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Suspects in two robberies caught

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

ALLEN/MARTIN — Suspects sought yesterday in robberies at two local businesses were captured, officials reported last night.

April Leigh Cook, 24, of Mousie, and Scott Bradley, 23, of Martin, eluded authorities

as the investigation mounted throughout the day.

Reports from the Floyd County Sheriff's Office and the Kentucky State Police, which headed the investigation, indicate that a male suspect, wearing a hooded sweatshirt, entered the Allen Double Kwik convenience store armed with a handgun at

approximately 6 a.m. yesterday morning.

He left, taking with him approximately \$480 in cash and a carton of cigarettes, in a 1994 silver Ford Taurus.

That same vehicle, along with a few stolen cigarette butts, found its way to the scene of a robbery at the Martin Prescription Center

approximately three hours later.

According to T. Turner, a Martin Prescription Center clerk who was manning the store along with owner Stanley Scates when the robbery occurred, a white female, later identified as Cook,



Scott Bradley



April Cook

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Braves take Championship

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Trucker faces drug charges

by JOYAL FRAZIER STAFF WRITER

BANNER — A Morehead truck driver was arrested Sunday at Banner and charged with eight violations.

Dennis E. Quesinberry, 52, was allegedly speeding on U.S. 23 when he was pulled over by Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement Officer Thomas Gearheart to complete a safety inspection.

According to the police report, when the officer approached the truck, he smelled marijuana and asked Quesinberry about it. The trucker alleged told the officer that he had smoked marijuana earlier in the evening while resting.

Quesinberry had problems bringing the vehicle to a stop, according to Officer Gearheart's report, and when questioned about it, Quesinberry allegedly said he had been attempting to hide the marijuana in his pants."

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2 DAY FORECAST

Today



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Thursday



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photo by Tom Doty

State Sen. Ray Jones met with area truckers Tuesday at the Marathon station on Route 23 in Louisa.

Truckers continue call for state to enforce weight limits

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

LOUISA — Area truckers and owners again met with the media and a state legislator in an effort to curb overweight loads.

State Sen. Ray Jones, who represents Martin, Johnson and Pike counties, showed up to offer support and hear the concerns of drivers. The main message that he got was one of safety.

One driver, Dwight Bowers, explained his colleagues' concerns by saying, "Most of the companies that want you to haul overweight don't live here, so they don't care. Our families all drive these roads. We worry about them."

"There are so many things that can go wrong when you overload trucks. They through up gravel and coal, shred tires and when you have to hit the brakes, you are likely to lose a brake drum through some-

one's windshield. They aren't gonna notice us in Frankfort till one of these accidents involves a school bus and that's one tragedy nobody wants to see happen."

Bowers went on to point out the irony inherent in tourism promotion that seeks to bring travelers to the Country Music Highway: "How can they expect tourists to come back after having to dodge dead tires and

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Two dismissed from abuse suit

by JOYAL FRAZIER STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A motion was filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Pikeville to dismiss all claims against Ruth Blackburn, director of special education, and Paul W.

Fanning, superintendent of Floyd County Schools in a lawsuit concerning seven May Valley Elementary special education students.

This is the second motion dismissing defendants in this case. The first dismissal was filed last

September for Renee Conn, special education instructional aide.

Ned Pillersdorf, attorney for the students, said, "I felt bad for filing the lawsuit against them (Blackburn and Fanning) after I found out that

(See LAWSUIT, page three)

Acting chief tackles PHS problems

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Calling himself a "by-the-book person," Phil Paige, the interim principal at Prestonsburg High School, stepped up to his first site-based council

meeting Monday with strong opinions, chiding former school practices and offering suggestions for improvement.

Paige, former human resources director for the Floyd County Board of Education, accepted a request from Supt. Paul W. Fanning earlier

this year after former principal Ron Hampton was demoted for various acts of alleged misconduct.

Shortly after the meeting began, Paige told the council and several school officials in attendance not to

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Standoff ends after eight hours

by JOYAL FRAZIER STAFF WRITER

PRATER CREEK — After an eight-hour standoff that started Sunday night, Kentucky State Police and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department were able to take Billy Joe Hunter into custody without anyone being injured.



Billy Joe Hunter

Hunter, 26, of Prestonsburg, was arrested Monday morning around 4 a.m. after barricading himself inside his wife's resi-

dence at Prater Creek with a loaded gun and threatening to kill himself in the presence of his wife and child, according to police.

The arrest came at the end of an eventful weekend, which began Friday, when Hunter failed to appear in court to answer a theft charge.

Hunter's parents had posted his bond on the

theft charge, which allegedly occurred in April. They were in court Friday asking

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Man sought for Auxier shooting

Times Staff Report

AUXIER — Donald Roy Dotson, 51, was shot in the back yesterday morning around 10:30 a.m. as he exited a home in Auxier.

Police are searching for Michael Lester in connection with the shooting. Lester allegedly waited outside the Auxier residence where Dotson was visiting and shot him once, in the back, when he left the building.

Dotson proceeded to

Highlands Regional Medical Center and was later sent to the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center for treatment.

Warrants have been obtained against Lester on a charge of attempted murder. Police are asking that anyone with information on Lester's whereabouts call Kentucky State Police at (606) 433-7711 or (800) 222-5555.

Det. Mickey Watson is investigating the case.

Blair pleads guilty to assault, imprisonment

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — James Anthony Blair, 33, of Prestonsburg, pleaded guilty in circuit court Monday after his lawyer, Stephen Owens, had a chance to review new evi-

dence gathered since Blair's arrest.

Blair was charged in January 2003 with stalking, two counts of assault and three counts of unlawful imprisonment. On Monday, he agreed to plead guilty to

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Odds & Ends

■ **MARYVILLE, Tenn.** — Michael P. Monn's birthday celebration went a little awry when he was arrested while drunk, nude and covered with nacho cheese.

Monn was detained early Sunday as he ran toward a Jeep in the parking lot outside a swimming pool snack bar. According to police, he was stark naked and was carrying a box of Frito Lay snacks and a container of nacho cheese.

"The male had nacho cheese in his hair, on his face and on his

shoulders," Maryville Police Department officer Scott Spicer said. "The nude male had a strong odor of alcohol and was semi-incoherent."

Investigators suspect Monn climbed an 8-foot fence, broke into the pool snack bar through a window, threw nacho cheese on a wall and scattered chips on the ground. About \$40 in chips and \$7 in nacho cheese were stolen.

Monn was charged with burglary, theft of less than \$500, vandalism less than \$500 and public intoxication and was cited for indecent exposure. He was held at the Blount County Jail in lieu of a \$9,300 bond. It was Monn's 23rd birthday.

■ **JACKSON, Michigan** — A robbery attempt at an ice

cream store resulted in a not-so-sweet ending for a would-be thief who authorities say knocked over a large container of strawberry syrup and dropped his wallet.

According to police, the 24-year-old man apparently slipped in the goo during the break-in early Monday.

"It was kind of a giveaway," Jackson County sheriff's Capt. David Luce said.

A deputy responding to an alarm after midnight at TJ's Dairy Freeze in Jackson, about 90 miles west of Detroit, located the wallet and found a container of syrup spilled on the floor. It was unclear if anything was taken.

The deputy used the identification card in the wallet to track

down and arrest the suspect on a charge of breaking and entering.

"He still had strawberry syrup all over him," Luce said.

■ **FOND DU LAC, Wis.** — Chalk up another meaty milestone for Don Gorske.

The Fond du Lac man downed his 20,000th Big Mac sandwich Monday, while surrounded by spectators at a local McDonald's restaurant.

He already had made the "Guinness World Records" book for eating a record number of Big Macs before he hit number 19,000 in March 2003.

He has been eating the fast food sandwiches since 1972 at a rate of at least one a day, and said he has eaten a Big Mac from every state in the union.

Still, the 6-foot Gorske has maintained his weight at about 170 pounds.

■ **OMAHA, Neb.** — A local homeless shelter has purchased a neighboring bar and plans to build something oddly appropriate where the old tavern now stands: a drug and alcohol treatment center.

South Omaha's Stephen Center shelter bought the South Seven bar this month, said Del Bomberger, executive director of the shelter. He said the bar

will be knocked down to make room for a new residential treatment center.

Bomberger said the bar had long been a problem for the shelter, because many of the shelter's patrons had drinking and drug problems and were able to get alcohol and drugs in and around the tavern.

The irony of building a treatment center on land where a bar once stood was not lost on Bomberger.

"It's really kind of a fun conversation," he said.

■ **STEVENS POINT, Wis.** — When a black bear wandered into the city and climbed up a tree, residents here didn't panic or rush away. In fact, they did the opposite.

A crowd of screaming well-wishers gathered underneath the tree, causing the panicked animal to climb farther up and making the limbs wobble.

That was scary, and the bear became too afraid to come down.

Stevens Point resident Barb Yach said neighbors took turns on "bear watch" during the day to make sure it didn't get hurt.

Officials said they initially didn't want to tranquilize the 2-year-old bear, citing a recommendation from the state

Department of Natural Resources to wait for it to leave on its own.

But about 16 hours into the ordeal, something had to be done. Finally, a Wildlife Services employee fired two tranquilizers into the 140-pound animal Saturday evening.

Authorities then dragged the bear onto a forklift and it put into a cage, to the cheers of about 50 onlookers.

Officials said the bear probably had wandered away from the nearby Schmeckle Reserve.

■ **MADISON, Neb.** — Are Nebraskans ready for bull fries? Jackie Williams, of Valentine, is the proprietor of the portable Potato Hut at this year's Madison County Fair and Rodeo. She says even when people find out what the fries really are — bull's testicles — nine out of 10 fair-goers still want to do a taste test.

True bull fry lovers can go for a whopping half-pound, 10-piece serving of bull fries included on the menu of the Potato Hut, which Williams co-owns and runs with her husband, Dustin.

And there's more than just novelty to the fries, according to Williams.

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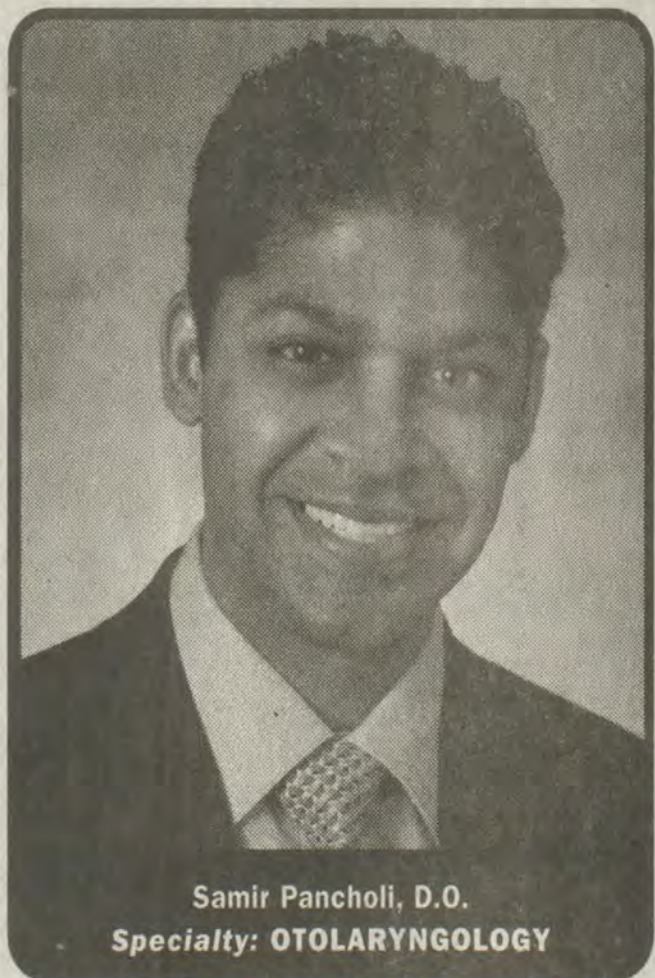
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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 21, the 203rd day of 2004. There are 163 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 21, 1925, what's called the "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tenn., with John T. Scopes convicted of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned.)

On this date:

■ In 1831, Belgium became independent as Leopold I was proclaimed King of the Belgians.

■ In 1861, the first Battle of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Va., resulting in a Confederate victory.

■ In 1899, author Ernest Hemingway was born in Oak Park, Ill.; poet Hart Crane was born in Garrettsville, Ohio.

■ In 1944, American forces landed on Guam during World War II.

■ In 1949, the U.S. Senate ratified the North Atlantic Treaty.

■ In 1954, 50 years ago, the Geneva Accords divided Vietnam into northern and southern entities.

■ In 1961, Captain Virgil "Gus" Grissom became the second American to rocket into a sub-orbital pattern around the Earth, flying aboard the "Liberty Bell Seven."

■ In 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blasted off from the moon aboard the lunar module.

■ In 1980, draft registration began in the United States for 19- and 20-year-old men.

■ In 2002, telecommunications giant WorldCom Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection, about a month after disclosing it had inflated profits by nearly \$4 billion through deceptive accounting.

Ten years ago:

Former Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott died in Falls Church, Va., at age 93. Britain's Labor Party elected Tony Blair its new leader, succeeding the late John Smith.

Five years ago:

Navy divers found the bodies of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and sister-in-law, Lauren Bessette, in the wreckage of Kennedy's plane in the Atlantic Ocean off Martha's Vineyard. Advertising executive David Ogilvy died in Bonnes, France, at age 88.

One year ago:

President Bush said he was working to persuade more nations to help in Iraq. Carlton Dotson Jr., the roommate of missing Baylor basketball player Patrick Dennehy, was arrested and charged with Dennehy's murder.

Today's Birthdays:

Jazz musician-critic Billy Taylor is 83. Singer Kay Starr is 82. Actor-comedian Don Knotts is 80. Movie director Norman Jewison is 78. Actor Paul Burke is 78. Former Attorney General Janet Reno is 66. Actress Patricia Elliott is 62. Actor David Downing is 61. Actor Edward Herrmann is 61. Actor Leigh Lawson is 59. Actor Wendell Burton is 57. Actor Art Hindle is 56. Singer Yusuf Islam (formerly Cat Stevens) is 56. Comedian-actor Robin Williams is 52. Comedian Jon Lovitz is 47. Actor Lance Guest is 44. Actor Matt Mulhern is 44. Rock musician Koen Lieckens (K's Choice) is 38. Rock singer Emerson Hart (Tonic) is 35. Country singer Paul Brandt is 32. Actor Josh Hartnett is 26.

Country singer Brad Mates (Emerson Drive) is 26. Actress Vanessa Lengies ("American Dreams") is 19. Actor Jamie Waylett ("Harry Potter" films) is 15.

Thought for Today:

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Lawsuit

they acted heroically in trying to find out what was wrong with the children."

The amended complaint now lists the Floyd County Board of Education, principal and vice principal, three members of May Valley's staff and at least two unspecified school employees, along with Marty Mullins, who is alleged to have abused and neglected the children.

The lawsuit pinpoints Mullins, claiming that he subjected the seven Behavioral Disorder Unit students named in the lawsuit to mental and physical abuse on numerous occasions between January to mid-September 2003.

The students ranged in age from 5 to 11 years old during the time of the alleged abuse, according to records from the Cabinet for Families and Children.

According to the amended lawsuit filed Monday, the lawsuit comes as an "action against a school system, its officials and

employees, resulting from pervasive mental and physical abuse of disabled students and harassment and discrimination of disabled students, based on their disabilities, who were placed in an Emotional/Behavior Disorder classroom at the May Valley Elementary School in Floyd County. The plaintiffs allege that school officials were aware of and were deliberately indifferent to, a brutal and humiliating campaign of mental and physical abuse inflicted upon the disabled students by their instructional aide, Marty Mullins. Plaintiffs also claim that as a result of the school system and school officials' discriminatory policies and practices, that after the Defendants received reports of aide Mullins abusing the children and even after they witnessed aide Mullins abuse the children, they refused to take steps to remedy mental and physical abuse and discrimination against the children by the perpetrator, aide

Mullins. The Plaintiffs claim that the Defendants conspired to conceal the abuse of the children from the parents."

The lawsuit claims that Mullins began a long series of abuse by calling one 11-year-old student names such as "long haired b***h," "long-haired girl" and "faggot" during school in January of last year. This allegedly led to Mullins pushing the student to the floor and then sitting on top of him, pressing his weight on him, putting his arm on the back of his neck and applying force to his neck, according to statements obtained for the suit. The student also stated that, "Mr. Mullins has made many threats to cut my f***ing head off."

The student reported the

alleged abuse to his teachers, including special education teacher Mattie Donta. Donta did not respond to the complaint and Mullins denied the abuse, the lawsuit says.

On at least six occasions either one of the children or the child and his mother went to the principal and/or vice principal to report abuse. According to the suit, principal Carole Combs allegedly refused to investigate, saying that Mullins was "like a big teddy bear" and contended that he "loves kids".

Finally Combs and assistant principal Tonya Williams allegedly told the student's mother they were "tired" of the complaints and that they did not believe the reports.

The children all stated that they had witnessed or experienced Mullins, allegedly at one time or another, shove, push, kick, punch, pinch, twist their arms behind their backs, twist their wrists, use pressure points to bring them to their knees, slam them against walls, sit on them or lock them in the bathroom as punishment.

The lawsuit claims that on Aug. 30, Behavior Disorder Unit teacher Justin Amberg "ordered" the student who allegedly suffered the most abuse to go into the EBD classroom bathroom with Mullins as punishment for yelling out the answer to questions before being called on. The student began crying at the thought of going into the bathroom with Mullins, the lawsuit claims, because he had been subjected to abuse in the room several times before, but was told he had "misbehaved" and "it would be worse" if he did not go into the bathroom with Mullins.

The abuse was again reported to Combs and again she refused to respond, the lawsuit says.

In mid-September 2003, the 11-year-old student's mother took pictures of the bruises and red marks left on her son's body, and on Sept. 13, the Cabinet for Families and Children initiated an investigation into the claims.

Reports from social worker Malvedine Allen, which were taken from interviews of three of the students and instructional aide Rene Conn, were that the claims of abuse and neglect were "substantiated", according to the law-

suit. Allen wrote in her report, "Mullins ... twisted children's arms, bruising and pushing them", adding that "Mullins is verbally abusive and curses them" and that he picked "one student against another to fight".

The social services report documents that Conn personally wit-

(See LAWSUIT page twelve)

Correction

The age of Deborah Wallen, of Martin, was misprinted under last week's marriage announcements and should have read 31, and not 23. Her intended, Gurnies Ray Hall, 40, is also currently residing in Martin.

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one count each of assault and unlawful imprisonment.

Blair was indicted on charges that he allegedly stalked and assaulted his wife and imprisoned his two children between Christmas Eve 2002 and New Year's Day 2003.

Though the court can impose any sentence it pleases, there was a recommendation from Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner that the court sentence Blair to five years for one count of assault and another five years, to be suspended and probated, for one count of unlawful imprisonment while four other charges would be dismissed.

"In cases like this we want to protect the victim," Turner said. "She [Blair's wife] came to our office this morning and this is what she wanted to feel safe."

The terms of the parole portion of the sentence will guarantee that there is no contact between Blair and his wife and

children, for the entire length of his parole. Even if he only serves the two-year minimum of his sentence, he will be kept away from his family for seven years.

Turner further noted that things won't change abruptly when Blair completes his sentence, as any future issues of visitation will have to go through Family Court, where Blair has appeared on several occasions for violating emergency protection orders handed down by that body.

According to Turner, Blair was consistently jealous and became so convinced that his wife would see other men that he nailed their door shut at night and would sleep between his wife and the door. He also periodically beat her and sometimes used objects like a telephone cord when he became abusive, Turner said.

Blair will remain in custody until his sentencing Sept. 3.

Standoff

to be released from that bond. Judge Danny Caudill issued a bench warrant for Hunter on Friday and explained to his parents that when he was taken into custody, they would receive their bond money back.

According to Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn, Hunter was served with an emergency protective order last week that his wife, Lona Hunter, had taken out on him.

Sunday night, Hunter allegedly went to his wife's home in violation of the protective order. When police arrived, Hunter allegedly refused to come out of the house and threatened to kill himself with a gun. His wife and

child were outside of the residence with the police at this point.

After several hours of trying to persuade Hunter to surrender to no avail, a Kentucky State Police SWAT Team was called in around 2:30 a.m.

"We got him to surrendered after we put spotlights around the house," Sheriff Blackburn said. "When it was lit up well, he decided to come on out."

Hunter was arrested and charged with two counts of wanton endangerment. He is being held at the Floyd County Detention Center under a \$2,500 cash bond. His preliminary hearing is set for Friday.

Truckers

after having their windshields cracked from coal spilling out the top of the trucks?"

Jones professed sympathy but could offer few immediate answers.

"We need to go to Frankfort in January when the legislature meets and bring some sort of compromise," Jones said. "The coal companies have a lot of influence on the legislature. I am looking at the law they passed in West Virginia and hope we can fashion something similar. We can't do anything till January."

The assembled drivers weren't too pleased with a long wait and even less pleased that they would be depending on a legislature that has yet to pass a budget. One noted, "A lot of accidents will happen between now and January. Who's responsible for that?"

The drivers just want enforcement of weight laws for now, but say they haven't seen Vehicle Enforcement units on U.S. 23 in Louisa.

"I call the D.O.T. every day and ask them when they are coming out here," said driver Rick Prater. "Every day man you can check my phone records."

Another driver noted, "They are all up on [Route] 119. Part of the problem is 12 officers for five counties. But we never see them in Louisa, which is where the bulk of the coal passes through. We're at the bottom of the funnel here."

Jones was asked if he could make an overture to the Department of Transportation but he replied, "I have no influence with the Department of Transportation."

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—Robert Louis Stevenson

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Guest View

State leaving children behind

Comedian Bill Cosby went off again, blasting African Americans who behave irresponsibly. He focused his ire on parents who are drunk or illiterate or who don't pay attention to their children who "put on a record and that record is yelling n---, and you've got your little 6-year-old and 7-year-old in the back seat of the car."

Mr. Cosby took aim at an easy target. It's clear how those parents fail their children. But children are being failed in other ways, too, and some of them were becoming apparent in Kentucky at the very time Mr. Cosby was talking in Chicago.

Kentuckians learned that the First Steps program, which helps infants and young children who have developmental delays, is being scaled back.

A day later, they learned that a lawsuit had been filed on behalf of juveniles in state custody, because many of them are being placed in settings that the state's own standards identify as unsuitable.

In other words, Kentucky appears to be tossing kids in the back seat and ignoring what's best for them, too — children as young as infants and as old as 17. And apparently, the cause of these failures is the same: budget pressures.

The First Steps program serves about 11,000 children a year. It helps those who are having trouble learning to talk or who are behind in developing physical skills, so they will be ready for school when it's time to start kindergarten.

But it's been costing \$3 million to \$5 million more than budgeted for the past few years. So administrators have decided to start limiting children to an hour and a half of therapy every week, which often isn't enough.

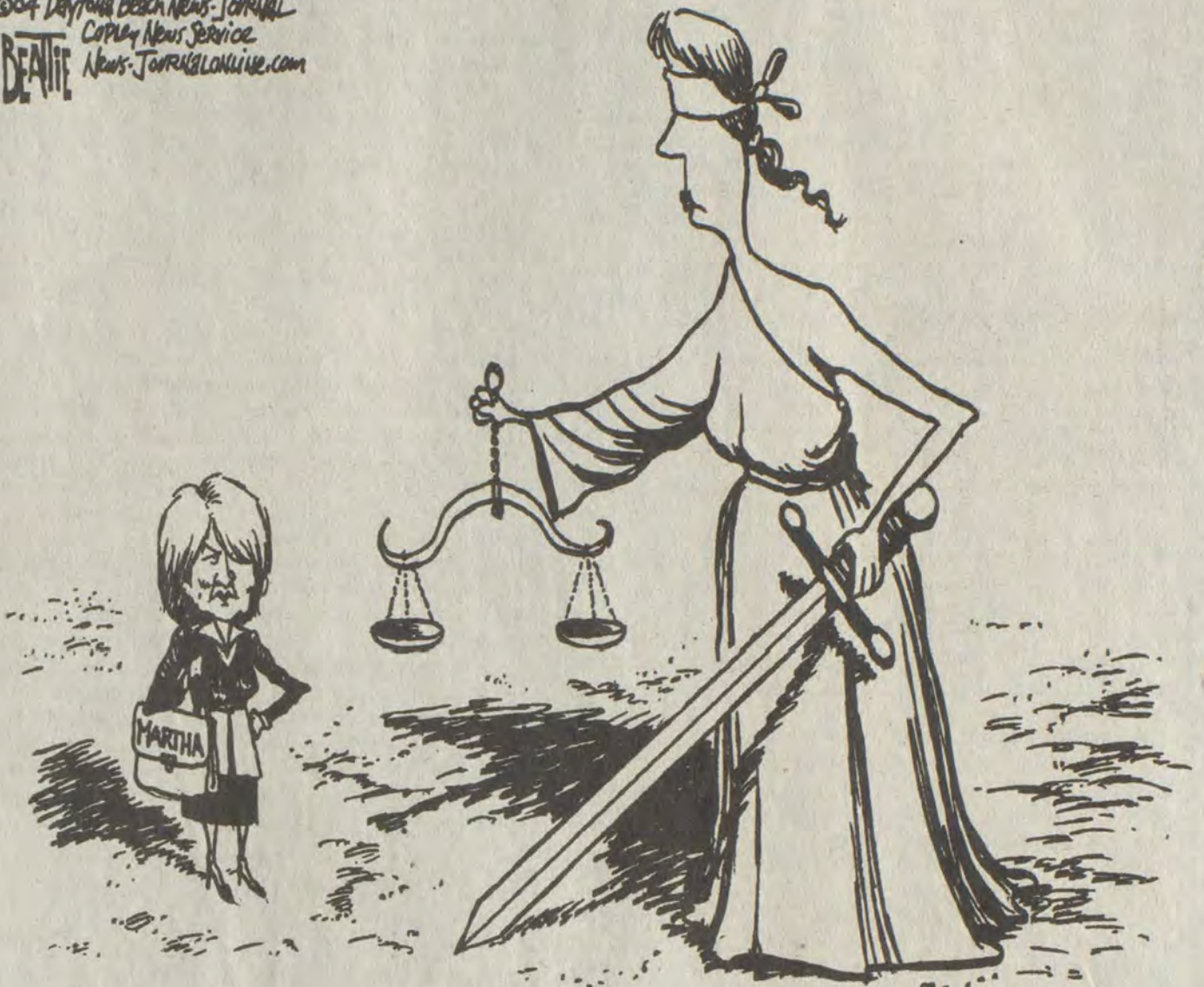
Meanwhile, other administrators have been saving money by ignoring rules on where juveniles who have committed crimes should be housed. As many as 150 juveniles who have committed relatively minor offenses have been wrongly classified and sent off to residential facilities far from their homes.

