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briefs

Mullins facing 6th charge

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Another parent filed a criminal complaint Friday, on behalf of his child, against Marty Mullins, 33, for first-degree criminal abuse.

Mullins allegedly physically and mentally abused seven children while working as a teacher's aide in an emotional behavior disorder class at May Valley Elementary in 2001 and 2002.

A lawsuit filed by the parents claims that Mullins allegedly kicked, shoved, pinched, pushed and punched the students. In the report that was taken, the children also claimed that Mullins twisted their arms and wrists, used pressure points to bring them to their knees, locked them in the bathroom in the dark and used his body weight to push and slam them against the wall.

Another parent who now lives out of state plans to also file charges against Mullins in the near future.

"My son is still having nightmares and having a hard time with all of this," the parent said. "My son did not deserve to be beat on." She will be making the eight-hour trip to Floyd County to file a criminal complaint against Mullins

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Chair hints at superintendent change

Stumbo later says keeping Fanning still 'viable'

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — With three Floyd County school board members facing five others in the November election, the potential for

change is readily apparent.

It also lies at the head of the board, officials said this week, with a possible change in superintendents.

During a meeting regarding redistricting on Wednesday, Board

Chairman Carol Stumbo suggested that Dr. Paul W. Fanning's position as Floyd County School superintendent may be up when the new board members take their stand.

Stumbo said she didn't want to leave the long, tedious redistricting

process to "weigh down" the newly-elected board, because they'll "immediately" be faced with the search for a new superintendent.

Fanning, a veteran of 22 years with Floyd County Board of Education, said yesterday that he didn't understand why Stumbo made the remark. Her assumption was a



Supt. Paul Fanning

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photo by Mary Music

Construction on Route 1428 continues, with the addition of a new Food City well underway. It is expected to be completed this fall.

ACHS still looking for tech solution

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

EASTERN — Allen Central High School principal Lorena Hall finally got her answer from the lawyers representing arms of Kentucky's educational institutions on involving a "Catch-22" problem that is standing between some juniors and their need for courses at the Kentucky Technical school in Garth.

The answer, however, only frames the question that Hall was asking in the first place, since a change in course requirements is standing in the way of technical courses that many juniors were expecting to take this year.

"They have basically told me that we can say yes to courses at Garth, but students have to be able to meet education requirements," Hall said.

This has led Hall to schedule a meeting with the school's site-based council for Monday at 5 p.m.

"Hopefully we can work something out," Hall said. "I wouldn't want to see this drag on too long."

In the mean time, Hall is looking at all the options in order to plan for the meeting and is not ready to rule out the possibility of aid from internet courses.

The Kentucky Virtual High School may be an alternative in which students can still attend Garth by taking a required course over the internet. Though this option appears to make more work for the student, it could also be seen as an opportunity to experience online learning, which has already become an established teaching method in many universities.

Judge to seek grant flexibility

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson will lobby this week to bring a business park to Floyd County.

He'll be attending a local issues meeting with a group of

Kentucky judges on Monday and Tuesday, during which time he'll be seeking support to change laws regulating Local Government Economic Development funds.

In addition to coal severance tax money, the Floyd County Fiscal Court receives funds for projects through LGED and

LGEA, Local Government Economic Assistance.

The largest percentage of the money, Thompson says, comes from the LGED funds, which have been used in the past for projects such as the construction of

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Murder-for-hire tape includes request for torture, suggests a second job

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner was a bit dismayed by a

letter published Wednesday in The Floyd County Times from Melanie Wilkes, the daughter of Cheryl Kinslow. Kinslow pleaded guilty last month to charges that she planned to have her son in

law, Daniel Thomas Hart, murdered.

The letter insinuated that evidence has been destroyed and that

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Medical worker arrested for drugs

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Sheriff's Office arrested a doctor's office employee Friday for two

counts of making a false statement to obtain a prescription.

Patty Wells Hitchcock, of Flat Gap, was employed at Dr. Penny Grino's office as a clerk.

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Lawyer awarded for work with poor

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Gerald DeRossett was recognized on Wednesday for his work with the poor, when he was presented with an award by Family Court Judge Julie Paxton at the Floyd County Justice Center.

The award stems from DeRossett's commitment to working with the poor and was awarded to him by the Volunteer Lawyers for Appalachian Kentucky. On hand to honor DeRossett were VLAK Director Will

Snyder, Appalred founder John Rosenberg and Judge Paxton.

The VLAK is a division of Appalred. Larry York, executive director of Appalred, said, "Without private attorney participation in the pro bono program, many of Eastern Kentucky's low-income residents would be without legal assistance."

Snyder praised DeRossett for "taking on 14 low-income cases this year."

Judge Paxton also chimed in by saying,

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The Volunteer Lawyers for Appalachian Kentucky presented local attorney Gerald DeRossett with an award recognizing his volunteer work for indigent clients. Present were, from left to right, VLAK Director Will Snyder, Judge Julie Paxton, DeRossett and Appalred founder John Rosenberg.

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Odds and Ends

■ **CHESTERTOWN, Md.** — A security officer was bugged out when he saw what appeared to be ghost haunting Kent County Court House. The suspect spirit turned out to be a bug, the security company says. On July 29, for a little more than an hour, a security camera showed a round, translucent, white object that seemed to walk up and down a set of stairs

inside the newer wing of the courthouse. "I've seen it so many times, it's not funny," said Brooke Eyster, general manager of Atlantic Security, which installed the courthouse cameras. "It's definitely a bug." But a self-proclaimed "ghost investigator" wants to have another look. Beverly Lipsinger, president of the Maryland Ghost & Spirit

Association, said the descriptions she's heard don't sound like a bug. "It's a ghost," said Lipsinger. "They don't want to believe, so they're coming up with something." Part of the courthouse dates to 1860, and the newer half was constructed in 1969 on top of a former cemetery. Some courthouse employees said the anomaly on the video confirmed what

they believed — that the courthouse is haunted. Kent County Sheriff John Price IV said he is satisfied with the technical explanation. ■ **BATON ROUGE, La.** — The serial "snuggler" will have to keep his hands to himself. The man who sneaked into women's apartments just to cuddle with them has been sentenced to five years' probation. Before pleading guilty earlier this year to 12 counts of unauthorized entry, Steve Danos, 26, led a commendable life, a judge said Wednesday before sentencing him.

None of the victims was hurt. Instead, the intruder roused the residents to ask about a party, helped himself to beer and pizza, folded clothes, made nachos and crawled into one woman's bed to rub her stomach. Before his arrest, Danos had a more notable claim to fame. He drove in the winning run in the state championship baseball game his senior year at John Curtis Christian School in River Ridge. "It's simply unbelievable," state District Judge Todd Hernandez said Wednesday, while flipping through letters written to the court on Danos' behalf by friends, teachers and school administrators. "Mr. Danos, up until this point you've led a life that would make any parent unbelievably proud," Hernandez

said. The judge attributed Danos' bizarre behavior to the use of alcohol and drugs. Danos' attorney, Robert Gill, said Danos was an outstanding high school athlete who sank into depression when he didn't make the team at Louisiana State, Gill said. The odd behavior began when Danos started soothing himself with Xanax, alcohol and marijuana, Gill said. ■ **GAINESVILLE, Fla.** — University of Florida's cheerleading coach was fired after he gave the squad permission to promote more than school pride at a cheerleading camp. Gene Moore, 39, said he was unfairly terminated for allowing squad members to wear T-shirts that listed "10 Reasons to Cheer Naked." He was fired after the University Athletic Association received complaints about the shirts. The firing leaves the squad without a coach three weeks before the first football game. Moore had been coach for five years, making \$19,000 last year. The squad was attending a college cheerleading camp this week in Myrtle Beach, S.C., when a couple cheerleaders distributed the T-shirts for Spirit Day. Members trade shirts with cheerleaders from other schools. "Yes, I was aware of it and, yes, it was a mistake," Moore said. "I don't feel like firing me over it after I've put in five years was justified." Mike Hill, the University Athletic Association assistant athletic director for external affairs, confirmed Moore's termination but declined to elaborate, saying it was a personnel matter.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Aug. 15, the 228th day of 2004. There are 138 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Aug. 15, 1945, was proclaimed "V-J Day" by the Allies, a day after Japan agreed to surrender unconditionally.

On this date:

- In 1769, Napoleon Bonaparte was born on the island of Corsica.
- In 1914, the Panama Canal opened to traffic.
- In 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow, Alaska.
- In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces landed in southern France.
- In 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule.
- In 1948, the Republic of Korea was proclaimed.
- In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York.
- In 1971, President Nixon announced a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents.
- In 1974, South Korean President Park Chung-hee escaped an assassination attempt in which his wife was killed.
- In 1998, 29 people were killed by a car bomb that tore apart the center of Omagh,

Northern Ireland; a splinter group calling itself the Real IRA claimed responsibility.

Ten years ago:

Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, the terrorist better known as "Carlos the Jackal," was jailed in France after being captured in Sudan.

Five years ago:

President Clinton and his family went house-hunting in Westchester County, N.Y. (They later settled on a house in Chappaqua.) Tiger Woods won the PGA Championship, becoming the youngest player to win two majors since Seve Ballesteros.

One year ago: Bouncing back from the largest blackout in U.S. history, cities from the Midwest to Manhattan restored power to millions of people — only to confront a second series of woes created in the aftermath of the enormous outage.

Today's Birthdays:

Cooking expert Julia Child is 92. Actress Rose Marie is 81. Political activist Phyllis Schlafly is 80. Actor Mike Connors is 79. Jazz musician Oscar Peterson is 79. Rhythm and blues singer Bill Pinckney (The Drifters) is 79. Actress Lori Nelson is 71. Singer-producer Bobby Byrd is 70. Civil rights activist Vernon Jordan is 69. Actor Jim Dale is 69. Actress Pat Priest is 68. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer is 66. Musician Pete York (Spencer Davis Group) is

62. Author-journalist Linda Ellerbee is 60. Songwriter Jimmy Webb is 58. Britain's Princess Anne is 54. Actress Tess Harper is 54. Actor Larry Mathews is 49. Actor Zeljko Ivanek is 47. Rock singer-musician Matt Johnson (The The) is 43. Actress Debi Mazar is 40. Country singer Angela Rae (Wild Horses) is 38. Actress Debra Messing is 36. Actor Anthony Anderson is 34. Actor Ben Affleck is 32. Singer Michael Graham (Boyzone) is 32. Actress Natasha Henstridge is 30.

Thought for Today:

"We must not read either law or history backwards." — Helen M. Cam, English historian and educator (1885-1968).

Residents question council about flooding

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Memorial Day flood was a hot topic during Monday's city council meeting, with residents living in three locations voicing their concerns to council members.

Ron and Connie Cooley, the Mays Branch couple who asked the city last month to pay more than \$100,000 in damages incurred on their property during the flood, told council members that their home was flooded again during a heavy rain July 26.

Ron Cooley, who read two letters of opposition to the council during last month's council meeting, returned Monday, along with three other Prestonsburg residents voicing flood concerns, to grill council members for answers.

The couple say that the flooding on their property was caused by a sidewalk constructed in 2002, replacing a creek

bed, and possibly, by rock and mud that washed down from construction on Stonecrest.

Mayor Jerry Fannin told the Cooleys during their first appearance in front of the council that the city has turned the request over to its insurance adjuster. At Monday's meeting, however, Ron Cooley said repeated attempts to contact the agency have failed.

"I've had a devil of a time trying to get up with the adjuster ... If you're not gonna do it, I need to do it, 'cause it's driving us batty," Ron Cooley said, pointing out that he and his wife are now fearing the next big rain. "I understand that you're covered up and at this point, everybody is way behind, but I do feel like an adjuster should have been here a long time ago... I gotta get on with my life. Tell me to kiss off and I'll go and do it with my own people, but I've got to have the answer."

Mayor Jerry Fannin conveyed his sympathy for the couple's plight, but said the city is

currently in a "Catch-22" with construction still needed on several roadways and federal disaster funds still hanging in the balance.

Ron Cooley's brother, city council member Hansel Cooley, spoke on their behalf during the meeting, urging council members to make flood victims in danger of future flooding a priority.

"If somebody is in the water, you throw them a life jacket before you throw one to someone on the street," Hansel Cooley said.

To date, the Cooleys, mother and stepfather to floodplain coordinator Lon May, say the Federal Emergency Management Agency has given them "zippo" for damages.

Council member Harry Adams agreed that the city should be more proactive in resolving the situation, saying that the second flooding of the home means that "something's afoot."

The council voted to contact

the adjuster to assess the situation and discussed preventative measures that could be taken for the property.

Following discussion about the Cooley residence, a Trimble Branch resident, Sheila Ortega, voiced concerns about the flooding at her residence. Neighbors, she said, are concerned about an eroding creekbank caused by recent flooding.

Ron Harris, on behalf of the city, said that the city will place rocks alongside the creekbank, a temporary solution until the "red tape" of the financial side of the matter is resolved.

Fannin said that problems at Trimble Branch sit at the helm of FEMA, which is currently working with the city for reimbursement of construction costs associated with recent flooding.

The council also voted to place bids for a contractor to remove several trees located on city property alongside the creek in Trimble Branch, a request Ortega specifically presented

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Woman charged with forging prescription

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Kathleen Holbrook, 24, of Salyersville, was arrested this week by Prestonsburg Police Officer Trent Combs for the alleged forgery of a prescription and criminal possession of a forged prescription.

According to police, employees at Rite Aid Pharmacy in the Highlands Plaza contacted the police department and told them that they believed Holbrook had turned in a forged prescription. When Officer Combs arrived at the pharmacy and inspected the prescription, he contacted Dr. Blake Burchett, the physician that had written the original prescription to verify the authenticity.

The number "1" was circled in a different type ink pen, according to the police report. Dr. Burchett told Officer Combs that he did not write any refills on the prescription. Combs




obtained a copy of the original prescription that was written at Dr. Burchett's clinic.

Holbrook was arraigned Aug. 10 and is scheduled for a preliminary hearing on the matter on Aug. 16.

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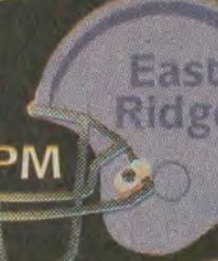
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Tape

money belonging to Kinslow was lost by the Floyd County Sheriff's Office. Turner arranged a meeting with the undercover police officer who acted as a hitman for Kinslow and allowed The Times to see the videotaped evidence.

In the first meeting between Kinslow and the undercover cop, Kinslow says, "I have the son in law from hell." The pseudo-hitman asks her if she is sure she wants the man dead and Kinslow replies, "I'd rather he disappear, his whole body and everything. He's a menace to society."

Kinslow then talks about seeking out a hitman who wanted \$10,000 and says that was too

much. She agrees to pay the policeman \$8,000 and spends some time working out a payment schedule. She then begins volunteering information about her son in law's address and sleeping habits. She even recommends a hotel the hitman can use.

The detective then asks if she can handle the concomitant guilt related to the act. Kinslow replies, "So far I've been sleeping well. Every time I talk to you I feel better."

No money is exchanged at the meeting and Kinslow has an entire week to think it through before their next meeting. She even mentions towards the end of the encounter that she may

have more work for the killer. She alludes to her stepfather, who she insinuates ripped her off in a land deal, as being a future candidate for murder.

The hitman agrees to do the job for \$500 up front, but Kinslow offers \$1,000 for the next meeting.

"I'd like for him to be tortured and have his [genitals] cut off," Kinslow tells the detective.

The hitman responds that a quick kill is always cleaner and manages to dissuade her from the idea of torture.

The next meeting is much shorter and Kinslow begins counting out a \$1,000 onto a table minutes after entering the detective's room. She says that this is her husband's money and that he knows she is considering a hitman but that he doesn't know she has already hired one. Kinslow then agrees to pay two more installments of \$3,500 over the course of four weeks. The hitman takes the money, announces that he is a cop and

calls in the sheriff's department.

Kinslow is quite talkative on the tapes and doesn't appear overly nervous or afraid. Throughout both meetings Kinslow is very calm and speaks in conversational tones.

At second meeting, the only concern Kinslow expresses about the murder is a hope that it can be done when her grandchildren aren't home.

"We did contact the son-in-law and let him know what was happening," the undercover officer told The Times. "She was offered several chances to think about what she wanted to do and she chose to continue in her plan to hire me. The sheriff in Tennessee told us that the emergency room Kinslow used when she claimed she was attacked by her son-in-law [with a baseball bat] could not confirm that she'd been assaulted."

"The daughter [Lesa Hart] contradicted all of the statements Kinslow made about her husband [Daniel Hart] being

abusive," Turner said. "There have been two theft charges lodged against Kinslow and each time she stole from her son-in-law or used his name for services she didn't pay for."

In her letter, Wilkes also says that nearly \$3,000 seized from Kinslow at the time of her arrest

had been lost, but Turner said that is not the case.

"That money came from Cheryl's husband's check," Turner said. "He has been contacted by the sheriff's office but hasn't come to their department to get it."

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Judge

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the new science center or spec buildings.

The legislature, with a budget, has the power to assign the use of LGED money, which under normal circumstances can only be used to earmark funds for industrial or business parks, for local projects like water lines, sewage, and other construction projects.

Thompson will lobby to change from having "smoke-stack-type industries" or industrial manufacturing parks to service-type industry like carrier services or suppliers.

"My argument is if it creates jobs, then what difference does it make whether its an industrial or service-type job?" Thompson said. "Things are changing. Technology is changing so fast it's coming in and knocking out what we may be manufacturing. They can go to a foreign country and build a plant twice or three times as fast as they can in the U.S. or Kentucky, where the laws are more strict."

"Let's say that someone comes in and starts manufactur-

ing a computer chip. That computer chip, the way technology is going, would only be good for two to three years, or maybe not even that long. Then someone could come out with a better product, better technology and what we got has gone down the drain. I think the community is more interested in decent paying jobs than they are in whether it's a manufacturing or distribution service job. They just want a decent job."

Thompson says Floyd County needs to develop a piece of property, approximately 20 to 40 acres, that would handle a business park.

"If we have a site, that don't guarantee that we'll get business in here for a fact, but if we don't have a site, then we definitely won't get the business," he said.

Having resources like this available, Thompson said, would ensure that Floyd County businesses stay in Floyd County.

With oil prices on the rise, the fiscal court's coal severance tax money is up 25 percent in the fourth quarter, Thompson said.

