
 - 141 Stink
 - 142 Prior to, to Prior
 - 5 Part of NATO
 - 6 Hayes of westerns
 - 7 Crafter's need
 - 8 Publisher Cerf
 - 9 Ginger —
 - 10 Security grp.
 - 11 Couldn't stand
 - 12 Canonized Mile.
 - 13 King's "Salem's —"
 - 14 Motionless
 - 15 "— Man" ('78 song)
 - 16 Singer John
 - 18 Farm sight
 - 21 Directionless
 - 23 Native Peruvian
 - 24 Yam
 - 29 Singer Chris
 - 32 Soho streetcar
 - 33 Carson's successor
 - 35 Particle
 - 36 AMEX rival
 - 37 Scacchi of "The Player"
 - 38 Seascape painter
 - 40 Cisco's chum
 - 42 Pin
 - 43 The — Capades
 - 44 Einstein's chair?
 - 46 New Deal
 - 48 Convent wear
 - 50 Dentist's fee?
 - 51 Vestige
 - 53 Geologic division
 - 55 Cook veggies
 - 57 Make chair legs
 - 59 Chilly powder?
 - 61 Social worker?
 - 64 Swerve
 - 66 Word with pork or karate
 - 67 Toast start
 - 69 Dietary abbr.
 - 70 TV's "Hearts —"
 - 73 Big party
 - 74 Cary of "The Princess Bride"
 - 76 Bit of a beach?
 - 77 Leisurely, to Leoncavallo
 - 78 Team scream
 - 84 Palm oil?
 - 86 Lloyd Webber musical
 - 87 Principle
 - 89 Booker T.'s group
 - 91 Billy — Williams
 - 92 Fancy planter
 - 95 Slope
 - 86 Cain's victim
 - 88 — breve
 - 89 Bring up
 - 102 Gauguin setting
 - 104 Feminist Gloria
 - 108 Pie ingredient?
 - 110 Greek sandwich
 - 112 Neighbor of Turkey
 - 113 Variety show
 - 114 Tight
 - 115 Actress Berry
 - 116 Slezak or Alexander
 - 117 Consumer advocate
 - 118 Stocking shade
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 - 124 Way over yonder
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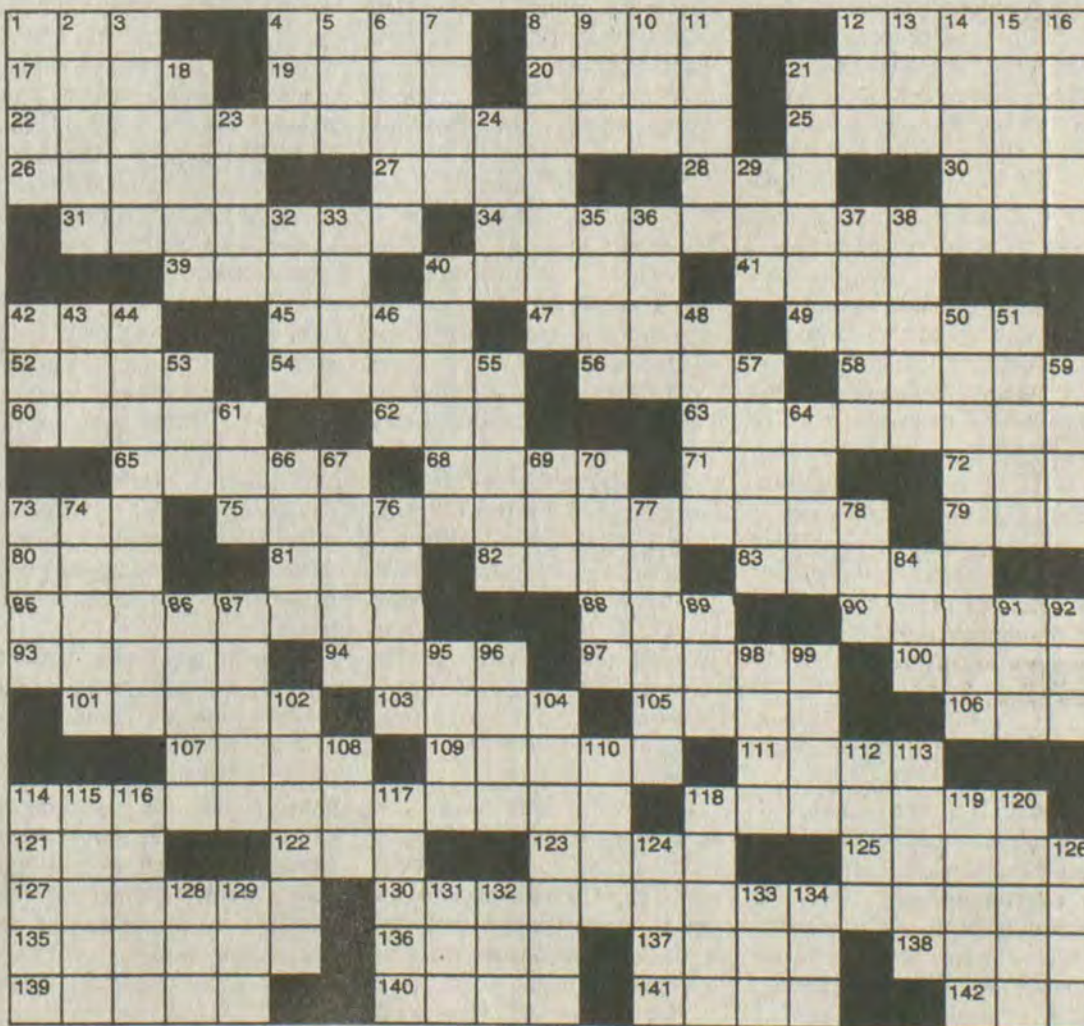
- Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
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 - Drums
 - Magnolias
 - Ville
 - Blue
 - Guitar
 - Mill
 - Yard
 - Clad
 - Head
 - Plate
 - Worker
 - Company
 - Helmet
 - Trap

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FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
 Differences: 1. Droplight is missing. 2. Halo is moved. 3. Sieve is shorter. 4. Horns are different. 5. Tail is missing. 6. Stool is missing.

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