But "it's important to try to preserve the ties between troubled youths and their family and community," says David Richart, executive director of the National Institute on Children, Youth and Families.

The state should be "providing services for kids according to their needs," as it promised in a 1995 federal consent decree, instead of lumping them all together, as

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"I can tell by the looks of your frumpy little outfit, and the sentence I got, that you never watched ANY of my shows!"

Capitol Ideas

PSC investigation aimed at protecting consumers

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Greg Stumbo was in court last week, fighting to continue an investigation into whether the state's Public Service Commission had illegal contact with a utility seeking to increase its rates.

Stumbo is questioning whether there were any improper or illegal communications between agency officials and Louisville Gas & Electric Co. and Kentucky Utilities Co. before or during the utilities' recent rate hike proceedings.

The PSC last month approved an approximately \$101.4 million rate increase for the utilities. Stumbo's office was involved in the rate case, but maintained that such an increase was excessive.

In court papers filed last week, Stumbo claimed there were at least 22 unexplained meetings between representatives of LG&E and the PSC where the attorney general was not present.

LG&E and the PSC maintain all of those meetings were proper and have a good explanation.

However, meetings in which all parties weren't involved is prohibited by law, Stumbo said.

Still, the attorney general isn't promising any results from the investigation, which Gov. Ernie Fletcher's Chief of Staff Daniel Groves has called a "fishing expedition."

"I promise the consumers of this state that we won't stop until we've uncovered every stone and that we've made sure that they got a fair deal," Stumbo said. "And if we can't find the evidence of what we believe to be there, then we'll stand up and say, 'Well, at least we looked.' And everybody will feel better about it."

Indeed, the probe is not a criminal investigation, Stumbo said. But it's aimed at making sure consumers didn't get a raw

deal, he said.

"I'm going to make this clear, we have no evidence of any wrongdoing at this time," Stumbo told reporters last week. "We are simply beginning the investigation."

After Franklin Circuit Court Judge Roger Crittenden ruled last Thursday that Stumbo may proceed, the PSC decided it would reopen the rate hearing. Its goal, according to a PSC statement, was to determine whether the agency's decision "was in any way questionable."

While the PSC said it would fully cooperate with Stumbo's investigation — along with having a rehearing on the issue — commissioners stated the case could set a dangerous precedent.

Its purpose as an agency is to maintain a balance between consumer and utility interests, according to a statement from PSC Chairman Mark David Goss and Vice Chairman Ellen Williams.

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Letters

Clinton a 'dirty, little commie'

Judeo-Christianity was the religion of choice at the inception of our Constitution. Fact is, that's about the only religion we practiced at that time and is the reason it is so prominent in the Constitution. The Constitution and Bill of Rights included Christian morals and could have declared Protestant Christianity the national religion, but remembering how they were persecuted in other countries they

wished to declare something that would prevent this from happening here. Hence: Congress will make no law establishing any church, but, however, they could not interfere with the free exercise thereof.

Now, everything was copasetic, everyone taking for granted that we were a Christian nation and in the building of this blessed land of ours we included Christian morals in everything we built. Most all of the schools were built and run by Christian folks for the purpose of furthering Christianity. Therefore, the Holy Bible was the primary text and the reason all of our schools were so imbedded with Christian activities. After all, our God is a righteous God, and even

though some people were not believers, they didn't disagree. A righteous God loves us all equally and demands we be law-abiding citizens. The Supreme Court illegally shanghaied our schools in 1962. Enter: Marxism.

In 1917, the Bolsheviks overthrew the reigning Czar of Russia. Lenin liked it so well he decided to export this type of government to the entire world. They wrote up a brief set of Rules for Revolution and since the early 1920s they have been very active in North America.

Rule number 1): Corrupt the young; get them away from religion. Get them interested in sex. Make them superficial; destroy their ruggedness. Sounds

familiar, doesn't it?

Now skipping to the last rule. Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext, with a view to confiscating them and leaving the population helpless.

I'm not making this up. This was taken from a known Communist activist in 1919. You can look at our history from 1962 and you will see the rest of these rules. We have followed them to the letter.

Sen. McCarthy was so ostracized in the late 1940s that the word "Communism" became politically incorrect and most people are afraid to use it today. With Russia going bankrupt and the KGB files in disarray and

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Health Extra

Two receive nursing degrees

LEXINGTON — Two Floyd County residents were awarded Master of Science in Nursing degrees from the University of Kentucky College of Nursing at the university-wide Commencement May 8. Nursing graduate students also were recognized at a special ceremony held May 7.

Local graduates include

Kristi Hammond, of Harold, and Pamela Parker, of Prestonsburg.

Hammond is the daughter of Paul and Sharon Goble of Harold.

Parker is the daughter of Rita Jenkins, of Martin, and the late Phillip Jenkins.

"Completion of an advanced degree in nursing is a major accomplishment," said Carolyn A. Williams, dean of the college. "Those who choose to move forward in their professional career by obtaining a graduate degree are prepared to assume leadership roles in nursing. Many, many opportunities will be open

to them, making an advanced degree in nursing highly valued. We applaud each of our students receiving a graduate degree, their families and friends for supporting their efforts, and we wish each one much success."

UK College of Nursing offers nursing programs leading to a Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, and two doctoral degrees which include the

Doctor of Nursing Practice and Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing.

The master's program is ranked 29th among all nursing programs and 20th among public universities by the 2004 U.S. News & World Report.

Since the first Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree was awarded at UK in 1964, over 4,000 students have graduated.

Veggies can promote brain health, mental sharpness, study suggests

by MALCOLM RITTER
AP SCIENCE WRITER

Here's another reason to eat your veggies: A new study suggests certain vegetables like broccoli and spinach may help older women keep their brains sharper.

Researchers found that women in their 60s who ate more cruciferous and green leafy vegetables than other women went on to show less overall decline over time on a bundle of tests measuring memory, verbal ability and attention.

Such foods include broccoli, cauliflower, romaine lettuce and spinach.

The federally funded study didn't include men, but the effect would probably appear in them too, said Jae Hee Kang, an instructor at Harvard's Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

She spoke in a telephone interview before presenting the work Monday in Philadelphia at the International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders.

Other studies released Monday showed evidence that obesity, high cholesterol and high blood pressure can raise the risk of developing Alzheimer's or other dementia later on, and that leisure activities with mental, physical and social aspects may reduce the risk of later dementia.

Kang's study and the other two "add to the growing understanding that we may be able to reduce our risk of Alzheimer's by changing our lifestyles — losing weight, changing our diets and staying mentally and socially active," said Marilyn Albert, who chairs the Alzheimer Association's Medical and Scientific Advisory

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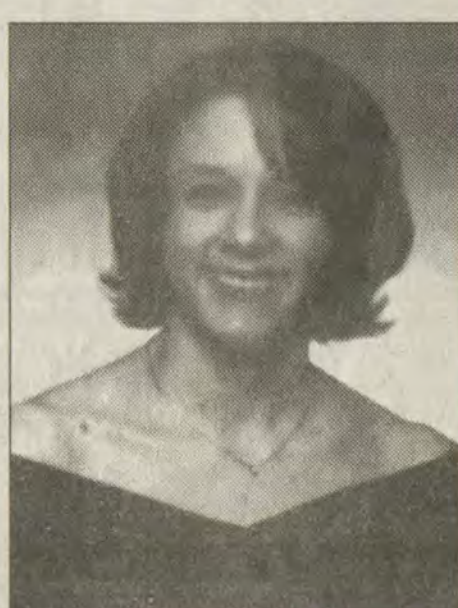
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seems to be happening now. Of course, nothing good happens when children aren't treated with care. Those who don't get the attention, support and help they need are at risk of serious trouble, including dropping out, abusing drugs, going to jail and becoming teenage parents with no realistic hope for supporting them selves or their families.

Mr. Cosby, in his earlier comments in May, told black parents, "The lower economic people are not holding up their end in this deal." He criticized parents who blame others for their children's problems, asking, "Where were the parents when he was 2 years old, 12 years old, 18 years old?"

In Kentucky, however, the recent record of retreat on education and outreach raises doubts about whether the state is holding up its end of the deal, either.

It's fair to ask where the commonwealth is when those neglected children are 2, 12 and 18.

— *The Courier-Journal, Louisville*

Homer Edward Bailey Sr.

Homer Edward Bailey Sr., passed away Saturday, July 10, 2004, following an extended illness.

A former resident of Paintsville, and an employee of Bizzack Brothers for more than 20 years, he retired to Greenback, Tennessee.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Nancy Bailey.

Other survivors include two sons: Homer Edward Bailey Jr., and his wife, Debby; and Wayne Thomas Bailey, and his wife, Tammi; two grandsons: Max Edward, and Stephen Wayne Bailey.

Burial was in the Perkins Cemetery, in Williamsburg.

He will be missed by all. "Fish on."

(Paid obituary)

Barbara (Bobbie Jean) Ratliff

Barbara (Bobbie Jean) Ratliff, 69, of Wheelwright, died Friday, July 16, 2004, at Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born November 26, 1934, in Virgie, she was the daughter of the late Charlie and Retha Williams Ratliff. She was disabled.

Survivors include two sisters: Penny Spears (Teddy) of Bevinsville, and Deanna Stanley of Louisville; two nieces: Stacy Stanley and Marissa Spears; and three nephews: Scotty Stanley, Roger Neil Hall, and Ethan Spears.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a niece, Paula Stanley.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 19, at 11 a.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, at Bypro, with Louis Ferrari officiating.

Burial was in the Martin Cemetery, at Martin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)



Betty Sue Shannon Tackett

Betty Sue Shannon Tackett, age 73, of Drift, passed away, on Sunday, July 18, 2004, at her residence.

She was born January 5, 1931, in Weeksbury, the daughter of the late Earl Denver and Zada Artrip Shannon.

She was a retired nurse at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, and a member of the Drift Pentecostal Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Efford Tackett.

Survivors include one son, Dr. Dickie Tackett of McDowell; two daughters: Connie L. Ayala of Nicholasville, and Sandra Holt of Drift; a brother, Donald Ray Shannon of Langley; one sister, Sally Shannon Miller of Drift; nine grandchildren: Deena, Shana, Jill, Britt, Courtney, Ashley, Sarah, Amanda, and Joshua; and eight great-grandchildren, Brittney, Tyler, Devon, Shayla, Faith, Casey, Jorden, and Caleb.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, July 22, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Rev. Ted Shannon, Dr. Jeff Miller, Bobby Lawson, and Dr. Dickie Tackett officiating.

Burial will follow in the Drift Cemetery, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

The body will rest in state at the funeral home chapel, after 6 p.m., on Tuesday.

(Paid obituary)

Mildred Howard

Mildred Howard, 67, died Wednesday, July 14, 2004, at Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington.

She was born September 17, 1936, in Bypro, the daughter of the late Hi and Martha Caudill. She was a homemaker who loved her grandchildren, and her life centered around them.

Survivors include 13 grandchildren, Christy Howard, Carly Howard, Ryan Howard, Christopher Howard, Joslyn Howard, Landon Howard, Jessica Rupp, Jordan Rupp, Christian Rupp, Steven Bates, Stephanie Bates, Amber Bates, and Courtney Johnson; three sons: Timothy Howard and wife, Diane, of Niles, Michigan, Kelly Howard and wife, Arian, of Richmond, and Robin Howard and wife, Robin, of Fort Worth, Texas; two daughters: Sandra Rupp and husband, Dean of Delta, Ohio, and Trena Johnson of Somerset; three brothers: Angus Caudill of Wayland, Amos Caudill of Wayland, and Willard Caudill of Garrett; two sisters: Billie Baker of Delta, Ohio, and Wanda Popovich of North Ridgeville, Ohio; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry B. Howard; a sister, Freda Hayes; a brother, Edward Caudill; two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and seven brothers and sisters in infancy.

Funeral services were Saturday, July 17, at 11 a.m., at Lange & New Bros. Family Funeral Home, in Somerset, with Brother Donnie Baker officiating.

Burial was at Lakeside Memorial Gardens.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Leonard G. Robinson

Leonard G. Robinson, 54, of Martin, died Sunday, July 18, 2004, at his residence.

Born August 30, 1949, in Martin, he was the son of Daisy Robinson Bryant of Martin, and the late Joe Robinson. He was assistant manager of Triangle Market in Martin.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathy Ann Robinson.

Survivors include two daughters: Kathy Marie Plummer (Jesse) of Martin; and Martha Joe Rose (Jason) of Georgetown; his step-father, Edd Bryant, of Martin; three brothers: James Edd Bryant and Paul Bryant, both of Martin; and Henry Lee Bryant of Indiana; a sister, Virginia Cooley of Martin; and two grandchildren: Christopher, and Elizabeth.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, July 22, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Roy Robinson officiating.

Burial will be in the Robinson Cemetery, (Arkansas Creek), at Martin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

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"Commissions and their staffs should be able to conduct their regulatory responsibilities with independence and integrity," they stated. "It could be difficult to do so with the unspoken threat of investigation hanging over them should they make some ruling with which a future attorney general happens to disagree."

But Stumbo maintains he's simply looking out for the rights of consumers.

"If there were meetings where these rates were discussed, where favoritism was sought, where a cozy relationship existed that might be more favorable to the companies' position rather than consumers," Stumbo said, "then consumers obviously lost out in that transaction."

Joe Biesk is a statehouse reporter for *The Associated Press*. *Capitol Ideas* is an analysis of issues in the news.

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Council. Kang stressed that her findings need to be confirmed by further studies.

She and colleagues looked at 13,388 nurses participating in a long-running health study. They compared the participants' questionnaires on long-term eating habits over a span of 10 years, when they were in their 60s, to their performance in two test sessions when they were in their 70s. Researchers noted how much the scores declined in the two years between sessions.

The tests included such tasks as remembering word lists after 15 minutes, naming as many animals as possible in one minute, and reciting a list of numbers backward. A pronounced drop in performance on such tests may foreshadow Alzheimer's.

While most women in the study showed some decline, those who had habitually eaten the most of the green leafy vegetables showed less decline than those who ate the least, Kang said.

"It was almost like they were younger by one or two years in terms of their cognitive declining," Kang said.

The contrasts appeared between those who ate about eight servings versus three servings of green leafy vegetables a week, and those who ate about five servings versus two servings of cruciferous vegetables a week.

One of the other new studies found evidence that obesity, high cholesterol and high blood pressure in middle age each added substantially to the risk of developing Alzheimer's or other

Letters

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more accessible, we are finding out that he was right in most cases and that Communist infiltrators instigated most of the college demonstrations of the 1960s, including the ones Bill Clinton led in England immediately after his return from Moscow. Doesn't it feel real good to know that you've been duped by a dirty, little commie?

Glenn Fraley
Prestonsburg

Appreciates Martin coverage

This is a note to tell you how much we appreciate the coverage you are giving to the Martin flood control project. Those of us who are from Martin and Floyd County read every word about our hometown.

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THE FAMILY OF CHARLES E. "BOB" CONN SR.

Card of Thanks

The family of Claude Ramey would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones, who helped to comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, food, or just spoke kind words. We would like to send a special thanks to Clergyman Bethel Bolen for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their caring and professional service.

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The family of Marie Patton Stumbo would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We thank you for the flowers, food, prayers, and all the kindness shown to our family. A special thanks to Clergyman Ted Shannon for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF MARIE PATTON STUMBO

Card of Thanks

The family of Billy Lee Parsons would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the food, flowers, prayers, and all the acts of kindness shown to our family. A special thanks to Clergyman Ted Shannon for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, Ky., for their kind, professional, and courteous service.

THE FAMILY OF BILLY LEE PARSONS

Card of Thanks

This card of thanks holds more appreciation than words can ever say; if you sent flowers, food, said a kind word, or just had us in your prayers. A special thanks to our friends at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, ministers Levi Meade and Tom Blackburn, Gary, Ron and Mary Wright for their music, DAV Chapter 18, Floyd County Sheriff's Department and especially to Dr. John Furcolow and the CCU nurses at Highlands Regional Hospital. You'll never be forgotten for the thoughtfulness you've shown us.

FAMILY OF BUD CALHOUN

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"Bull fries are all beef and one of the leanest meats on the market," Williams said. "They're 100 percent cholesterol-free."

The bull fries come to the Williams eatery already sliced, breaded and seasoned from a food distributor, Jackie Williams said.

"We also add our own, secret, special spices," she said.

■ **CHAMPAIGN, ILL.** — It's a little smelly after 89 years of housing sheep, but for anyone intrigued by turning old barns into stylish homes, the University of Illinois has a one-of-a-kind offer.

The school is moving its South Farms agricultural facilities, but it won't be taking along the 1915 sheep barn with its unique gambrel roof.

Rather than demolish it, the university and the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency are offering to donate the barn to someone willing to move and rebuild it.

"It's architecturally significant," said Anne Haaker, deputy preservation director for IHPA. "Locally, it's one of the best examples of its type of architecture."

The 90-foot-by-35-foot barn has housed only sheep since 1915, so it stinks a little, admitted Kevin Duff, a UI planner. But it is in good structural shape, and the gambrel roof makes the building an architectural wonder.

"Instead of just a straight peak, it comes to a point and changes slope and comes to another peak. That's a nice quality," he said.

The university is taking proposals until Aug. 11 from anyone willing to take the barn down by mid-September and move it to another location, Duff said.

He said university officials would pick the winner based on

the applicants' resources, ability to move the barn and plans for preserving it. There is no charge for the barn itself.

■ **LEXINGTON, N.C.** — Barbecue apparently is not to blame for the polluted air in Davidson County.

Local officials complained after the county was found not to be meeting federal standards for fine particle pollution, saying the location of a monitoring device near a barbecue restaurant and railroad crossing could be to blame.

The state added two air quality monitoring devices in other locations. Tim Mather, spokesman for the Division of Air Quality, said Friday that initial readings show even air that is far away from barbecue joints is too dirty.

"The locals keep blaming this on the barbecue restaurants," he said, referring to Lexington's famous food industry. "The fact of the matter is there's other sources that are much more likely to cause it than those barbecue restaurants."

In February, to meet a federal deadline, state regulators recommended to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that Davidson County be designated as not meeting federal air quality standards for fine-particle pollution.

Local officials expressed concern that the county's air monitor was located near a wood-burning restaurant and railroad crossing in downtown Lexington where more than 25 trains pass each day.

Mather said particulate matter in the air could be from a large railroad switchyard in a neighboring county and large power plants in surrounding counties. He also said the area could be getting pollution from Charlotte on prevailing southwest winds.

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Coal industry using higher technology, seeking skilled workers

by ERIK SCHELZIG
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CAMERON, W.Va. — Mike Curmutte still ends his shift covered in the fine coal dust stirred up by the mammoth mining machine churning away in one of the country's largest underground mines. That much hasn't changed.

What has changed, though, is that he no longer spends his day tugging at levers to operate the hydraulic steel shields holding the roof in place above the face of the mine.

Instead, he can just push buttons on a keypad that could just as well be on your kitchen's microwave oven.

"It's all computer stuff, you know?" said Curmutte, 47.

So much so that back in the office, Superintendent Thomas Coram can silence the entire 47-square-mile McElroy Mine with one mouse click.

Underground coal mining has become increasingly automated as technology has proven more reliable and able to cope with difficult conditions.

And with most coal miners on the verge of retirement, the industry is searching for younger replacements — especially those with computer skills who can adapt to the changing times.

"Everybody working in a mine needs to be educated," said D. Anne Cavalier, a vice presi-

dent at West Virginia University Institute of Technology in Montgomery. "I'm not talking a Ph.D., but you need to be sophisticated enough to handle the safety and technology issues."

From a computer in Coram's clean, fluorescently lit office featuring wall-sized maps of the underground complex, he can monitor more than 10 miles of conveyor belts, the gauges on the shearer and the amount of electricity being used in the labyrinth below.

"You're only as good as your information," said Coram. "And if you don't know what's going on in your coal mine, you're not mining coal."

Getting to the McElroy mine face involves an ear-popping, 900-foot ride down an elevator, a 45-minute rail ride, trudging through dark and wet tunnels and squeezing by a rumbling machine called a crusher.

The only thing dividing the cramped, six-foot-high walkway and the rock above are about 190 roof support shields that move forward automatically as the shearer eats through the seam.

As the shields move, the layers of shifting rock above make a deep cracking sound, while the roof over the void left behind is allowed to collapse.

There had previously been a reluctance among coal mine operators to put too much faith

in automation for fear that the systems wouldn't be reliable, said Keith O'Neil, vice president for roof supports for Houston, Pa.-based DBT America.

Every minute of downtime at a longwall mine can cost several hundred dollars, he said, and developing the technology to function consistently underground had been a challenge.

"The conditions are rigorous in terms of water, dust and vibration that would soon turn your desktop PC into shambles," he said.

Meanwhile, manufacturers try to keep complex computer-driven equipment as easy to use as possible.

"We have to take into consideration the capabilities of the people operating it, so it is not so complex that it confuses them, but makes their lives easier from a productivity standpoint," said O'Neil.

While new workers may have a better understanding of the computer-related issues, they typically are less skilled in the basics of coal mining, Coram said. And that's a gap that needs to be bridged.

At McElroy's preparation plant — where coal gets separated from rock and delivered onto barges on the Ohio River — a single employee can oversee the workings of the machinery from a bank of computer and television screens in an air-conditioned room.

But superintendent David Draskowitch still has his experienced workers make regular rounds of the plant to ensure the machines aren't developing problems the computers can't detect.

"The computers are good at keeping up," he said. "But nothing can beat getting up here and having a look with your own two eyes."

When Coram began his career bolting roof supports in 1974, the typical teaching method was trial-and-error; workers would get thrown into the mix on their first day and learned as they went along.

That's not an option today, not with the millions in sophisticated technology serving as the heartbeat in many mines.

"Today, we don't do that," Coram said. "We don't just throw people out there like that."

Now, safety classes, training and aboveground simulators are used to prepare workers before going underground.

One company, Irvine, Calif.-based 5DT, Inc., has developed a 3-D simulator for continuous miners, longwall systems and roof bolting. The simulator uses a virtual reality headset and authentic controls from the mining equipment.

"This is as realistic as you can get without getting the real thing," said Steve Schafrik, a research engineer who oversees the 5DT simulator at the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research in Blacksburg, Va. "They put in fog, they put in the water sprays, and you have as much control over this as you would with a real miner."

One of the most rapidly developing technologies in the field is highwall coal mining, said Dennis Hatfield, a vice president of mining consultant Norwest Corp.

Using innovative lighting and fiberoptics cables, highwall operators can sit outside the seam and remotely operate a continuous mining machine 1,200 feet away. That's a marked difference to older auger methods, which could be hit-or-miss, Hatfield said.

"It's visual, it's high-tech and more efficient in terms of recovering the reserve," he said. "You're not flying blind."

Technological advances have been necessary to streamline production in the higher-yield longwall mines or to get continuous miners into the thinner seams of southern West Virginia and eastern Kentucky.

Out of the 640 people working in the McElroy mine — including those working to get a second longwall operational this month — Coram said he especially relies on a core group of

about a dozen employees "who are the highest tech in the business."

Coram said he is trying to augment that group with several red hats, or industry trainees, but finding new employees willing

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State labs eliminate drug-case backlog

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — An increased budget and larger staff have helped Kentucky crime labs eliminate a backlog of drug cases that plagued the justice system for years and drew criticism from judges and state officials.

The state's six crime labs have handled about 16,000 drug cases since January and no cases older than 60 days remain, said Maj. Sonny Cease, assistant director of the Kentucky State Police technical services division.

In the past several months, Shane Young, chief narcotics prosecutor for the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorney's office, said he has seen an "amazing" difference in getting lab results.

"It is 100 percent better than it was this time last year," Young said.

During the backlog, Young said, results were seldom ready when he called for them. Now, he said, nine out of 10 cases he looks at include lab results.

Having results makes the entire justice process run more smoothly, he said.

"We've been scrambling around to be as productive as possible," said Jeff Warnecke, manager of the central laboratory in Frankfort.

The scramble began in earnest after Lt. Gov. Steve Pence announced in December that, if the labs didn't reduce the back-

load of drug cases, they would be moved directly under the supervision of the Justice Cabinet, which he also heads.

The six labs, with a total of 130 analysts and support staff, handle cases from about 400 law-enforcement agencies, Cease said. And their total caseload nearly doubled from 20,700 in 1989 to roughly 40,000 in 2003.

The legislature eventually increased the crime lab budget, allowing it to hire 11 more people in 2002 and 15 in 2003, Warnecke said. But the new technicians had to be trained for six months before really getting to work, while others were retiring or taking higher-paying jobs in other states.

So despite a statewide hiring freeze, the crime labs received permission to fill vacancies. The backlog was attacked on other fronts, too.

About 20 percent of cases were eliminated by combing a statewide court record system to determine which cases had already been settled in court, state police Commissioner Mark Miller said. And 5,200 cases were sent to private labs in a one-time effort to shrink the backlog, Cease said.

Labs that had lighter caseloads also took on cases from others.

"The cooperation shown between the labs has been amazing," said Capt. Tom Porter, state police commander for the labs.

Drug-evidence analysts at all the labs worked overtime and they got help from analysts who normally handle evidence in other types of cases — state police labs test firearms, DNA, blood alcohol, arson and other types of evidence.

Backlogs "are a persistent problem nationally," said Roger Kahn, president of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors. "Crime labs are continuously fighting against a backlog because resources are often a problem."

This year, drug cases are running ahead of projections, which puts crime labs on target for their largest caseload yet, Warnecke said.

But Pence expects the labs to keep up now.

"They'll maintain it or we'll move it to a place where it will be sustained," Pence said. "It has to remain a priority."