Superintendent

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bit premature, he said.

"That was a bit premature," Fanning said. "I am currently serving as superintendent. It would have to be a mutual decision of the new board. In previous years, the superintendent's contract was based upon the wishes of the board."

Stumbo later clarified her statement by saying that she didn't mean to speculate as to whether or not the board would consider letting Fanning go when his contract is up this summer.

The search for a new superintendent, if deemed appropriate by newly elected members, would be a long one, she said.

Lawyer

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"It would be helpful to the court if more Floyd County attorneys would follow his [DeRossett's] example."

DeRossett was humbled by the attention and gave most of the credit to his staff.

DeRossett has always stayed busy and recently allowed himself a little time off for a honeymoon in Hawaii following his marriage to Rachel Allen. He lives with his wife and two stepdaughters, Rebekah and Christina, at Cow Creek. He has volunteered for the Prestonsburg High school football program for 10 years, where his brother, John DeRossett, is the coach.

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Arrest

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She accused of phoning in a false prescription of Lorcet tablets for herself on August 10 at Med-Zone Pharmacy.

When Hitchcock attempted to call in another prescription of Lorcet on Aug. 12, Med-Zone contacted the sheriff's office.

Sheriff John K. Blackburn contacted Dr. Grino to verify the prescription and was informed by Dr. Grino that she had not prescribed any medication for Hitchcock. Blackburn, along with Sgt. Terry Chaffins, arrest-

ed Hitchcock when she tried to pick up the second prescription.

"I would like to advise the pharmacies in the area to be cautious with call-in prescriptions," Blackburn said. "Call the doctor's office and verify that it is a legitimate prescription before you fill it. If there are any doubts about call-in prescriptions, they need to contact authorities."

Blackburn said prescription fraud can be reported by calling the sheriff's office at (606) 886-6171 or (800) 834-5430.

Aide

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and said, "I am not going to let this go. The school is just as guilty as he is because they let it happen."

Mullins pleaded not guilty in court Tuesday to the four counts

of criminal abuse that were previously filed against him. He is scheduled to be arraigned for the fifth charge of criminal abuse Aug. 23.

Sandy Valley named outstanding transit system

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Office of Transportation Delivery has named Sandy Valley Transportation Services as the "Outstanding Statewide Section 5311 Transit System for 2003."

"SVTS has a dedicated managerial staff, as well as professional transit drivers and support staff," said Vickie Bourne, executive director of the OTD. "The communities they serve benefit greatly from the services they provide. They have a growing fleet of vehicles and have shown themselves to be good stewards of the money granted to them."

"SVTS was the first agency in the state to be awarded a brokerage under the Human Service Transportation Delivery Program in 1998 and they were the first to have an error-free encounter data submission. Their participation in the HSTD program has been very effective, as the ridership has shown steady increases over the years."

Sandy Valley Transportation is a nonprofit community transit system that has provided safe, dependable and affordable transportation for residents of Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties since 1990. Serving the elderly and individuals with

special needs is emphasized by SVTS, as many of these individuals rely on this transportation for accessibility to doctor visits, pharmacies, grocery stores, health and human service agencies and many other destinations. SVTS also serves as the Section 5311 provider of community and intercity transportation and as the Section 5310 lead agency for the Big Sandy area.

The goals of the Section 5311 program of the Federal Transit Act are to enhance the access of people in non-urbanized areas, especially elderly persons, persons with disabilities and economically disadvantaged persons, to health care, shopping, education, employment, public services and recreation; to assist in the maintenance, development, improvement, and use of public transportation systems in rural and small urban areas; to encourage and facilitate the most efficient use of all federal funds used to provide passenger transportation in non urbanized areas through the coordination of programs and services; and, to assist in the development and support of intercity bus transportation.

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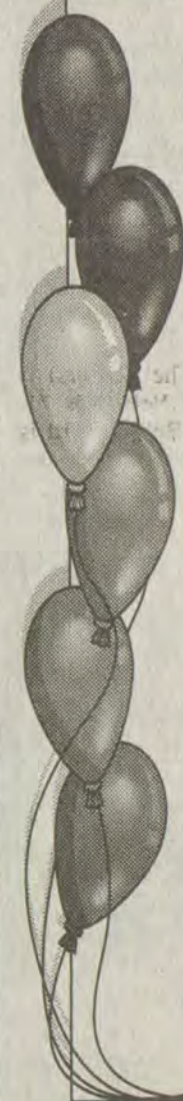
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Clarification

The registered name for Sherry Robinson, candidate for school board member in District 5, should have been listed as Sherry Sue Dingus Robinson. She will be running against Jody Mullins, of Hueysville, and incumbent Glenna Howard Slone. Robinson is not to be confused with the Sherry L. Robinson, 35, of Martin, or the Sherry Robinson, 35, of David, who were listed in the "Charges Filed" section of The Times.

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Guest view

Care should be taken with new GED

Most students manage to get through high school in a timely fashion.

But a significant number, for all sorts of reasons, leave school early. Since the 1940s, the equivalency diploma has been an option for many of them. However, it's an option that, with few exceptions, one had to be out of school a year or more to exercise.

Beginning next year, there will be an additional GED option in Kentucky that will allow eligible dropouts to enroll immediately upon leaving school.

The concept is getting lots of support, but it also raises concerns that the new GED program be designed so that it won't become a dumping ground for underperforming schools' special education students and poor performers.

Various safeguards are contemplated, including restricting admissions to young people who are two years behind in their work and requiring those who enroll to receive counseling and instruction.

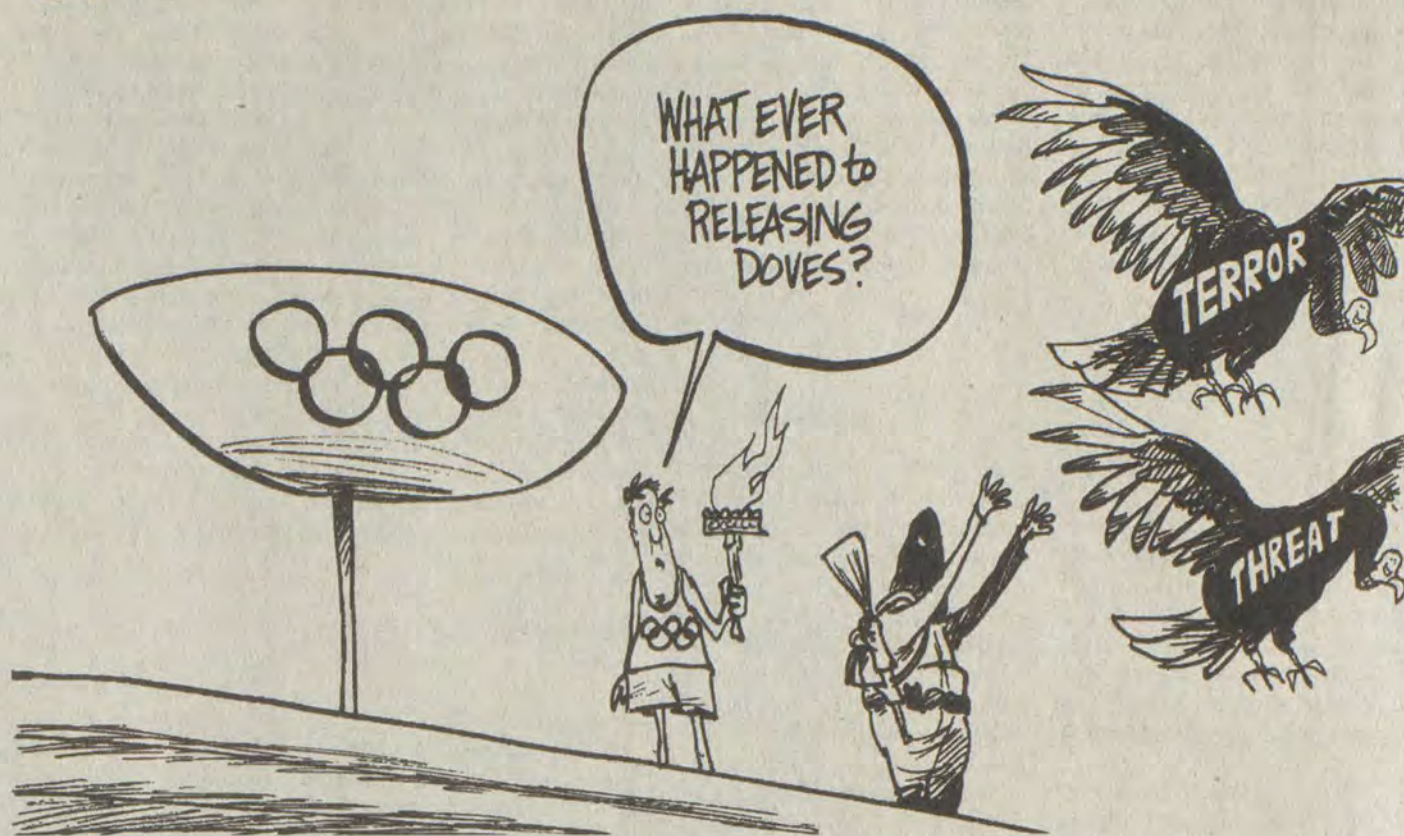
The issues are "very complex," said Lisa Gross, a Department of Education spokeswoman. That's why education officials are moving cautiously and soliciting advice from various stakeholders. The intent, she said, is to make "an informed decision" by October, but perhaps not before December.

Some admonitions are in order. Let's hope admissions to the new program won't become too restrictive. Youths who are at risk of leaving school based on a variety of indicators including grades, attendance and family pressures should have the opportunity to participate in this program without too many limitations.

Jefferson County School Superintendent Stephen Daeschner is supportive of the new GED. "Not all kids learn at the same rate in the same time frame ... Some kids have trouble in big high schools," he said. And for those reasons and more, the superintendent sensibly seeks, as he put it, "as much flexibility as we can get to find those kids and get them some kind of diploma."

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— Rich Lowry Column —

Dump Cheney?

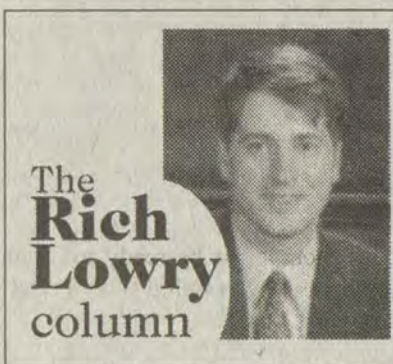
It's not going to happen. But the media and the Democrats want it to happen, so it will be a topic of intense political conversation — President Bush dumping Dick Cheney from his ticket.

It's not going to happen, because Bush is loyal to a fault, and Cheney is, in any case, popular and valued within the administration. As a White House aide says: "He's smart and tough and trusted and discreet. At Madison Square Garden during one of FDR's conventions they unfurled a banner that read, 'We love you for the enemies you've made.' That's the way we feel about Dick Cheney."

The frenzy over kicking Cheney overboard has been ignited by a stray comment advocating it by former New York Sen. Al D'Amato and a Newsweek poll showing the Bush ticket would be marginally more popular with someone besides Cheney in the No. 2 slot.

If Bush dumped Cheney, any bounce he would get in the polls would dissipate

quickly since people would soon focus again on what they like and dislike about Bush himself. Bush would risk alienating his base, which loves Cheney, and prompting an intraparty bloodbath if he picked the alternatives bandied about most often, John McCain or Colin Powell, both of whom have more cachet with journalists than Republicans.



The campaign believes that Cheney can talk compellingly about the two most important issues in the campaign for both Bush's base and swing voters: the war on terror and the economy.

Democrats are so eager to have Bush ax Cheney because they know it would be a sign of weakness and play as an admission that their charges against him have been accurate. It would be the most

important Democratic takedown since Robert Bork and Newt Gingrich, and the Bush campaign knows it. "For years the left's strategy has been to go after effective conservatives on a personal basis," a Bush campaign official says. "That's the modus operandi. The political game is personal destruction."

What of the substantive charges against Cheney? He kept the proceedings of his energy task force secret in order to establish an important point about executive powers — and won a preliminary battle in the Supreme Court. He was formerly chairman of Halliburton. So what? Halliburton had the same arrangement to provide emergency work overseas with the Clinton administration. Cheney has been one of the strongest hawks on Iraq. Thanks in part to his advocacy, in a historically and strategically central country in the Middle East there is now a popular government waging the fight against terror in almost exactly the same terms as Bush. Gosh. What a fool Dick Cheney is!

For all these reasons and more, the Bush team's reaction to calls for Cheney's scalp is a politier version of the vice president's recent famous rebuke of Sen. Pat Leahy — buzz off.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



— beyond the beltway —

Lessons from a scripted convention

by DONALD KAUL

John Kerry, by most accounts, came out of the Democratic convention stronger than he went in and almost immediately the Bush administration issued another terror alert.

I don't mean to suggest that the two events are connected. Republicans using the threat of terror for political gain? Heaven forefend. Just because it turns out that most of the information that led to the alert was three or four years old doesn't mean that the Bush administration timed the release to cast a shadow over John Kerry's moment in the sun. It was, undoubtedly, a coincidence.

Still, it makes you wonder, as it did Howard Dean, the former presidential candidate, who said, "I am concerned that every time something happens that's not good for President Bush, he plays this trump card, which is terrorism. His whole campaign is based on the notion that 'I can keep you safe, therefore, at times of difficulty for the United States, stick with me.'" both in it.

You can see right there why he didn't get the nomination — the man simply cannot keep from blurting out the truth.

Kerry, on the other hand, was stoic. He said he didn't question the president's motives and that he wouldn't. And that's why Kerry did get the nomi-

nation. The American people will forgive a politician many things, but telling them an unwelcome truth isn't one of them.

The Democratic convention, as effective as it was, didn't convince Ralph Nader that he should pull out of the race and clear the field for Kerry. In an interview with the New York Times he indicated that the convention's much-vaunted unity was a sham. "This isn't unity," he said. "This is repressed conformity in order to create the show."

Nader called the Democrats "decadent," and said that its nominee had voted for the war, for the Patriot Act, had failed to put a deadline on withdrawing American troops and wouldn't "touch the bloated, corrupt, military budget."

All of which is true, of course. If one needed proof that President Dwight

Eisenhower's farewell warning against "the military-industrial complex" had gone unheeded, the Democratic Convention was it. The four days were a triumph of velvet-fist-in-iron-glove politics, filled with flag-waving, heroic war stories and patriotic hymns. Every call for more troops, better weapons, a bigger military budget was met with roars of approval. What ever happened to that other Democratic anthem, "We need to cut the fat out of the military budget"? It's been changed to "What fat?"

The convention gave us an almost minute-by-minute account of Kerry's four-and-a-half months as skipper of a Swift Boat in Vietnam, but was virtually silent on his 20 years in the U.S. Senate. This from a party that twice in the past 12 years nominated a slacker to run against genuine, gold-plated

Republican war heroes and won both times.

So how come the Democrats didn't think it was so important to have a president with combat experience back then?

The times, I guess, they are a changin'.

The truth is that we now have two war parties in this country, and the only real national security argument between George Bush and John Kerry is over who loves the Defense Department more and who would treat it better. They'd award the military-industrial complex cabinet status if they could convince it to accept the demotion.

In that sense, Ralph Nader is right when he says the parties are the same. Nevertheless, I wish Ralph would quit the election.

While I agree that the two parties are similarly corrupt in many respects, there are crucial differences between them, in degree if not in kind.

The Democrats have embraced corporate America. The Republicans and corporate America are live-in lovers. If the Democrats are chicken pox, the Republicans are smallpox.

Those are differences worth paying attention to.

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Faith Extra

Minister's Moment:

Our youth need to see a change

by **RANDELL RENO**
ASSOCIATE PASTOR
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My wife and I received a precious gift just recently, the gift of a scholarship to attend the Billy Graham School of Evangelism in Kansas City, Kansas. We returned from that trip some eight weeks ago with a fire in our hearts to begin fresh new ministries in our area. We had talked about planting a new church for many months. This school confirmed our hopes for planting and we are resolved to

do so but just as importantly God has granted me with a vision for youth.

With a passion for Christ and the youth of Prestonsburg God has allowed me to set in motion a proposal to reach young people but something recently occurred to me as I pondered the examples that are being given to the youth in our churches today. We, the Christian adults (especially parents), are not like Christ.

Mahatma Gandhi once said if all Christians truly acted like Christ taught, then Christianity

would surely take the world. That is a sad reference to the state of the church of his time and it is even worse inside that which calls itself the body of Christ now some years later.

I have met several people over the years with my job and as a preacher in speaking with many of them I have heard foul language or have witnessed outbursts of vengeful anger. What I hear and what I see are conflicting. Recently I was taken aback and sent reeling when I found some of these very same men and women attending church,

under the guise of being a Christian. (This is not an isolated church.)

I am baffled by this. I do not know if we pastors and preachers are shying away of calling our people to repentance or if we, the shepherds of these flocks, have become so unlike Christ that we refuse to preach about sin. In either case the church and the very name of Jesus Christ has become soiled by the "Christians'" lack of living in the light.

I have heard over and over people use the excuse "I am not

going to go to that church it is filled with a bunch up hypocrites." I am saddened to say this is truth. Many Christians are donning a mask of Christianity but there is nothing of Christ inside their hearts. In truth it is easier to find an ungodly "Christian" than it is to find one that is faithful and true.

I heard one pastor say that the church has become so like the world that if the Holy Spirit was suddenly lifted from the earth the world would not see a change in the church. Why? Because we are not living in the Holy Spirit, we are Christians on Sunday, and as of late that means only for the hour or two that we are inside the doors. Sometimes not even there.

If you are not a Christian please let me apologize for the offensive behavior of those who claim the name of Christ, children of the living God, but don't walk in the ways of Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Paul spoke of such behavior in the church of his day in the book of Ephesians. I would strongly advise all who claim the name of Christ to read Ephesians 4:17-5:6

James too, addressed the lack of spiritual integrity to the flock. "Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world

makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: 'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.' Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up." (James 4:4-10)

Brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, I beg you to fall down on your knees in repentance and let's bring the light of Christ back into the world or else we will not succeed in leading the teens or any other to Christ. Remember this! We go to church not to put on a mask or a good face but to learn to be how to become just like Jesus. Today's young people are looking for something concrete to believe in. If we do not walk in the footsteps of our Lord our young people will not and cannot see a single reason to change. Live out your Christianity and put living like Jesus into practice and ask yourself, what do I look like when I leave the church's doors.