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to endure the challenges of an underground environment is proving difficult. As high-tech as the machinery has become, the helmets and carbon monoxide self-rescuers worn by miners serve as a reminder that this can still be a dangerous job.

At the same time, finding employees with the necessary training is equally challenging.

Since 1985, 10 mining departments have stopped offering degrees, said Bruce Watzman, a vice president of the National Mining Association, who added that two more may shut down later this year. And

the timing of those moves is unfortunate, since the demand for mining workers is high, he said.

"The capability to provide new mining professionals has significantly deteriorated through downsizing and disappearance of university degree and other programs," Watzman said at a recent hearing before the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources at the U.S. House of Representatives.

Ironically, the degree programs folded in part because a series of coal mine closures in the 1980s and 1990s created an abundant pool of laid-off miners who eagerly filled vacant positions.

But with the average coal miner in his 50s, about half the work force may be replaced in the next five years, said Tom Hoffman, spokesman for Pittsburgh-based Consol Energy, Inc., which owns the McElroy mine.

"We're expecting a big exodus from the industry," he said. "So we're going to be hiring."

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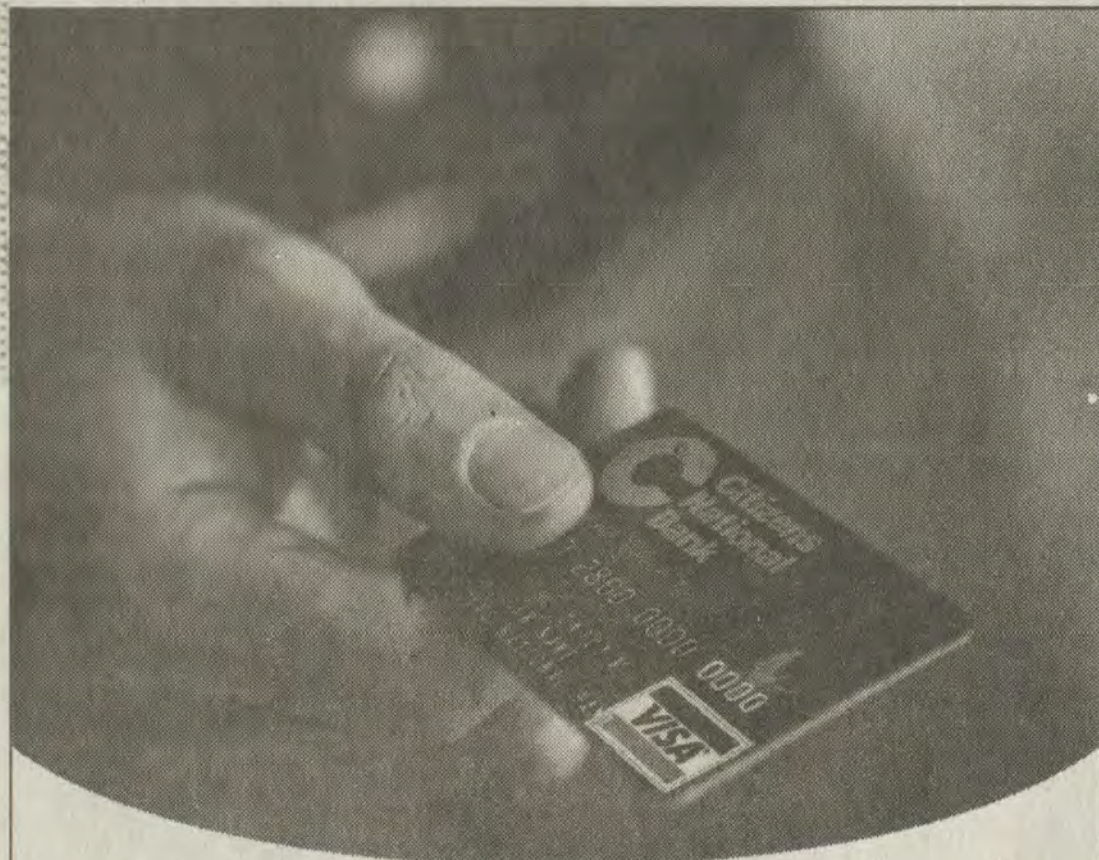
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Historic marker dedicated in Prestonsburg

PRESTONSBURG — Beneath the American flag that flies beside Billy Ray's Restaurant on North Front Street in Prestonsburg, a small crowd gathered on Saturday afternoon, July 3, to dedicate the county's most recent historic highway marker. It features information about the Prestonsburg Toll Bridge and the C&O Railway System's impact on Floyd County. The marker was sponsored by the City of Prestonsburg, Prestonsburg Tourism, and CSX Transportation.

Sam Hatcher, Floyd County chair for the Kentucky Highway Marker Program, emceed the ceremony, which included remarks from Chuck Backus of the Kentucky Historical Society; Fred James, Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors

Bureau; Navajo Austin, President of the Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society; and Dan L. Hall, Chief District Engineer of Highway District 12.

The highway marker program is a joint venture between the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Kentucky Historical Society, an agency of the Kentucky Commerce Cabinet.

The marker was dedicated to the memory of William M. Rowe, late husband of Janet Rowe, marker committee chair for the Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society. The dedication address was given by Marshall Davidson, who recounted the history and importance of remembering the toll bridge and the influence of the railroad on Floyd County.



From left, Sam Hatcher, Chuck Backus, Marshall Davidson, Dan Hall, and Fred James during the dedication of Floyd County's most recent historic highway marker.

The inscriptions on the two-sided marker read as follows:
Side One - "PRESTONSBURG TOLL BRIDGE This

bridge, known as 'Old Red Bridge,' crossed the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River. Opened for foot passengers and vehicles on January 6, 1908, it had a span of 430 feet and was painted red. The cost to build the bridge was \$22,000. Closed to traffic and dismantled in the 1930s."

Side Two - "CHESAPEAKE & OHIO RAILWAY SYSTEM — Known as the C&O, the Railway entered Floyd County in November 1904, and was a leader in passenger travel in this area until the automobile. The C&O ended its role in passenger travel July 7, 1963. In 1980 the C&O combined with other lines to form CSX Corporation, which mostly hauls coal."

Several audience members were on the last C&O passenger train when it went through Floyd County on July 7, 1963. They didn't know each other then, and met at the marker dedication. One was a former C&O engineer, one of several C&O/CSX employees who attended the event. A reception followed at the Samuel May House, hosted by the Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society.



Evaluating bridge and road projects in Highway District 12 were, from left, Brad Eldridge, KYTC transportation engineer specialist; Brad Robson, Palmer Engineering; Sam Hale, PE, construction engineer, District 12; Siamak Shafaghi, KYTC transportation engineer; John Michael Johnson, District 12 project manager; Jeff Cowan, Palmer Engineering; Robert Semones, KYTC transportation specialist; and Doug Wright, PE, District 12 construction branch manager. Kneeling in front, Alex Semones, son of Robert, a junior at Frankfort High School and a future civil engineer.

Town Branch Bridge among highway projects included in efficiency review

A post-construction review team recently visited three projects in Highway District 12:

Town Branch Bridge in Prestonsburg, River Narrows (Route 40) in Johnson County, and the Burning Fork section of U.S. 119 in Pike County.

The purpose of a post-construction review is to determine if any changes can be made in the planning and design of new projects that will lessen the number of change orders, there-

by increasing cost efficiency and value engineering.

District 12 Construction Branch Manager Doug Wright said that the three projects reviewed during this visit received high praise from the team for each project phase — planning, design, right-of-way, utility relocation, and construction.

Members of the review team included Brad Eldridge, Robert Semones and Siamak Shafaghi from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's design office in Frankfort; Brad Robson and Jeff Cowan of Palmer Engineering; Doug Wright, Sam Hale, and John Michael Johnson of Highway District 12.

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Videotape's role in mine death questioned

The Associated Press

A Harlan County miner who died in a June 16 roof collapse was holding a video camera when the cave-in occurred.

Edwin Pennington, 25, was killed when the roof gave way inside a Bell County Coal Corp. underground mine at Coal Creek just outside of Middlesboro.

Four miners escaped, but Pennington was buried under 200 feet of rock and coal.

Pennington's death has restarted questions about "retreat mining," a dangerous practice in which miners create limited roof falls as they exit a played-out mine. Miners are supposed to position themselves in a safe place toward the mine

entrance before inducing a limited roof collapse.

The day before his death, Pennington told his wife, Tasha, he wanted to videotape a collapse to show her the dangers of his job.

"He wanted me to hear the popping and the cracking before the roof comes in," she said.

The coal company's president and Pennington's foreman were unaware until later that Pennington was videotaping in the minutes before the collapse. No state or federal laws forbid bringing cameras or other nonessential items into certain areas of mines, but a miner who was with Pennington wonders if the video camera may have played a role in his death.

"I don't know if he hesitated or what on account of the camera," said Bill Wilder, a shuttle car operator on the crew.

Pennington was videotaping while he and four other miners chipped away 50-foot-by-50-foot pillars holding up the mine roof.

Investigators believe the fatal

collapse occurred with little warning. Pennington was not in a safe place and two other miners barely escaped.

"The roof just fell out and he couldn't get out of the way," said Charles Snavelly, president of Bell County Coal. "It's a terrible tragedy for us."

Since 2000, 20 of the 75 underground coal-mining fatalities nationwide were attributed to roof falls, according to Mine Safety and Health Administration figures. Six of those deaths, including Pennington's, occurred during retreat mining.

"Retreat mining is probably the most hazardous mining practice operated on a large scale in this country," said Davitt McAteer, former head of the MSHA and the author of a 2001 report that examined the process.

The 30-minute videotape Pennington shot survived the collapse and a copy was obtained by The Courier-Journal.

In the last seconds of his life,

Pennington's camera shook and the image suddenly turned sideways, the newspaper reported. The camera stopped taping at 7:31 p.m., as tons of rock and dirt buried Pennington.

Pennington's father blames Bell County Coal for placing his son in unsafe conditions.

"They should have known better than to put him under that roof," said Everett Pennington. "Maybe I'm just bitter, but I think it was uncalled for."

Snavelly defended the company's safety measures and said the circumstances of this collapse were highly unusual.

According to a preliminary MSHA report, Pennington and his crew stopped working to watch the roof fall.

"The five miners on the working section, including the victim, ran to escape the roof fall. Four of the miners escaped," the report said.

The day after Pennington's death, Snavelly said the roof fall was due to an "undetected geologic fault in the roof."

After watching the videotape, Kenny Johnson, former deputy commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals, said the miners appeared to follow proper procedures.

But they made an error in judgment, he said.

"They stopped and looked at the roof, but they hesitated and made the wrong call," he said.

Coal miners stage protest outside bankruptcy court

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — About 1,000 protesters, most of them coal miners and their families, rallied outside a bankruptcy hearing Tuesday because of concerns a judge might void union contracts with one of the nation's largest mining companies.

Attorneys for Horizon Natural Resources have asked a federal bankruptcy judge to void the contracts so that the mines, which are up for sale, would be more marketable.

"I don't think it's fair that one man could take medical care away from this many people," said Billy Morris, a retired miner from Dixie, W.Va., who stands to lose his UMW medical benefits if the contracts are voided.

UMWA President Cecil Roberts, who led the protest before going into the courtroom where he was expected to testify, said the nation's bankruptcy laws are flawed if they allow retirees to lose their medical benefits.

"If you spend 35 years of your life in an underground coal mine, you certainly need health insurance coverage," Roberts said. "We have people with black lung, people who have lost limbs, and by the stroke of a pen, someone can say you don't have health care any longer."

The UMW says 1,000 active coal miners and 2,300 retirees of Horizon Natural Resources, the nation's fourth largest coal company, could be left without health insurance benefits if U.S. Bankruptcy Judge William Howard voids labor contracts with the union.

Chanting protesters covered the sidewalks outside the Tuesday's hearing, sometimes drowning out witnesses.

Some 600 coal miners also protested outside a bankruptcy hearing in June for the same reason.

Miners want the judge to require Horizon to honor the labor contracts to protect their health care and retirement benefits. They're also speak-

ing out against federal bankruptcy laws that allow companies to shed medical costs and retiree benefits to make them more attractive to potential buyers.

At a hearing last month, attorneys for Horizon gave no indication that they would ask to have union contracts voided in the bankruptcy proceedings.

But Horizon employees have been told that their workplace might close and that they could lose their jobs, as is required under the Workers Adjustment and Retraining Act of 1988.

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

Jim Morris, Horizon's vice president for business development, said no one has been willing to buy the company's union mines because the financial obligations related to the union and the union's retirement plan.

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

Roberts has said that the UMW is prepared to take whatever legal action possible to stop Horizon from selling its properties without having to take care of its workers and retirees.

Roberts said it was unclear whether he would get an opportunity to testify in Tuesday's hearing.

"I certainly want to do that," he said. "We will make that request and see if the judge will allow it."

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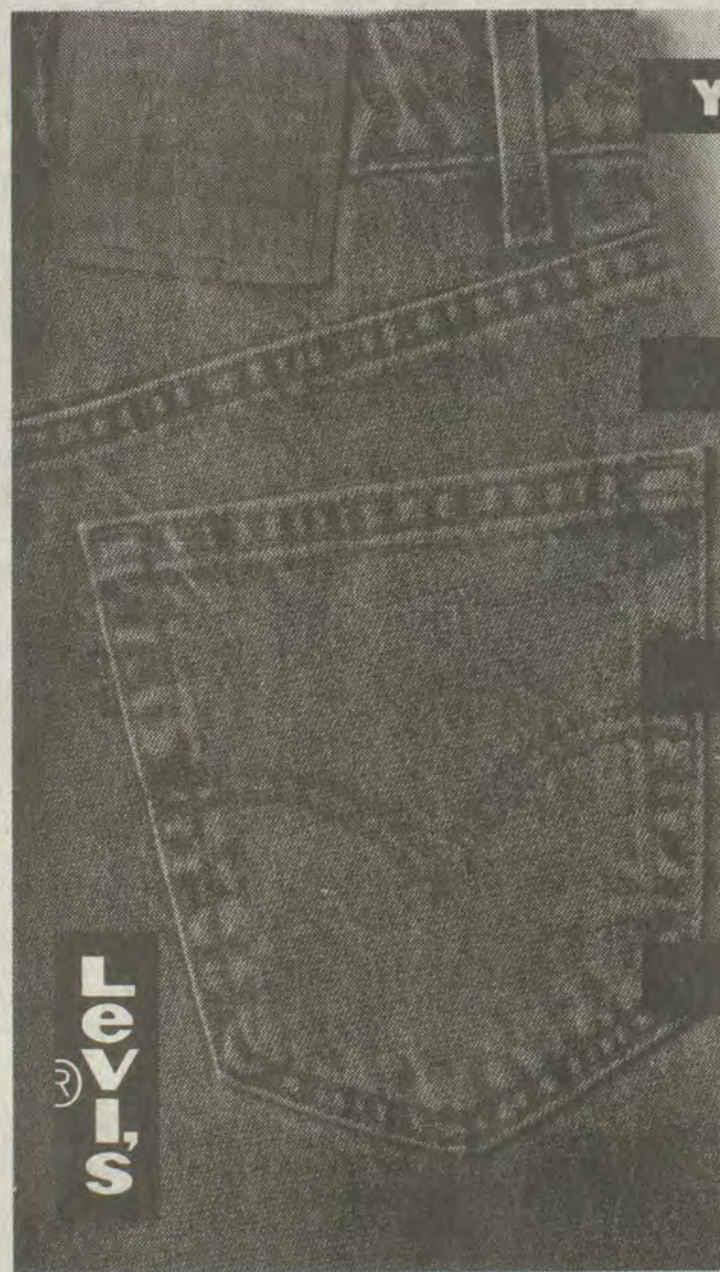
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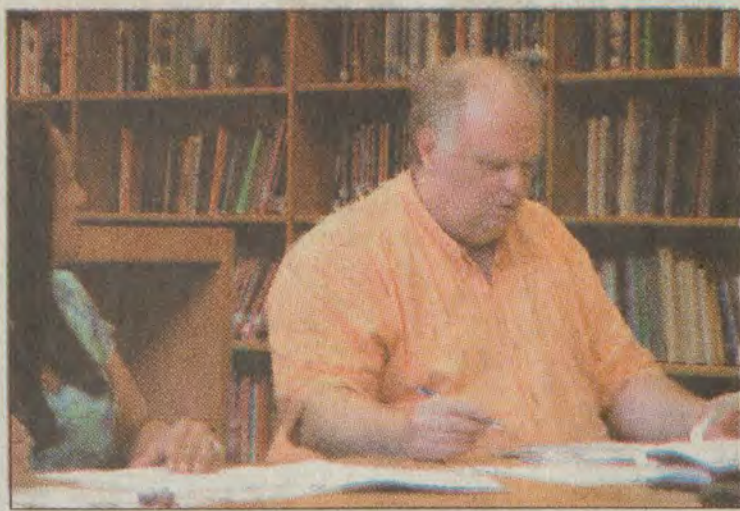


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Phil Paige voiced opposition to former school policies during a site-based council meeting Monday. He is expected to remain as interim principal at the school until August.

"expect him to be silent" on issues that need to be addressed.

He lived up to that prediction with the first order of business, when he questioned the hiring of three individuals, who were reportedly appointed by letter to fill three "extracurricular" positions by Hampton in May, prior to the site-based council's motion to create those positions.

"The former principal sent out hire letters in May, prior to the decision made by this council. That's not kosher," he said.

Paige informed the group that he will be checking on the validity of those appointments through the board of education's legal department.

He also informed the group of his intent to check with the board's attorneys on matters relating to school policies discussed during the meeting.

The issue was brought to light when Sharon Watkins and Denise Stewart asked for approval of a policy review for the PHS Dance Cats team guidelines and was reviewed again when Paige voiced his concern about discrepancies in the school's student handbook.

The handbook, he pointed out, is full of contradictory statements, like one stipulating that students can only be signed out by parents, but then goes on to instruct students to provide at least three additional names of individuals other than their parents who are eligible to check them out. School officials said during the meeting that some students use this policy to be

signed out by their boyfriends and girlfriends.

"Have these documents been vetted by a board lawyer?" Paige asked, pointing out the school's liability for misprinted information.

Paige gave a resounding "no" when members asked for input regarding changes to a policy allowing PHS Dance Cat coaches "final decision on any and all dance team matters." After much discussion regarding individual personal bank accounts for dance team members, which use the high school's name, Paige tabled decisions regarding the dance team and the cheerleading team until further research on the matter could be addressed. He questioned whether it was ethical to use the school's name in fundraising activities for organizations, citing a school policy specifically regulating that all fundraising for the school's Booster Club stream directly through the site-based council.

"The practice is at odds with policy," he told the group.

Another issue at the school that "appears to need research" is one of allocated "seed money" that teachers obtain at the beginning of the school year to use for necessary supplies. Carolyn Ford sought information from the council regarding those funds, which have been forfeited in the past because they were not used, teachers said.

During the discussion, Paige seemed shocked, almost to the point of agitation, when he learned

that the school hadn't processed any instructional orders for the upcoming year.

"We haven't processed any instructional orders for this upcoming year?" he questioned.

"No," Secretary Mary Bailey replied.

"Really!" Paige responded, placing his finger in the center of his forehead.

He then related that the best way to handle the situation is for the budget committee to allocate a spending plan so that teachers would be better informed about available funds.

This discussion brought to light what Paige called the "point of the night" — the fact that the site-based council may be violating its own policies.

School policy dictates, Paige said, that the site-based council "functions through" three standing committees — academic performance, learning environment and efficiency. Those committees haven't met in years, meeting attendees reported.

"We need to do a review of our committee structure and we need to make sure we're doing what we say we're gonna do," Paige said. "I cannot tell you how strongly I feel about the committee process ... You've got 100 years of experience here and you should use all of them. Four or five people can't do all the things that need to be done. They can, but four or five months later, they're ready to fall over."

Following the meeting, Paige said the school's strongest points are its faculty and community support, but improvement is needed at the "sausage making" level — those committees who haven't been working with the school's "filtering process" to improve education.

During the meeting, the council also:

- Discussed the bell schedule.
- Discussed a problem with the available menu for students who eat during the third lunch period.
- Discussed room assignments.
- Discussed the master schedule, which was approved with the exception of classes pertaining to practical living, vocational, physical education and health. The council agreed to gather data

regarding those classes, dubbed as requirements by the council last year.

Paige suggested the group not "stress" the schedule of classes because "every requirement ... pulls someone out of the teaching schedule." They also passed a motion to rescind the former policy.

■ Set a special meeting for July 28 to view applications for three positions at the school. The site-based council will receive training from Glen Hendrix on July 27 to hire a new school principal, Paige said.

■ Selected Tammy Vance as vice chair.

■ Scheduled the council's regular monthly meeting time for the first Tuesday every month at 6 p.m.

■ Tabled discussion regarding the school's financial report.

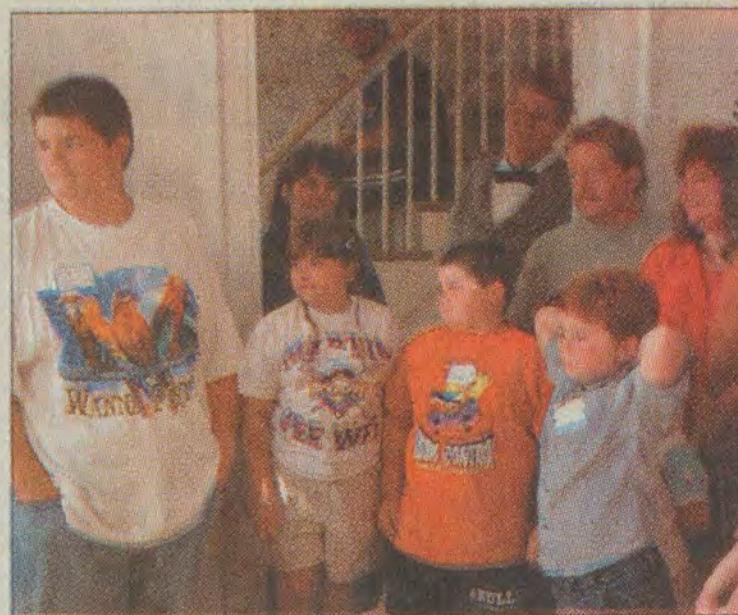


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The Education Committee, which is a sub-committee of the Advisory Council for the Floyd County Family Court developed by Judge Julie Paxton, honored students with perfect attendance Thursday at the May House. There are 98 students throughout Floyd County who had no absences and no tardies during the last school year. The food and reception was sponsored by the Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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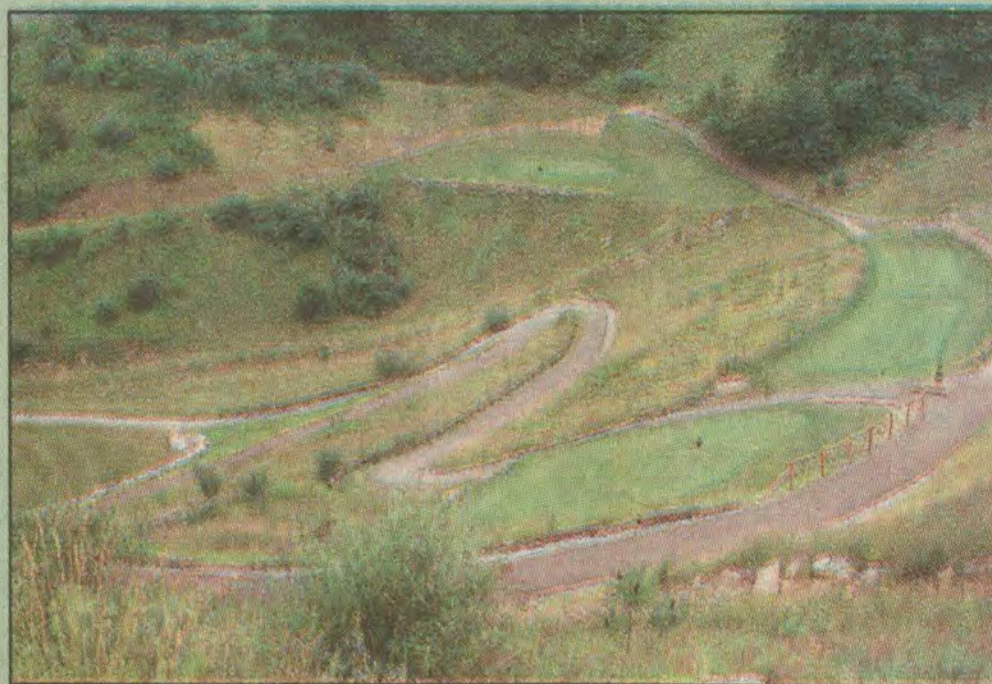
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Former principal reassigned to OU

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Former Prestonsburg High School principal Ron Hampton has been named to an administrative position with Martin's Opportunity Unlimited School, Floyd County Board of Education officials said this week.

Hampton was demoted July 1 after the board alleged 20 sepa-

rate acts of misconduct during his tenure at the high school.

According to board records, Hampton allegedly neglected his duties as principal by failing to notify authorities last September when a student reported she had been "inappropriately touched by a substitute teacher." They also accuse him of failing to report incidents relating to fights or threats on school grounds, in which at least one student suffered a "grade 1" contusion.

Those records, addressed in letter form to Hampton from Supt. Paul W. Fanning, outline a complaint by a tenured teacher, represented by attorney Arthur Brooks, who submitted a written complaint against the site base council's decision to hire a non-

tenured English teacher, Mary Fanning, the wife of Mayor Jerry Fanning, in a half-art, half-English position. Though Fanning said no laws were violated with the hiring, "several individuals" believed the decision was "tailored to benefit an individual."

In documents pertaining to Hampton's demotion, the board outlined several other charges of misconduct against him, several of which were brought to his attention years ago.

Between 2001-2002 and 2003-2004 school years, Hampton was notified of six board policy violations pertaining to the appropriate recording of student attendance. On at least two occasions, parents did not receive immediate notification that their children had been suspended, the board said, noting that at least one of those students spent three days riding "around the county" with his friends because his parents weren't notified of the suspension until that weekend. A recorded 347 days were missed last year due to sus-

pensions, the document says.

In 2001-2002, and 2003-2004, Hampton was informed of numerous inaccuracies with the Internal Review of School Activity Fund Practices, including his failure in 2002 and 2004 to "pay a board employee through normal payroll procedures" and failure to make daily deposits as required by state law.

The board also reported several incidents in which Hampton allegedly allowed students to travel in private vehicles to school functions, which neglects school policy, that the school copied its Comprehensive School Improvement Plan from Lee County High School, that he ordered 52 economics textbooks in March, when the school board was nearing completion, that no records were available regarding committee meetings and that the school's achievement scores are down and its instructional time does not meet minimum statutory requirements with the board of education.

For these and other misconducts, Hampton's demotion

resulted in the reduction of his responsibilities and salary, which dropped from approximately \$68,000 annually to \$45,000.

Hampton, who denies most of these allegations, appealed the board's decision through his attorney, Ned Pillersdorf, who rounded out a settlement in the case approximately two weeks ago. Pillersdorf said yesterday that he is still negotiating

Hampton's salary.

Board officials would not release the exact position Hampton currently holds at the Opportunities Unlimited, citing only that it is an "administrative position in the planning division."

Calls to Hampton were unreturned yesterday. A message on his answering machine indicates that he has a home for sale.

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Martin Prescription Center clerk T. Turner gave a statement about the robbery to Martin Police Chief James Stone yesterday morning.

Caught

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entered the store at approximately 9:15 a.m. and began browsing the premises.

A white male, believed to be Bradley, "busted" through the door and demanded cash from the register.

Turner said the man, carrying a revolver, then instructed her to the prescription counter, where he obtained a "Dollar store bag" full of prescription pills, including Oxycontin, Lorcet, Lortab, Percocet and Concerta, a pill used for attention-deficit disorder, from a metal drawer in the store's safe.

"He was jittery and jumping, cussing and swearing," Turner said. "He could have shot somebody. If anybody resisted he would have."

Both suspects fled the scene in the same type of vehicle used in the previous robbery.

Turner and Scates obtained the license plate number of the vehicle and later contacted Missy Gibson, a pharmacist at the Downtown Drug Pharmacy, who reported seeing the suspect thought to be Bradley in her store approximately 15 minutes earlier.

Gibson said the male subject entered her pharmacy and requested to speak with her privately regarding a job, a request she denied because her office was occupied at the time.

"I feel like I dodged a bullet," Gibson said.

Gibson's report to officials with the Martin Police Department, Floyd County Sheriff's Office and the Kentucky State Police, aided in Cook's apprehension approximately two hours later and the arrest of Bradley, which occurred around 9 p.m. last night.

Sheriff John K. Blackburn said he was in the Arkansas Creek area

yesterday afternoon when he spotted Cook, Bradley and an unidentified man in a black Toyota truck.

Recognizing Bradley and Cook from previous arrests, Blackburn said he made a U-turn and followed the truck up a hill to an abandoned home, where the couple had been reportedly staying. Apparently, Blackburn said, the couple's Ford Taurus was stuck on the hill and they sought help from the driver of the truck, who was not charged with any crime yesterday.

Blackburn, acting alone, said he apprehended the female subject and the driver of the truck, who was later released, but Bradley fled to the hills on foot, eluding police for several hours.

"It was a scary situation," Blackburn said.

Local residents reported seeing Bradley in an outfield near that Arkansas Creek location, and later "sitting on a man's porch," Blackburn said.

Several officers chased Bradley up a hill, where he was soon captured by Det. Byron Hansford and Sgt. Les Stapleton.

According to Blackburn, officials recovered at least 20 large bottles of various pills from Bradley.

He and Cook, who both have long criminal history records, are currently lodged at the Floyd County Detention Center.

This is the second first-degree armed robbery charge against Cook and Bradley, who were both arrested in 2002 for unrelated robberies of local businesses. Bradley was also previously arrested for several counts of criminal trespassing, assault, escape and several misdemeanor charges which include possession of marijuana, harassment and other offenses.

Lawsuit

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nessed the abuse as did "three other teachers and several aides — yet the abuse continued." Allen also reported that the abuse spanned portions of 2001, as well.

One of the parents recently interviewed questioned why Mullins had not had charges brought against him.

Allen interviewed Mullins on Nov. 19, 2002, and reported the instructional aide said the staff at the school "did not like him and that the children were constantly whispering behind his back and saying that they were going to make up lies to get him into trouble." Allen reported that Mullins also said he was a "good, moral, Christian person" and that he "would never abuse any child," as well as pointing to his prior experience as a prison guard, saying that he "knew how to restrain these children properly."

During a second interview on Nov. 21, Allen wrote that she told Mullins the reports of abuse had been confirmed by the children and Conn. He denied any wrongdoing, according to Allen, and stated that he felt Conn was "too easy on the children."

The lawsuit claims, "At all times relevant to this complaint, defendant aide Mullins continually harassed, threatened, intimidat-

ed, mentally abused, physically abused and discriminated against the plaintiffs based on the plaintiffs' disabilities."

Along with the dismissal that was filed Monday, another document was also filed which included a report by Ruth Blackburn recommending the dismissal of Marty Mullins.

According to the lawsuit, "the plaintiffs learned during the discovery process when the defendants submitted their untimely pretrial disclosures on July 12, 2004, that a series of documents referred to either as 'log journals' or 'incident reports' were prepared by the defendant Mullins."

Documentation was written by Mullins on the daily activities and incidents that occurred in the classroom from April 2002 until December 2002, in which Mullins stated on several occasions that he used "basket restraint techniques" for several minutes on the students and also "restraint techniques," but did not elaborate as to what exactly those were or how they were done. The plaintiffs assert that the disclosure and dissemination of such documents would have led responsible Board of Education employees to discover and prevent the continuing harm that was occurring to the children.

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P'burg football program closes practices

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Big-time college football programs often close practices. Locally, one high school program has followed suit. Prestonsburg High School has closed its practices to the public. Head coach John DeRossett made the decision to do so last week.



John DeRossett

"Right now, we're getting a football team ready for the upcoming season," said DeRossett. "We've been putting a few new wrinkles in and thought closing practices would be the best thing to do for our football team at this time."

For the most part, DeRossett said the feedback he's gotten following his decision to close practices has been positive.

Prestonsburg, which finished the 2003 season with a 7-5 record, faces a challenging schedule ahead in the

(See P'BURG, page two)

Horsemen football enjoyable for entire family

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

LEXINGTON – In today's world of high-dollar sporting events and the almighty dollar, it sure is refreshing to take in a sporting event like a Lexington Horsemen game.

Indoor football is a very entertaining evening for the whole family and the

Horsemen do it up right. How many college or professional sporting events can you attend and expect to go out onto the field after the game for autograph sessions with players and coaches? How many college or professional events can you attend and expect to possibly win prizes or trips? Those are just some of the

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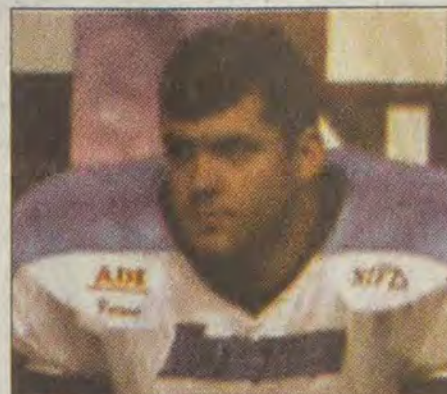


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Jeremy Caudill and the rest of the Lexington Horsemen are headed to the Atlantic Conference title game.

MINNIE BASEBALL



The Braves won all three games of a doubleheader Monday, winning the Minnie Pee Wee League championship in impressive fashion.

BRAVES TAKE CHAMPIONSHIP

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MINNIE – A youth baseball season wound down in the Left Beaver area Monday when the Braves took the Minnie Pee Wee League championship. In a tripleheader, the Braves first beat the Wildcats 15-12 and then took back-to-back games from the Mustangs, winning 26-21 in the first game (second of the day) and 22-14 in the championship

game.

The Braves came into Monday night with a tournament loss after falling to the Mustangs. The Wildcats also came in with a loss while the Mustangs entered Monday night undefeated.

With just around a short five minutes of rest in between games, the Braves performed well, playing under the watchful eye of coaches Jimmy Helton, Clyde Johnson and

Landon Frazier.

Team members of the Braves' championship squad include Leigha Johnson, Jordan Pinson, Jacob Crager, Meshawna Ray, Jimmy Ray Helton, Charley Hyden, Kandace Vicars, Josh Clemons, Braylee Holbrook, Olivia Branham, Hunter Johnson, Wesley Johnson, Lucas Frazier, Michael Kohler, Hannah Tackett, Samantha Helton, Miranda Miller and Faith Johnson.

Bluegrass State Games draw amateur athletes from 98 Kentucky counties

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – Despite threatening weather, thousands of amateur athletes competed in sports events ranging from archery to wrestling Saturday and Sunday in the Bluegrass State Games.

The athletes ran the gamut in age – from three years old to 87 years old. As of 6:30 p.m. Sunday, participants from 73 counties had earned a total of 763 gold, silver and bronze medals. Participants from Fayette and Jefferson counties were leading in the number of

medal winners with 178 and 109, respectively.

There were 318 gold medals, 252 silver medals and 192 bronze medals given out. Fayette County was leading in all three categories.

Two participants – Shirley Barron of Madison County, and Catherine Bishop of Woodford County – were leading in individual medals. Both, as of 6:30 p.m. Sunday, had earned five medals.

Meanwhile, no serious injuries were reported.

"To date, approximately 14,500 athletes have signed up this year for the Games, which are celebrating their 20th year," said George Milligan, executive director. "They come from 98 of Kentucky's 120 counties."

On Saturday, athletes competed in individual sports such as archery, bowling, disc golf, shooting, track and field and wrestling.

Some team sports, such as tee-ball, youth soccer, men's and women's soft-

(See DRAW, page five)

Bobcats to play under new, yet familiar coach

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BETSY LAYNE – For the Betsy Layne High School football program, the times have been tough over the past several seasons. Those that follow Betsy Layne Football hope that the second time around for Glen Ripkowski will be the charm. Ripkowski will begin his second stint as coach the Bobcat football program this week. Starting out in the program as an assistant coach in 2001, Ripkowski coached under Tim McCoy. After McCoy was not hired back to guide the Bobcats in the 2002 season, Ripkowski took over as head coach.

All students interested in being a member of the 2004 Bobcat team should report to the Betsy Layne football field today at 4 p.m.

Betsy Layne has struggled to find the right combination for football success in recent seasons, and Ripkowski hopes to build a competitive and more than capable program his second go around as the Bobcat head coach.

Ripkowski takes over for Jackie Bush, who stayed at the Betsy Layne High football helm only one season. The Bobcat football team will have its fifth coaching change at the top in the last five seasons, dating back to the 2000 campaign when Ted

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201 SPEEDWAY: Thornsberry holds off May, wins Late Model feature

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA – When the red clay settled Saturday at 201 Speedway, a Floyd County Late Model driver stood as a feature race winner. Shannon Thornsberry, Martin, held off fellow Floyd County driver Chuckie May and in the process took first-place honors in the track's Late Model feature. For Thornsberry, it was his first Late Model feature win of the season. May, who had already experienced a checkered flag ending during the current race season, enjoyed a lead late in the race before Thornsberry moved his way to the front. Chris Combs, dri-

ving a Limited Late Model among other Late Models, finished third.

A list of the top finishers for each division follows. Results from the late Model feature race are listed in their entirety.

Late Models: 1. Shannon Thornsberry; 2. Chuckie May; 3. Chris Combs; 4. Robert "Taco" Fletcher; 5. Jamie Ferguson; 6. Michael Paul Howard; 7. D.J. Wells; 8. James Butcher; 9. Daniel Williams; 10. Alban Watts; 11. Beadie Blackburn; 12. Tom Pennington; 13. Ralph Francis; 14. Steve Stollings.

Super Bombers: 1. Jim Lemaster; 2. Glen

(See 201, page five)



Shannon Thornsberry, Martin, won the Late Model feature race Saturday at 201 Speedway, outlasting fellow Floyd County racer Chuckie May.

photo by Chris Belcher

P'burg

2004 season, a slate that includes games against non-district grid powers Pikeville, Ashland, Bell County and Lawrence County.

"There's no doubt, we've got a tough schedule ahead of us," added DeRossett. "When we set the schedule, we wanted to be a better football team at the end of the regular-season."

District foes for the Blackcats will again include the likes of Belfry, Sheldon Clark, Pike County Central, East

Ridge and Magoffin County.

Prestonsburg will open its season on Saturday, Aug. 21, playing host and rival Pikeville in the Pike County Bowl. In the pre-season, the Blackcats will take on border rival Paintsville and northern Kentucky foe Boone County.

Area fans can meet the 2004 Prestonsburg High football team on Sunday, Aug. 1 at 3 p.m. during the program's annual media day.

Bobcats

George last walked the sidelines as the Bobcat football mentor.

New Betsy Layne High football assistant coach Jonathan Parsons believes the Football Bobcats can compete.

"I think we just need to get the kids out and we can win some games," said Parsons.

Betsy Layne has already started working out in preparation for the upcoming season.

The Bobcats will host county rival Allen Central in the first week of the season.

Reds 8, Brewers 4

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Wily Mo Pena isn't satisfied with one wrist-watch.

The NL's latest Player of the Week hit his sixth homer in his last eight games, a two-run shot off the upper deck that sparked the Cincinnati Reds to an 8-4 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Monday night.

The 22-year-old outfielder also

had a run-scoring single and a double on his proudest day in the majors, and was honored before the game for winning the player of the week.

Told by a teammate that he'll get a watch for the honor, Pena said he'd keep it at home in a place of honor instead of wearing it.

"It's my first time," Pena said. "I hope there's more coming."

With outfielders Austin Kearns and Ken Griffey Jr. on the disabled list, Pena is going to get a chance to expand his jewelry collection and keep his average climbing from its current .299.

"I don't want to jinx him, but he's close to .300 now," manager Dave Miley said. "That's great for him. We're excited for him."

Pena's emergence has been one of their few bright moments during a 5-7 skid that bumped the Reds out of contention in the NL Central, dropping them 9 1/2 games behind St. Louis.

Right-hander Aaron Harang (6-2) won his second straight start against the Brewers, fighting through control lapses while protecting an early lead.

The Reds batted around in the first inning for four runs off right-hander Ben Hendrickson (0-2), whose second career start turned out much like the first.

Hendrickson, a 10th-round pick in 1999, lost his major league debut 5-2 in Los Angeles on June 2. He was called up from the minors again to face the Reds, who knocked him out after only three innings.

Cincinnati strung together four singles in the first, and Hendrickson hit two batters to nudge the rally along. He threw 30 pitches in the inning, which featured Pena's run-scoring single and prompted Matt Kinney to start loosening in the bullpen.

"Maybe I was a little bit nervous," said Hendrickson, 23, who was the International League's starter in the Triple-A All-Star

game. "I've just got to relax. It's the same game as in the minor leagues, just with a little better players."

Hendrickson craned his neck and watched Pena's long drive smack off the facing of the upper deck in left field in the third inning, a two-run shot that made it 6-1.

Pena came to the Reds as part of the Drew Henson trade with the Yankees in 2001. He had only six homers for the Reds in the last two years, spending most of his time on the bench, but has hit 13 this season.

"He's come a long way in a year," Brewers manager Ned Yost said. "He's gone from being an out to being a guy who's real hard to get out. He has made adjustments and turned himself into a player."

And, it might be only the start. Shortstop Barry Larkin thinks the NL honor might give him a little more self-confidence.

"He actually might start believing," Larkin said. "Then it might really get interesting."

Jason LaRue added a solo homer, his 10th, off Kinney in the fifth. Adam Dunn drove in another run on an RBI double in the eighth.

Harang hadn't pitched since July 9, when he threw a career-high 7 2-3 shutout innings during a 3-0 victory in Milwaukee. He wasn't as sharp Monday, but repeatedly worked out of threats while hanging on for 7 1-3 innings.

Milwaukee had seven hits, four walks and at least one baserunner in each inning against Harang. Gary Bennett had a run-scoring single in the second, the first of his four hits.

Bill Hall singled home another run in the seventh off Ryan Wagner. Gabe White allowed an RBI double to Wes Helms in the eighth, and a solo homer to Geoff Jenkins in the ninth.

REDS NOTBOOK

Prep pitcher gets \$2.3 million from Reds

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Right-hander Homer Bailey, one of the nation's top prep pitchers, got a \$2.3 million bonus Monday when he signed with the Cincinnati Reds.

The seventh overall pick in the draft got the same bonus that junior college pitcher Nick Markakis got from Baltimore last year when he was picked at the same spot in the June amateur draft.

Bailey, who led La Grange High to a Texas prep title, didn't have a tough time passing up the chance to become a Texas Longhorn.

"I had good insurance with the University of Texas," Bailey said Monday. "With any high school player, the money that's there with being a first-round pick is hard to pass up."

Bailey, 18, got the Reds' attention with his 97 mph fastball and his impressive prep stats. He was 15-0 with a 0.68 ERA last season, striking out

201 batters in 92 2-3 innings. In four seasons at La Grange, he went 41-4 with a 0.98 ERA, effectively combining his fastball with a changeup and a sharp-breaking curve.

"That says it all," Reds scouting director Terry

Reynolds said. "Homer pretty much dominated the competition in the state of Texas."

The question now is whether he can stay healthy enough to have a career with the Reds. One draft pick after another has come down with shoulder prob-

lems in recent years, leaving the Reds with nothing to show for their top picks.

The inability to develop young pitchers was one of the factors that led to general manager Jim Bowden's firing last season. Bowden was impatient to get young pitchers to the majors as soon as possible, a philosophy that often backfired.

Reliever Ryan Wagner, another Texan, got a \$1.4 million bonus last year after the Reds made him the 14th overall pick and promised him a place on the fast track. Wagner was in the majors a month later, but struggled early this season and was sent back to the minors.

Current general manager Dan O'Brien is making sure that pitching prospects are protected from injury by keeping them on pitch counts in the minors.

"I think they're going to take their time and develop me the way I should be developed," said Bailey, who donned a No.

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Griffey says he hopes to return as soon as next week

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTON, Ohio — Ken Griffey Jr. says he hopes to resume playing with the Cincinnati Reds as soon as next week after he partially tore his right hamstring, causing him to miss the All-Star game.

The center fielder was injured July 10 while trying to run down Brady Clark's drive to

right-center in the fourth inning of a 5-0 loss at Milwaukee. The next day, the Reds placed him on the 15-day disabled list.

There is still no projected date for Griffey's return, Reds spokesman Rob Butcher said Tuesday.

Griffey told the Dayton Daily News in an interview published Tuesday that he has been running and doing four hours of workouts daily and isn't about to slack off to avoid the possibility of reinjuring himself. He has been on the disabled list six times since joining the Reds for the 2000 season.

"People ask me all the time why I don't back off a little bit, take it easy," Griffey told the newspaper. "That's not the way I was raised and not the way I was taught to play the game. I'm going to give everything I have. I'll take it easy when I retire."

"My teammates have come to me and said, 'Why don't you let those balls drop?' That's not me. If people wanted to come and watch players drop balls and not give 100 percent in the outfield, well, they aren't going to come. If I have a chance to catch it, I'm going to catch it, do everything I can to catch it."

Reds designate Sanchez for assignment

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds designated left-handed pitcher Jesus Sanchez for assignment Sunday and said they would recall left-hander Brandon Claussen in time to start last night against Milwaukee.

Claussen hasn't pitched for the Reds since being acquired from the New York Yankees last season in a trade for Aaron Boone. He's gone 8-6 with a 4.66 ERA for Triple-A

Louisville. He is leading the International League with 111 strikeouts and is tied for the lead with 47 walks.

Sanchez was 0-2 with a 7.53 ERA in three starts with the Reds.

The Reds also purchased the contract of outfielder Jason Romano from Louisville. Romano hit .063 in 15 games for the Reds earlier this season before being sent down to Louisville, where he hit .337 in 40 games.

Hamilton gives hope to late bloomers

by DOUG FERGUSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TROON, Scotland — Todd Hamilton always had the talent. What he needed was a passport.

That's what happens when an All-American golfer fails in five straight tries at PGA Tour qualifying, then realizes his best chance for a pro career takes him to all corners of the globe.

An odyssey that began on the back roads of Asia led to an improbable destination at Royal Troon, where Hamilton outplayed Ernie Els in a four-hole playoff to win the British Open on Sunday.

By now, his travels are as well known as the creative chip he played with a utility club from 40 yards off the green to save par on the final hole of the playoff.

He spent a dozen years in far-away lands, from Singapore to Kuala Lumpur, until he finally found a home away from home on the Japanese tour. He got his PGA Tour card last December on his eighth try, a rookie at 38.

Hamilton never spent much time dreaming about a major championship. He was too busy trying to get to the major leagues, and the idea of finding a new line of work crossed his mind more than once.

"Back in late '91, early '92, I was playing the Asian Tour," he said. "I didn't know it at the time, but the people who backed me financially were going to put

together some money to allow me to go play the Asian Tour one more time. My golfing wasn't as consistent as it should have been, and I thought about not playing golf."

"So it seems like probably a fairy tale," he said, the silver claret jug at his side. "And to me, it really is."

It is much more than that. Hamilton is another example that the road to a major championship can take some strange turns.

Mike Weir can relate.

Long before he was fitted for a green jacket at Augusta National, the scrappy Canadian paid \$50 a month to store his belongings so he wouldn't have to pay rent while he honed his game in Asia.

He recalls playing the Indonesian Open, catching a cab to the golf course and then lugging his bag through muddy waters when the cab broke down outside Jakarta. He finally got to the course, took a 9 on a par 3 during his round of 80 and missed the cut.

"I think probably then, I had a tough time thinking I would win the Masters," Weir once said.

Then there's Rich Beem.

His unlikely path didn't take him out of the country but to something called the Dakota Tours. Out of hope, Beem took a job selling car stereos in Seattle for \$7 an hour before he gave golf one more try. Seven years later, he stared down Tiger Woods on the back nine at Hazeltine to win the 2002 PGA Championship.

David Toms was a star at LSU, but he had to toil in Australia when he got out of college. Toms didn't win on the PGA Tour until the Quad Cities Classic at age 30, then captured the PGA Championship in Atlanta by laying up on a par 4 and beating Phil Mickelson with as gutsy a par that has ever been made in a major.

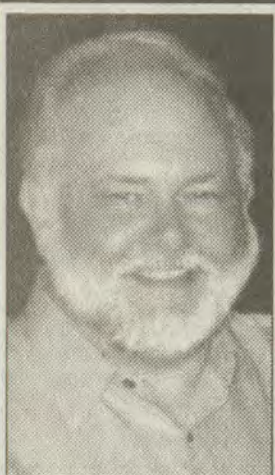
Vijay Singh never had a college degree, much less a pedigree. He honed his game in the steamy jungle of Borneo until he had enough cash to go to Europe. Even then he had to work as a bouncer in a Scottish bar for extra cash as he tried to get his tour

card. Now, he is a two-time major champion and probably headed to the Hall of Fame.

Hamilton was an All-American at the University of Oklahoma, but it took him 17 years to get his PGA Tour card, a dozen years of that journey spent at the most remote outposts in golf.

"After a while, his family and I got used to him going back and

(See HAMILTON, page five)



EATING HEALTHY

Inflammation, or the response of body tissue to injury, often causes mild or severe internal pain. Chiropractors explain that certain foods may actually increase inflammatory response and prolong pain. Red meat and animal fats are believed to aggravate the problem. Fruits, vegetables and oily fish, such as sardines, will help reduce this internal condition. Garlic is also known to be a healthy addition to a diet.

The risk of osteoporosis may be increased by eating certain foods. Among these are food and beverages that contain caffeine, such as soda, coffee and chocolate. Also, one should cut back on processed foods and red meat. Smoking is harmful, as well. All of these may increase the risk for reduced bone density.

If you suffer from back pain, drink at least eight to ten glasses of water every day. This will help prevent dehydration. It will also maintain fluid in your body's spinal discs and cell membranes. Ask your chiropractor about other foods that may cause problems, and to recommend a proper diet. He/she can also treat and eliminate your back pain, because Doctors of Chiropractic specialize in the diagnosis and care of the spine.

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Cincinnati Bengals waive LB Dwayne Levels

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals on Friday waived linebacker Dwayne Levels, who played in 13 games last season with one start for the team.

He had nine tackles on defense and 10 tackles on special teams.

Levels is a second-year NFL player from Oklahoma State.

BluegrassPreps.com Preseason Football Rankings

Class A Preseason Top 10

1. Danville
2. Newport Central Catholic
3. Louisville Holy Cross
4. Beechwood
5. Hancock County
6. Mayfield
7. Lynn Camp
8. Pikeville
9. Bardstown
10. Fairview

Class 2A Preseason Top 10

1. Elizabethtown
2. Belfry
3. Trigg County
4. Breathitt County
5. Lloyd Memorial
6. Russell
7. Corbin
8. Prestonsburg
9. Fort Campbell
10. Owensboro Catholic

Class 3A Preseason Top 10

1. Boyle County
2. Highlands
3. Hopkinsville
4. Oldham County
5. Bowling Green
6. Lexington Catholic
7. Central
8. Rockcastle County
9. Bell County
10. Covington Catholic

Class 4A Preseason Top 10

1. Trinity
2. Maie
3. Saint Xavier
4. DuPont Manual
5. Ballard
6. Henderson County
7. Dixie Heights
8. Paul Dunbar
9. Butler
10. Scott County

Wily Mo deserving of NL Player of Week

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

It may not earn him a trip to the Prestonsburg Dairy Queen for a ice cream cake, but for Cincinnati's Wily Mo Pena

being named the Player of the Week in the National League was his very first as a major league player.

Pena, who has been on fire of late at the plate for the Reds, is nearing the .300 mark in hit-

ting and has clubbed 13 home runs through Monday night games when Pena hit number 13.

Pena is fastly becoming a fan favorite in the Queen City but he could cause some hard decisions when Austin Kearns and Ken Griffey, Jr. return from the disabled list. Kearns, who has made two trips to the DL has yet to get untracked this season but with his return manager Dave Miley is certain to insert him into the Reds lineup, thus benching Pena. That would be ashamed. Pena, who has been abiding his time on the Reds bench, has finally blossomed as a major league hitter and a legitimate one.