Housing program helps families help themselves

The Housing Program is one of the earliest programs of the Christian Appalachian Project. Formerly called "Home Repair," the name was changed to Housing Program in 1998 to reflect a broader scope of the program. Emphasis is placed on family involvement by helping themselves and obtaining self-sufficiency.



The Housing Program serves and assists in housing repair needs and construction of new homes in the following Appalachian counties: Johnson, Martin, Magoffin, Floyd, Lawrence, Knott, Clay, Owsley and Jackson. Minor repairs consist of the repair of leaky roofs, rotting floors and porches and other unsafe conditions to ensure safety and health.

Minor repairs also include the installation of vinyl siding, underpinning for mobile homes,

insulation for attics, energy efficient windows, and handicap ramps.

Sometimes, major repairs are needed. The CAP Housing Program also assists with such repairs that include adding a bedroom, bathroom, or finishing a home that had been started by a family. If the home is beyond repair, then new home construction is considered.

If you would like to participate in the Housing Program at the Christian Appalachian Project, several requirements must be met. The program requires a 30-day budget tracking program, after which time a caseworker will help you look at your spending and suggest possible ways of bettering your financial position. The caseworker will also explain the process of sweat equity, meaning, the amount of physical

labor that will be required of the applicant. If sweat equity is not possible, sweat equity alternatives may be worked out.

In addition to budget counseling and sweat equity agreements, the CAP Housing Program also requires the applicant to pay, if financially possible, for some or all materials that go into the home repair or construction. Such an investment tends to foster pride in the home and also ensures that the homeowner assumes some responsibility in the process.

Applicants needing major repairs or a new home need grants or loans to pay for the materials for these large projects. If your credit is less than perfect, the Housing Program will help you by providing credit counseling.

Families pursuing a new home will be ready to assume home ownership after completing CAP's home ownership training classes. These classes are a very valuable means to

begin home ownership. In addition to basic home ownership skills, the classes include information on such topics as foreclosure prevention, home maintenance, what to expect during the time of closing, timely bill payment and financial budgeting.

For more information on how to participate in CAP's Housing Program, you may visit the Housing Program office at the following address: Christian Appalachian Project, Housing Program, 6550 U.S. 321 South, Hager Hill, KY 41222. Or you may call Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (606) 789-9289.

Fire department receives donation from Honda

PRESTONSBURG — On numerous occasions, the Prestonsburg Fire Department has needed a watercraft that was more powerful, portable and capable of rapid response for swift water rescue and river and lake searches. Also on the list of needs was a watercraft with a reinforced hull with excellent stability and exception low- and high-speed turning capabilities.

Honda of Prestonsburg has responded to the department's needs by donating a Honda Aquatrax F-12.

Personal watercrafts today are one of the most effective rapid response rescue tools available, said Asst. Chief Chuck Davis. They allow rescuers an ease of deployment and quick launching. For surface rescues, such as overturned boats, person-overboard, a person caught on a rock in a river and medical emergency on a boat, such craft can reach victims extremely rapidly, which Davis said is invaluable when time means the difference between life and death.

As Labor Day — one of the busiest boating weekends of the year — approaches, the Prestonsburg Department of Public Safety reminds boaters to remember that they are in command of their boats and respon-



Honda of Prestonsburg has donated a Honda Aquatrax F-12 to the Prestonsburg Fire Department. The personal watercraft will be used to respond to water emergencies.

sible for their safety and the safety of their passengers and other boaters.

The "You're In Command" initiative asks boaters to focus on four steps:

- Always wear a life jacket.
- Take a boating safety course.
- Never boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Get a vessel safety check.

For more information on

boating safety classes, contact Sgt. Steve Curry, of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, or Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The next class is being held, at no charge, August 21 at the Prestonsburg campus.

For water safety courses, contact Stonney Burke, of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Dewey Lake, at (606) 886-6979.

Man claims mine blast damage to home

by **MARY MUSIC**
STAFF WRITER

CRAYNOR — A Floyd County man is suing a mining company for damages to his property that resulted from a mining blast.

Pikeville attorney Kristie M. Goff filed the suit on behalf of Dean Hall, a Craynor resident seeking compensation from the Virginia Drilling Company LLC, of Somerset, and Frasure Creek Mining LLC, two affiliate companies.

Hall alleges that both entities acted "recklessly and carelessly" when they set off a blast in September 2002 at a Frasure Creek mine site near Craynor, causing "severe" damage to his property.

"I don't think there are any other explanations for the damage," Goff said. "There was nothing else going on. None of the damage to his

home could be attributed to anything other than the blast. There's no logical explanation for it."

According to Goff, the blasting caused structural defects in the foundation, cracks in bricks on the exterior of the home, cracks along the interior walls and junction cracks in the corners of the rooms, which have caused water damage.

No final estimates of the total amount of damage has been assessed, Goff said.

Currently, she said, there is a dispute over the distance between the mining site and Hall's residence, which the mine claims is about 2,300 feet away.

In February 2003, Hall filed a claim with the company requesting compensation for the damages, but that claim was denied.

He's now seeking compensation, including interest, and punitive damages, with interest, from both entities.

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FLOYD COUNTY

Leslie Comstock Burke, 76, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, August 7, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 10, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Margaret Ellen Booher Clevenger, 46, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, August 8, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, John Scott Clevenger. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Glenn Stephen Frasure, 55, of Galveston, died Monday, August 9, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Kenneth "Kenny" Ray Goble, 60, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, August 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Wilma

Bailey Goble. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 11, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Flossie Johnson, 90, of Melvin, died Saturday, August 7, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Larry Ivan Leedy, 59, of Louisa, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, August 8, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Ann Holbrook Leedy. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Sandy Mitchell, 48, of Beaver, died Wednesday, August 4, at the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Reda Reynolds, 56, of Martin, died Tuesday, August 10, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin. She is survived by her husband, James Reynolds. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Vina Slone, 88, of Wayland, died Monday, August 9, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Helen J. Collins Sylvester, 72, of Warren, Michigan, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, August 4, at the Bortz Health Center, Warren, Michigan. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Gary Thornsberry, 45, of Wayland, died Sunday, August 8, at the Hazard ARH Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Lisa Lois Collins Thornsberry. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 11, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Gregory Martin Tussey, 40, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, August 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Anna Ruth Wakeland, 71, of Peebles, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, died Thursday, August 5, at Eagle Creek Nursing Home, West Union Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Howard "Hub" Billiter, 80, of East Point, died Monday, August 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Mabel Blair Billiter. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 12, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Ruth Ann Blanton, 67, of Staffordsville, died Wednesday, August 4, at her residence. She

is survived by her husband, Vaughn Blanton. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 7, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

Glenda Dean Dixon Boggs, 54, of West Van Lear, died Saturday, August 7, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Charles Hershell Boggs. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 11, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Clarence Edward Davis, 76, of Strunk, a native of Wittensville, died Monday, August 9, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Ann Holbrook Leedy. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 11, under the direction of the Pine Knot Funeral Home.

Patricia Ruth Hall, 73, of Nippa, died Tuesday, August 10, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 13, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Loretta Blanton Hunt, 54, of South Bend, Indiana, a Paintsville native, died Thursday, August 5, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend. She is survived by her husband, Dale Hunt. Graveside services were held Monday, August 9, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

Harmon Leedy, 63, of Thelma, died Monday, August 9, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Betty Blackburn Leedy. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Scotty McCloud, 67, of Hager Hill, died Sunday, August 8, at his residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 12, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Burnett Music, 68, of Paintsville, died Tuesday, August 3, in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Music. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 7, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Brenda G. Haney Stackhouse, 56, of Roann, Indiana, a Paintsville native, died Tuesday, August 10, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, James D. Stackhouse. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 13, under the direction of DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester Chapel.

Sammie Jefferson "S.J." Wells, 72, of Van Lear, died Monday, August 9, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Willa Dean Honeycutt Wells. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 13, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

Amanda Collier Bentley, 28, of Virgie, died Tuesday, August 10, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Chris "Big Guy" Bentley. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 14, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Robert Clay Blackburn, 46,

of Orange Beach, Alabama, a Pike County native has died. Graveside services were conducted Friday, August 13, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Robie G. Coleman, 75, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, August 11, at his home. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, August 15, at 11 a.m., at the Rockhouse Regular Baptist Church, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Larry David Matney, 51, of Rockhouse, died Wednesday, August 11, at Jewish Hospital, Louisville. He is survived by his wife, Rhonda Bentley Matney. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, August 15, at 2 p.m., in the Unity Freewill Baptist Church, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Josephine Blackburn Maynard, 77, of Turkey Creek, died Wednesday, August 11, at Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center, Phelps. She is survived by her husband, Ollie Buster Maynard. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 14, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Jesse Stephen Mosley, infant son of Stephen Garrett Mosley and Rebekah Lynn Varney Mosley of Turkey Creek, died Saturday, August 7, at Mt. Carmel West Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 14, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

JoAnn Ball Murray, 49, of Phelps, died Wednesday, August 11, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Christopher S. Murray. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 14, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Everett Roberts, 79, of Caney Highway, died Wednesday, August 11, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Catherine Roberts. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 13, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Anna Ruth Wakeland, 71, of Peebles, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, died Thursday, August 5, at Eagle Creek Nursing Home, West Union Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Toby Wesley Endicott, 34, of Louisa, died Friday, August 6, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Denise Howell Endicott. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 10, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Larry Ivan Leedy, 59, of Louisa, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, August 8, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Ann Holbrook Leedy. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bonnie B. Peters, 86, of Louisa, died Thursday, August

5, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 8, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

Margaret Ellen Booher Clevenger, 46, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, August 8, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lena Mae Collett, 79, of Essie, died Thursday, August 5, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bill Collins, 66, of Hindman, died Friday, August 6, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Herma E. Patrick, 66, of Huber Heights, Ohio, formerly of Knott County, died Wednesday, August 4, at Spring Creek Nursing Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 7, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

MARTIN COUNTY

Paul Lynn Bowen, 35, of Hode, died Tuesday, August 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Becky Marcum Bowen. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 5, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Clifford Raymond (Cliff) Caplinger, 70, of Ridgecrest, California, a native of Add, died Friday, July 23. Graveside service and interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, California, on Saturday, July 21.

Dottie Lue Fannin, 61, of Inez, died Sunday, August 1, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Henry Fannin. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 7, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Mollie Crum Smith, 86, of Deboard, died Sunday, August 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Burial will be made in the Crum Cemetery, at Deboard, under the direction of Phelps and Son

Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Toby Wesley Endicott, 34, of Louisa, died Friday, August 6, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 10, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Paul Cole, 60, of Salyersville, died Friday, August 6, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Patty Mullins Cole. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 9, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Charlie J. Miller, 76, of Salyersville, died Friday, August 6, at Clark Regional Medical Center, Winchester. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 13, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Ryan Thomas Yielding, 17, of Royalton, died in an automobile accident on Route 114, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Obituary

Opal Huff Bolen

Opal Huff Bolen, 87, of Rock Fork, Garrett, died Wednesday, August 11, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born April 3, 1917, in Mousie, she was the daughter of the late Lewis Huff and Dovie Nickles Huff. She was a homemaker, a member of the Rock Fork United Christian Baptist Church, at Garrett, for 22 years. She had been a Christian for approximately 53 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Bolen.

Survivors include her daughters: Nancy Shepherd, husband Arthur Shepherd; and Annis Shepherd; sons: MacArthur Bolen, wife, Margie Bolen; Ray Edward Bolen, wife, Ollie Bolen; Bethel Bolen, wife, Dorothy Bolen; Sterlin Bolen, wife, Phyllis Bolen; 14 grandchildren: Marvin, Mavis, Michelle, Sherrel, Shelia, Keith, Robert, Marcia, Sherry, Jennifer, Lisa, Valerie, Jeff, and Sterlin Jr.; 24 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, and husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, Glenna Bolen; son-in-law, Coet Shepherd; brothers: Curtis Huff, and Cullen Huff; sister, Herma Smith; one infant sister, Tita Conley; one great-grandchild, Austin Shepherd.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, August 14, 11 a.m., at the Rock Fork United Christian Baptist Church, at Garrett, with Rev. Willie Collins officiating.

Burial will be in the Robert and Opal Bolen Cemetery, Rock Fork, Garrett, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin.

Active pallbearers: Sherrel Shepherd, Marvin Shepherd, Jeffrey Ray Bolen, Sterlin Bolen Jr., Robie Bolen, Deon Howard, Lawrence Patton, Tony Minor, and Rich Reed.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Residents

because residents in the area fear for their safety and their homes.

During the meeting, they also considered flood woes voiced by Delores Lawson, of Hibiscus Court at Cliffside.

Lawson, who has been recently flooded twice, asked council members for information pertaining to the Prestonsburg Industrial Corporation, an organization formed several years ago to develop industrial sites in the city. That organization, Hansel Cooley said, is responsible for

bringing Schwann's into, the area.

Lawson was concerned about "what's happening" at Cliffside, where an approximate 7 acres of dirt has been left behind by C & C, Construction, a business operated by former Prestonsburg Police Officer Harpo Castle and James Pennington. Because of the material there, she said, water doesn't filter properly through drains, resulting in flooding of neighboring homes in the area.

Hansel Cooley said that construction companies must file

mandatory soil erosion plans to protect residential areas around construction sites.

Fannin said that the material taken from that site is being used in the road construction on University Drive.

Council members told Lawson to start fishing for information with the Floyd County Fiscal Court.

During the meeting the council also: n Held the first reading of an ordinance to annex Katy Friend Branch into the city. Mayor Fannin said the proposed

annexation is for the purpose of constructing a Huddle House Restaurant across from the Holiday Inn.

n Discussed personnel in executive session for nearly an hour. No action was taken upon their return.

n Appointed Danny Lowe and Rowland Gray Jr. to the Board of Zoning Adjustments.

n Held the first reading of an ordinance pertaining to \$890,000 in revenue bond sales for the city's water, sewer and natural gas system.

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Chief justice disputes legislative report on state's unpaid debt

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Chief Justice Joseph Lambert, speaking before a legislative panel Thursday, disputed a report that claimed the state's court system could collect millions in unpaid court fines and fees.

Kentucky's courts are ill-equipped to work as collection agents, and are constitutionally prohibited from doing so because of the state's separation of powers, Lambert said. Instead, the executive branch, which acts as the plaintiff in criminal cases, has that responsibility, he said.

"Courts do not have police forces, courts don't have jails. We do not have means required to enforce our orders," Lambert said. "The enforcement of court orders is fundamentally an executive branch responsibility."

Lambert was responding to

a legislative report being considered by the Legislature's Program Review and Investigations Committee which says the state is losing millions each year in uncollected revenue.

Lambert, Christian County Circuit Judge Edwin White and Harrison Circuit Judge Robert McGinnis appeared before the committee to raise the separation of powers issue.

White also disputed the report's figures and questioned its accuracy.

Among its findings, the report said courts could add about \$3 million to state coffers by collecting 10 percent of the outstanding debt owed by defendants. The report also said the exact amount owed to Kentucky's courts is unknown.

Lambert said that while judges could impose fines and issue bench warrants when a person doesn't pay, it's up to the executive branch to col-

lect. "It is fundamental for this committee to consider that when dealing with this, we do have constitutional provisions that bind us all," Lambert told lawmakers.

The judges said there were several reasons the court system would have uncollected fines, including that defendants may be incarcerated or be unable to pay.

Still, Lambert said the court

system would cooperate "in every way possible" by working with the Finance and Administration Cabinet and the General Assembly to "more nearly assure an increase in collections."

Aside from computer upgrades, the courts are also considering offering a credit card payment option. Currently, that option is only available in parts of Jefferson and Warren counties.

Democrats want more low-income families removed from tax rolls

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — House Democrats have modified their budget and tax proposal to remove more low-income families from the state's income tax, Speaker Jody Richards said Friday.

Low-income families of four who make at or below \$18,500 would be exempted from having

to pay state income tax, Richards told reporters in his office. That would cost about \$8 million more each year, Richards said.

"With the improved revenues in the last five months, we think that can be done without difficulty," Richards said.

Richards and House leaders met at his Capitol Annex office Friday morning to discuss the

plan.

Lawmakers adjourned in April without passing a state budget. Democrats have been negotiating with Gov. Ernie Fletcher since then to come up with a budget.

Kentucky state government has been operating under a spending plan crafted by Fletcher since July 1.

The Democrats proposal

would cost about \$49 million and would come from the state's general fund, Richards said.

Senate President David Williams was not immediately available for comment, an aide said.

Richards said he planned to send the revised plan to Williams and Fletcher.

Fire out at oil well where explosion killed three workers

The Associated Press

BULAN — Crews extinguished an oil well fire Friday that had burned out of control since a deadly explosion two days before, an official said.

Perry County Emergency Management Director Charles Colwell said residents who were evacuated were expected to be allowed back into their homes by Friday evening, after the well was capped.

Three workers who had been removing tubing from the well and installing a new pump died from injuries they received in the explosion. Inspectors are trying to determine what triggered the blast.

Rick Bender, director of the Kentucky Division of Oil and Gas, said making that determination will be difficult. He said the cause may never be known.

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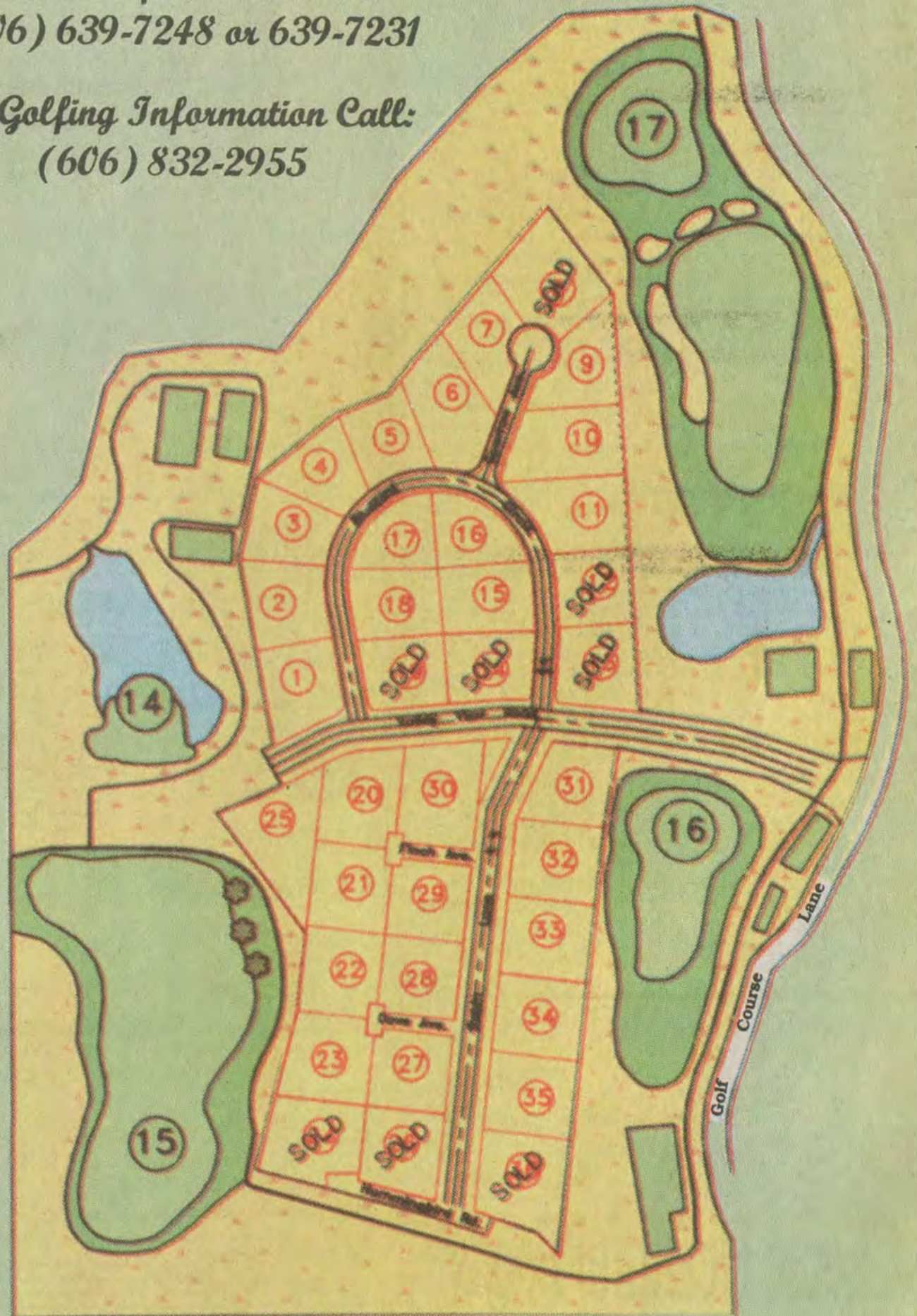
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Program studies Scotch-Irish legacy of music, moonshine in Appalachia

by ELIZABETH A. DAVIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NORRIS, Tenn. — To clear up a big misconception right off, the Scotch-Irish immigrants who settled in Appalachia didn't wear kilts and they didn't play bagpipes.

"Early immigrants didn't look like 'Braveheart,'" said Ted Olson, director of the Appalachian, Scottish and Irish Studies summer program at East Tennessee State University.

But the Scotch-Irish are responsible for bringing moonshine, music and that particularly Southern expression — "ya'll" — when they settled in the mountainous region.

The summer program at ETSU is teaching students about the history of the Scotch-Irish, how they adapted to life in America and their unique contributions to Appalachian culture.

"This program gives them an opportunity to look at the specific ways the culture might be shaped — something as simple as fiddle tunes or as general as the way we think," said Roberta Herrin, director of ETSU's Center for Appalachian Studies and Services.

The ETSU summer program started in 1988 as part of the center and has an exchange agreement with the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

The Scotch-Irish, also referred to as Scots-Irish or Ulster Scots, probably just called themselves Irish when they immigrated to colonial America.

They came from Ulster, a province in northern Ireland mostly settled by lowland Scots in the 17th century under the direction of the British monarchy. They were Protestant and

mostly poor.

The Scotch-Irish are generally considered to have been the largest single ethnic group to settle Appalachia, which runs from northern Alabama and Georgia to Pennsylvania along the Appalachian Mountains. Many people who now live in the region, particularly those in southern Appalachia, are their descendants.

Because of the narrow focus, the course usually draws history majors, Olson said. Nine students from ETSU and one from Edinburgh enrolled this summer. "I had known vaguely about Scotch-Irish connections," said ETSU senior Andrew Walters, a history major who wants to pursue a doctorate. "It is a great benefit to my academic career."

As part of the exchange agreement, the two schools rotate hosting the course. Next summer it will be held at the School of Scottish Studies in Edinburgh.

The students have taken field trips from the ETSU campus in Johnson City to the Cherokee Indian reservation in North Carolina, Cumberland Gap National Park and the Museum of Appalachia in Norris.

Paul Laidlaw, a graduate student at Edinburgh, said his only knowledge about the region was from watching the Burt Reynolds movie "Deliverance," so he wanted to come see Appalachia for himself.

"It's important for Edinburgh and ETSU to maintain this link," Laidlaw said.

The Scotch-Irish began coming in great numbers to America in the early 1700s. Most of them landed in Philadelphia, moved inland to find free land and ended up in the mountains of Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky,

North Carolina, Alabama and Georgia.

Known for being adaptable, they blended their culture with Germans, who mainly settled in northern Appalachia, other Europeans, Cherokee Indians and later with blacks, Olson said.

The new settlers were instrumental in winning the colonies' independence. Many of them joined the militia called the Overmountain Men, who defeated the British at the Battle of Kings Mountain in 1780.

Making moonshine is one of the elements directly linked to the Scotch-Irish. Most of the whiskey in Ireland was made in central distillers, but they found a way to make it for themselves in the isolation of the mountains.

The Scotch-Irish were adamant about keeping it from being monitored by the government. Many Scotch-Irish in western Pennsylvania fought in the Whiskey Rebellion of 1794, which was partly begun because the government wanted to tax

the liquor to fund the military, Olson said.

The language of the Scotch-Irish still lives today in Appalachia, but Olson's class tries to dispel misconceptions that people in Appalachia developed a dialect based on Shakespearean English.

One guest speaker, Michael Montgomery, a University of South Carolina professor emeritus and editor of the recently released Dictionary of Smoky Mountain English, has extensively researched the Scotch-Irish influence on Appalachian language.

Many people in the region still say "y'all," "you all" or "you'uns," which originated with the Scotch-Irish. Constructions like "might should" and "used to could" were also attributed to those people.

The summer program doesn't leave out the contributions of other settlers, and includes examples of Scotch-Irish adapting to new ideas. For instance,

Speech examples

Here are some examples of Appalachian speech patterns of Scotch-Irish origin. The Scotch-Irish features are set apart with quotes.

- We "might should" break the bad news to him.
- They have "done" landed in jail again.
- I can't do it now, but I "used to could."
- Can "y'all/you all" give me a hand?
- It's quarter "till" five.
- Would you mind "waiting on" me?
- It's a pretty skilled job "anymore."
- Snakes was everywhere going here and "yan."

Source: Michael Montgomery, distinguished professor emeritus at the University of South Carolina.

they brought some architectural features, but built with wood as the Germans did instead of stone, which was more prevalent in Ireland.

"It's a blend, and we're well aware of that," Olson said. "We're not trying to suggest everything would be Scottish and Irish influence."

ETSU is hoping to expand

the program in the future to include study at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow and to the Folk and Transport Museum in Ulster, Herrin said.

The university is also looking into providing scholarships for students to study abroad and offering the program during the traditional school year.

Judge refuses early release

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Pleading guilty or getting convicted of a felony is only the beginning of the court process in most criminal cases.

This anomaly is well represented in the case of Anna Booth, who is currently lodged at the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women at Pewee Valley. Booth was convicted of several counts of wanton endangerment in 2002, stemming from an incident in which she tried to shoot her daughter-in-law's mother, Barbara Keathley.

Booth was denied a motion this week by Judge John Caudill that would have seen her released after having served only one-third of her sentence. Booth tried using a rule of law, originally intended for civil court only, to get out of jail after serving 28 months, of her six-year sentence.

The rule, 60.22, provides for relief in cases where there has been a mistake or newly discovered evidence, but it has a clause that offers relief for any reason of an extraordinary nature. Under that blanket heading, courts are often besieged by felons who want an early release from their sentences. In this case, Booth was citing her parents' health issues as a justification for early release.

Booth's legal proceedings began March 19, 2001, when she burst into her daughter-in-law's home and pulled a handgun from the front of her pants. The room contained Angelina

Slone, the daughter-in-law, Keathley, her teenaged son, and two grandchildren.

Booth waved the gun around the room and asked, "Who wants it first?" She fired a shot at Keathley, which missed her narrowly, and everyone cleared the room.

Booth fired several rounds into Keathley's car before heading to the Wheelwright Cafe. Upon entering the cafe, she told the patrons that she'd killed someone and the police were called.

Trooper John Hunt interviewed her after determining that none of the rounds hit anyone. He informed Booth that Keathley was alive and was stunned when she responded, "I don't know how I missed her. The bitch must be fast."

Despite the preponderance of witnesses, Booth opted to take the case to trial. Days before the trial was to begin, she allegedly called Slone and tried to threaten her into not appearing as a witness.

Slone reported the call to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner and charges of threatening a witness were added. She opted at that point to plead guilty to the endangerment charges May 28, 2002.

Since that time Booth has applied for shock probation on two occasions.

Booth's letter requesting early release talks about her family needing her and includes a promise to stay out of Floyd County if she is released. She also blames alcohol abuse and mental problems for her crimes.

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Rick Bentley

Bentley honored as conference's top SID

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – For the second time in three years, Pikeville College's Rick Bentley has been honored by his peers with the Bill Sergent Award as the Mid-South Conference Sports Information Director of the Year.

"It is a great honor to receive this award," said Bentley. "Last year was a tremendous year for Pikeville College athletics, culminating with a national championship in women's bowling. It was a pleasure and honor to be part of the excitement."

Bentley, a 1989 Pikeville College graduate, has been serving as SID at his alma mater for eight years. He also writes a weekly sports column for two newspapers and is part of the Pikeville College radio broadcasts. Bentley shared the award in 2002-03 with Georgetown's Holly Ratliff.

The Mid-South Conference also announced that David Estes, the radio voice of Cumberland College athletics, was named Media Person of the Year.

Bentley is the former sports editor of the Appalachian News-Express in Pikeville, a position he held for 6 years. "Being sports editor laid the foundation for the things I'm able to do today," he said.

He also holds the title of assistant direc-

(See BENTLEY, page two)

Cards to face Iowa in opener at EA Sports Maui Invitational

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISVILLE – The University of Louisville will open its season against Iowa on Nov. 22 in the 21st Annual EA Sports Maui Invitational Basketball Tournament at the Lahaina Civic Center on the Hawaiian island of Maui as noted in the tournament brackets released Thursday.

The ESPN2-televised game will tip off at 5 p.m. EST (noon Hawaiian time) in the second game of the eight-team, three-day event.

It is the second straight year the Cardinals will open their season against the Steve Alford-coached Hawkeyes. U of L fell 70-69 in overtime to Iowa in the John Wooden Tradition in Indianapolis, Ind. to open the 2003-04 season before reeling off 16 straight victories. Iowa posted a 16-13 record last season, reaching the National Invitation Tournament.

Other first-round matchups, all of which are televised by ESPN2, include host Chaminade against Texas (2:30 p.m. EST), BYU vs. North Carolina (9 p.m. EST), and Stanford against Tennessee (11:30 p.m. EST).

U of L will face either Chaminade or Texas in the second round of the event on Nov. 23, playing at 7 p.m. EST in an ESPN2-televised game if the Cardinals win, or at 1:45 p.m. EST if U of L falls to Iowa. The final round will be played on Nov. 24 with the championship game tipping off at 9:30 p.m. EST on ESPN.

It will be U of L's third appearance in the tournament, also playing in the event in 1989 and 2001. U of L Coach Rick Pitino's 1993-94 University of Kentucky team won the Ninth Annual Maui Invitational, defeating Arizona 93-92 in the championship game.

U of L's complete 2004-05 men's basketball schedule will be released when completed in late-August or early-September.

WHAT: 21st EA Sports Maui Invitational Basketball Tournament

WHEN: Nov. 22-24

WHERE: Lahaina Civic Center, Maui, Hawaii

Johnson returns to gridiron

by STEVE LaMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – As a freshman, Ryan Johnson started in the South Floyd High defensive secondary. Johnson, a

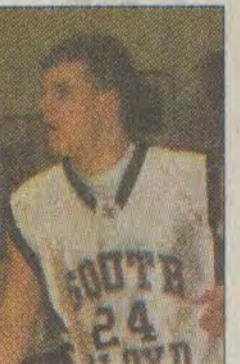
student-athlete who has already established himself as a strong performer in three sports – football, basketball and baseball – is back on the gridiron following a year away. Johnson could be the starting quarterback for the

Raiders.

The South Floyd junior, coupled with the rust from not playing football last season, has had to battle back

(See JOHNSON, page two)

file photo
Ryan Johnson has resumed playing football and is expected to get under center and help lead the South Floyd football team during the upcoming season.



file photo
The Betsy Layne Bobcats won the first game of the 2003 season.

Betsy Layne trio looks to lead Bobcats in 2004

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BETSY LAYNE – The 2004 edition of the Betsy Layne football team is set to take the field Friday evening against county rival Allen Central. Three Bobcats are looking to carry the load in the upcoming season. Bill Curtis Collins, Jordan Case and Kyle Akers are three leaders of the 2004

Bobcat squad.

Collins will hold down a running back position. A proven runner, the speedster can turn the corner quickly. Jordan Case will run the tailback slot and also see snaps from a fullback position. Kyle Akers is a 6-4, 230-pound lineman that several colleges have shown interest in as of late.

Betsy Layne spent most of the summer in the weight room under

the guidance of former coach Jackie Bush. The Bobcats attended several meets in the summer with two of those being held in nearby Pike County.

Glen Ripkoski stepped in late in the summer to replace Bush and that may slow the Bobcats in the early part of the season.

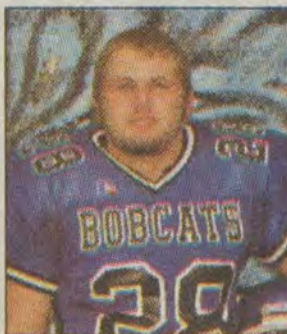
Betsy Layne ended a long losing streak that stretched over several seasons last year in the

opening game under new coach Jackie Bush.

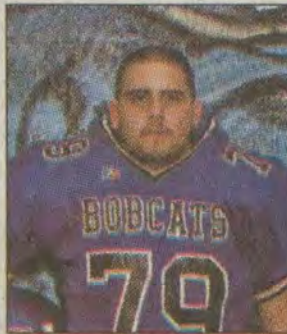
The Bobcats handed Allen Central a 25-24 setback at Allen Central. Betsy Layne will look to get the new season off to a fast start with a win over the Rebels on Friday. Betsy Layne will look to run the ball with the talented backfield returning, but the Bobcats will be armed with a passing attack led by quarterback Shawn Hamilton.



Jordan Case



Bill Curtis Collins



Kyle Akers

Mullins – South Floyd's 'Rock'

by STEVE LaMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – As a junior, South Floyd Raider Robert Mullins was one of the most feared defenders in Class A, Region 4. During the 2003 season, Mullins (6-1, 200), then a junior, recorded over 130 tackles, setting a school record in the process. He also plays offensive line and due to a season-ending injury to senior teammate Kenny Parker, could move into a ball-carrying role, playing fullback.

At outside linebacker, Mullins, a four-year letterman, possesses what his coach calls, "great range."

"Robert makes it easy for me to coach because he is so versatile," said South Floyd Coach Donny Daniels. "He leads a lot by example. He's kind of a quiet kid, but he gets things done on the field."

Nowadays in high school athletics, too many times, players often just go through the motions. Mullins obviously works hard and plays the grid-

(See MULLINS, page two)

Madness to stay at Memorial

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON – Big Blue Madness, Kentucky's annual beginning of the men's and women's basketball seasons, will remain at 8,500-seat Memorial Coliseum this year with an eye towards moving the event to 23,000-seat Rupp Arena in 2005. This year's event is Oct. 15, with tickets to be distributed on Oct. 9.

The athletic department was approached this summer by Van Florence, Director of the UK Basketball Museum, about the possibility of moving Big Blue Madness to Rupp Arena in conjunction with a Museum fundraiser. After thoroughly looking into the proposal, the decision was reached to keep Madness at Memorial this year while exploring the possibility of moving it to Rupp in 2005, when UK will be celebrating its 30th year in the downtown venue.

"There were a myriad of factors considered in making this decision and questions that need to be answered," Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart said. "Would tickets be distributed the same way they have been in the past? Would fans have to be charged to cover the expenses associated with moving the event to Rupp? How do you handle the contractual

(See MADNESS, page two)

Brooks likes promising newcomers

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – University of Kentucky head coach Rich Brooks spoke at the Lexington Rotary Club luncheon on Thursday and spent extensive time talking the new faces the fans will see in 2004.

"I feel pretty good after two days watching them run around," said

Brooks, whose team has practiced in helmets, jerseys, and shorts so far, per NCAA rules. "We're going to get better."

Brooks spoke well of the junior-college players that entered in January and will be playing for the Wildcats this fall, including defensive end B. Jay

(See BROOKS, page two)



file photo
Senior Shane Boyd will lead the University of Kentucky football team, calling the signals from a starting quarterback role.

PHS cheer clinic slated for Aug. 28

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG – As school is back in session, cheerleaders are also back to practice.

The Prestonsburg High School varsity cheerleaders will host a cheer clinic on Saturday Aug. 28 at Prestonsburg High School. Times for the clinic will be 9 a.m.-noon for ages preschool through fifth grade and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. for ages sixth through eighth grade. The clinic will include a

free T-shirt for each participant as well as free admission to the Western Coal Bowl on Labor Day Weekend. Clinic participants will cheer with the varsity cheerleaders prior to the football game that evening. Cheer technique, sideline cheers and dances will be stressed at the clinic. For more information contact Leslie Ousley at 874-0317 or 886-3891. Registration forms can be obtained at Prestonsburg Grade School, Clark grade school or Allen Grade School.



file photo
South Floyd head coach Donny Daniels talked with his team last season following a win over district rival Paintsville. South Floyd and other area high school football teams will be included in the Times' annual football preview special section. This year's special section will be included in Wednesday's edition.