While the Reds are trailing the front-running St. Louis Cardinals, no doubt the best team in the National League, by nine and half games, the Reds are still in the running for the Wild Card berth as we have mentioned before. However, the Reds are not entertaining any thought of a major trade in order to find some help in the pitching ranks.

I like the Reds current rotation up to a point. Paul Wilson has been the hard luck pitcher this year and the victim of five blown saves by the Reds bullpen. Wilson should be 14-2 on the season instead of 9-2.

Aaron Harang is pitching well but after Wilson and Harang, things do not look too promising. Jose Acevedo continues to struggle as well as Cory Lidle. The San Diego Padres are interested in Lidle, who will be a free agent next

year. Look for the Reds to deal the right-hander, who is 6-7 on the season.

Cincinnati needs to add to the rotation but will need more than just one starter. In reality, they will need two but what two are available. With Wilson and Harang throwing well, Lidle and Acevedo are not consistent enough to help the Reds to a wild card berth. Add to that the woes from the Bullpen who has 19 blown saves this season, and you can see the possibility of winning the wild card is going to be tough.

The Reds got some good news last Monday when first round draft choice Homer Bailey inked with the Reds. Bailey has some pretty impressive credentials in high school going 15-0 this past season with a 0.83 ERA.

Amazing, even for high school.

The Reds have some promising young arms in the minor league like Brandon Clausen and Chris Gruler.

But they are a couple of years or more away from helping the Reds.

If the Reds can get Griffey back and healthy for the rest of the season, if Lidle can be more consistent from the hill,

Reds

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22 jersey in honor of boyhood hero Roger Clemens.

Bailey will fly to the Reds' spring training facility in Sarasota, Fla., on Tuesday and begin workouts.

WILY'S WEEK: Wily Mo Pena thought they were joking. When the outfielder arrived at Great American Ball Park on Monday, he was told that he had been chosen as the NL's Player of the Week for July 15-18.

"I said, 'Why? I didn't do nothing,'" Pena said. "I didn't believe it."

Pena hit .500 in four games during the All-Star shortened week with two homers and six RBIs, his best moments in a rejuvenating season.

Until now, the 22-year-old outfielder has stayed on the roster for one reason: The Reds are out of options and didn't want to risk losing him by demoting him to the minors.

With Ken Griffey Jr. and Austin Kearns hurt, Pena has finally gotten a chance to play and develop. He was hitting .289 overall with 12 homers, including five in the last seven games, when he won his award on Monday.

"That's the only difference with last year and this year — they're giving me a chance and I'm doing something good," Pena said.

LARSON STILL HURTING: Third baseman Brandon Larson was still sore Monday, two days after he left a game with a strained left hamstring, and was placed on the disabled list for the third time this season. Larson was out previously with turf toe and a torn thigh muscle. He is hitting .212.

and if Dave Miley would stop making some of the foolish moves with his not so good bullpen, then the Reds might have an outside chance for a playoff berth.

GEORGE WANTS OUT; EDMONDS BEST CF

Eddie George did reject the offer the Tennessee Titans put before him and has asked the team for a quick release in order that he might hook up with another team soon.

Remember when Ken Griffey, Jr. made his debut as a Cincinnati Reds and all the

hype that he would be a big bat to the Reds? Well, until Friday sports everyone and sports!

Knable inks deal with Europe's BBC Ezzella

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Former Marshall University basketball standout Catie Knable (Floyd Knobs, Ind.) will continue her basketball career after signing with the BBC Ezzella of the Diekirch Basketball League (DBBL), a team based out of Ettelbruck, Luxembourg.

Knable inked a one-year deal with BBC Ezzella and plans to depart for Europe in mid-August. The 2004-05 DBBL season runs for approximately eight months, after which Knable may have the opportunity to re-up with the team for another season.

A 6-foot-2 forward/center, Knable started in 93 games for the Thundering Herd over the course of her four-year career at Marshall from 2000-2004. She is the school's second all-time leading rebounder with 910 career boards, which is the 15th best total in Mid-American Conference history. Not only a big presence in the lane, Knable is a threat from downtown as

well as she connected on 35.7 percent of her 3-point field goal attempts (fourth best in MU history).

"It's really exciting to be able to continue to play basketball," Knable, 22, said. "My experience at Marshall has prepared me for this new venture in my life."

Royce Chadwick, Marshall women's basketball head coach, is extremely pleased that one of his hardest working pupils is getting a chance to play pro basketball.

"It's a tremendous inspiration for a player that's been told 'you can't do it' to be able to continue to play after a great college career," Chadwick said. "Catie is not the most talented player, but she's the most dedicated and committed individual we've had."

"Our current girls are excited for Catie, and they see how her work ethic and commitment have paid off. It's made her a role model for our players."

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Azubuike expected to assume bigger role in offense, Smith says

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kelenna Azubuike is the key to Kentucky's offense this season, coach Tubby Smith said.

Speaking during a teleconference for Southeastern Conference coaches on Monday, Smith said the 6-foot-5 Azubuike, a junior swingman from Tulsa, Okla., is more than capable of carrying the scoring load for the Wildcats.

"We are going to need him to do that this year," Smith said. "He is going to have to be a veteran basketball player. He will be held more accountable and be able to score more in that position."

At Victory Christian School in Tulsa, Azubuike scored 3,530 points, the second-highest total in Oklahoma history. During his senior season, he averaged 39.1 points and 13.3 rebounds per game. Last season for Kentucky, Azubuike averaged 11.1 points and 5.0 rebounds per game and, late in the season, developed into the Wildcats' defensive

stopper.

Kentucky finished 27-5 and entered the NCAA tournament as the overall No. 1 seed before falling in the second round to Alabama-Birmingham.

Smith touted Azubuike's athleticism and the player's efforts in becoming a solid defender. He said Azubuike is spending the summer working on weaker areas of his game, including ball-handling and passing.

Azubuike will be one of two returning starters during the 2004-05 season for the Wildcats, joining senior forward Chuck Hayes. Junior point guard Patrick Sparks, who sat out last season after transferring from Western Kentucky, also figures to be a starter, at least early in the season.

"Patrick is an excellent leader," Smith said. "That's one of the reasons we wanted him in our program. He does all the little things to make the team better."

Smith also talked about the reasons why players transfer. While the Wildcats picked up one transfer in Sparks, they lost

another forward Bernard Cote to Northwestern.

Smith said a common reason players transfer is because of playing time, something Cote didn't see much of last season, averaging 1.4 minutes in 27 appearances. Still, after Cote announced his decision to transfer, Smith took the unusual step of publicly announcing that Cote still had a scholarship waiting if the player chose to stay.

"We certainly didn't want him to leave," Smith said.

Also during the teleconference, Tennessee coach Buzz Peterson touted Chris Lofton, the Kentucky high school player of the year. Lofton led Mason County to the state title in 2003 and a runner-up finish in 2004.

The 6-3 guard averaged 26.8 points per game this season, but he wasn't just a scorer for the Royals, who finished 33-3. He also led Mason County in rebounding (7.4), assists (3.4) and steals (3.0).

"His tremendous desire to want to do well will help him excel in our league," Peterson said.



Azubuike



Smith

PRO FOOTBALL: George rejects contract offer, wants out

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Eddie George, Tennessee's all-time leading rusher, rejected the Titans' latest contract offer and asked the team to release him quickly so he can seek a job with a new team.

George and Lamont Smith, his agent, considered the Titans' offer over the weekend, but the proposal had not changed significantly from what the team initially offered in March.

A Titans spokesman said the team would not comment. George is under contract through 2006 and was due to make \$4.25 million this season. The Titans asked him in February to rework his contract and paid him a \$1 million roster bonus in March.

But the salary cap-strapped Titans, whose woes are only expected to worsen in 2005, need to clear space to sign their 13 draft picks before training camp starts July 31.

— The Associated Press

Tagliabue to remain as commissioner

NEW YORK — Paul Tagliabue will remain as NFL commissioner through the end of the 2007 season.

Tagliabue has officially agreed to the new deal, announced last March, to extend his current contract that would have expired after next season, league officials said.

Tagliabue will be 67 when the contract expires — he would have retired at 65 had he stuck to his current deal. The new one is expected to pay him around \$8 million a year, putting him on a level with NBA commissioner David Stern as the highest paid chief executives in professional sports.

The deal has been approved unanimously by the NFL's 32 owners.

— The Associated Press

NFL Network announces schedule to air 54 preseason games

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

NFL Network has developed the following schedule to present 54 preseason games (all but the games the NFL's network television partners are airing) in just 25 days. Whether you are a displaced fan, a fantasy football fanatic looking to get the edge for the upcoming season, or one of the millions of NFL diehards, the list of NFL Network's preseason coverage is for you.

Games airing live are noted

NFL NETWORK AIR TIMES FOR 2004 PRESEASON GAMES (ALL TIMES EASTERN)

Friday, Aug. 13
Chicago at St. Louis 8
Kansas City at New York Giants (Live) 8
New York Jets at New Orleans N

Saturday, August 14
Philadelphia at New England M
Indianapolis at San Diego (Live) 1
NO HUDDLE -
Live whiparound show featuring action from 8 games 7:

Sunday, Aug. 15
Arizona at Minnesota 10
Carolina at Washington 1
Cincinnati at Tampa Bay 7
Denver at Buffalo (Live) 7
Jacksonville at Miami 11

Monday, Aug. 16
Dallas at Houston 1
Oakland at San Francisco 4

Tuesday, Aug. 17
Pittsburgh at Detroit M
Cleveland at Tennessee 3

Saturday, August 21
Minnesota at Atlanta 1
Detroit at Cleveland (Live) 4
Denver at Seattle 11

Sunday, Aug. 22
Tennessee at Buffalo 7
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville 10
Washington at Miami 3
New England at Cincinnati 9

Monday, Aug. 23
San Diego at Arizona 10
Houston at Pittsburgh 1
Dallas at Oakland 4

Tuesday, Aug. 24
New Orleans at Green Bay M
San Francisco at Chicago 3

Saturday, Aug. 28
New York Giants at New York Jets 1
San Francisco at Minnesota 2
Green Bay at Jacksonville 5
Oakland at Arizona 1

Sunday, Aug. 29
New Orleans at Chicago 9
Seattle at San Diego M
Cincinnati at Atlanta 3
Buffalo at Indianapolis 9

Monday, Aug. 30
Houston at Denver 9
Detroit at Baltimore N

Tuesday, Aug. 31
Cleveland at Kansas City N
Miami at Tampa Bay 3

Thursday, Sept. 2
Jacksonville at New England (Live) 6
St. Louis at Oakland (Live) 1

Friday, September 3
Baltimore at New York Giants N
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Secretariat statue unveiled at Kentucky Horse Park

by MURRAY EVANS
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LEXINGTON — When she was 10 years old, Malinda Moquin wrote a fan letter to Secretariat and received a reply back from someone at the Virginia farm where the 1973 Triple Crown winner was foaled.

Moquin, now 41 and living in Tucson, Ariz., had that letter with her Saturday at the Kentucky Horse Park. She and her husband drove about 2,000 miles to Lexington to participate in the Horse Park's "SecretariatFest" and to attend the unveiling of a statue of the legendary horse.

"I've been in love with Secretariat ever since 1973," said Moquin, who wore a red Secretariat shirt Saturday. "I wrote him a 10-year-old-girl letter — 'I love you, you're my favorite horse' — and sent him a box of carrots. They sent me an 8-by-10 color photograph of him as well that I still have, that I had laminated.

"There was something about him. It's been a lifelong dream to come out here. It was worth the trip."

Most of the living connections to Secretariat attended the unveiling ceremony, including owner Penny Chenery and jockey Ron Turcotte, who rode the horse in the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes, setting track records in all three races. Two other jockeys who rode Secretariat, Jim Gaffney and Eddie Maple, also attended.

Also present was another Triple Crown-winning jockey — Jean Cruguet, who rode Seattle Slew in 1977. Cruguet said he is a friend of Turcotte.

During the two-day event at the Horse Park, fans could see

trophies from Secretariat's Triple Crown races and watch a video of his races — including his memorable 31-length romp in the Belmont, which made him the first Triple Crown winner in 25 years.

"I would love to know what he was thinking that day," Chenery said. "Why did he keep on running when he'd passed everybody by almost an eighth of a mile? My gut feeling is that it was his home track and he was ready for that race. I just think he got out there and put away Sham early and just felt, 'OK, I feel good, I'm just going to show them how I can run.'"

"He was in the zone. There was no acceleration, no deceler-

ation. It was the same stride. You had the feeling that he could just keep on going."

Moquin's letter is one of many received through the years by Chenery and Turcotte, who said Saturday that he receives more mail now regarding Secretariat than he did when the horse was racing.

"The fans continue to be interested — new fans, young kids who couldn't have seen him," Chenery said. "It's just his mystique."

The life-size, 1,500-pound bronze statue by sculptor Edwin Bogucki eventually will be the centerpiece of the "Secretariat Plaza" at the Horse Park, said executive director John

Nicholson. It will be one of the most prominent statues at the 1,200-acre park, along with that of Man o' War, the legendary thoroughbred buried near the park's main entrance.

"They were bookends to the century, obviously the two greatest racehorses of the 20th century — one at the beginning of the century and one toward the end," Nicholson said. "It's only fitting that in a place that has a place of honor for Man o' War, that it should have a place of honor as well for Secretariat."

The statue was seven years in the making, Chenery said, and is modeled after a photo taken shortly after Secretariat won the Kentucky Derby. Eddie Sweat, Secretariat's groom, is pulling the horse, while Turcotte is holding on tight in the saddle. The sculpture's

detail includes veins, which were visible after the horse's effort in beating rival Sham in the Derby, setting a still-standing race record in the process.

"When they put the roses on him after the Derby, they pricked, and he didn't like it," Chenery said. "He's trying to get away from the prickly roses. That's why the groom is pulling back on him and Ronnie is kind of sitting tight, because he's dancing around."

"He had gotten his way. We had taken off the roses, but he hadn't settled down."

The statue will be kept out of the public eye at the Horse Park until the "Secretariat Plaza" is finished sometime later this year, Nicholson said.

Another Secretariat statue at the Horse Park, sculpted by Jim Reno, will be moved from its present spot near the visitors'

center to the park's under-construction Secretariat Center. When it opens later this year, the Secretariat Center will accept retired thoroughbreds, which will be retrained and offered for adoption.

Reno's statue of Secretariat "was done when (the horse) was old, so it's much better suited to being at the retirement center," Chenery said. "It's not a racing picture."

Secretariat died on Oct. 4, 1989, at age 19 and is buried at Claiborne Farm in nearby Paris, where he spent his career as a stallion. His trainer, Lucien Laurin, died in June 2000.

On the Net:
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<http://www.kyhorsepark.com>
Secretariat: <http://www.secretariat.com>

Dale Earnhardt Jr. released from hospital

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. was released from the hospital Monday, one day after being burned on the face and legs in a crash during a warmup for an American Le Mans Series race.

The NASCAR star, son of the late Dale Earnhardt, was flown to the University of California-Davis Medical Center on Sunday after the car he was driving crashed and turned into a fireball at the Infineon Raceway

in Sonoma.

Earnhardt was treated for second-degree burns on the insides of both legs and on his chin, according to a statement from the hospital. The burns covered about 6 percent of his body.

The terrifying accident came at the beginning of a morning practice, when Earnhardt lost control of his Chevrolet Corvette C5-R. The car spun and slid into a concrete barrier. The crash broke the fuel filler neck, where gas is poured into the fuel tank, and sparked the fire. Earnhardt was able to get out of the car on his own.

While Earnhardt's injuries weren't serious, any wreck he is involved in always brings up memories of the last-lap crash at the 2001 Daytona 500 that killed his father, easily the most popular driver of his era.

Steve Crisp, a spokesman for Dale Earnhardt Inc., said the younger Earnhardt will compete in next weekend's Nextel Cup race at New Hampshire International Speedway. Earnhardt, second in the Cup standings behind Jimmie Johnson, was supposed to be enjoying a weekend off from his regular series for a rare chance to race without pressure.

Inks

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Knable will serve as the team's lone American-born player. She does, however, have some international experience to draw from, having just played in a 10-game tour of Poland as part of the Athletes in Action program this summer. Knable's squad, comprised of former NCAA basketball stars, went 7-3 in the tour.

Lights go out in Clinton County

NARA Modified feature to be completed in Aug.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALBANY — With the final preliminary event of the evening on the track, a sudden power failure to the lights on the turn three and four end of the racing surface caused a lengthy delay in action Friday night in Clinton County. After checking the situation over, track promoter Tommy Craig informed NARA President Spencer Wilson that the electrical situation could not be repaired to be able to complete the racing program.

The feature race is set and will be completed on Aug. 13, the next time the BoB Modified Series was scheduled to return to Clinton County. Instead of another BoB Modified race,

there will be a regular race program that evening as well, giving the drivers a chance to race in two feature events. Also, if there are any cars that show up on Aug. 13 that were not there on Friday and want to attempt to make the Battle of the Bluegrass Modified Series feature event.

In preliminary action, Mike Marlar of Winfield, Tenn. was the Racing Optics Fast Qualifier with a qualifying lap of 13.315 seconds. There were two Crown Spray Power qualifying heats contested with Ricky Arms of Moss, Tenn., winning the first heat over Marlar, Hank Bradley, Bill Oatts and Dwight Chitwood. The second heat saw Brandon Green of Walton, make a last lap pass of series points leader Kelly Warren to take the win. The rest of the top five from the second heat were Anthony Reams, Keith Denny and Jimmy Payne.

Reds 6, Brewers 2

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Brandon Claussen pitched seven impressive innings in his long-awaited NL debut, and Jason Romano's first homer sent the Cincinnati Reds to a 6-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Tuesday.

Claussen (1-0) gave up Bill Hall's two-run homer and only five hits overall in his first appearance with the Reds. The left-hander was the Yankees' top pitching prospect last July when they sent him to Cincinnati as part of the trade for Aaron Boone.

The Reds completed a two-game sweep behind a career day from Romano, a diminutive utility player who entered the series hitting .056.

The outfielder had an RBI single off Doug Davis (9-8) that tied it in the fifth. He put Claussen in line for the victory by hitting a two-run homer off Davis in the seventh, his first homer in 149 at-bats in the majors.

Claussen was the Reds' prized acquisition last July, when the club

dumped general manager Jim Bowden and went on a downsizing spree. The Reds traded one front-line player after another for pitching prospects and cash.

None was more esteemed than the 23-year-old Claussen. In his only start for the Yankees, he delighted owner George Steinbrenner by beating the Mets at Shea Stadium last season.

The deal worked out well for New York. Boone's 11th-inning homer off Tim Wakefield beat Boston in Game 7 of the AL championship series — another infamous ending for Red Sox fans.

After Boone tore a knee ligament in a pickup basketball game in January, the Yankees released him and brought in Alex Rodriguez as his replacement. Boone moved on to Cleveland, where he is expected to play later this season on a two-year deal.

Claussen had remained in the minors, getting time to fully recover from reconstructive elbow surgery in 2002. He had put together seven solid starts at Triple-A Louisville when he was called up to start Tuesday.

It didn't go so well at the outset. Wes Helms reached on an infield single to open the second, and Hall hit his sixth homer deep into the seats in left field — a disappointed Claussen didn't bother to watch the ball once it left the bat.

Hall has 11 homers in the last two seasons, four at Great American Ball Park.

After Hall's homer, Claussen settled in against a lineup that had never faced him before.

Davis, who made his debut at Great American last season with Toronto, didn't get much help from his defense.

Juan Castro doubled to right and continued to third when Brady Clark bobbled the ball off the wall. Sean Casey then hit a fly ball that center fielder Scott Podsednik misjudged, letting it go over his head for a double.

Romano's homer snapped a 2-all tie in the seventh, and the Reds added two in the eighth on D'Angelo Jimenez's single and

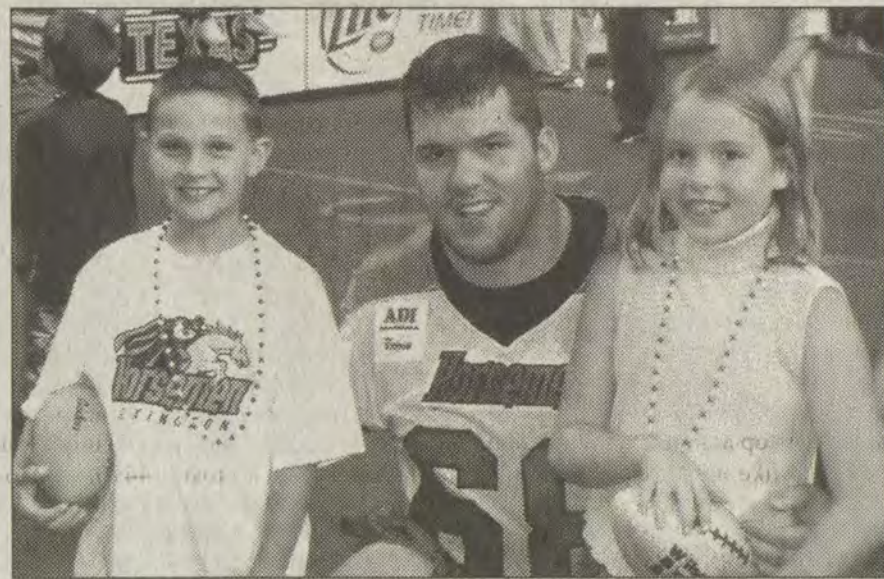
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photo by Jamie Howell

Former Lawrence County High School head coach Garry McPeck, a current Horsemen assistant coach, talked with head coach Bob Sphire.

Lexington defensive lineman Jeremy Caudill took time out to pose for a picture with Prestonsburg youngsters Conner Pack and Haley Howell.



Outlook for thoroughbred industry seems positive

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — The thoroughbred industry is on the upswing, which should bode well for upcoming sales, consigners said Monday during the summer's first major sale of yearlings.

A stronger economy combined with the residual effect from Smarty Jones' recent Triple Crown bid and a larger number of healthy foals have encouraged optimism from many who attended the first day of the Kentucky Summer Yearlings sale at Fasig-Tipton auction house.

"The market is good for the good horse," said Brereton Jones, the owner of Airdrie Stud in Midway, the consigner of one of the highest-priced horses sold Monday. "That's the way it should be."

For the second straight year, the Fasig-Tipton sale is opening the yearling sales season. Keeneland's July Selected Yearling Sale is on indefinite hold.

Boyd Browning, Fasig-Tipton's executive vice president and chief operating officer, hopes that being at the start of

the sales season will be a positive thing.

"It is always good when the market is strong to be early, but I don't think it has a significant effect," he said.

Browning did say he is encouraged by the strength of the sales market this year, noting

there were "increases in every 2-year-old sale that took place in the spring."

However, it was almost four hours and more than 100 horses into Monday's session before a horse sold for more than

(See POSITIVE, page four)

Defending champ takes BoB Late Model win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — Mike Marlar of Winfield, Tenn., the 2003 O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Points Champion picked up one of the biggest wins of his racing career as he won the 17th Annual Paul "Butterball" Wooldridge Memorial Race on Saturday Night at the Richmond Raceway. Marlar's win in the Lucas Oil A-Main event was worth \$5000 as he became the 10th different O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass winner this year in 14 races. The win was also Marlar's sixth career BoB victo-

ry making him the driver with the most career wins in the series' first 59 events contested. Marlar drove the David Marlar, crew chiefed, Wilson's Service Center, PBM Performance Products, Wayne Bowen Racing Supply, Huddle House Restaurant, Renegade Race Fuels, Marlar and Sons Auto Dismantling, Todd Truss Company, CarCosmetics.net, WFO Decals, Hoosier Racing Tires, AMS Race Engines sponsored C.J. Rayburn Pontiac Grand Prix, Aaron Hatton of Mt. Sterling, finished second in the Porter Tire Center/Draime Engines/MasterSbilt Grand Prix. Taking third was 2002 BoB Series Champion, Eddie Carrier Jr. of Salt Rock, W.Va. in the Carl Grover Motorsports/Engines Inc./Rocket Ford Taurus. Johnny Wheeler of Campbellsville, placed fourth in the Larry Yantz Racing/Classic Homes/C.J. Rayburn Monte Carl and rounding out the top five was John Gill of Mitchell, Ind. in the Jeff and Eddie Harrod/Harrod Farms/Rocket Grand Prix. A standing room only crowd was on hand as 41 cars were present for the event, which was delayed nearly an hour by a late afternoon downpour of rain.

JP Sports looks at 'Football Saturdays in the South'

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Jefferson-Pilot Sports' four-show summer series, "Aaron's Football Saturdays in the South," will begin airing in most southeastern markets on July 31. Below is a broadcast outlet list for the show with dates and times for each market given. Note that there is a slight chance a date/time could change in one or two markets.

The theme for each episode is as follows:
Episode 1 — Southern Heisman Trophy Winners
Episode 2 — Southern Football Families
Episode 3 — Southern Coaches
Episode 4 — Wild Card/Various Topics

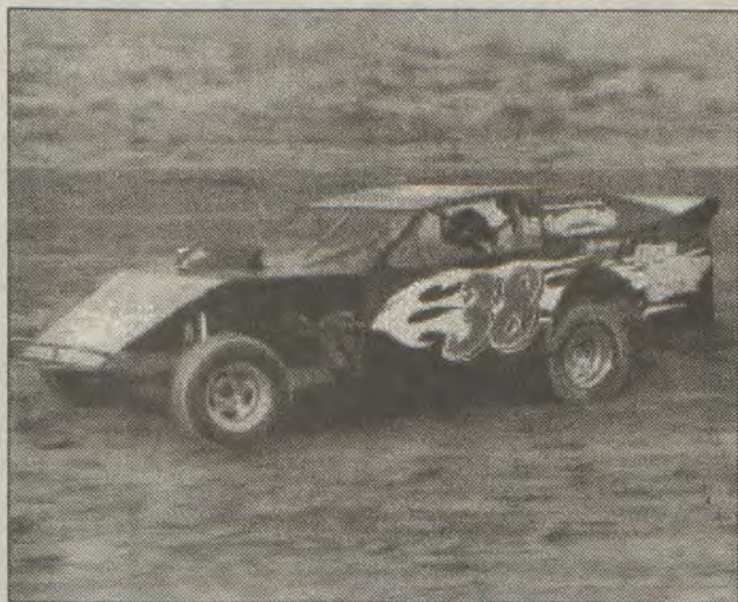


photo by Chris Belcher
Marty Meade, Stanville, won the open wheel Modified feature race held Saturday at 201 Speedway.

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Patton; 3. Brent McCormick; 4. Jr. Blackburn; 5. Beadie Blackburn; 6. Brian Pennington; 7. Dennis Deboard; 8. Driver name unavailable; 9. Jake Miller.

Open Wheel Modified: 1. Marty Meade; 2. Clint Shutts; 3. Keith Sanson; 4. Mike Osborne; 5. Walt Mayabb.

Bombers: 1. Michael Paul Howard; 2. Buck Lemaster; 3. Ronnie Booth; 4. Ervin Blair; 5. Gary Cunagin; 6. Bo Howard.

Road Hogs: 1. Wes Bailey; 2. Rick Baker; 3. Wes Blair; 4. Steve Lewis; 5. James Conley; 6. Jason Stambaugh; 7. Jordan Perkins; 8. Walt Castle; 9. Josh Wallen; 10. Lloyd Kimbler; 11. Bryston Guthrie; 12. Dereck Powers; 13. Mikey Wallen.

Fast Four Cylinders: 1. James D. Mosley; 2. Marty Hall; 3. Jamie Hamilton; 4. Jason Hall; 5. Jeremy Hayes; 6. Stacy Hall; 7. Danny Salisbury; 8. Kelly Neace; 9. Jeremy Tackett; 10. D.I. Henson; 11. Austin Francis; 12. Leroy Newsome; 13. Nick Martin.

Regular Four Cylinders: Feature race postponed.

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Thunder Valley Challenge NHRA Division 2 event features close points races

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — The Third Annual Winnebago Industries Thunder Valley Challenge NHRA Division 2 event returns to Bristol Dragway during the upcoming weekend, July 22-24, featuring Alcohol Dragster and Funny Cars that will travel the quarter-mile strip at Thunder Valley at speeds of over 260 mph.

The event also covers several of the fastest growing classes in racing, including Competition, Super Stock, Stock, Super Comp, Super Gas and Super Street. A Manufacturer's Midway will also be part of the weekend.

A number of close points battles will be highlighted this weekend, including the Super Stock race between Mike Crutchfield (275 points) and Stan Perry, Jr. (266). Other tight races include Super Street where Tony Fuller (319) holds a nine-point advantage over Michael Ruff (310), who won at Bristol Dragway in 2003, and Top Sportsman where Ronnie Davis (283) is only four points in front of Gilmer Henshaw (279). The tightest race is in Super Gas where Corky Markwart is only one point (280-279) in front of Wayne Bogle.

In Alcohol Funny Car action, Jay Payne, who conquered Thunder Valley a year ago, leads the way with 274 points while Mark Billingham is second with 149 points. The Alcohol Dragster points leader is Guy Kelly with 213 points and Jason Cannon and

Michael Gunderson are both tied for second with 160 points. Larry Pritchett has built up a nice cushion in Super Stock with 321 points to runner-up Mike Saye's 261 points, and Gregory Rowe heads the Stock points with 291 points to Jimmy Parks' 250 points. Leading the way in Super Comp is Lindsey Wood with 297 points, followed by David Tatum (252), who was the runner-up in that class at Bristol last year.

Entry fee is \$125 for car and driver and \$35 for a 2-day crew pass. A Friday crew and spectator admission is \$15 and a Saturday crew and spectator admission is \$25.

A Test & Tune will take place on Thursday, from noon until 6 p.m. Gates open on Friday, at 8 a.m. with time trials and qualifying set to begin at noon. Gates open Saturday, at 8 a.m. with time trials and qualifying slated for 9:30 a.m.

Hamilton

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forth," Hamilton's mother, Jayne Pearson, said. "But the first time he went to Asia, I took him to the airport, and I was very concerned."

Hamilton won 11 times on the Japanese tour, including four times a year ago.

Els also travels the world, usually with an appearance fee that covers a lot more than the cost of travel, and he remembers Hamilton well.

"Whenever our paths crossed, wherever we were in the world, we always had a nice chat," Els said. "I always knew he was a good player. That's another thing the media and the people don't realize. Everybody looks at America or Europe, but there's a big world out there, and there's a lot of quality players."

"I knew he was going to be tough."

The road to a silver claret jug only made him tougher. Hamilton didn't look like someone playing in only his eighth major, the first time anywhere near the lead on a Sunday afternoon.

A chip-in for birdie on the 14th hole gave Hamilton a two-

shot lead, the time most newcomers to his position usually have trouble controlling their breathing. Hamilton followed that with a difficult chip to within inches to save par on the 15th, a 12-foot birdie putt on the 16th and a tee shot that found the middle of the green on the 17th.

He struggled on the final hole, dropping into a playoff. But it was Els who blinked first, hitting his 4-iron over the 17th green after Hamilton had stuck his tee shot on the 222-yard hole within 15 feet.

"Sometimes I get in situations where you should be biting all your fingernails off," Hamilton said. "I had never been in a position like that, at least in a tournament as grand was this, and to be out there and feel very calm was an oddity."

To see his name on the claret jug might look odd.

But there were other guys who didn't take the fast track to success and won major championships. And if any other struggling pro was paying attention, there might be more.

Correction

South Floyd High School graduate Landon Hall, who went under center at quarterback for the Raiders during the 2004 season, was incorrectly identified as Landon Slone in a story that ran in Sunday's edition.

Caudill

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nice touches added by the Horsemen to make the evening more "fan friendly" — much to the liking of all fans.

Indoor football is as they say "wall-to-wall action" as the sidelines are indeed the walls. Nonstop action is another thing to like about this type

of football, but the most appealing aspect (at least for me) has to be the players not really playing for the money. After all, they only make around \$200 per game. They're not exactly getting rich are they?

The games are almost always high scoring with lots of action and the fans really get involved in the games. The ticket prices are very reasonable with lower arena seats priced at as low as \$12 for adults and \$10 for children. The Horsemen fans are loyal and dedicated, and the office personal make sure your game experience is enjoyable. The season is winding down for 2004, but the team will be back in action next season. Do yourself a favor and take the family to a Lexington Horsemen game. After all it is (wall to wall action).

Last Week

The Horsemen defeated the Houma Bayou Bucks 70-63. Lexington scored on 10 of its 11 possessions.

Atlantic Conference Finals

The Lexington Horsemen will travel to Wheeling, WV to take on the Ohio Valley Greyhounds on Saturday at 7:30 pm..

A bus may be available through Blue Grass Tours for interested fans to travel to the game. The cost would be \$50 per person and would include bus ride and ticket into the game. Tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis, if you are interested please call the office at 859/422-7277. The deadline is today at 5 pm. If the bus is not sold out,

unfortunately we would not be able to secure a bus and fans would need to travel on their own.

Ohio Valley Game Information:

Ticket office: 304/233-4470, ask to be seated in the Lexington section and tickets will \$13 or \$10.

NASCAR Nextel Cup Driver Standings

1. Jimmie Johnson, 2,720
2. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2,615
3. Jeff Gordon, 2,476
4. Tony Stewart, 2,418
5. Matt Kenseth, 2,321
6. Bobby Labonte, 2,278
7. Elliott Sadler, 2,252
8. Kevin Harvick, 2,229
9. Kurt Busch, 2,211
10. Ryan Newman, 2,173
11. Jeremy Mayfield, 2,108
12. Dale Jarrett, 2,083
13. Jamie McMurray, 2,068
14. Kasey Kahne, 2,044
15. Mark Martin, 2,035
16. Casey Mears, 1,998
17. Rusty Wallace, 1,965
18. Michael Waltrip, 1,960
19. Sterling Marlin, 1,941
20. Brian Vickers, 1,913

Reds

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Jason LaRue's sacrifice fly. Notes: Hall is 13-for-30 career at Great American with four homers and 13 RBIs. ... The Brewers are 2-4 on their 11-day, 11-game trip to four NL Central cities. ... C Chad Moeller's infield single in the seventh snapped an 0-for-17 slump. ... Jimenez extended his hitting streak to 10 games.

Game field dressing tips offered

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Hunters interested in pointers on how to process their game are invited to the Salato Wildlife Education Center. On Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. join wildlife biologists with Kentucky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to learn field dressing for deer, squirrel, rabbit and fowl. Proper technique, basic animal biology, and how best to handle the meat are covered. As an added bonus, Tressa Brown will demonstrate hide tanning after the program. The

event is open to all ages at a cost of \$10 each. Registration is required.

For further information call 502/564-7863. Learn more about upcoming events at the Salato Center at fw.ky.gov. The Salato Wildlife Education Center is located at the Kentucky Fish & Wildlife Game Farm three miles west of Frankfort on U.S. 60. Open Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 6 p.m. The Center is closed Mondays and state holidays.

Bengals reach agreement with draft pick

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals said Tuesday they reached agreement on a three-year contract with cornerback Greg Brooks of Southern Mississippi, the team's sixth-round selection in the April draft.

Brooks is the first of Cincinnati's 11 draft picks this year to reach contract agreement. Terms weren't disclosed.

He was a three-year starter at Southern Miss, intercepting nine passes during his college career.

Bengals players are to report to training camp July 30 in Georgetown. — The Associated Press

Cruse

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"We are glad to have her here at Betsy Layne and getting involved with the student-athletes," said Tackett, who has also coached both boys' and girls' basketball. "She will do fine."

Tackett, who two years ago served as the girls' basketball coach at Prestonsburg High School, hasn't ruled out making a return to the basketball coaching ranks.

A look ahead at the 2004 Betsy Layne High volleyball season follows.

- Betsy Layne
2004 Volleyball Schedule
Aug. 19 Phelps
Aug. 23 Paintsville
Aug. 26 Pike County Central
Aug. 31 at Pikeville
Sept. 2 at Pike County Central
Sept. 7 at Phelps
Sept. 9 Allen Central
Sept. 13 South Floyd
Sept. 14 Prestonsburg
Sept. 16 at Paintsville
Sept. 20 Sheldon Clark
Sept. 21 at South Floyd
Sept. 23 at Prestonsburg
Sept. 27 at Magoffin County
Sept. 28 at Sheldon Clark
Sept. 30 at Allen Central
Oct. 4 Magoffin County

Draw

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ball, and table tennis were also held. Games were held mostly in Lexington, but also in Harrodsburg, Midway, Georgetown, Nicholasville, Berea, Frankfort, Louisville and Independence.

The largest turnout of athletes was for soccer.

The Games will continue during the upcoming weekend (Saturday, July 24 and Sunday, July 25) in Lexington, Richmond, Owensboro, Louisville and Frankfort. Sports include the 5K road race, basketball, canoeing and kayaking, croquet, fencing, gold horseshoes, martial arts, soccer, softball, volleyball and cycling.

The Bluegrass State Games are designed to provide Kentuckians of all ages and activities an opportunity to participate in statewide, family-oriented sports festivals styled after the Olympic Games.

The Games are co-hosted by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the University of Kentucky.

Ashland Inc. and the Valvoline Oil Company are founding sponsors of the Bluegrass State Games. The presenting sponsor is the Lexington Herald-Leader and Gold sponsors are Kentucky Utilities Company and the Lexington Convention and Visitors Bureau. Silver sponsors

are Bluegrass Family Health, and McDonald's of Central and Southeastern Kentucky. Bronze sponsors are Central Bank and Radisson Plaza Hotel.

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Jackie Boggs took home both another trophy and title Saturday, winning the Willard Speedway mid-season title.

Boggs takes mid-season title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLARD — Jackie Boggs drove a flawless race on Saturday at Willard Speedway, taking the mid-season championship title in the Late Model division. Despite the morning rains that started the day on Saturday, a good crowd came out to take in another exciting show at the Tri-State's fastest 1/4 mile. Boggs has quite a following, fans who all arrive when he comes to race at Willard Speedway.

Just as in the previous race, Boggs led from flag to flag, keeping a safe distance from Josh McGuire, who was running second, with Tom Hall running strong and staying right on his bumper throughout the race. Fourth-place was another successful Late Model competitor, Terry Hicks, who's won more Late Model features this season than any other driver at Willard Speedway. Rounding out the top five was Mike Estep.

In the Modified championship race, Jeff Meadows claimed the victory and was followed by a new name at Willard Speedway, Roger Wireman. Third-place went to Kevin Copher, who has had several wins himself at the Carter County red clay oval. Fourth-place went to Greg Thompson, always a great competitor when he races at Willard. Fifth-place was taken by Joey Back, a local racer who's there every week competing in both the Modified and Bomber divisions.

As a matter of fact, Back won the Bomber Championship title. Placing second to him was Jason Wright. Third through fifth-place finishers, respectively, were Stacy Jackson, Eric Steagall, and Mitch Hall respec-

tively. The V6 Stock Champ was Jeff Goodan, who was the Track Champion last season. Second in the contest was Glenn Marshall, who's taken quite a few of the winner's trophies this season in the same division division. Third-through fifth-place finishers were Tim Butler, Randy Johnson, and Greg Sparks, in that order.

The Four-Cylinder Championship was won by Tommy Riggs, another new name at the track. Second through fifth places in the order they finished were, Timmy

Lennox Jr., Dale Dehart, Chris Shelton, and Mike Taylor.

The Fan of the Week was John Landry of Olive Hill, who received a free t-shirt, pass to the next race and a concession coupon. This week's trivia question winner was Drew Jones, who won a \$50 gift certificate to Raybourn Auto Parts in Olive Hill. The 50-50 jackpot winner was Alvin Boykin of Hurricane, W.Va..

The next race at Willard Speedway is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 7. For more information, go online to www.willardspeedway.com.

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\$220,000. Then California attorney John Connelly paid \$450,000 for a bay colt consigned by Jones' farm. The colt is by 7-year-old Forest Camp, out of the filly Cope's Light. Forest Camp's first foals are yearlings in 2004.

"When you've got what I think is the best horse in the sale, you never know what they're going to bring," Jones said. "Certainly that was a very good return on my investment, and I think the purchaser is going to have a good return on investment, too. I think he's that kind of colt."

Other consigners shared Jones' enthusiasm, and noted that buyers seemed more interested in looking at horses this year than they did last year, when the yearling market took a hit because of the 2001 Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome outbreak in Kentucky. The dispute resulted in the loss of many horses that would have been

yearlings in 2003.

"We've had a lot of people looking. We'll see if that translates into bids and dollars," said Craig Bendoroff, the owner of Denali Stud in Paris. "MRLS put a cloud over everything last year, and we don't have that. It's behind us."

"You've had Smarty Jones and Funny Cide back to back, and the popularity of racing seems to be improving. There are reasons for people to be excited and upbeat. It's created some excitement and showed people that anybody can come up with a big horse."

Mike O'Brien, a barn manager for Taylor Made Sales of Nicholasville, noted the market's enthusiasm already has affected future sales in a positive way. Keeneland's largest sale of the year, its September Yearling Sale, will be extended to 14 days, two days longer than originally planned. Keeneland spokesman Jim Williams said Monday.

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POISON OAK

A slingshot must have forks

It always bothered me when the Sunday school teacher would tell us about how little David slew the mighty giant, Goliath, with a slingshot, when on the other side of our little card was a picture of the weapon he'd used, and it wouldn't be a slingshot at all.

You see, I knew, as well as did every other coal-camp kid who'd gathered in a corner (we didn't have class rooms) of the Thealka Free Will Baptist Church, and the odor of Evening in Paris and furniture polish on those long ago Sunday mornings, that a slingshot had forks. David's didn't.

Although I never tried it, I couldn't imagine anyone shooting a slingshot without forks with any kind of accuracy. It just didn't make sense to me.

Fast forward about 60 years and a little research reveals that a "slingshot," in a lot of cases, is now something else altogether, ranging from a carnival ride to a type of roller skate, to the name of a race horse. You can even purchase a weapon-type slingshot with a built-in leaser targeting system from the internet. Although the store-bought ones are, no doubt, the genuine articles, they're still quite different from the homemade ones we used.

The biggest difference is in the forks. The store-bought ones are made of metal, probably aluminum. I'm sure they're strong, but half the fun—and most of the challenge—in making a slingshot was with the fork selection.

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It is not too late to apply for admission to the partners of the University Center of the Mountains. The partners include Eastern Kentucky University, Hazard Community and Technical College (HCTC), Kentucky Community and Technical College, and Morehead State University. The UCM partnership allows stu-

dents to obtain bachelor and other advanced degrees without leaving the region.

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the Fall 2004 term. HCTC and MSU do not have application deadlines; however, applications, transcripts and other documentation should be submitted in a timely manner. It is recommended that students ensure all admissions requirements are met at least one month prior to registration.

EKU's fall term will begin Aug.

25. HCTC's fall term begins Aug. 16. MSU's fall term begins Aug. 23.

For more information, please contact the University Center of the Mountains staff at (800) 246-7521 ext. 73182 or (606) 487-3182 or by email at Heather.Noble@kctcs.edu



Clyde Pack



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Local markets are filled to the brim with a variety of fresh fruits to help savor a summer's day.

KIM'S KORNER

Refining Silver

While grocery shopping weekend before last, a very sweet lady approached me to share she'd read a story I'd written a few years ago about "Refining Silver." She told how she read the story while sitting in a hospital waiting room, waiting for news from her father's doctor about his condition.

She told how the article "hit the nail on the head" for her during everything she was experiencing in her life at that time. To say it warmed my heart is an understatement. I had forgotten all about our meeting in the aisle of the grocery until I sat down at the computer to write this week's column.

2:00 AM Sunday July 11, I was awakened by the phone to hear my Aunt Eula say they had Dad at McDowell ARH and that he was smothering.

It's always amazing when these calls come in the wee hours of the morning and you can't find a thing to put on, one shoe disappears, and, oh, you get the picture. Running frantically through the house searching for clothing, with phone in hand calling my brother, I finally got it together and headed out for Left Beaver.

On the way to pick up my brother, I noticed that my gas light was on. "Why did I not get gas this weekend?" I said right out loud to myself.

Anyway, I picked up Scott, we stopped for fuel, and though it really didn't take us long at all, it felt like an eternity before we got to McDowell.

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Summertime treats made special with fresh fruit

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

A stroll through any local grocery or produce stand right now will quickly grab the attention of any fruit lover, as fresh fruits are now in summertime abundance. Though there's nothing better than a bowlful of favorites simply washed and unadorned, we did find a few great recipes to share. For more ideas, visit the busycooks.about.com website.

Cherry Chicken Salad
(This recipe is great using fresh bing cherries.)

Ingredients:
1 fresh pineapple
4 cups cubed cooked chicken

1 cup sliced celery
1/4 cup chopped green onions
1 lb. bing cherries, pitted and halved
1/2 tsp. salt
dash pepper
1 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup sour cream
2 Tbsp. milk
1 Tbsp. lemon juice

Method:
Cut pineapple lengthwise into 6 sections. Slice out flesh of pineapple and cut out core. Cut into 1-inch chunks and set aside.

In large bowl, combine chicken, celery, green onions, salt and pepper, and toss lightly. Add cherries and pineapple and mix gently. In small bowl, combine mayonnaise, sour

cream, milk and lemon juice and stir until smooth. Pour over chicken mixture and stir gently to coat. Cover and refrigerate several hours before serving.

Chicken Peach Bacon Salad
(Makes good use of all those fresh peaches around right now.)

Ingredients:
4 peaches, peeled and sliced
2 tsp. lime juice
2 strips bacon
3 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, sliced
1/4 cup purchased poppy seed salad dressing
1/2 cup chopped celery

Method:
Combine peaches with lime juice, toss gently and set aside. Cook bacon in large nonstick skillet until crisp. Drain, reserving 1 Tbsp. drippings in skillet. Crumble bacon and set aside. Add chicken to skillet and cook and stir for 4-6 minutes, or until no longer pink in center. Remove from heat. Add salad dressing, celery and reserved chopped peaches. Toss gently.

Place on serving plate and sprinkle with bacon. Serve immediately.

Chicken Melon Salad
(The combination of sweet, juicy melon with tender chicken is irre-

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CRITTER CORNER

Laws of Cat Physics

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

Okay, it's probably obvious by now that I am cheating by reprinting funny things I have found on the Internet. I can only plead several weeks of Rabies Clinics and the temporary brain-dead state that they cause. Hopefully, I'll be a little more original in the coming weeks! Until then, more nonsense...

LAWS OF CAT PHYSICS

LAW OF CAT INERTIA: A cat at rest will tend to remain at rest, unless acted upon by some outside force—such as the opening of cat food, or a nearby scurrying mouse.

LAW OF CAT MOTION: A cat will move in a straight line, unless there is a really good reason to change direction.

LAW OF CAT MAGNETISM: All blue blazers and black sweaters attract cat hair in direct proportion to the darkness of the fabric.

LAW OF CAT THERMODYNAMICS: Heat flows from a warmer to a cooler body, except in the case of a cat, all heat flows to the cat.

LAW OF CAT STRETCHING: A cat will stretch to a distance proportional to the length of the nap just taken.

LAW OF CAT SLEEPING: All cats must sleep with people whenever possible, in a position as uncomfortable for

(See CRITTER, page three)



This is "Blue Kitty," who is owned by Loretta Hyden, of Prestonsburg. Blue Kitty is very special to Loretta because she, along with her brother, "Trouble," was given to her by Loretta's mother shortly before she passed away. Loretta says that Blue Kitty is a "great big baby" that is "very spoiled." Blue, an early-riser who awakens her owners by meowing in their ears, likes fresh water several times a day and will do flip-flops for Loretta's husband, Randall.

School Calendar

■ July 28 - "Back to School Health Fair," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Allen Central High School. Services will include free physicals, hearing screenings, child identification, school supplies, and drawings for free haircuts. Event is FREE to all Floyd County students.*

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ August 5 - New student/parent orientation for AMS students, 6 p.m., at the school. Information about school programs and policies will be provided. Students and parents may meet staff, tour building, and get answers to any questions they may have.

■ Health records for students may be dropped off to the Youth Services Center throughout the summer months.

■ The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year to assist students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center at 886-9812 for more information or to request assistance with a family need. Center is open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley,

Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to all students regardless of income.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

■ July 28 - Clothing Give-Away; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Maytown Methodist Church.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

■ August 3 - Freshman Orientation, 6 p.m.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.

BETSY LAYNE

ELEMENTARY

■ The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referrals to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

■ Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

■ We are currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for 5th grade students. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These services are available to anyone in the community.

■ The FCHD nurse is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be

reached by calling 886-0815.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals; T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test,

WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Upcoming Summer Activities hosted by McDowell Family Resource Center:

■ Nutrition Camp - July 19-23. Kids learn how to eat healthy, become more active. Nutritious snacks prepared each day. Students will also learn how to make healthy versions of favorite snacks and be taught about the basic food groups. Offered in collaboration with Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

■ Physical & Health Activities Camp - July 26-30. Children will participate in physical and health education programs. Offered in collaboration with McDowell ARH.

■ All Camp Week activities are FREE for those students enrolled at McDowell Elem. Parents/guardians must provide transportation. Activities held from 9-11 a.m. To register your child, call 377-2678.

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

PIARIST SCHOOL

■ July 27 - FREE shoe and school supply give-away to be held at the Community Center, in Martin, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 285-3950 for more information.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

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YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from The Floyd County Times, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

(July 20 and July 22, 1994)

Floyd County School Board members approved an across-the-board salary increase for school employees, and created additional staff positions, but delayed adopting the district's 1994-95 budget. At Monday's regular board meeting, the board approved giving a three percent pay raise to certified and classified employees...The filing deadline for the November general election is just under two weeks away, and at least three elected offices will be on the ballot in Floyd County. Three seats on the board of education in educational districts one, two and five will be up in November...A lack of a quorum, Monday, at Wayland's City Council meeting, prompted Mayor Gene Mullins to call a special session, Wednesday, (today) to take action on a proposed water treatment plant...When the roll was called, only one voice responded during a meeting, Monday night, of the Floyd County Solid Waste Commission. The lone voice belonged to chairman Mike Vance, who declared that the meeting could not be held, due to the lack of a quorum. Instead, Vance conducted a public comment session, for several Floyd County residents were present who had planned to voice their complaints to the commission during the meeting...Floyd County's Fiscal Court agreed, Friday, to invest \$50,000 to determine if a 36-acre site at Allen can be developed into an industrial park to relocate R&S Body Company, and to locate a clothing manufacturing firm...Two local civil suits, with national implications, were resolved out of court, Friday, July 15, in Floyd County. At issue were claims by the widows of two Floyd County men, that their husbands were driven to suicide after using a popular sleeping pill, known as Halcion...A Toler Creek man will face a murder charge in connection with the shooting death of his brother, during an argument, Sunday night. Jackie M. Ray, 45, was expected to be charged with murder, Tuesday, after his brother, Allan Tommy Ray, 41, of Lexington, died Monday afternoon. Allan Ray was shot one time in the head with a handgun...In a gesture of goodwill, Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin ordered a work stoppage order lifted, Thursday afternoon, that was filed earlier in the day against the contractor building a new Floyd County jail. Contractor D.W. Wilburn, had been issued the stop work order at approximately 8:30, Thursday morning, by Prestonsburg code enforcement officer Larry Adams...A dispute between Floyd and Pike officials about how much money

Floyd County owes to Pike for dumping garbage in that county's landfill may have to be resolved in court. At Monday's Pike County Fiscal Court meeting, magistrates discussed the idea of suing Floyd County for more than \$200,000, which officials claim is owed in dumping fees...Although it is a case thousands of miles away, the events surrounding the O.J. Simpson saga have resulted in a Floyd County case of stalking being waived to the grand jury. During a preliminary hearing, Wednesday, in Floyd District Court, Angela Johnson said her estranged husband, Darvin Johnson, had been stalking her and threatening to kill her. Angela Johnson testified that she had obtained a protective order against Darvin Johnson, but he had continued to follow her and threaten her during telephone conversations...A special meeting will be needed sometime within the next four weeks in order for the Floyd County Development Authority Board to take action on two items. Executive Director Darrell Gilliam said that a special meeting would be needed in order to approve the go-ahead on the Davidson Property, and to accept R&S Body Company's letter of commitment...Pilots from the Red Baron Stearman Squadron demonstrated the flying ability of the authentic, antique aircraft, the Stearman Model A-75 biplanes, to publicize their "Crusade for Children." The crusade, which is sponsored by Red Baron Pizza, will raise funds for the local God's Pantry food bank...There died: Tandy Ramey, 70, of LaGrange, Indiana, Friday, July 8, at McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville, Indiana; Leonard Hall, 71, of McDowell, Friday, July 15, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Edward Lee Cartmell, 71, of McDowell, Wednesday, July 13, at his residence; Homer Bates, 71, of New Albany, Indiana, formerly of Letcher County, Monday, July 4, at Floyd Memorial Hospital; Louanz (Dudy) Mullins, 94, of Weeksbury, July 14, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Myrtle Mullins, 58, of Bevinville, Tuesday, July 19, at her residence; Rev. Ray M. Turner, 70, of Allen, Tuesday, July 19, at his residence; Jessie Joed Hall, infant son of Keith and Tina Jo Williams Hall, of Lenoir, North Carolina, Sunday, July 17, at the Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem, North Carolina; Belmer Hall, 70, of River Rouge, Michigan, formerly of Wheelwright, July 7, at the VA Hospital, Allen Park, Michigan; Wilma "Bill" Meadows, 87, of Paintsville, Wednesday, July 13, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville; Edgar Hale, 72, of Blue River, Tuesday, July 19, at his residence.