Olympic flame reaches Athens' famed Acropolis

by DAVID CRARY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Greece — With the 2,500-year-old Parthenon as a majestic backdrop, a modern-day Greek sports heroine lit a cauldron Thursday night atop Acropolis Hill with the Olympic flame — home at last from a worldwide journey on the eve of the Summer Games.

Niki Bakoyianni, a silver medal-winning high jumper at the 1996 Olympics, raised her arms in triumph after touching

the torch to the cauldron at the Acropolis, one of Athens' most celebrated landmarks.

She was handed the torch by nine-time Olympic champion Carl Lewis, who was cheered exuberantly by huge crowds as he ran through the cobblestone streets below the Acropolis.

"We welcome the Olympic flame back home ... it will shine in the hearts of all people on Earth, carrying the message of peace and brotherhood," Athens Mayor Dora Bakoyianni told a crowd that gathered on a balmy evening beneath the ancient

floodlit columns.

"We are ready — let the games begin!"

The torch moves to the Olympic stadium on Friday, when the opening ceremony kicks off the games. But for many Greeks, Thursday's lighting at the Acropolis trumped anything that will happen during the extravaganza to come.

"It was a very big mistake" to light the flame at the Acropolis before the opening ceremony, said Georgis Karalis, a spokesman for the Greek organizing committee, underscoring

how deeply the imagery and symbolism stirred Greeks.

The Olympic flame wasn't part of the ancient games, and it didn't become a fixture in the modern Olympics until the 1936 Berlin Games, when it was part of the Nazi pageantry that promoted Hitler's beliefs of Aryan supremacy in the world of sports.

Its arrival at Acropolis Hill capped a final swing through Athens' suburbs after leaving the port of Piraeus, where it had spent the night after being carried on a replica of an ancient Athenian warship — or trireme — for a trip down the coastline.

Ferries blared their horns in a deafening welcome chorus as the flame went past newly built Olympic venues to the ancient Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion.

"It just feels great to be part of this. I am very lucky," said Greek weightlifter Valerios Leonidis, who carried the torch to the hilltop temple.

But the flame's arrival at the Acropolis was even more stirring.

"We welcome the flame at

the sacred rock of the Acropolis," Prime Minister Costas Caramanlis said. "Today, Greece is totally ready. We welcome the athletes, the Olympic officials and the visitors with all our hearts."

As a band played the Olympic hymn and the Greek national anthem, Lewis praised the country for being a gracious host.

"Everyone in Greece has been really nice, and I think everyone's going to have a wonderful games," Lewis said.

Since it was lit March 25 by the sun's rays at Ancient Olympia — birthplace of the ancient games — the flame has traveled an unprecedented 46,800 miles through 26 countries on a chartered jet named "Zeus," including first-time appearances in Africa and South America.

Highlights included stops at the Great Wall of China, and a host of celebrities carried the wood-and-titanium torch, from Pele and Tom Cruise to Nelson Mandela. Supermodel Naomi Campbell was to help carry it to the stadium on Friday.

The Greek leg through 29 cities and six major archaeological areas could provide a last-minute boost in Olympic enthusiasm, hurt by years of difficulties caused by construction delays and security fears.

Athens organizers said Wednesday they have sold half of the 5.3 million tickets available for the Olympics, following a surge in interest over the past two weeks.

"People really feel the games have arrived. ... The torch relay has created a great atmosphere," said Marton Simitsek, a senior games official.

Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki, the chief Athens organizer, called the flame's arrival at the Acropolis "a reminder to the world that Greece is the birthplace of democracy, philosophy and Olympism."

"The flame has united the world," she said.

On the Net:
Olympic Torch Relay:
<http://www.athens2004.com/torchrelay>

Johnson

from an injury suffered in July, a broken left clavicle.

"Ryan is gradually getting stronger," said South Floyd Coach Donny Daniels. "He's a good athlete. We think that he'll do fine."

Daniels said Johnson should get his full release next week.

"We're gonna leave him in at quarterback," Daniels admitted. "We've treated Ryan's injury like we would any other injury.

He's went through all of the non-contact drills."

With Johnson at quarterback, South Floyd gets a skilled athlete who can both run and pass.

"There's no doubt Ryan will allow us to do more things on offense," Daniels added. "We've talked about running the option and doing some more things with Ryan in there."

As a sophomore last winter, Johnson enjoyed his first season

as a starter on the South Floyd High boys' basketball team. In baseball, Johnson contributed greatly, often playing shortstop.

Going under center and calling the signals was somewhat new to Johnson, a player who as a freshman saw time on offense at a halfback position. Daniels expects the three-sport athlete to play in Friday night's season-opening game at home against Powell County.

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Mullins

iron sport with much heart and desire.

"I think he really enjoys playing the game of football," Daniels said. "He probably enjoys playing it as much as anyone I've coached. He does what he needs to do in practice, he does what he needs to do in the games and he gets done what he needs to do in the off-season. He's a very hard worker and sets

a great example for all of the kids in our football program."

Last season, Mullins played a couple of games where he registered 20 tackles or more.

"We opened last season against Powell County and Robert had a great game both offensively and defensively," Daniels added. "He comes ready to play every game."

Every football coach at every

level needs a more than capable player, a leader that can be relied on and Daniels has that and more in Mullins.

"He's like a rock. I can always count on him," said Daniels. "He's a tough ole' mountain boy and I can always count on him."

Mullins was recently ranked as one of the Top 50 Mountain Players.

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Brooks

Parsons, linebacker Cedric Koger, offensive tackle Ernie Pelayo, wide receiver Scott Mitchell, and tight end Jamir Davis. Brooks had very kind words on Parsons.

"He makes a lot of plays with his height (six feet, five inches), athletic ability, and effort," Brooks said. "He reminds me of Sweet Pea Burns in that he doesn't know half-speed, he doesn't know three-quarters speed, all he knows is full speed. He has a great motor and goes hard from snap to whistle."

Brooks also mentioned sev-

eral of the true freshmen who had made a good impression during the first two days of practice, including wide receivers Lonnell Dewalt and Dicky Lyons Jr., offensive guard Micah Jones, cornerback Jarrell Williams, and safeties Wesley Woodyard and Marcus McClinton.

"I said when Woodyard and McClinton signed that it was the best pair of safeties we ever signed in the same class," Brooks said. "After watching them for a couple of days, you can underline that."

Following Thursday's practice at the Nutter Training Facility, Brooks gave an injury update on players who missed the workout because of injury, cornerback Warren Wilson, wide receiver Dicky Lyons Jr., and tight end Jeremiah Drobney.

"Warren (dislocated toe) has to get the swelling down to the point that he is functional. It could be at least a week. It's not serious, but it is painful," Brooks said. "Dicky (sprained ankle) will be out two or three days. Jeremiah is day-to-day with a slight hamstring strain."

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obligations with concession and licensing vendors who have the rights at Memorial but not at Rupp? How do you handle the contractual issues involved with Pepsi sponsoring Big Blue Madness and Rupp having a contract with a competing soft drink?

"I believe answers can be found for all those questions, but with basketball practice starting in two months, we would be rushed to find those answers for this year. Madness is too special an event in the Commonwealth for us to move it to Rupp without having a rock-solid plan.

"There appears to be a majority of our fans who would like to see Madness at Rupp. We are

going to work towards that and see if we can make it happen for next year. Bill Owen at Rupp Arena has graciously offered the facility to us at no charge for this event. However, our event costs would go up because of the need for increased security and other ancillary costs. My preference would be, if we move it to Rupp for a year, to keep it free of charge to the public like it has been for 22 years."

"University of Kentucky basketball is very important to us, and we understand the athletic department's concerns," Owen, the President of the Lexington Center, said. "Our offer still stands and hopefully it will work out to bring Madness to

Rupp next year."

"We want to work with Van and the UK Basketball Museum to help him find additional revenue streams to fund that project in addition to the \$100,000 annual contribution the athletic department already makes," UK's Executive Associate Athletic Director Rob Mullens said.

"I appreciate the athletic department's willingness to work with us to make the UK Basketball Museum a showplace of the great history of Wildcat basketball," Florence said. "The Museum wouldn't exist without the support of the athletic department."

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Bentley

tor of athletics and is a member of the Unity Freewill Baptist Church of Rockhouse.

The award, named for long-time Cumberland College Sports Information Director Bill Sergeant, is voted on by Mid-South Conference SIDs.

"Bill Sergeant was a mentor for so many of us in this busi-

ness," said Bentley. "I want to thank the other SIDs for this honor, and Pikeville College for allowing me the opportunity to represent the school."

Bentley said the recognition was made possible by the cooperation of the school's coaches and the local media who share information about Pikeville College

athletics with the fans.

"Without the coaches and our local media, it would not be possible for me to do this job," said Bentley. "They are the ones who deserve recognition. I accept this award on their behalf."

Bentley pens a weekly column for the Times.

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Hilltoppers put on the pads

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BOWLING GREEN — Optimism and excitement were abundant as head coach David Elson, his coordinators and selected Hilltoppers addressed the press at Western Kentucky University's annual football media day Thursday.

"I'm excited about what we have done this summer," said the Toppers' second-year mentor. "Everyone keeps talking about how young we are, but we are also stronger, faster and

more physically fit than in years past. Champions are built in the offseason — I feel with what we have done so far that we are on the right track.

"After a few days, it looks like we have good depth. But, we still have to find a way to stay healthy," he continued. "The competition everywhere on the field has me excited about our prospects."

Western returns only eight seniors from last fall's 9-4 squad, although 32 letterwinners including 10 starters are coming

back. That includes the four individuals who participated in media day interviews: seniors Buster Ashley, Brian Claybourn and Charles Thompson along with sophomore Justin Haddix, a graduate of Breathitt County High School.

Thompson — a three-year letterwinner who has already earned preseason All-America and all-Gateway Football Conference accolades — leads a unit that ranked in the top 20 in the country in pass, pass efficiency, total and scoring

defense. Other starters returning include preseason all-league selection Brandon Smith, Getty Cavitt and Antonio Thomas, while Dennis Mitchell also started four contests, all over the final month of the season.

"We expect to perform the same as we have over the last four to five years, which is to top the conference in most categories," said Mike Dietzel, who enters his first year as defensive coordinator. "If we can be in that position in the league, we will be among the best defenses in

the country.

"There are plenty of talented athletes who have the tools to succeed, we just need to get them some experience."

Offensively, WKU will see both Haddix and Lerron Moore start in the backfield in their second year on the Hill, while Ashley will be joined on the line by fellow senior Ryan Thomas. Karl Phillips is the returning tight end, however Haddix will be looking for new targets at wide receiver following the graduation of Shannon Hayes and Casey Rooney — a duo that combined to make 82 catches in 2003.

"So far we have looked good, there is a lot of leadership being displayed by younger players," said offensive coordinator T.J. Weist. "The question is, who is going to fill in at wide receiver and on the offensive line? We are focusing on building a unit in camp, so the offense is behind the defense — but, that's the

way it is everywhere.

"We want to learn our lessons in practice, not in the game."

Western followed with a two-hour practice, the second straight day the team has worked out in helmets and shoulder pads. The session included a concentration on special teams coverage before closing the day with the offense working against the defense at midfield.

"The execution is getting better every day. We're throwing so much at them that it's hard to really expect them to perform how you want," Elson said. "Right now, more important than anything else, is establishing a practice tempo while teaching good habits and fundamentals. Eighty percent of our offense and defense is in already, now it is just about continuing to get the repetitions to improve the execution."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL '04: Even White doesn't consider himself Heisman favorite

by JEFF LATZKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NORMAN, Okla. — Jason White has everything a quarterback could want entering his final season at Oklahoma.

His favorite receiver and entire offensive line are back, he's got a promising, young running back at his disposal and he's as healthy as he's been in years. Despite all that, the 2003 Heisman Trophy winner doesn't consider himself the favorite to win college football's most prestigious award in 2004.

White went from question mark to superstar with a record-breaking, breakout season, throwing for 40 touchdowns and 4,708 yards. But then he and the Sooners broke down in the final two games, losing to Kansas

State in the Big 12 championship and LSU in the Sugar Bowl, and casting doubt on White's status as college football's premier player.

Not that it matters to him. "Jason's grounded," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "He's a blue-collar guy who likes to play and compete more than he likes talking with you guys or talking about the Heisman."

"He's going to be doing his best to win championships."

White, an unassuming 24-year-old from small-town Oklahoma, is the first returning Heisman winner since BYU quarterback Ty Detmer in 1991.

White keeps last year's Heisman on the mantle in his parents' house, but deflects most questions about the award. His

typical answers eventually circle back to the Sooners' championship hopes.

When pressed, he ranks his top target, Mark Clayton, and Missouri quarterback Brad Smith above himself on the list of Heisman hopefuls this season. Georgia quarterback David Greene, Southern Cal quarterback Matt Leinart and Kansas State running back Darren Sproles figure to draw consideration, too.

"Will those players be there at the end of the year? If they are, that's great," White said. "But you have to produce all year."

Sproles beat out White as the Big 12's preseason offensive player of the year. Leinart has been listed instead of White on some prognosticators' preseason

All-American lists. White shrugs off both slights.

"That's definitely motivation for some players," he said. "I'm sure I'm not the only player left off an All-American list that's going to be on an All-American list. It's motivation to work hard throughout two-a-days and throughout the season."

This will be White's sixth season at Oklahoma, and he's hoping it will be injury-free for a change.

In 1999, he received a medical redshirt after injuring his back and ankle. He hurt his left knee during his seventh game and second start of the 2001 season. Then, in 2002, he blew out his right knee in the second game of the season. Again, he was granted a medical hardship.

He ended last season with a broken left foot and sprained right throwing hand. White also had minor surgery to clean out his right knee. Those aches and pains probably contributed to his lackluster final two games, when he threw four interceptions and no touchdowns.

These days White is feeling great. Last summer, he'd run one day then rest for a few. During the season, he'd take off Mondays to recuperate. This summer, he's been able to work out every day of the week without a problem.

"I can tell a big difference health-wise and how much more I'm in shape," White says.

He's feeling so good he has aspirations of executing rollout plays and bootlegs to add another dimension to an offense that scored 42.9 points per game last season and is loaded again.

Clayton shattered school records with 1,425 receiving yards and 15 touchdown catches. All-American tackle Jammal Brown and center Vince Carter anchor a veteran line.

Then there's running back Adrian Peterson, the highly touted freshman.

With all that talent surrounding him, White has a legitimate shot to double his Heisman total and join Ohio State running back Archie Griffin as the only two-time winners of the award.

White said if he hadn't met Griffin, he wouldn't have even thought about matching the rare achievement.

"It's not like I go home every day and think about what if I won it two times," he said.

For now, White has more important things to do than get caught up in Heisman history.

"The Heisman Trophy's a great honor," White said. "It's something that I'll never forget. It's also something that you've got to put in the past. If last year was my last year to play football ever again, that would be a different story. I'd still be living on the Heisman. But I've put it in the past already."

Bears 13, Rams 10, OT

by R.B. FALLSTROM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — Lovie Smith's head coaching debut was a bottom-line success, even though it left a lot to be desired from an artistic standpoint.

The Chicago Bears overcame a whopping 19 penalties for 160 yards, capitalizing on Ahmad Merritt's 87-yard kickoff return at the start of overtime in a 13-10 preseason victory over the St. Louis Rams on Thursday night.

The 46-year-old Smith was the Rams' defensive coordinator the past three seasons before replacing Dick Jauron with the Bears after a 7-9 season. So this one meant more to Smith than a usual preseason game.

"Any victory, of course, means quite a bit," Smith said. "But this is home to me. Mike Martz is a great friend and I'm here right now because of what Mike Martz was able to do and help me do."

The novelty of facing their old coach has worn off just a bit for the Rams, after three days of joint practices with the Bears last week in Macomb, Ill. Martz, the Rams' head coach, didn't even mention Smith during his brief postgame remarks.

"It was really strange, but I'm starting to get used to it," defensive lineman Tyoka Jackson said. "It's just the way it is, life in the NFL. I wish him all the best except against us, but right now he's got bragging rights."

In the only other exhibition game Thursday night, Baltimore routed Atlanta 24-0. On Friday night, Kansas City will face the New York Giants at East Rutherford, N.J., the New York Jets visit New

Orleans, and Philadelphia is at New England.

The Bears didn't waste any time after Merritt's kickoff return, sending out Paul Edinger for the winning 25-yard field goal on the next play.

Penalties were not a problem last year for the Bears, who averaged 50 yards in calls per game.

"We had a bunch of them, but it was our first game with this offense," said backup quarterback Jonathan Quinn, who directed Chicago's lone touchdown drive. "We'll work on them and I'm sure they'll get corrected."

The Rams also stumbled with 12 penalties for 80 yards. Plus they had the only two turnovers, including a fumble after a reception by Dane Looker with 2:30 left in regulation to give the Bears the ball at the Chicago 29.

There were five penalties on the Bears' tying drive, four against Chicago, capped by Quinn's 1-yard pass to Gabe Reid with 10:04 to go. The Bears actually gained 118 yards on the 88-yard, 10-play drive.

The Rams were without Marshall Faulk, who rarely plays until late in the preseason, and offensive tackles Orlando Pace and Kyle Turley. Pace is a contract holdout and Turley hasn't practiced since Aug. 1 because of a herniated disc in his surgically repaired back.

St. Louis' makeshift line, a concern heading into the game, did a good job in pass protection and Marc Bulger was hit only twice. He was sacked once, by Hunter Hillenmeyer, to force Jeff Wilkins' field goal on the last play of the first quarter. A third line starter, guard Adam Timmerman, started despite

being bothered by a stinger in his neck and shoulder in recent days.

Backup Chris Chandler led the Rams to their only touchdown, a 13-yard pass to fullback Joey Goodspeed in the second quarter. The 38-year-old Chandler was 8-for-9 for 108 yards in the second quarter, showing nimble feet on a couple of plays.

Bulger played the first quarter and was 3-for-6 for 57 yards. Bears starter Rex Grossman also played one quarter, going 4-for-5 for 39 yards.