Twenty Years Ago

(July 25, 1984)

The Floyd County courthouse opened back up following a week-long shutdown of all county offices, due to the sewer blockage caused by Floyd County jail inmates, on the third floor of the courthouse, stuffing bedding down a commode...A six-member panel, in an unanimous verdict, acquitted Trial Commissioner Thomas D. Lafferty Sr., of a charge of striking Courier-Journal reporter Ralph Dunlop, last March...Prestonsburg City Council awarded a contract to replace the skating rink at Archer Park, that was damaged by the May floods...The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints announced plans to build a new \$1.3 million meetinghouse...There died: William Claude Martin, 69, of McDowell, Friday, en route to McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mollie Hamilton Moore, 90, of McDowell, Sunday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Cline Blankenship, 52, of Teaberry, Friday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Maryland Johnson, 77, of Wheelwright, Friday.

Thirty Years Ago

(July 24, 1974)

The Floyd County Save Our Land Club Inc., along with five other state conservation groups, filed a motion, last Tuesday, to intervene as plaintiffs in a water-quality-standards suit, filed by Kentucky Attorney General Ed Hancock, against the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)...Chances of the Princess Manufacturing Company's reopening for continued operation dimmed this week...Three Floyd County men who said they were unwittingly involved in the Knott County activities of Bob Blake, who claimed a huge acreage in that county, were convicted last week in the Knott Quarterly Court of trespassing on private property...Terry Kinzer, of Allen, took top money in Kentucky's first professional hill climb held, Sunday, near Jenny Wiley State Park...Married: Miss Molly Jo Rigdon, of Flemingsburg, and Paul Carter Tackett, of Prestonsburg, July 6, at Flemingsburg...There died: Jack Woodford Howard, dean of the Floyd County bar, and former state legislator, last Thursday, at his home, here; Miss Clara Jo Gearheart, 20, of Prestonsburg, last Tuesday, at Lexington; Mrs. Minnie Moore, 71, of Columbus, O., formerly of this county, July 21, in Columbus; Carl Cox, 55, of Garrett, Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Grover Bailey, 50, of East McDowell, July 16, at

McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Winford M. Morris, 42, Tuesday, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Forty Years Ago

(July 30, 1964)

The Dewey Lake establishment, commonly known as the Shamrock Club, was raided Sunday night, a small quantity of liquor and beer was confiscated, the man listed as its operator was placed under arrest, and two days later, the club was closed as a nuisance by circuit court order...Student applications to the Prestonsburg Community College, which will open its doors for classwork September 1, stood, Tuesday morning, at 244...The Prestonsburg City Council voted, Monday evening, to authorize the proposed Prestonsburg City Bus Lines, being sponsored by the recently-organized Prestonsburg Chamber of Commerce...A wedding at Boldman, Pike County, was marred by near-tragedy, Saturday, when a porch collapsed beneath the weight of the wedding party and guests, hospitalizing a dozen or more persons. Most seriously hurt was the officiating minister, the Rev. Cohen Campbell, pastor of the Allen Baptist Church, who suffered a fractured lumbar vertebra and sprained ankles...Pauline Bailey, 10-year-old daughter of George and Geraldine Prater Bailey, of Hippo, was killed, Sunday, in an accident involving a shuttle car at a mine opening where she was playing...There died: Prock Hayes, 79, former Floyd jailer, Sunday, at his home near Langley; Mrs. Rosha Cox, 80, of Garrett, last Thursday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago

(July 29, 1954)

For the first time since the outbreak of World War II, Floyd County had more teacher applicants than there were positions to be filled, Tuesday, as the rural school term began...The state of Kentucky has already earmarked \$15,000 to \$40,000 in Hill-Burton funds, from the federal government, for the construction of a Floyd County health center, M. V. Clark, health department administrator, said this week...Gordon Hall, 15, of Garner, died of head injuries, suffered in a truck wreck on Route 80, at Northern, Tuesday...Approximately 100 workers at the Wayland mines of the Elk Horn Coal Corporation filed, this week, for unemployment compensation at the Prestonsburg office of the Kentucky

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KCTCS honors own with New Horizons Award

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) recently honored some of its top faculty and staff for performing exemplary work on college campuses across the commonwealth.

At its New Horizons Statewide conference, KCTCS recognized 16 outstanding faculty members and 16 outstanding staff members from the system's districts and colleges, which selected the honorees. The New Horizons conference and initiative focus on continuous quality improvement among KCTCS

faculty and staff.

Winners of the New Horizons Excellence Awards from Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) were faculty member, Jennifer Leedy and staff member, Jean Rosenberg.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College nominated Adult Education Director of the Mayo Campus, Jennifer Leedy for the Faculty New Horizon Award. Ms. Leedy graduated from Pikeville College with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and went on to obtain a Master of Arts in Adult and

Higher Education from Morehead State University. Leedy resides in Lawrence County with her husband, Ross.

Nominated for the staff New Horizons Award from BSCTC was Jean Rosenberg, Director of the First Stop for Parents Career Development Center, at the Prestonsburg Campus. Rosenberg has coordinated a student support service for parents enrolling in post secondary education for the past 15 years. She resides in Floyd County with her husband, John.



Jean Rosenberg, left was honored recently by receiving the Staff New Horizons Award from Big Sandy Community & Technical College. Shown with Rosenberg are Dr. George D. Edwards, President, BSCTC, and Jennifer Leedy, right, recipient of the BSCTC Faculty New Horizon Award.

Korner

It's in these types of emergency situations when you feel like you're in the fire and life as you know it is being consumed.

It's amazing how prayer, and knowing just exactly what to pray, comes to the mind when it's others and their families making the request.

Then, illness strikes home and it's as though your brain has frozen right over.

Dad has congestive heart failure, along with some kidney problems, as well. His doctor has transferred him to St. Joe's East, in Lexington.

When I sat down at this computer to begin to type, it was Dad and everything he's going through that was on my mind. I began to feel a whirlwind of emotions setting in when, all of the sudden, my mind went back to that aisle in the grocery store and that wonderful lady who had shared her experience with me.

And so, I am sharing "Refining Silver" with you.

The story goes, that there was a group of women in a Bible study group who were involved in a discussion on the book of

Malachi. As they were studying chapter three, they came across verse three, which says: "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver." This verse puzzled the women and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God.

One of the women offered to find out about the process of refining silver and then report back to the group at their next study meet.

That week, the woman called up a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest, beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver.

As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities. The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot-then she thought again about the verse, that "he sits as a refiner and purifier of silver."

She asked the silversmith if it

was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined. The man answered, yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire.

If the silver were left even a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, how do you know when the silver is fully refined?

He smiled at her and answered, "Oh that's easy-when I can see my image in it."

You see, even though we may "feel" that whirlwind of emotions and lose our normal ability to think, God's eye is always upon us, never to leave us or to forsake us.

Even when we find ourselves in the "fire"!

Dad was released last Wednesday, and is now home battling daily complications with his blood pressure, diabetes, arthritis, and now the effects of congestive heart failure. And yet, the image of God is shining through!

Shining through Dad, as well as our aunts, uncles and all our relatives who are stepping in to help care for him. Neighbors and friends, going that extra mile - and what a blessing!

Scott and I could not be more thankful.

'Til Next Week,
May God's Blessings be Yours!

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School

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SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

July 21, 22, 23 - 6th Annual South Floyd Summer Basketball/Character Development Camp for incoming 4th thru 8th graders, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in Raider Arena. Sponsored by South Floyd Youth Services Center and Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center. FREE to all!

Walking track open to public.

The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

W.D. OSBORNE "RAINBOW JUNCTION" FAMILY RESOURCE

CENTER

July 26, 27, 28 - "Little Eagles" Basketball Camp, 6 to 8 p.m., at the school. For grades K-4. Sign up to attend by calling 452-4553.

Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Currently accepting enrollment for 2004/2005 Kindergarten, and grades 4-8 (some classes already filled).

Wesley Christian Daycare now accepting infants and toddlers up to 4 years old. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Also, still have a few openings in Summer Daycare - up to 12 years old.

Orientation for new school year will be held August 1.

First day of school - August 9.

For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE

For information about Adult Education class schedules, contact the David School at 886-8374. All classes and materials free of charge.

Oak

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I've no idea what kind of bush or tree it was, but we had us one staked out that provided us with an ample supply of good, strong slingshot forks. Once the forks were cut to length, and the grip was pared to fit the hand of its owner, we'd find an old inner tube, usually a red one. After cutting two strips about a foot long and half an inch wide (the wider the strip, the harder the pull, and the more powerful the weapon), the construction became a two-man job. While the strongest kid present stretched the tip of the strips around each end of the forks, another would use heavy string our moms had collected from feed sacks, and tie the rubber strip into place. We'd do the same thing with the pouch, which had, most of the time, been the tongue of an old shoe. Sometimes somebody would

come up with a good piece of leather from somewhere else, but not often.

The next most challenging part of slingshot shooting was gravel selection. The ideal ammunition of course, were marbles, but we had other plans for them. So, we'd make daily trips to the railroad tracks at Greentown and fill our pockets-and sometimes an eight-pound lard bucket-with those smooth, the-rounder-the-better gravels. We'd waste a few on the way home, but we'd save most of them to waylay a rat or two around the old dairy barn. What we liked to kill more than anything else, though, were those big, brown, glass Clorox bottles.

Most of us were pretty good shots, but I doubt that any of us could have put down a Goliath, especially without forks.

Critter

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the people involved as is possible for the cat.

LAW OF CAT ELONGATION: A cat can make her body long enough to reach just about any countertop that has anything remotely interesting on it.

LAW OF CAT ACCELERATION: A cat will accelerate at a constant rate, until he gets good and ready to stop.

LAW OF DINNER TABLE ATTENDANCE: Cats must attend all meals when anything good is served.

LAW OF RUG CONFIGURATION: No rug may remain in its naturally flat state for very long.

LAW OF OBEDIENCE RESISTANCE: A cat's resistance varies in direct proportion to a human's desire for her to do something.

FIRST LAW OF ENERGY CONSERVATION: Cats know that energy can neither be created nor destroyed, and will, therefore, use as little energy as possible.

SECOND LAW OF ENER-

GY CONSERVATION: Cats also know that energy can only be stored by a lot of napping.

LAW OF REFRIGERATOR OBSERVATION: If a cat watches a refrigerator long enough, someone will come along and take out something good to eat.

LAW OF ELECTRIC BLANKET ATTRACTION: Turn on an electric blanket and a cat will jump into bed at the speed of light.

LAW OF RANDOM COMFORT SEEKING: A cat will always seek, and usually take over, the most comfortable spot in any given room.

LAW OF BAG / BOX OCCUPANCY: All bags and boxes in a given room must contain a cat within the earliest possible nanosecond.

LAW OF CAT EMBARRASSMENT: A cat's irritation rises in direct proportion to her embarrassment times the amount of human laughter.

LAW OF MILK CONSUMPTION: A cat will drink his weight in milk, squared, just

to show you he can.

LAW OF FURNITURE REPLACEMENT: A cat's desire to scratch furniture is directly proportional to the cost of the furniture.

LAW OF CAT LANDING: A cat will always land in the softest place possible.

LAW OF FLUID DISPLACEMENT: A cat immersed in milk will displace her own volume, minus the amount of milk consumed.

LAW OF CAT DISINTEREST: A cat's interest level will vary in inverse proportion to the amount of effort a human expends in trying to interest him.

LAW OF PILL REJECTION: Any pill given to a cat has the potential energy to reach escape velocity.

LAW OF CAT COMPOSITION: A cat is composed of Matter + Anti-Matter + It Doesn't Matter.

LAW OF SELECTIVE LISTENING: Although a cat can hear a can of tuna being opened

a mile away, she can't hear a simple command three feet away.

LAW OF EQUIDISTANT SEPARATION: All cats in a given room will locate at points equidistant from each other, and equidistant from the center of the room.

LAW OF CAT INVISIBILITY: The cats' theory that if they can't see you, then you can't see them.

LAW OF SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM: Given enough time, a cat will land in just about any space.

LAW OF CONCENTRATION OF MASS: A cat's mass increases in direct proportion to the comfort of the lap she occupies.

LAW OF CAT PROBABILITY (CAT UNCERTAINTY PRINCIPLE): It is not possible to predict where a cat actually is, only the probability of where she "might" be.

LAW OF CAT OBEDIENCE: As yet undiscovered.

Yesterdays

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Department of Economic Security...The Floyd County library trustees recommended at their meeting, last Wednesday evening, that the Floyd County Board of Education employ Robert Wallace, of Prestonsburg, in the capacity of teacher-librarian, to carry on the Bookmobile operations...Although the Prestonsburg office building is included in the projects to be financed by a \$2,400,000 bond issue, authorized by the State Property and Building Commission, contract on the structure here, has not been awarded...There died: Mrs. Ella Fair Brown, 80, of Beaver, last Friday; Mrs. Nerva Jane Spradlin, 66, at home at Estill, Tuesday; Walter Owens, 55, of Waverly, O., formerly of Estill, at Waverly, last Thursday; Mrs. Edith Yates, 77, at home at Blue Moon, Sunday; Forrest Holland, 21, at the home of Dayton Joseph, here, Tuesday.

Sixty Years Ago

(July 27, 1944)

Showers, Wednesday, brought the first relief from the weeks-long drouth which has already cost Floyd County farmers thousands of dollars in damages to crops...Floyd County, as of Saturday, last week, had oversubscribed its fifth War Loan quota by almost \$200,000, County Judge E. P. Hill, drive chairman, said Monday...First Floyd County official to enter the armed forces, during the present war, is County Superintendent Town Hall, 38, who volunteered for Navy service Monday...Joe Pinion, 18 years old, of German, and Tom Blair, of Paintsville, were burned critically this morning (Friday) when a huge volume of gas exploded into flame at a drilling rig on Johns Creek, upon which they were working...Miss Edith Miller, 16-year-old Ligon girl, and Mrs. Mary Steve Vanhose, 27, at whose Catlettsburg home, Miss Miller was employed, were drowned in the Big Sandy River at Catlettsburg, Wednesday evening...Technical Sergeant Garnis Martin, 21, formerly of Wheelwright, has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement against the enemy"...Capt. Edmund Castle, of Estill, now in Italy, was recently promoted, on his 24th birthday, to the rank of major...There died: Mrs. Anna Porter Mayo, 87, Friday, at the home of her son in Prestonsburg; George W. Meade, 81, former magistrate from the fourth district of this county, at home on Toler Creek, last Friday; Mrs. Gladys Stephenson Hampton, 38, at home at Glo, Wednesday.

Seventy Years Ago

(July 27, 1934)

Congressman A. J. May, of Prestonsburg, and John Flannagan, of Virginia, have introduced companion bills asking that a National Park be established in the picturesque Breaks of the Big Sandy River...Walter Perry Harris, 37, of Prestonsburg, was fatally injured Wednesday, July 18, when the truck in which he was riding, was sideswiped by another truck near Madisonville...Efforts of W. J. Reynolds Jr., of Martin, to rescue a sick boy from a C.C.C. tent during a heavy windstorm, near Kingsport, Tennessee, Saturday night, almost cost him his life, as wind blew a tree upon him, fracturing his skull...Edgar Coplin, 33, driller in the Floyd gas field, died, Thursday evening, in the Paintsville Hospital a few hours after he had drunk carbolic acid...Seventeen FERA projects have been approved for Floyd County, it was announced, Tuesday, by relief headquarters...There died: Ellis Lee Herald, nine months old, Tuesday night, at home in West Prestonsburg; Mrs. Smith Hicks, 70, at her home on Middle Creek, Saturday; Ernest Selden Martin, nine years old, at Allen, June 25; Tandy N. Stratton, 74, of Betsy Layne, at the home of his daughter on Mare Creek, Saturday.

Treats

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sistible.)

Ingredients:
1 and 1/2 cups orzo pasta
3 Tbsp. oil
3 Tbsp. orange juice
1/2 tsp. salt
4 cups cooked, cubed chicken
1 ripe cantaloupe, cut into 1" pieces

1 cup sliced celery
1 cup red grapes
1 cup mayonnaise
2 Tbsp. milk
1 cup cashews

Method:
Cook orzo as directed on package. Drain and rinse with cold water, then drain again. Meanwhile, combine oil, orange juice, and salt and blend well. Stir cooked and drained orzo into this dressing. Add chicken, cantaloupe, celery and grapes. Combine mayonnaise and milk and stir to blend. Fold into chicken mixture. Just before serving, add cashews. Serve on lettuce-lined plates.

Tuna Fruit Salad
(New take on an old favorite.)

Ingredients:
4 Tbsp. white wine vinegar
4 Tbsp. oil
2 Tbsp. sugar
1/4 tsp. salt

1/8 tsp. dry mustard
1/4 tsp. grated lemon peel
6-oz. can white tuna in water, drained
1/2 cup sliced celery
2 Tbsp. sliced green onion
1 cup cubed cantaloupe
1 cup cubed honeydew melon
1/2 cup red grapes, halved
1 cup chopped green apple

Method:
In small bowl, combine vinegar, oil, sugar, salt, mustard and lemon peel and mix well. In medium bowl, combine remaining ingredients and toss with dressing. Chill for 1 hour. Serve on lettuce bed.

Blueberry Chutney

(May be frozen in small quantities. Great on ham sandwiches or served with brie as an appetizer.)

Ingredients:
3 cups fresh blueberries
1/4 cup minced onion
1 Tbsp. grated fresh ginger root
1/3 cup apple cider vinegar
1/2 cup brown sugar
2 Tbsp. cornstarch
Cinnamon stick
Dash salt

Method:
Combine all ingredients, bring

to boil over medium heat, stirring frequently. Boil 1 minute and remove cinnamon stick. Cool, cover well and refrigerate.

Raspberry Glazed Chicken

Ingredients:
1/2 cup raspberry jam
1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
6 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
1 and 1/2 cups fresh raspberries

Method:
Prepare grill. Brush rack with vegetable oil. Mix raspberry jam and mustard. Place chicken on grill, cover and cook for 20-25 minutes, brushing frequently with jam mixture and turning once, until juices run clear and center of chicken is no longer pink. Discard remaining jam mixture and serve chicken topped with fresh raspberries.

Creamy Fruit Tartlets

Ingredients:
20-oz. pkg. refrigerated sugar cookie dough
6-oz. carton orange yogurt
3-oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
Fresh fruit (strawberries, peaches, blackberries, raspberries, blueberries, or other)

Method:

Prepare and bake cookies as directed on package. Cool completely. In small bowl, combine yogurt and cream cheese and beat until smooth. Chill. When ready to eat, spoon cream cheese mixture onto cooled cookies and top with fresh fruit. Serve immediately. Makes 24 tartlets.

No-Bake Peach Crisp

Ingredients:
1/2 cup wheat and barley cereal
1 Tbsp. sugar
1 Tbsp. melted butter
1/3 cup sliced almonds
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 Tbsp. cornstarch
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 cup water
2 tsp. lemon juice
4-5 medium peeled, sliced peaches

Method:
In medium bowl, combine cereal, 1 Tbsp. sugar, melted butter and almonds and toss to coat. Set aside. In large saucepan, combine brown sugar, cornstarch and nutmeg and blend well. Add water and lemon juice and mix until smooth. Add peaches and cook over medium heat for 5-10 minutes or until mixture boils and thickens. Boil 1 minute, stirring constantly and remove from heat.

To serve, spoon filling into serving dishes and sprinkle topping over filling. Serve warm.

Fruit in a Cloud

Ingredients:
3-oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
4-oz. container frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 cup miniature marshmallows
1 cup halved seedless green grapes
1 cup sliced peaches (or strawberries)
2/3 cup raspberries (blackberries, or blueberries)

Method:
Line cookie sheet with waxed paper. In small bowl, beat cream cheese until light and fluffy. Add whipped topping and beat until smooth. Fold in marshmallows. Spoon about 1/2 cup of mixture into 4 mounds onto prepared cookie sheet. Spread into 3-inch circle and make well in center. Freeze at least 3 hours.

To serve, let stand at room temperature for 15 minutes. Top with fresh fruit and serve.

Frosty Fresh Fruit

Ingredients:
4 cups buttermilk

1 cup sugar
1 tsp. almond extract or vanilla extract
1/8 tsp. salt
3 cups prepared fresh fruit (your favorite), cut into chunks or slices

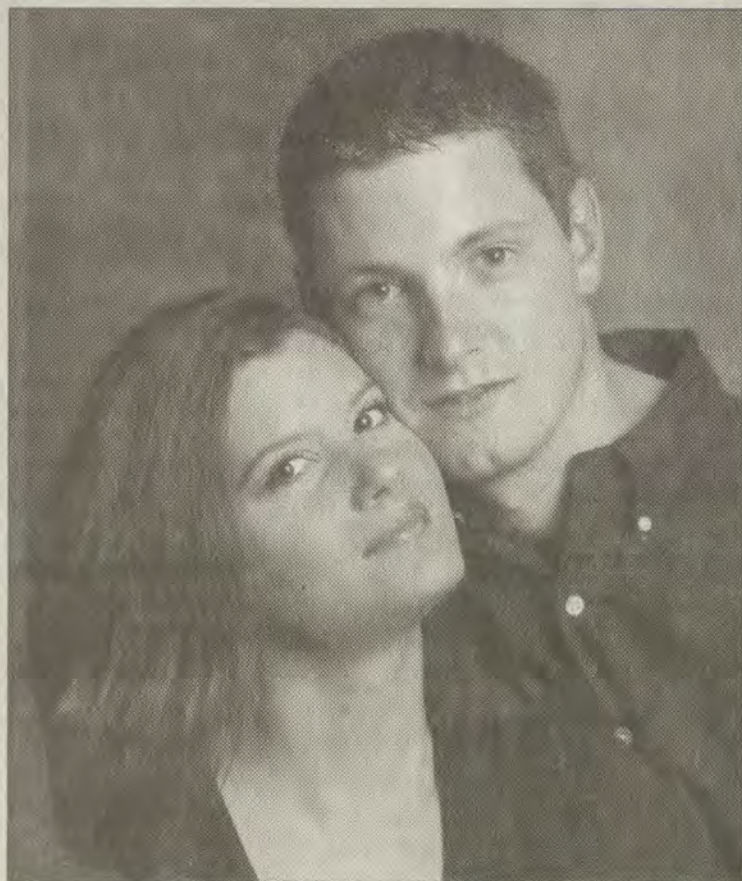
Method:
Mix buttermilk, sugar, extract and salt in large bowl. Gently stir in fruit. Pour into ungreased 9-inch square pan and freeze until firm. Let stand at room temperature 10-15 minutes before cutting. Serves 12.

Sherbet Fruit Pie

Ingredients:
1 quart rainbow sherbet, slightly softened
1 ready to use graham cracker pie crust
1 cup frozen whipped topping, thawed
1/3 cup cantaloupe balls
1/3 cup honeydew melon balls
1/3 cup cubed kiwi fruit (or any other seasonal favorite)

Method:
Spread softened sherbet in pie crust. Cover and freeze for 2 hours. When ready to serve, spread whipped topping over sherbet and top with fresh fruit.

Weddings



Campbell-Stumbo

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Campbell, of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Julie Lynn; to Martin Brooks Stumbo, the son of Mrs. Debbie Stumbo, of Lexington, and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Stumbo, of Prestonsburg. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Sunday, July 31, 2004, at the Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, in Prestonsburg.



Paige-Reynolds

The parents of Courtney Elizabeth Paige and Ed Steven Reynolds are pleased to announce the upcoming wedding of their children. Courtney, the daughter of Eddie and Jackie Paige, of Melvin, and Steven, the son of Terry and Angie Reynolds, of Hi Hat, will be joined in marriage on Saturday, July 24, 2004, at four o'clock in the afternoon, at the Wheelwright Freewill Church. Courtney and Steven are both 2002 graduates of South Floyd High School. Courtney plans to enroll in the Mayo Respiratory Therapy program; Steven will attend the Hazard Community College, where he plans to study radiology. Following their wedding, the couple will reside at Hi Hat. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.