Thomas Jones had 53 yards on seven carries for the Bears, including gains of 17 and 26 yards on consecutive plays on the opening drive. Rams first-round pick draft Steven Jackson was impressive with 73 yards on 15 carries.

Ravens 24, Falcons 0
At Baltimore, reserve tight end Daniel Wilcox caught two touchdown passes, and the Ravens spoiled Jim Mora's head coaching debut.

Just like last year, the Falcons couldn't generate much offense without Michael Vick at quarterback. Vick left after the first series, and backup Matt Schaub went 12-for-24 for 108 yards and two interceptions.

Vick did, however, avoid injury, which made this outing a success compared to the last time he faced the Ravens. In Atlanta's second exhibition game last year, Vick scrambled out of the pocket and broke his right leg when tackled by Adalius Thomas.

Ravens quarterback Kyle Boller went 5-for-9 for 56 yards and a touchdown before giving way to backup Kordell Stewart in the second quarter.

Atkins, Martin named to Lombardi Award Watch List

HOUSTON — Two Marshall University standout defensive players, Kevin Atkins (Richmond, Va.) and Jamus Martin (Martinsville, Va.), have been named to the Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List for the 2004 season, the Lombardi Award Executive Committee announced on Wednesday. The award, which will celebrate its 35th year this season, honors the top lineman in college football.

Atkins and Martin both return to the Thundering Herd for their senior campaigns this season. Atkins is a 6-foot-3, 240-pound linebacker who paced Marshall in total tackles (100) in 2003. Martin, a 6-foot-2, 220-pound defensive end, tied for the team lead in sacks last season (6.5) and was second in tackles for loss with 15.

The 113 members of the Lombardi Award Watch List are comprised of 27 offensive tackles, 24 defensive ends, 20 linebackers, 13 centers, eight defensive tackles, seven offensive guards and four tight ends. Eligibility for the award is limited to down linemen and those defensive players who line up within five yards of the line of scrimmage.

The annual Rotary Lombardi Award Dinner will be held in Houston on Dec. 8, with all proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society.

In June, Martin was named to the Bronko Nagurski Award Watch List. The Nagurski Award is awarded to the top defensive player in college football, regardless of position. — Special To The Times

Coaches' wives to host Female Football Fanfare

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

RICHMOND — The wives of the Eastern Kentucky football staff are set to host Female Football Fanfare Saturday in the gym inside the Moberly Building on the ECU campus.

The clinic, which will run from 8 a.m. to noon, will feature basic understanding of football rules, terminology, and equipment; a basic understanding of positions; an overview of the ECU offensive and defensive systems; a tour of the school's football facilities; and an explanation of the team's support programs such as athletic training, strength and conditioning, and academics.

There is a \$5 registration fee for the clinic, and light breakfast food will be provided.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL '04: ACC and USC rising while BCS tries new approach

by RALPH D. RUSSO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The latest power shifts in college football are complete and could have a lasting effect.

The Atlantic Coast Conference — both new and improved — can now lay claim to the title of best league. Southern California is the team to beat this year — and potentially for the foreseeable future. And it's power to the people in the Bowl Championship Series as poll voters get a greater say in which teams play for the national title.

After the contentious departure of Miami and Virginia Tech from the Big East, football no longer plays second-string to basketball in the ACC.

"The atmosphere is a little more electric, I think, because it's a new challenge," Miami coach Larry Coker said of the ACC. "You know, you like newness, you like freshness. I think that's something this gives us, it gives our players, it gives our fans and it gives other members of the league. Trust me, these people are excited about us coming to their venues also."

The ACC now has two perennial national title contenders in Miami and Florida State and a half-dozen other formidable programs. The Big East, meanwhile, is left to search for an identity.

The ACC's new era begins in grand fashion Labor Day night when Miami plays arch rival Florida State. The championship hopes of both are riding on enigmatic quarterbacks — Chris Rix for the Seminoles and Brock Berlin for the Hurricanes.

Boston College is set to become the 12th member of the ACC next season, giving the conference enough teams to play a lucrative league title game. The fallout from the ACC's raid of the Big East is a major overhaul for much of Division I-A, with about 20 percent of 117 teams changing conferences in the next two years.

"You have to take all of that, what I call political stuff, and put it to the side, because the players, they want to play games," Big East commissioner Mike Tranchese said.

The players will have one less game to play this year. The 11-game regular season returns after two seasons of 12-game schedules (a calendar quirk: 12 Saturdays fell between Labor Day and Thanksgiving two years in a row).

The next 12-game season is slated for 2008, but college football officials are hoping to make the extra game — and the extra money — a fixture.

Under coach Pete Carroll, USC is again a fixture among

the nation's best.

After years of underachievement, the Trojans finished No. 1 in The Associated Press poll last year. Carroll's infectious enthusiasm has awakened the dormant giant and made USC the place to be for top college football players. The Trojans followed up their first national title since 1972 with the best recruiting class in the country and are being talked about as the new Miami.

"We've talked about national championships and the expectations and possibly being a repeat No. 1 and all of that. And that's what we want. That's what we will always strive for," Carroll said.

Despite losing four All-Americans, the Trojans start the season as the top-ranked team in the country. Quarterback Matt Leinart put up Carson Palmer-type numbers in his first season as a starter and tailback Reggie Bush is part of backfield flush with talent.

"I picked them third this year — in the NFC West," Washington coach Keith Gilbertson said.

USC might get one All-American back if the NCAA lets receiver Mike Williams return to college football. Williams planned to follow former Ohio State star Maurice Clarett into the NFL draft before the courts left them both in limbo.

LSU and Georgia have taken the place of Florida and Tennessee as the SEC's elite and are expected to challenge USC for No. 1, along with usual suspects Oklahoma and Texas from the Big 12 and Michigan and Ohio State from the Big Ten.

The biggest change in the Big Ten comes from above the field as the league becomes the first to use instant replay to review officials' calls.

The BCS standings produced a worst-case scenario last season, when the Trojans and LSU split the national championship. USC was No. 1 in The Associated Press media poll and the coaches poll after the regular season, but was left out of the championship game.

LSU beat Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl for the BCS title and the top spot in the coaches poll, three days after USC dispatched Michigan in the Rose Bowl. The result was the first split title since the BCS system was installed in 1998.

So it was back to the drawing board for the BCS. What they came up with was kind of retro, relying more on the opinions of poll voters than computer numbers.

Under the new formula, the writers poll, the coaches poll and a combination of computer rankings will each count for

one-third of a team's BCS ranking. In the past, results from the AP and coaches polls were combined.

Components such as strength of schedule, team record and quality wins have been eliminated.

Now the chances of a consensus No. 1 not playing in the Orange Bowl for the BCS title in January are remote.

"I still don't think we've addressed the issue of if we have more than two teams, like last year we had three that were all very close to the top," said LSU coach Nick Saban. He favors a playoff system, while university presidents are adamantly opposed.

"There is not a perfect tool out there in this system that will eliminate all controversy," said Kevin Weiberg, the Big 12 commissioner and new BCS coordinator.

So it looks like the BCS, which will expand to five games starting in the 2006 season to allow greater access for non-BCS conferences, is going to be around for a while.

Whether the same can be

said for Colorado coach Gary Barnett remains to be seen.

Barnett's program became synonymous with scandal during the offseason, as allegations of rape and using sex and alcohol to recruit players rocked the Boulder campus.

Barnett was suspended for four months for insensitive comments about two women who said they were raped by Colorado players. He returns to a team that was 5-7 last year and is not expected to be much better. It's a precarious situation, but as this season will prove, college football can be a forgiving business for winning coaches.

Mike Price and George O'Leary, both felled by scandal just as they were about to take coveted coaching jobs, return to the college sidelines, albeit at a pair of Division I-A outposts.

Price, fired by Alabama last year before he coached a game for after a night of partying at a strip club, was hired by Texas-El Paso.

"It's behind me and I'm moving on," Price said. "I couldn't be happier to be here."

The Miners went 14-34 the past four seasons.

O'Leary was coach at Notre Dame for less than a week in 2001 before he was fired for lying on his resume. After two years as an assistant with the Minnesota Vikings, he takes over at Central Florida.

The newest coach in the Southeastern Conference will also draw plenty of attention.

Mississippi State's Sylvester Croom breaks new ground as the SEC's first black head football coach.

The former Alabama player and assistant coach under Bear Bryant was passed over by the Crimson Tide when it was trying to replace Price. Alabama hired Mike Shula instead, drawing criticism from some Tide supporters. Croom and the Bulldogs face Shula and the Tide in Tuscaloosa on Nov. 6.

"To say I have not thought about it would be a lie," Croom said.

At Nebraska, coach Bill Callahan will be breaking new ground in a different way.

The former Raiders coach has scrapped the Cornhuskers'

hallowed option attack and installed the West Coast passing offense, hoping to return Nebraska to its dominant days by modernizing its approach.

Oklahoma has supplanted Nebraska as kingpin of the Big 12. The Sooners were being compared to the greatest teams ever when they started 12-0 last season. Then they lost their final two games. They are loaded again, led by quarterback Jason White, the first returning Heisman Trophy winner since BYU's Ty Detmer in 1991.

Leinart, Georgia quarterback David Greene, Kansas State running back Darren Sproles and Texas running back Cedric Benson are top candidates to keep White from matching Archie Griffin as the only two-time Heisman winner.

And speaking of Detmer, his record for career yards passing is in danger. Hawaii's Timmy Chang needs 2,218 yards to surpass Detmer's 15,031. Directing the wide-open Rainbows, Chang should have the record by midseason.

Four SEC Mascots on Capital One All-America Team

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

AUBURN, Ala. — As the campaign for the West Wing heats up, 12 other candidates have already put their best foot — or wing or paw or claw — forward in a very different election — the honor of being named to the Capital One All-America Mascot team. From this battle, Auburn's Aubie, South Carolina's Cockey, Georgia's Hairy Dawg and Kentucky's Scratch have emerged from the campaign trail as members of the glamorous Capital One All-America Mascot Team.

"Mascots are the heart and soul of every team," said Diana Don Colby at Capital One. "We are thrilled to give Aubie the recognition he deserves as a member of the 2004 Capital One All-America Team. Not only does Aubie have bragging rights as part of this elite team, he will be featured in a national TV ad campaign."

Capital One kicked off a new college tradition in 2002 with the Capital One All-America Mascot Team, elevating twelve hard-driving, ambitious, oddly proportioned mascots to the pinnacle of All-American. College mascots are no longer relegated

to toiling in the background unappreciated. Gone are the days of working their feathers, fur and tails to the bone in the shadow of flashy All-American quarterbacks, running backs and wide receivers. At last, these unsung heroes of the college gridiron have their own national stage — their own place in the sun.

In a quest to honor these unsung heroes, each year the company sends out a call for nominations to all of the nation's Division IA and IAA athletic programs with college football teams. From a list of contenders, a panel of mascot aficionados chooses 12 talented mascots to be members of the Capital One All-America Mascot Team. Judging is based

on how well the mascots interact with fans, good sportsmanship and community service.

Being named an All-American comes with its fair share of perks — the photo shoots, a national advertising campaign with ESPN personalities, the parties, the mascot groupies and the cash. Plus, each member of the mascot team receives \$5,000 for its school's mascot program. But being named an All-American is only the beginning. The 12 mascots are then embroiled in a fierce battle to claim the most coveted title in all the mascot land — Capital One National Mascot of the Year.

The 2004 Capital One All-America Mascot Team

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- University of Nevada/Las Vegas - Hey Reb
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- University of South Carolina - Cockey
- University of Georgia - Hairy Dawg
- Virginia Tech - Hokie Bird
- University of Kentucky - Scratch
- Western Kentucky University - Big Red
- University of Maryland - Testudo
- University of Minnesota - Goldy Gopher

EKU sets first Football Fan Day

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky fans, students, and supporters will get a chance to preview the 2004 edition of the Colonel football team on Aug. 28 with the first ever EKU Football Fan Day.

The evening's festivities get

underway with an autograph session featuring the team's players and coaches from 5:30 to 6:30 PM on the concourse level of Roy Kidd Stadium. The players will also be available for photo opportunities during that time. The event, which is free and open to the public, will also feature team posters while sup-

plies last and information about football tickets and Colonel Club memberships.

Head Coach Danny Hope will preview the team for approximately 15 minutes beginning at 6:30, and the team will kick off its first scrimmage of the fall beginning at 7 PM.

"I think this is a good way to kick off the season," said Hope. "I hope the community will come out and support us, and it's also a way for us to say thank you to our great fans. It's always special when you get an opportunity to interact with your fans."

Hope also said that getting the student body involved was a factor in choosing the date for the event.

"August 28th is the first weekend after the beginning of classes, and we wanted to give the students some entertainment that weekend. We especially wanted to give the freshmen, who are spending their first weekend on campus, a chance to get familiar with the tradition of EKU football."

The Colonels are set to begin fall camp on Friday afternoon with an afternoon workout that begins the NCAA-mandated five-day acclimation period. The team will begin practice in earnest with a two-a-day workout on August 18.

The 2004 football campaign kicks off on Sept. 11 at Appalachian State. The home portion of the schedule begins on Sept. 18 with a highly-anticipated contest against Western Kentucky.

Group fighting to keep Kentucky Colonels name off team merchandise

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The Kentucky Colonels, who have donated millions to the needy, don't want to give away their storied name to a new basketball team that's stamping it on merchandise.

So the charitable organization is fighting back.

The non-profit group — formally known as the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels — filed a federal lawsuit Thursday accusing the Kentucky Colonels minor-league team of trademark infringements.

"Imitation may be the most sincere form of flattery, but in this case it takes the form of unfair competition," the lawsuit said.

The dispute boils down to the team's hawking of Kentucky Colonels shirts and caps on its Web site. The team, which makes its debut in the fall, will play in the newly expanded American Basketball Association.

The team's name revives memories of the old Kentucky Colonels team that played in the original ABA — a rival of the

NBA — from 1967 to 1976.

The suit seeks an order preventing the team's Indianapolis-based owners from putting "Kentucky Colonels" on shirts, caps and other merchandise covered by the trademark.

The suit also wants all the disputed merchandise destroyed, along with equipment such as plates and molds used to make the items.

It also seeks unspecified actual damages, all the team's profits from the merchandise sales, and court costs.

The suit does not ask that the team change its name.

The ownership group, identified as Building Champions LLC in the suit, is headed by Stephanie Roach, who owns a large bail bonding company.

Michelle Kaiser Bray, an Indianapolis lawyer representing the owners, responded that the suit is based on "an absurd position."

"Such use on the merchandise and other novelty items is merely a secondary use of the trademark," she said in a phone interview.

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Cowgill receives Louisville Slugger Player of the Year Award

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISVILLE — Louisville Slugger and the National High School Baseball Coaches Association (BCA), in conjunction with Baseball America, honored University of Kentucky signee Collin Cowgill of Lexington Henry Clay Thursday as the inaugural Louisville Slugger Kentucky High School Player of the Year. Cowgill was honored in a special presentation at Louisville Slugger Museum. He received the award based on voting by BCA member coaches across Kentucky.

Cowgill hit .495, with 45 hits and 47 RBI's. He had 18 home runs, 8 doubles, and three triples in 33 games for Henry Clay Senior High School in 2004. He had an On Base Percentage of .618, with 113 total bases. In addition to being an outstanding player, Cowgill is also a tremendous student with a 3.81 GPA / 4.63 Weighted GPA.

"Collin Cowgill exemplifies what a student athlete should be," said Louisville Slugger President Marty Archer. "He is a student first, with athletics complementing his academic prowess. Louisville Slugger is thrilled to honor such an outstanding young man."

Louisville Slugger presented Cowgill with a specially engraved black and silver Louisville Slugger bat and a framed certificate honoring him as Kentucky High School Player of the Year. Cowgill is one of 48 winners nationwide. A player of the year was selected in 47 participating states and the District of Columbia by coaches who are members of the BCA.

"We are proud to join Louisville Slugger and Baseball America in honoring these fine young baseball players from all across the United States," said BCA Executive Director Jerry Miles. "These players have been selected by coaches in their

jurisdictions as the best player in their respective home states. We're sure to be hearing more about these players in years to come, at both the collegiate and professional levels."

Louisville Slugger initiated the State High School Player of the Year program as part of its 120th anniversary because it is proud of its rich heritage and tradition in baseball. Louisville Slugger bats have been linked to so many of the greatest moments in baseball history.

"Louisville Slugger is the official bat of Major League Baseball and in addition to all of our history, we have the majority of MLB players using our bats today," said Louisville Slugger President Marty Archer. "These State High School Player of the Year Awards are a way to honor today's high school stars for their outstanding accomplishments as they work to try to become the Major League stars of the future."



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COLLEGE FOOTBALL '04: Huskers, Gators, Irish try to turn it around

by EDDIE PELLIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — With his fate entangled among the accomplishments of the past and the promise of the future, Ron Zook stays faithful to one promise he made when he got his job: No coach in America will work harder than him.

But hard work may not be enough.

Entering his third year as coach at Florida, Zook has gone 8-5 in each of the last two seasons. During that time, there have been wild swings of success and failure, the term "fireronzook.com" has become a familiar college-sports catchphrase and there has been a general sense that not all is well.

He has company. Bill Callahan of Nebraska and Tyrone Willingham of Notre Dame are also coaches stuck in conundrums. They're trying to lead struggling, high-profile programs back to a level their fans got used to under more successful coaches, but they're forced to do it on a much more level playing field than their predecessors had.

"It's a challenge that gets me going every day," said Callahan, who replaced Frank Solich after his five-year stint as Tom Osborne's successor.

Of the three coaches, Callahan may have the most unique challenge. He takes over for Solich, who went 49-16 with the Cornhuskers but couldn't get his fans or his athletic director to

shake the feeling that Nebraska was losing ground.

"If you're afraid to play for the championship, that's a tough way to go through life," athletic director Steve Pederson said when he hired Callahan. "We're going to continue to strive to be at the top of college football. At Nebraska, that's the way it should be."

Indeed, while Solich led Nebraska to the Alamo and Independence Bowls in two of his last three seasons, Oklahoma won a national title and two Big 12 championships after Bob Stoops came aboard in 1999.

One reason for the Sooners' success was Stoops' willingness to change the offense and make Oklahoma multidimensional instead of run-oriented.

Callahan, whose expertise is in the West Coast Offense, is being asked to do the same thing. Any college football fan knows throwing the ball around the field at Nebraska is about as familiar as a heat wave there in January.

"You almost think that the world is coming to an end when you see that," Willingham said of the new approach at Nebraska.

A record crowd of 61,417 attended Nebraska's spring football game, a sign of the unwavering devotion to football, but possibly also a warning of how seriously they take it.

"I don't feel pressure," Callahan insisted. "Getting the program back to the position it has been at historically is an

awesome responsibility, one I look forward to."

Zook's challenge wasn't so much to get the program back to where it had been as much as to keep it where it was.

Over 12 seasons preceding Zook, Steve Spurrier turned the Gators into one of the most successful, exciting programs in the country, and when he left, they were ranked third in the final Associated Press poll.

Since Zook took over, hearts have continued to race around Gainesville, but not for all the right reasons.

Zook's first two seasons have almost been a primer on mistakes that first-time head coaches can make as they feel their way into a leadership position. Zook has been guilty of public-relations gaffes, bad calls on the sidelines and running an offense many people feel is unsuited to the talent.

All that aside, he has also notched some huge wins — twice against Georgia, and a big win at LSU last year that saved his season — and has brought in some of the best recruiting classes in the country, including Chris Leak, who is widely regarded as one of the best high-school quarterbacks ever.

Zook will need to do something with those recruits soon or else the obvious calls for Spurrier will be heard. The former head coach of the Gators is unemployed and still has a house in Gainesville, even though his return is thought unlikely.

"Even when you win them all, not everyone is happy," said Zook, a former assistant for Spurrier. "I remember them getting upset with Coach Spurrier about things. It's just the nature of the beast. You can't take it personally. It goes back to the expectations, and if they didn't have them, that wouldn't be good, either."

Willingham enjoyed a love affair at the beginning at Notre Dame. He was a calming influence after the debacle of the George O'Leary hiring, and

when he won his first eight games, the Irish faithful thought they had their next great coach.

But lately, the record that has been bandied about is 7-10, which is what Willingham has gone since that 8-0 start. They went 5-7 last year, posting their third losing season in five years — the first time that's happened at Notre Dame.

Indeed, they've been restless at Notre Dame for a while — ever since Lou Holtz retired and Bob Davie took over in 1997 — and nobody there wants to hear excuses about tough schedules or academic standards.

"You would like to be able to manage other people's perceptions, Willingham said. "But I think I'm a realist in knowing I can't. I think if you continue to do the right thing, eventually people will see that. I think that's what you build your program on."

Still, it's hard to quiet all the voices that surround Irish football. The biggest news in Notre Dame's offseason came when former Irish running back Paul Hornung, the 1956 Heisman Trophy winner, got in trouble by suggesting the school needed to lower its academic standards to "get the black athlete."

He later said he shouldn't have made those remarks. Nevertheless, the statement by one of the team's best alumni and its radio announcer (a position he has since retired from) added another mark on a Notre Dame program that has taken its lumps recently.

"I know people talk about the academic policy and that we don't take transfers, but that's why I came here as a player," linebacker Mike Goolsby said. "It's because you don't go for the gimmick. We stand for something here that is just as important as winning. Not to say you're holier than thou, but it can be done. It's been proven."

It's Willingham's mission to prove it again.

Gordon won't experiment at The Glen

by DICK BRINSTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — Jeff Gordon is one of those drivers with no worries about making the field for NASCAR's Nextel Cup tournament.

Still, Gordon has no thoughts of experimenting or taking chances in an extraordinary effort to win. Under the new points system, success is worth very little and failure is not severely punished this late in the season for those firmly entrenched in the top 10.

"We are looking to build momentum as we enter the final 10 races, and that's done by running consistent, fighting for the wins and finishing in the top five," Gordon said. "I don't want to change that game plan."

If the season were to end today, Gordon would be five points behind teammate and series leader Jimmie Johnson and five ahead of Dale Earnhardt Jr. to begin the Cup chase. That's the increment under which the points will be reset for the top 10 drivers after five more races.

Under the old system, Johnson's current 97-point lead over Gordon would play itself out to the end.

Now, Gordon — fresh from

winning Indy's Brickyard 400 — is at the Watkins Glen International road course, where his four victories are the standard. Two months ago, he won for the fourth time in Sonoma, Calif. — on the other NASCAR Nextel Cup course.

"Our track record at the road courses speaks for itself," Gordon said.

His eight victories on the serpentine layouts also are a NASCAR record.

Still, Gordon is making no assumptions about the Sirius at The Glen on Sunday. Twice he has lost on the 2.45-mile track after contact with other drivers took him from contention.

"I feel like we had the best car in 2003," Gordon said.

He set a qualifying record of 124.580 mph, but fell to the end of the field when Greg Biffle spun him out on the first turn of the race.

But the last lap was even worse. After racing all the way back to third, Gordon ran out of gas on the 11th and final turn. He was hit first by Earnhardt, then "clobbered" by Kevin Harvick and wound up facing the wrong way against the fence just 200 feet from the finish line.

Until the car sputtered, he made it look easy. But neither that performance nor his road-

course excellence threatens to push Gordon across the line between confidence and cockiness.

"I can't remember a time when it was easy," he said. "It seems there is always someone that is running well at the road courses."

At Watkins Glen that means Robby Gordon and Tony Stewart among the regulars. Road-course hires Ron Fellows, Boris Said and Scott Pruett also are among the best on the circuit.

But a sweep of the two road-course races last year probably makes Robby Gordon the most serious of the challengers to four-time series champion Jeff Gordon.

Both feel comfortable and confident going into the race.

"I don't know what it is about returning to a track as a race winner," Robby Gordon said. "Most of the time you get a bigger welcome back than the rest of the guys."

Jeff Gordon knows all about coming back as a winner. Four of his series-leading five victories this season have come at track where he leads all active drivers — California, Daytona, Sonoma and Indianapolis, where last Sunday he took the Brickyard 400 for his third win in the last six races.

Like Robby Gordon, Stewart has a victory on each road course. While he concedes skill is necessary to succeed on road

courses, Stewart believes teamwork is the key on this track up the hill from Seneca Lake.

"Watkins Glen seems to be more in the crew's hands and the engine builder's hands," he said. "Obviously, there's still a job that I need to do in the race car, but I'm relying on the equipment and the crew a lot more at Watkins Glen."

HAP Little League to host end of season party

Harold-Allen-Prater (HAP) Little League will host its end-of-season party Sunday. The party, scheduled to get underway at 1 p.m. will be held at Stumbo Park.

Any player who participated in HAP Little League T-ball of baseball is urged to attend.

Pizza and drinks will be provided. Players will also receive trophies.

For more information, call league president Mindi Watson at 478-1482.

BRIEFS: Lewis' trial to resume in Nov.

ATLANTA — Jamal Lewis' drug conspiracy trial is scheduled to begin on Nov. 1, the middle of the NFL season.

The date, set by a federal court, comes between the eighth and ninth weeks of the season, meaning that if the trial goes on as scheduled, Lewis could miss a number of games. The Ravens are at Philadelphia on Oct. 31, then play host to Cleveland in a night game the following Sunday.

Lewis does not expect to miss any games.

Lewis and Angelo Jackson, a childhood friend, are charged with conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute cocaine and using a cell phone in violation of federal law. Jackson is additionally charged with attempted cocaine possession.

Indians release Escobar

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Indians released Alex Escobar, making the often-injured outfielder a free agent.

Escobar was a key component of the December 2001 trade that sent Roberto Alomar to the New York Mets. But Escobar, at one time considered a five-tool player, was injured in two of his three seasons in the Indians organization. — The Associated Press

Colonels

She said the team is preparing for the upcoming season. It has signed a lease to play in a downtown arena and is selling season tickets.

"It's their strong position that the use of Kentucky Colonels in connection with its basketball team and any related merchandise could not possibly cause any confusion," Kaiser Bray said of the owners.

According to the suit, the Honorable Order obtained a federal trademark last February for use of Kentucky Colonels on T-shirts and other merchandise. The moniker has become a valuable property, the suit said.

The group sells its own merchandise emblazoned with Kentucky Colonels to help raise money to contribute to an array of causes statewide, said Glen Bastin, chief operating officer of the Honorable Order.

The suit said the Kentucky Colonels trademark is "inherently strong and distinctive, has long been the subject of substan-

tial advertising and promotion" and is widely recognized. It said the Honorable Order would suffer "irreparable injury" from the team's continued merchandise sales.

The team owners' "unauthorized use and willful infringement of the Honorable Order's trademark has damaged and is likely to further damage the goodwill which the Honorable Order has amassed," the suit said.

The Honorable Order attempted to reach a licensing agreement with team owners that would have allowed the team to use the name on the merchandise but was rebuffed, Bastin said in a phone interview.

When the team started selling the merchandise, "we were left with no choice" but to file suit, Bastin said.

"We must protect our intellectual property and our sources of revenue," he said. "Otherwise, charities and educational projects throughout

Crew chief changes for Petty, Green

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEVEL CROSS, N.C. — Jeff Green and Kyle Petty will have new crew chiefs and both teams have made crew changes effective immediately, Petty

announced Wednesday.

Three crew members, including former No. 45 crew chief Greg Steadman, will move to the No. 43 Cheerios/Betty Crocker Dodge of Jeff Green this week.

The move was precipitated by former No. 43 crew chief Gary Putman leaving Petty Enterprises by mutual agreement.

"I'm very grateful for the opportunity Richard Petty gave me at Petty Enterprises, and I am looking forward to the future too," Putnam said. "We both agreed we needed to try something different, so I am moving on to look for other opportunities."

Car chief David Hyder and race engineer David Hoelger will also move to Green's No. 43.

Engineer Garth Finley, considered one of the top in his field on road course setup, will handle crew chief responsibilities at the Watkins Glen, N.Y., race this week for the No. 45. A permanent crew chief will be named next week. Ironically, it is the third straight year Finley has served as an interim crew chief at the Watkins Glen race.

"We really appreciate the effort Gary and all of the guys have given us. These changes will be good for everyone," Petty said. "Greg Steadman has worked with the No. 43 guys before and has done very well there, and we have some exciting things happening with the No. 45 too. We are looking forward to the future."

Kentucky will suffer."

Kaiser Bray said the team owners had offered concessions.

The owners were willing to include "basketball" or have a symbol of a basketball accompany its Kentucky Colonels merchandise, she said.

The owners never got a reply from the Honorable Order, she said.

"This was their answer," she said, referring to the suit.

The Honorable Order has used the Kentucky Colonels moniker since 1931, the suit said. Since the 1930s, the group has contributed tens of millions of dollars to charitable, educational and preservation groups statewide. So far this year, the group has distributed \$1.4 million to 169 agencies.

On the Net:
<http://www.kycolonels.org>
<http://www.colonelsbasketball.com>

Fellows to pilot DEI Chevy at Watkins Glen

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Ron Fellows will pilot the No. 1 Nutter Butter/Nilla Wafers Chevrolet Monte Carlo for Dale Earnhardt Inc. in this weekend's NASCAR Nextel Cup event at Watkins Glen in upstate New York.

Fellows, widely recognized as one of North America's best and most diverse road racing drivers, has extensive experience at Watkins Glen and in NASCAR competition.

"We're excited to have Ron Fellows behind the wheel of one of our Chevy NASCAR Nextel Cup cars," said Doug Duchardt, GM Racing director.

"Fellows is one of the finest racing drivers of the modern era yet he has a quality that is increasingly becoming extinct in motorsports today: the ability to compete successfully in a wide variety of equipment, regardless of the environment. As we saw last weekend, Fellows brought home a Cadillac victory at the SPEED World Challenge GT race in a car he had never driven. Fellows has an amazing ability to adapt to a variety of race cars which is evident by his wins in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck and Busch Series, the 24 Hours of LeMans and the SPEED World Challenge."

Fellows has five NASCAR wins to his credit, including a number of stellar performances at Watkins Glen. In NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series competition, Fellows has two wins and three poles in 14 starts. Driving a Chevy CK for Billy Hess in 1997, he became the first Canadian to win a major NASCAR race since Earl Ross in 1974. Fellows went on to win the Watkins Glen event again in 1999.

In the NASCAR Busch Series, the Canadian has three wins and two poles in five starts. His victory in 1998, driving for Joe Nemecek's Nemco Motorsports Team, gave Fellows the distinction of being the first non-American ever to win a Busch Series race. He went on to win in 2000 and 2001

at Watkins Glen, driving the Bully Hill Vineyards Chevy Monte Carlo.

Fellows currently leads the American Le Mans Series GTS drivers' championship race along with teammate Johnny O'Connell. A championship this year would be Fellows' third in three years and second as a co-champion with O'Connell.

His racing duties in the month of August have varied in everything from stock cars to sports cars to sports sedans. Coming off a victory in the SPEED World Challenge GT for the factory Cadillac CTS-V racing team as well as a podium finish in the Corvette C5-R at Mosport, the Canadian has recently driven a wide variety of GM-powered racing cars.

"It's a good challenge to be able to adapt quickly to different types of race cars and I'm really looking forward to this weekend," said Fellows. "As a race car driver you never stop learning, and when the opportunity comes up to drive for Chevrolet in NASCAR I jump at the chance."

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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.

Two topics which never added anything to the sum total of human knowledge: the heat and your neighbors.

COUNT 'EM—ONE!

We don't have at hand the Division of Fish data on its recent population study in the lower reaches of Dewey Lake. But some of the other information available shows that the wild duck population again has had it. Hence Terry had 38 mallards at his dock. Thirty-seven found dead fish along the shoreline. And then there was one.

BROTHERHOOD

Sorry I can't repeat it verbatim—sorry I didn't think of it, in the first place; but this is approximately what an anonymous writer was quoted as having written:

"If you fail to go into the world and call others your brothers, others will find them and call them Comrades."

Recommended reading for all educators who have a sense of humor and for the rest of us, who are convinced we know more about education than John Dewey: "THE SABER-TOOTH CURRICULUM." This guy uses

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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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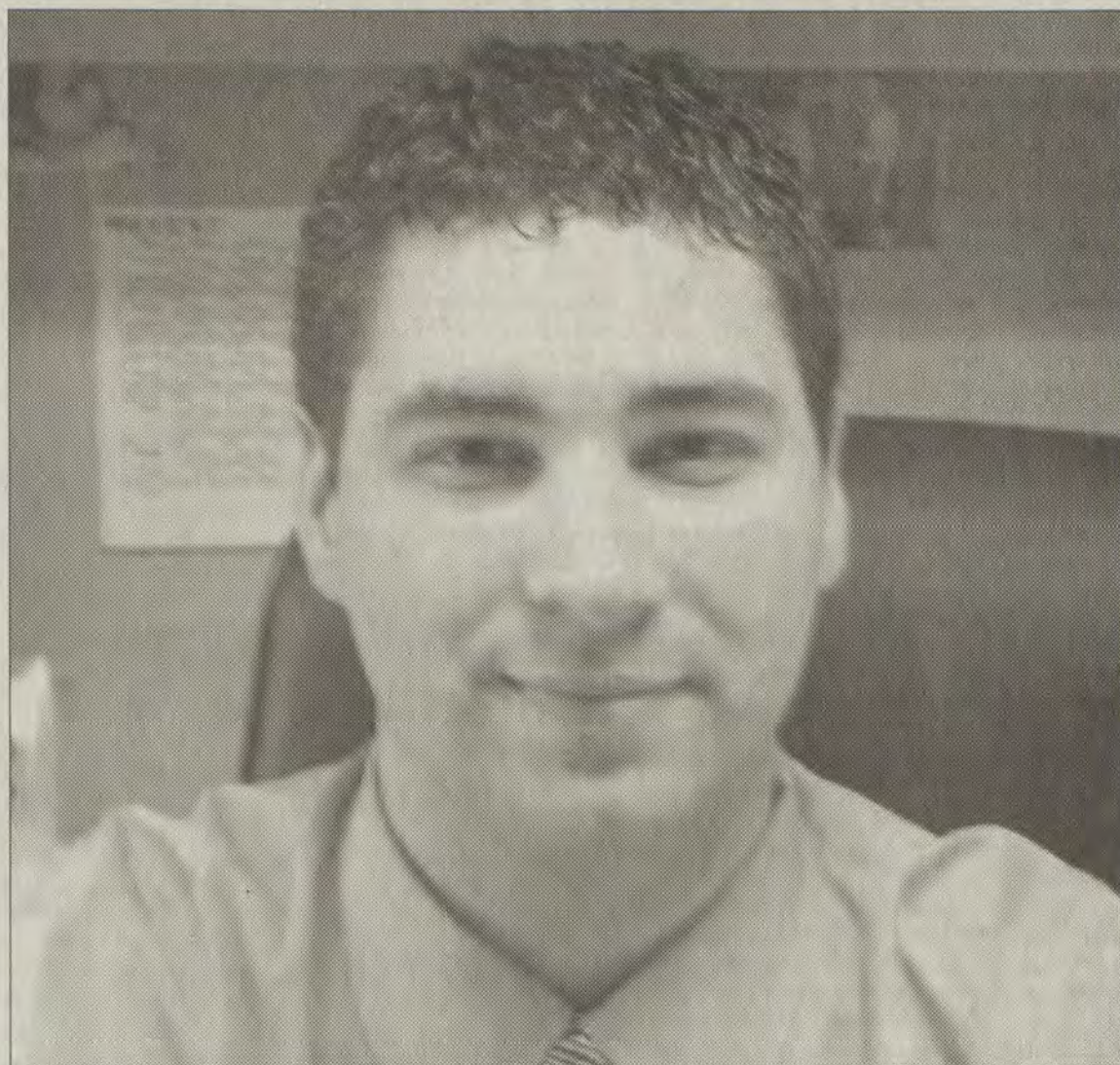


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Life quote: "The best doctor is one that doesn't act like a doctor. You don't have to feel like you're better or smarter than your patients. You should be on their level."—Dr. Tamara Musgrave

About 'Meet Appalachia'

I remember Chris Bailey when he was touting out perfect scores in Ms. Dye's science class in the eighth grade at Clark Elementary School. Back then, he was smart, courteous, and surrounded by friends who loved him. His life is filled with the same today. I tried to shake his hand when I left his office, but he refused. "I go for hugs, not handshakes," he said.

A handwritten note on the door of the clinic indicates that the crew is "out to lunch."

In the break room, he sits, blue shirt and tie, in front of an open pizza box, interestingly smothered with cheese and banana peppers. A fellow doctor, pharmaceutical rep, and office workers toss the bark about the little inanities of their childhood.

He laughs, remembering how "Johnny-somebody" used to curl his lip when he got mad.

Meet Chris Bailey, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and Chief of Staff at the Jenkins Community Hospital's Family Health Care Clinic.

Chris, 29, took his post there in June, after finishing his Family Practice Residency at Pikeville Medical Center.

"I've always wanted to be a doctor," Chris says, eyes smiling. He tells the story of a young boy receiving his first merit badge—a first aid badge—years ago.

Chris says he was a "closet" Eagle Scout, where he spent most of his childhood days with a group of wilderness-roaming boys headed by Episcopalian Priest Johnny Ross. He spent 18 years with the Boy Scouts, loving it so much that he withstood the hardships it caused in his social life.

It wasn't "cool" for High School males to be a Boy Scout, Chris said.

"Oh, yeah, he used to tell everyone he had some church thing or something to go to," Tara Fitzer, a pharmaceutical rep and former classmate, said.

Chris says he still gets prodded by

friends who tease him about being a Boy Scout in high school. But that's okay, he says. Each day of his life mirrors the values the troop taught him.

"I wanted to save the world, and all that stuff," Chris said. "I wasn't cool to be a boy scout. One thing is true, though. I'm glad I chose the path I did. I would have never come to what I wanted to do or be."

Chris didn't play the "jock" role in school. He spent most of his time studying and romping the outdoors with his friends.

After he graduated from PHS in 1993, Chris attended Alice Lloyd College, because, he said, the tuition was free and they helped finance his first year in medical school.

At ALC, he headed the cafeteria as Student Manager.

That job, he said, taught him that he wanted to stay in school.

Hard work is the key, Chris says.

"I'm not that smart," the doctor said. "I studied and I worked hard. There are a lot of people who are a lot smarter than I am. I had a goal and a head on my shoulders."

Chris' GPA dropped to a "C" average during his first semester in college. It's been a straight 4.0 since.

"My father dared me to quit," he said.

Chris says his family is one reason he's made it so far in his life. His father, Neil Bailey is a heavy equipment operator at a local mine. His mother, Mary Lou Bailey, who substitute-taught classes at Clark Elementary when he was attending, is a guidance counselor and secretary at PHS.

Being a doctor, and now, a parent, Chris says his children—Karson, 4, and Rylee, 2—will learn the value of hard work.

"My parents taught me to be hard

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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

THE INCREDIBLE TWO-HEADED TRANSPLANT(1970) THE THING WITH TWO HEADS(1972) Both Rated PG

You have probably heard the old saying "two heads are better than one." In the world of low budget films this is a misnomer. However sci-fi movies about two headed guys are definitely twice as goofy as your average single headed flick.

The film SCREAM taught us that there are ground rules for horror



Tom Doty
 Staff Writer

movies and this theory can also be applied to these two films about bi-headed characters.

Rule 1. Always put the head of a villainous guy onto the body of a gentle giant.

2. The actor playing the villainous guy must be shorter so he can stand behind the other actor and simply rest his chin on the big guy's shoulder.

3. Use a rubber head for the action scenes but keep the camera far back enough to preserve the double noggin illusion.

TRANSPLANT offers Bruce Dern as Dr. Roger. He is coming off a mental breakdown but ignores his doctor's advice about bed rest and opts to burn the midnight oil in his lab creating two headed rabbits. His wife (Pat Priest, of TV'S THE MURSTERS) worries about him relapsing and enlists his buddy Kev (played by America's Top 40 Countdown guru Casey Kasem) to try and talk sense into him. It's a good plan but it gets interrupted when Manuel Cass, a murderous psychopath who has just escaped from an understaffed asylum, kidnaps the wife. Dern tracks down Cass and puts him on an all lead diet with the aid of a shotgun. Dern goes way off script at this point and decides to graft the head of Cass onto his mentally challenged gardener, Danny. Cass takes over their body and proceeds to torment biker gangs and couples who park for a little necking.

The awful make-up, grade school acting and trite dialogue help this one succeed as a comedy but the scare quotient is minimal. Best Line: "If this little guy were healthy he'd still be alive."

TWO HEADS is the better film and manages to be the best two-headed action comedy ever committed to celluloid.

Ray Milland (FROGS) stars as racist millionaire who funds two headed research because of ailing health. When his condition worsens a

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Chicken Soup for the Soul: A hug and a kiss.



I've never lived alone until now. My mother, who made the decisions for the whole family, thought it was not proper for a young, single woman to live alone, so I lived with her until I was married. My husband and I were married for 51 years, and although he was away many times during his Army career, I had our children with me and was not living alone in the strictest sense.

When my husband died, our grandson lived in our home and remained with me for more than a year, but recently he decided he

would make the responsible move out on his own. Now, at 70-plus, I am living alone, in complete charge of my home, my cat, my car and myself. I can park on the left side of the garage, on the right or in the position I prefer: smack in the middle.

I have learned that lunch can occur anywhere from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and can consist of a salad, a sandwich or popcorn. Dinner can be anytime from 4:30 to 10 p.m., and can feature such delicacies as meat and veggies, bacon and

eggs, or even cheese and crackers. For those of us living alone, dinner is usually stir-fry, or the more properly labeled "one-dish meal." The important thing about dinnertime is that it should not interfere with my regular evening tryst with Tom Brokaw.

Living alone, I can eat fully dressed or in my pajamas and socks. My dining table is round with four chairs. I rotate my seating -- sometimes on the north side, sometimes south, west or east. No sense sitting in the same chair all the time. This

way I can see the dining room from all perspectives. No one is offended if I read or work a crossword puzzle while eating.

I haven't moved to the center of the bed, since my cat, Lucy, prefers the right side. Also, the radio is on the left, and judging from the few times Lucy has taken over the controls, her selection of music does not fit my taste, so I will maintain my claim to the left side.

Bedtime is another adjustment

(See **SOUP** page seven)

— Jim Davidson

In the end, it's between you and God

Have you ever felt so strongly about something that it literally overwhelmed you? This is how I am feeling just now as I attempt to put these words on paper.

Sometime back a friend sent me a short article titled, "Anyway," and it contained a very powerful message. I want to share it with you, but what made this article so powerful and so special is that it was written by the late Mother Teresa and was reported to be hanging on her office wall at the time of her death. The more I



thought about this article and how it applied to me, the more I felt compelled to share it with you.

Since the article was very brief, it became necessary to do some research to learn more about this true Saint of God, who I knew about and the work she did, but not much about her personal life. Before her death on Sept. 5, 1997, she had gained world prominence for her work in India with the poorest of the poor.

As the old saying goes, "That ain't the half of it." After my friend Amanda Moore checked out a few books for me from the college library, I began to read and learn about this humble servant of the Lord. It was not long before it dawned on me why I felt so overwhelmed. Just reading about this lady made me feel like I was standing on Holy ground.

If you will come, I would like to take you on a journey that began on August 27, 1910, in Skopje, an Albanian city in Kosovo that would come under Yugoslavian rule a few years later.

Gonxha "Agnes" Bojaxhiu, who would later become Mother Teresa, was one of three children born to Kole and Drana Bojaxhiu. Kole was a wealthy businessman with a degree in pharmacy and Drana was a young and beautiful woman of excellent character.

Things were good in the Bojaxhiu household in the early years of Agnes' life, with Godly Christian parents who set a good example of helping the poor and needy in their community. Kole often admonished Agnes to "never take a morsel of food that you are not prepared to share with others."

And then, when Agnes was only 8 years of age, her father Kole died and things changed drastically in their household.

When Kole died, it was soon to become a time of hardship, as well as grief for Drana Bojaxhiu. The whole burden of looking after the house, managing the family finances and educating the three children fell on her shoulders.

In her earlier life, her home had been famous for its parties and hospitality. Now, though she was poorer, her home was still famous for the important things: kindness, gentleness, generosity and compassion towards the poor. Her faith was very deep and central in her life and she brought her children up to live disciplined lives, but imposed few rules on them. They were to live to set an example for others.

Drana Bojaxhiu was certain that anything she gave to the poor, she was giving to God. She taught this to her children. "When you do good," she told them, "do it unobtrusively, as if you were tossing a pebble into the sea."

There is no doubt that the early years of Agnes' life, and her mother's example had a tremendous influence on her call to serve God. When she was 18 years of age, she had finished school and was thinking about her future. Reading letters from Jesuit missionaries, she again felt an inner voice inviting her to become a missionary to India.

After being in India for a number of years, in 1946 there

would be still another call from God. During a train trip to Darjeeling where she was making a retreat, she was suddenly struck by the extremely miserable conditions of the poor. At this time, she heard a call to leave her congregation and devote herself entirely to serving the poor. Then in 1950, the Vatican approved Mother Teresa's new congregation of sisters that was to be called the "Missionaries of Charity."

During the following 47 years, her work with the poorest of the poor would reach to the far ends of the earth and many honors would come to her that she never sought. Here are only a few of those awards and honors: John Paul XXIII Peace Prize (1971), the John F. Kennedy International Award (1971), The Templeton Award for Progress in Religion (1973), The Albert Schweitzer International Prize (1975), and the Nobel Peace Prize (1979).

Here is that article that I promised in the beginning.

"Anyway
"People are often unrea-

sonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

"If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

"If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.

"If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

"The good you do today, may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

"Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.

"For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."

To me, this really puts the cookies on the bottom shelf. While we may worry and fret about relations with our fellow man, in the end we have to be accountable to God for everything we do.

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DIABUDDIES CORNER

You should not put too much stress on your heart. Your target heart rate keeps you in the safe but effective range. The target heart rate is usually 60 to 80% of your maximum heart rate (which can be determined by a mathematical formula or stress test).

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

Cucumber Tomato Salad- 6 Servings

Ingredients:
1/2 cup rice vinegar*
3 tablespoons Equal® Spoonful**

3 cups unpeeled 1/4-inch thick sliced cucumbers, quartered (about 2 medium)
2 cups chopped tomato (about 1 large)
1/2 cup chopped red onion

Salt and pepper to taste
*Distilled white vinegar may be substituted for rice vinegar

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Combine vinegar and Equal®. Add cucumbers, tomato and onion; mix well. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Refrigerate, covered, 1 to 2 hours to allow flavors to blend.

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Carbohydrate: 6 g
Fat: 0 g
Cholesterol: 0 mg
Sodium: 3 mg
Food Exchanges: 1 Vegetable

Lagoon

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hasty transplant is scheduled but the only death row inmate to volunteer is black. Milland awakens to find he is now attached to former football legend and needle point enthusiast Rosey Grier. The racial disharmony this produces makes for a few laughs and some sharp social commentary but the movie drops most of that for some extended chase scenes. Here they briefly violate the rubber head rule as the two

headed dude hops on a motor cycle to out maneuver some of L.C.'s finest

This one is competently made and has more of a budget than TRANSPLANT. The effects by Rick Baker (THE NUTTY PROFESSOR) are decent and the performances by the curmudgeonly Ray Milland and the good natured Grier, are better than average. Best Line: "Do you have two of anything else?"

Soup

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that has occurred in the household. I can snuggle in at 9 or midnight. Who cares? If I awaken in the night, I can read or view a movie without disturbing anyone. Although I have learned that late, late shows on HBO or Showtime are a bit too risqué for my tastes, the American Movie Classics channel occasionally has a tearjerker from the '40s that suits me perfectly.

I have to admit there are some negative aspects to living alone, such as having to wait for company to come to move large pieces of furniture, eating the same meal two or three times until the leftovers are gone, having no one to hold the cat while I perform a delicate procedure with the clippers, and having to remove the dead bird from the dryer vent myself. There is also the gable that needs to be painted from the tall ladder, the lost key to the shed that I couldn't possibly have been responsible for, and the clock on the VCR

that continues to show the wrong time. There is also the matter of how to retrieve the cotton in my ear from the failed cotton swab and the notes I've had to post on the basement walls identifying each fuse and the water turnoff. There is no one to remind me what it was I was going to write on my "to do" list, and no longer an excuse to buy cookies and ice cream.

However, the deodorant and hairspray are always where I left them. I have time for myself to contemplate things, even if I have forgotten what it was I planned to contemplate. I have, in fact, established a new identity -- not daughter, wife, mother or grandmother, but a separate person in my own right -- me -- still a work in progress.

Don't get me wrong; I love company and am thrilled when family or friends come for a short visit. But I really do love parking in the center of the garage.

World

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such a keen scalpel, and his stitches are real dainty.

This is the sort of week that makes a-body want to crawl into the ice-box and pull the box in after him.

STORY WITH A MORAL

Once upon a time a certain man owned a piece of land on which grew grass and trees and briars, and some things which he planted. He had no idea of what lay beneath the surface. He had explored only for water by digging a shallow well.

Then came men offering to buy what was beneath the surface—coal, oil, gas, and all metals and minerals, with the right to use the surface for the extraction and marketing of same.

The man had, as they say, a

Bailey

working," Chris said. "I had to mow the grass, do the dishes, clean the house....My children will not be given everything in life. I want them to know that school is the only way to make it in life."

Chris' grandparents, Emily and Clarence Martin, bought him his first car when he went to college. He returned that car as soon as he could afford to buy one of his own.

Laughing, Chris recalls the time he was grounded for not filling up the ice trays.

"One of my jobs was to fill up the ice trays. I wanted to go somewhere and I didn't fill them up. I didn't get to go," he said.

"That may seem harsh, but those are things kids just don't have nowadays. You gotta be strict with kids. You have to be upfront with them and talk to them about drugs."

Since he opened his office at the Jenkins Community Hospital Family Healthcare Clinic, Chris says he's been getting a large number of "drug seekers" coming to see him.

He says he speaks harshly to those patients, as he has seen through the lives of various friends over the years, the damages that drugs can do to one's life.

It's far from worth it, he says. After he graduated from ALC, Chris attended a two-summer program at the Louisville Medical School, where he spent six week sessions working on cadavers, bodies donated to science for instructional or research purposes.

That encounter intrigued his interest in the medical field, one he carried with him to Pikeville College's School of Osteopathic Medicine in 1997.

The work was hard, but it was "fun," Chris said. He enjoyed

the classes—Organic Chemistry was his favorite—and the "drama" of the medical field.

His cadaver there was named "Thelma."

"She taught me a lot," he said.

By his third year at PC, Chris began taking rotations at the Pikeville Medical Center. That's where he met Dr. James Campbell, one of the most influential people in his life.

"He was very influential to me," Chris said. "The way I take notes and do my rounds mirrors the way Dr. Campbell did it...Prestonsburg lost a good person and friend when he passed away."

Dr. Campbell, who hooded Chris at his graduation in 2001, taught him to be considerate to his patients and their families.

During his rotations at Pikeville Medical Center, Chris learned another life lesson. Dr. Tamra Musgrave, an oncologist there, taught him that the "best doctor is one that doesn't act like a doctor."

Her words of wisdom are still chiseled into Chris' relationship with his patients. He feels it's important to get "on the patient's level," not to pretend he's "smarter or better" than them.

"I'm a hometown guy who grew up in the mountains, my patients respect that a lot," Chris said. "They like that I can talk to them not only about medicine, but about camping or going to work in the mines, like my father does for a living. I can relate to the things they do. I tell my patients to call me Chris. I don't like being called 'Doctor Bailey'."

After graduating PC in 2001, Chris went into family practice residency at the Pikeville Medical Center, a three year program.



photo by Mary Music

Good working relationships help the day pass by more smoothly for Chris, who works 50 to 60 hours per week.

Two of those years, he was Chief Resident.

Today, he sees 20 to 25 patients per day and routinely works six days a week. In the last three weeks, he says he's had one evening off.

The long hours are tedious and they take Chris away from his two children. His eyes teared up when he spoke about not being able to see them as much as he wants to.

"The balance of work and family is hard," Chris said. "It's stressful. I spend so much time working, I miss watching my kids grow up. You wouldn't believe how much Karson has grown in just 4 years. The past four years I've been at work so much that I've missed it."

He says he reiterates the importance of family when he lectures to students. (Though he

used to be terrified of talking in front of people, Chris now loves giving speeches.)

"When we first started in the program, they would tell all the students that the job is important, but family is the number one priority," Chris said. "I tell them that too."

Chris loves dancing and the outdoors—camping, hiking, canoeing—but is afraid of heights.

He is servicing Appalachia because "the Appalachian Mountains need to treat our own."

He loves the small town life and says he'll still be practicing here five years from now.

He is engaged to be married to Chrissy Hall, a nurse he met in radiology at the Pikeville Medical Center.



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Chris filters through files with his office manager, Robin Wright.

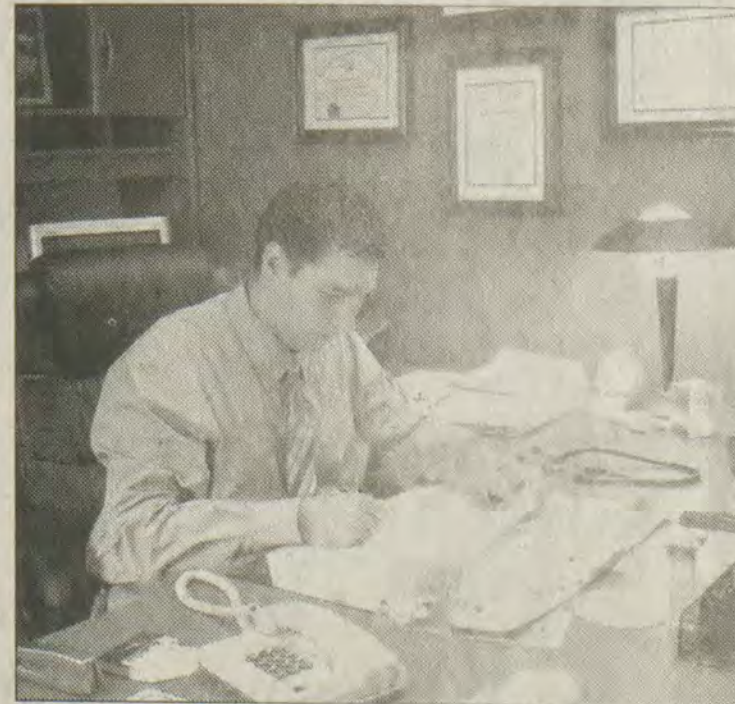


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