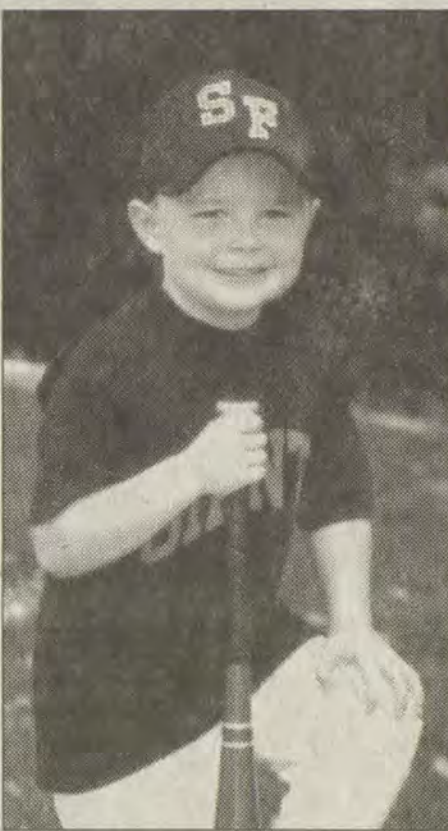
Bays-Parsons

Earl and Lavone Bays, of Garrett, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tabitha Mollie Bays, to Mr. Chuck Parsons, of Millard. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Dora and Sammie Bays Jr., formerly of East Point, and the late Ann and Crit Wicker, formerly of Garrett. She is employed as an assistant manager at Wal-Mart. Chuck is the son of Donald and Betty Parsons, of Millard, and the grandson of Andrew Parsons, also of Millard, and the late Helna Parsons. He is employed by Sara Lee. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will be held on Saturday, August 14, 2004, at four o'clock in the afternoon, at the Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church, Abbott Creek, Prestonsburg. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.



Blackburn - Porter

Mr. Cliff Blackburn, of Pikeville, and Mrs. Rhonda Kretzer, of Stanville, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Candice Michelle Blackburn, to Ryan Eugene Porter, the son of Vernon E. Porter, of Allen, and the late Linda Wallen Porter. The bride-elect is a graduate of Betsy Layne High School and is currently a senior at Pikeville College. Her paternal grandparents are Cero and Irene Blackburn, of Pikeville, and her maternal grandparents are Aileen Hall, of Betsy Layne, and the late Walter Hall. Porter is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School and attended Eastern Kentucky University. He is employed as a job foreman for Wright Concrete and Construction, in Dorton. His paternal grandparents are Margaret Porter, of Allen, and the late Vernon "Buster" Porter and his maternal grandparents are Doris Wallen, of Mt. Sterling, and the late Billy Dave Wallen. The wedding will take place on Saturday, August 7, 2004, onboard a cruise ship in the port of Tampa, Florida. Following the ceremony and reception, guests will travel with the wedding party on a honeymoon cruise to Grand Cayman, British Virgin Islands and Cozumel, Mexico. Upon their return, the couple will reside in Pikeville.



Happy Birthday, Justin!

Justin Darriel Rowe celebrated his 5th birthday on June 10, 2004, with a swimming party held at Archer Park. Justin is the son of Jack Jr. and Carolyn R. Rowe, of Abbott, in Prestonsburg.

Dylan is 1!

Gregory Dylan Cooley celebrated his first birthday on July 11, 2004, with a cookout and a "Winnie the Pooh" theme party, held at his home, in Eastern. Several of his family members attended and shared his special day with him. Dylan is the son of Greg and Mary Cooley. He is the grandson of Danny and Ellen Stone, of Langley, and Ina Cooley Ratliff, of Eastern, and the late Ross "Bud" Cooley.



New Arrival

Jaxson Blaize Goble was born on May 19, 2004, to Matthew and Charla Hall Goble. He weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz., and was 19 and one-half inches in length. He is the maternal grandson of Butch and Carole Bentley, of Wayland. His paternal grandmother is Kathy Gunnell Goble, of Prestonsburg, and the late Bill Tom Goble. He is the paternal great-grandson of "Grand Mur" Margie Gunnell, of Prestonsburg. He is also the great-grandson of Lowell "Buck" Martin, of Hueysville, Phyllis Adkins, of Fort Worth, Texas, and the late Etta Lester Martin. Jaxson's parents, grandparents and family all regard him as a beautiful blessing and miracle that has been sent into their lives to fill their hearts with love and joy.

American Heart Association
www.americanheart.org
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From top: Steak Jambalaya and Dirty Rice, Blackened Rib Eye Steak and Creole Vegetable Kabobs

The "Big Easy" Creole Cookout

Breathe new life into the traditional American cookout with flavors from New Orleans, the "Big Easy." Choose ingredients with big Creole flavor, easy preparation and that little something extra, or "lagniappe," as they say in the French Quarter.

Start with premium, grain-fed Midwestern steaks that are naturally tender, no-carb and well marbled. Sprinkle on an authentic, all-purpose blend of Creole spices or give the beef a soak in a Creole-spiced marinade. The seasoning creates a seal during grilling, keeping the food juicy. The marinade adds flavor and tenderness.

Then package the tasty leftovers in tight-sealing disposable yet reusable plastic containers, such as GladWare, and send them home with your guests. But don't give all the leftovers away — you'll want to keep some for yourself! Everyone will get to take it "easy" another day when dinner is already prepared.

For more information and great recipes, check out www.omahasteaks.com, www.tonychachere.com and www.glad.com.

Entertaining the Creole way

- Make entertaining easy. Keep individually wrapped steaks, pork and poultry, signature appetizers, side dishes and delicious desserts on hand in the freezer. When it's time for company, thaw, heat and serve.
- Give side dishes and salads that "French Quarter" flair. Spice things up using Creole seasoning in place of salt.
- Prepare flavorful grilled vegetables in no time! Marinate fresh veggies with a Creole marinade, thread onto pre-soaked wooden skewers and grill.
- Make time to relax and enjoy your guests. When possible, prep foods ahead of time. Wrap, cover and store foods with sealable plastic wrap, such as Glad Press 'n Seal, until you're ready to grill or serve. This helps keep food fresh and the spill-proof seal guarantees safe transport to any grill or table.
- Plan for leftovers! Some dishes taste better the next day after their ingredients have had a chance to mingle. Keep refrigerated leftovers fresh in tight-sealing plastic containers, pop in the microwave and enjoy your "Big Easy" cookout another day.



Giving foods on the grill a Creole flavor is easy with the right seasonings and marinades.

Steak Jambalaya

- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1/2 cup yellow onions (1/2-inch chop)
- 2 teaspoons chopped garlic
- 1/2 cup red peppers (1/2-inch chop)
- 1/4 cup celery (1/2-inch chop)
- 1/4 cup sliced okra
- 1 teaspoon Tony Chachere's Creole Seasoning
- 1 (15-ounce) can diced tomatoes in sauce
- 1 cup water
- 1 Omaha Steaks Blackened Rib Eye Steak (see recipe) sliced thin, then halved

Heat oil in skillet. Add onions and garlic; cook until soft. Add peppers, celery and okra; cook until soft. Stir in Creole seasoning. Add diced tomatoes in sauce and water; simmer 1 to 2 minutes.

Remove from heat and fold in steak slices. Serve over Dirty Rice.

Cool leftovers completely and store in GladWare container up to 5 days.

Serves 4

Blackened Rib Eye Steak

- 4 (10-ounce) Omaha Steaks Rib Eye Steaks
- 2 teaspoons Tony Chachere's Creole Seasoning

Heat cast iron skillet on high for 5 minutes. Season steaks on both sides with 1 teaspoon Creole seasoning.

Place seasoned steak in hot skillet. For perfect medium rare, cook 3 minutes, then turn and cook 2 minutes more. Serve with Dirty Rice and Creole Vegetable Kabobs.

Wrap and refrigerate any leftover steak in Glad Press 'n Seal to keep foods fresh.

Serves 4

Creole Vegetable Kabobs

- 4 medium button mushrooms
- 4 (1-inch) slices zucchini
- 4 (1-inch) slices red peppers
- 4 (1-inch) slices yellow squash
- 4 cherry tomatoes

Tony Chachere's Creole Style Marinade

- Tony Chachere's Creole Seasoning

Soak four 8-inch bamboo skewers in water for 30 minutes before using.

On each bamboo skewer, place 1 mushroom, zucchini slice, red pepper slice, yellow squash slice and cherry tomato. Place kabobs in GladWare container. Pour in enough marinade to completely cover kabobs and marinate 2 to 4 hours.

Remove kabobs from marinade and sprinkle with Creole seasoning. Grill until vegetables are slightly soft and nicely marked.

Serves 4

Dirty Rice

- 2 1/2 cups cold water
- 1/2 cup chicken livers and gizzards
- 1/2 cup cubed pork shoulder
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 tablespoons diced onions
- 1/2 tablespoon chopped garlic
- 2 tablespoons diced celery

- 1/4 cup sliced frozen okra
- 2 tablespoons minced green onions
- 1/2 tablespoon Tony Chachere's Creole Seasoning
- 1/2 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 cup uncooked converted rice

Place chicken livers, chicken gizzards and pork shoulder in cold water. Bring to boil and skim off any fat or foam that rises to top. Reduce heat to simmer and cook 30 minutes.

Strain off chicken and pork. Reserve liquid and finely chop meat.

Melt butter in large saucepot. Add vegetables and garlic. Sauté until vegetables are soft.

Add reserved liquid from meat and the rest of the ingredients plus Creole seasoning, Worcestershire sauce and rice, and bring to boil. Reduce heat to simmer, cover and cook 15 to 20 minutes, until rice is cooked and most liquid has cooked away.

Rice can be cooled and stored until needed in GladWare container.

Serves 4

BUSINESS / PROFESSIONS

Floyd County Chamber of Commerce: Chamber Notes

BY: MANDY STUMBO, PRESIDENT

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce has recently obtained the rights to market in our county the board game "Floydopoly." The game is based on the popular board game "Monopoly." The major difference between Monopoly (as you know it) and "Floydopoly" is the game

board consists of business properties that are found within the boundaries of our county. Our chamber members will have the first opportunity to purchase and have their business name place, logo, address and/or phone number on one or more positions on the game board. In most cases we will be operating on a first come, first served basis. The games will be sold throughout the

county during major events i.e. Jenny Wiley Festival, Red, White & Blue Days and at certain retail outlets. There will be a minimum of 500 games available to be purchased. In addition to highlighting Floyd County, this game will be celebrating the Chamber's 40th Anniversary. For more information about Floydopoly contact the Chamber at (606) 886-0364.

Chamber Night at the Mountain Arts Center will be held on Saturday, July 24, at 8:00 p.m.. All Chamber members are invited to see the Kentucky Opry Jr. Pros and the Kentucky Opry perform at a special ticket price of \$8.00. Call the MAC ticket office for tickets at (606) 886-2623. For further information contact the Chamber of Commerce at (606) 886-0364.

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting is scheduled for August 9, at 12:00 p.m., at the Jenny Wiley Lodge. Speakers

include Tim Hatfield with Pikeville Methodist Hospital and Stephanie Stumbo with Big Sandy Area Development District.

Rabies vaccinations for cats, ferrets among new state laws

FRANKFORT - In the first major change to state animal and rabies control law since 1954, ferrets and cats, in addition to dogs, will be required to have regular rabies vaccinations under provisions of Senate Bill 133, passed during the 2004 regular session of the General Assembly. Provisions of the bill go into effect today.

Among other changes in the rabies control portion of state law are changes to the vaccination certification process. Vaccination certificates will no longer be provided by the Cabinet for Health and

Family Services. Veterinarians must obtain certificates from vaccine manufacturers or a commercial printer, or they may print their own certificates, provided the certificates contain information required by the commonwealth.

While veterinarians will no longer be required to provide vaccination certificates to local health departments, according to Michael Auslander, state public health veterinarian, it would be helpful for vets to voluntarily provide information on vaccinated animals

periodically.

"By providing lists of vaccinated animals to local health departments, veterinarians can help minimize the time it takes otherwise to verify an animal's vaccination status in the event it bites someone," Auslander said.

Rabies tags will contain unique serial numbers and the year the vaccine is administered. Previously, rabies tags contained the year of vaccine expiration.

New provisions of the law require only dogs to wear rabies tags, but cat and ferret owners

must be able to show proof of vaccination.

Also new is a requirement that persons with feral (wild) cats on their premises make a reasonable effort to capture or vaccinate the cats.

All animal bites must still be reported to the local health department within 12 hours; however, under new provisions, when the health department is closed, bites may be reported on the next health department workday.

Owners of animals suspected of having rabies will be responsible for expenses associated with quarantining and testing the animals.

Owners who destroy or dispose of animals that have bitten humans, making testing of the animals impossible, will be responsible for paying costs related to treatment for bite victims.

Also included in SB 133 are changes in animal control law outlawing the use of gunshots to euthanize animals and a shift in animal licensing administration from the state to the counties.

Frankfort - The Commonwealth of Kentucky hopes to see an increase in tourism as a result of non-stop jet service from Washington D.C. to Lexington. Kentucky Department of Tourism Commissioner Randy Fiveash and Suzanne Shearer, Director of Communications and Travel Industry Relations, visited the D.C. area to promote tourism and economic development across the Bluegrass and Kentucky.

The trip was sponsored by Lexington's Blue Grass Airport and included the Department of Tourism and other tourism-related organizations from central and eastern Kentucky.

"This opportunity enabled us to network with key local and national travel industry professionals in a productive and cost effective way," said Commissioner Fiveash. Fiveash and Shearer met with the American Bus Association (ABA), Travel Industry Association of America (TIA) and the Washington D.C. Tourist Commission while in

D.C.

During an evening presentation, to a group of more than 180 travel agents, group tour leaders, travel writers and Congressional staff members, the Commissioner focused on the advantages Kentucky has to offer. He also encouraged Kentucky natives living in Washington D.C. to promote the Commonwealth as much as possible.

"The Department of Tourism is enthusiastic about increased awareness through the leads and relationships we were able to create," said Shearer.

The daily service offers connections between the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and Lexington's Blue Grass Airport. It offers the flexibility of visiting the Bluegrass for same-day trips or extended visits.

For more information, contact the Kentucky Department of Tourism at (502) 564-4930 or visit its website at: www.kentuckytourism.com.

Pikeville mine safety veteran Paris Charles named executive director

FRANKFORT - Paris L. Charles of Pikeville, a 27-year veteran of the Kentucky coal mining industry, has been named executive director of the Office of Mine Safety and Licensing, Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet (EPPC) Secretary Lajuana S. Wilcher has announced.

Charles has an extensive background in mine safety compliance and training. He began his mining career in 1976 as an equipment operator at the Canada Coal Co. in Kimper and later served as mine superintendent at Koch Carbon Industries in Martin. Charles has been a member of the Kentucky Mining Board and has held mine safety management positions at Costain Coal Inc. and Lodestar Energy, both in Pikeville.

He most recently served as the eastern Kentucky loss education representative for

Kentucky Employers' Mutual Insurance (KEMI) where he analyzed safety programs to assist in underwriting for workers' compensation insurance.

"Worker safety, including mine safety, is a top priority for Governor Fletcher and our cabinet, and while accidents do occur, we believe they don't always have to occur. We are counting on Paris Charles and his decades of experience to provide the leadership necessary to focus improvements on mine safety in the Commonwealth," said Wilcher.

"As executive director of the Office of Mine Safety and Licensing, I will strive to eliminate unsafe work habits through strong enforcement activities, personal commitments from miners and leadership from the mining industry. We must educate our miners and managers that safety is the key in all aspects of mining," said

Charles.

"As a coal producer, I am proud to have the commitment of this administration in the ongoing effort to keep miners safe. Coal operators are equally concerned about the safety of miners, and we are glad to have Paris Charles in place as the executive director of the Office of Mine Safety and Licensing," said Jim Booth, president of Beech Fork Processing Inc.

Charles received an associate's degree in mining technology from Pikeville College and has served on the Health and Safety Committees for Kentucky Coal Association and the Coal Operators and Associates of Kentucky. Charles is also a board member for the Kentucky Mine Institute.

The Office of Mine Safety and Licensing is an agency of the EPPC.

Auslander said new regulations are being crafted to address provisions of the law concerning who may legally administer rabies vaccinations. The law allows veterinarians and "qualified persons" who are not veterinarians to administer rabies vaccine to their own dogs. Currently, 56 persons statewide qualify under this provision. The new regulations will require more stringent testing procedures in order to become a "qualified person" under existing law.

"Our local health departments investigate thousands of dog, cat and ferret bites every year," Auslander said. "By assuring that our companion animals are vaccinated for rabies, we can reduce the chances of pets and their owners contracting this fatal disease."

Additional nursing facility funding approved by federal agency to help Medicaid program

FRANKFORT - The Cabinet for Health and Family Services has announced that it has received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to proceed with the implementation of legislation that will assist nursing home residents and the Medicaid program.

House Bill 292, approved this year by the General Assembly, provides for an additional assessment on nursing facilities that in turn is matched for federal funding.

The benefit of this approval is \$55 million to allow the Kentucky Medicaid program to improve its regular payment rates and pay additional nursing staff to care for 15,575 Medicaid patients residing in Kentucky's nursing facilities. In addition, approximately \$55 million in federal dollars will be used to assist the Medicaid program in its projected budgetary shortfall this fiscal year. Kentucky is only one of three states - the others are North Carolina and Oregon - to receive this form

of approval.

"With the adoption of the additional provider assessment, Kentucky will be able to fulfill its commitment to the frail and elderly of the Commonwealth to ensure that nursing homes have the financial resources necessary to provide quality, long-term care services" said Rich Miller, president of the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities.

The KAHCF, along with the Kentucky Association of Homes and Services for the Aging - both nursing home trade groups - worked with the cabinet to develop and enact model legislation that will bring additional federal funding to the state's nursing home program.

"The Kentucky Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (KAHSA) appreciates the cooperation, hard work of Governor Fletcher, his staff and the members of the General Assembly for demonstrating their support for high quality care and services to Kentucky's elderly, infirm and disabled," said Timothy L. Veno, president of KAHSA. "The approval by the federal government of Kentucky's new plan to finance long term care services will result in much

needed additional federal money which will in turn be used to enhance care and services to Kentuckians."

During the 2004 Kentucky General Assembly, the nursing facility industry worked with the legislature to pass the legislation to make this provider assessment possible. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services worked with CMS on obtaining their approval to allow for implementation of the program.

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530-Houses

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650-Mobile Homes

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660-Miscellaneous

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670-Comm. Property

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NOTICES

805-Announcements

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812-Free

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850-Personnel

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900-Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-8048, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given the Progress Land Corporation, 1876 Yellow Creek Road, Sassafras, KY 41759, has applied for renewal of a permit for a surface/underground/preparation plant coal mining operation, located 1.15 mile south of Price, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 149.76 surface acres, and will underlie 125.56, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 275.32 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.10 mile northwest from KY 122's junction with KY 979, and located 0.05 mile east of Left Beaver Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will include a washer and refuse disposal coal processing facility. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Progress Land Corporation. The operation will underlie land owned by Progress Land Corporation.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 03-CI-01164 CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF VS. BERT ROSE CITIFINANCIAL, INC. DEFENDANTS RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale, of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 24th day of March, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$84,916.10, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County courthouse door, South Central Avenue,

Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 22nd day of July, 2004, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 35 Cavalier Drive, East Point, Kentucky, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Located Northwest of and adjacent to Bear Hollow, Floyd County, Kentucky. Any corner in this description listed as being marked by "iron pipe (set)" implies a 3/4 x 18 inch steel pipe (set) with a plastic cap bearing the marking "KY LS 1893".

Beginning at an iron pipe (set) on the corner of Lot 8. Thence with lot 8, North 39°47'17" West, 144.98 feet to an iron pipe (set) corner of lot 8. Thence leaving lot 8 and with Hall & Hylton Development, Inc. (DB 442, PG 518), North 50° 12' 43" East, 130.00 feet, to an iron pipe (set). Thence leaving Hall & Hylton Development, Inc. and with lot 6, South 39° 47' 17" East, 124.98 feet, to an iron pipe (set). Thence leaving lot 6, Arc length 36.93 feet, Radius 30.00 feet and Chord, South 14° 56' 52" West, 34.64 feet, to an iron pipe (set). South 50° 12' 43" West 101.72 feet, to the beginning, containing 18,434.80 sq. ft. (0.423 acre) as shown on Nesbitt Engineering, Inc., drawing no. 3771 and recorded in Floyd County Clerk files at map file no. 1098. This description was prepared by H.H. Baldridge, PLS#1893 on October 25, 2000.

Being the same property conveyed to Bert Rose by deed dated September 13, 2001, and recorded September 21, 2001, in Deed Book 464, Page 47, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase

price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2004, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes, will be paid from the sale proceeds. (d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale, take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY: Hon. Kristen J. Mudd Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480 513/241-3100

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 03-CI-161 THE BANK OF NEW YORK ACTING SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE FOR EQCC TRUST 2001-1F C/O FAIRBANKS CAPITAL CORP. PLAINTIFF VS. STEPHEN G. HOLBROOK; KAREN J. HOLBROOK AKA KAREN JANELLE STEPHENS; COUNTY OF FLOYD DEFENDANTS

RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale, of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 24th day of February, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$71,818.23, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale, at the Old Floyd County courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 22nd day of July, 2004, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning on a concrete right-of-way monument near the intersection of two county roads, both roads being within the right-of-way of Kentucky Route 114; thence with said right-of-way S 72°33'53" E, 61.60 feet to a two-inch iron pipe (set); thence leaving said right-of-way and running with Boyd Holbrook's line S 00°13'53" E 86.54 feet to a two-inch iron pipe (set); thence S 02°23'33" E 95.26 feet to a two-inch iron pipe (set); thence N 70°23'37" W, 16.44 feet to 11" W, 19.62 feet to a two-inch iron pipe (set); thence N 70°12'14" W, 20.87 feet to a two-inch iron pipe (set); thence N 68°24'52" W, 20.66 feet to a two-inch iron pipe (set); thence 70°11'10" W, 20.73 feet to a two-inch iron pipe (set); thence N 69°25'22" W, 27.00 feet to a two-inch iron pipe (set); thence N 69°45'52" W, 29.07 feet to a two-inch iron pipe (set); thence N 70°05'12" W, 14.20 feet to a one-half inch rebar (set); thence N 38°22'36" E, 26.21 feet to a concrete right-of-way monument near the county road; thence with the right-of-way N 33°00'47" E, 144.66 feet to the beginning, containing 0.43 acres.

Being the same property conveyed to Karen Janelle Stephens by a deed dated January 30, 1991 and recorded in January 31, 1991, in Deed Book 344, Page 194, in the Office of the Floyd County Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the

balance on credit for thirty (30) days.
(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2004, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes, will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale, take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. John R. Cummins Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480 513/241-3100

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 04-CI-00062 U.S. BANK, NA PLAINTIFF VS. THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARY B. CHILDERS, ET AL. DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF In Rem Default Judgment and Order of Sale, of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 14th day of May, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$15,641.27, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 22nd day of July, 2004, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 414 as delineated on Subdivision Plat or Survey prepared by Richard E. Martin and filed in Map Drawer No. 348A in the Office of

the Floyd County Clerk. Being the same property conveyed to Mary B. Childers, widowed, by deed dated December 19, 1988, of record in Deed Book 695, Page 10, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2004, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real estate taxes, will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale, take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY: Hon. Joseph F. Grimme 14 North Grand Avenue Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075 859/291-9075

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

LEGAL NOTICE

I have been appointed by the Floyd Circuit Court, Civil Action No. 04-CI-00309 now pending in Floyd Circuit Court, Division II styled: Citifinancial Mortgage Company Inc., f/k/a Associates Financial Services Company of Indiana, Plaintiff v. Connie Stanley, Ted Stanley, aka Teddy Stanley, Unknown Occupant of 1837 Route 306, Wheelwright, Kentucky, and US Bank National Association f/k/a The First Guaranty National Bank, Defendants

The nature of this action is foreclosure. If you are Ted Stanley, aka Teddy Stanley, you are hereby warned and notified that you have thirty days from and after June 29, 2004, in which to file an answer to the complaint. If you fail to do so, the relief demanded in the complaint may be awarded to the plaintiff. This may be a matter for which you may want to consult an attorney.

JOSEPH LANE WARNING ORDER ATTORNEY 124 WEST COURT STREET PRESTONSBURG, KY 41653 (606) 886-6090/Fax (606) 886-6148

REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR VEHICLE

Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc., is now accepting bids for a vehicle for the Weatherization Program. Sealed proposals will be received by the Executive Director, 3rd floor, Johnson County courthouse, Paintsville, KY 41240, until 4:00 p.m., on Friday, July 23, 2004, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

Questions regarding this Request for Bids should be addressed to James Michael Howell, Executive Director, telephone 606-789-3641, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m., to 4:30 p.m., or by fax to 606-789-8344. Any and all revisions to this request shall be made only by written addendum issued by BSACAP, Inc. No oral statements by any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions or specifications stated in this request. The bidder is cautioned that the requirements of this bid can be altered only by written addendum, and that verbal communications from whatever source, are of no effect.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

- 1 Full Size Pickup Truck
- Long Wheel Base
- Four Wheel Drive
- V6/V8
- Automatic/Standard Transmission (Standard Preferred)
- Standard Option Package

Bid responses containing terms and conditions that do not conform to the terms and conditions in this bid request, will be subject to rejection as nonresponsive. BSACAP, Inc., reserves the right to permit the bidder to withdraw nonconforming terms and conditions from its bid response prior to a determination by BSACAP, Inc., of nonresponsiveness. BSACAP, Inc., accepts no responsibility for any expense incurred by the bidders in the preparation and presentation of a bid. Such expenses shall be borne exclusively by the bidder.

BSACAP, Inc., reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and proposals, and further specifically reserves the right to make the award or awards in the best interest of BSACAP, Inc.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5427, Operator Change (1) In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, intends to revise permit No. 836-5427, to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Mud Creek, LLC, 3315 Christy St., Ashland KY 41102. The new operator will be Oscar Hatten Coal Co., LLC, 700 13th St., Park Circle Drive, Kenova, WV 25530.

(2) The operation is located .8 mile south of Blue Moon, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately .60 mile southwest of Little Mud Creek Road's junction with Morgan Fork Road, and located adjacent to, and 10 feet south of Morgan Fork. The operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37°29'33" and longitude 82°42'21".

(3) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director of Division of Permits, Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5408

In accordance with the provisions of KRS, 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Rd., Pikeville, KY, 41501, has filed an application for a permit for an underground mining operation, located 1.5 mile southeast of Printer, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 3.04 surface acres, and underlie 194.13 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 197.17 acres.

The facility is approximately 2 mile northeast from KY 2030's junction with Big Branch-Honaker Rd., and located adjacent to Spurlock Creek. The latitude is 37°31'24" and the longitude is 82°43'22". The proposed facility is located on the Harold USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The surface

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area is owned by Bull Creek Coal Corporation. The permit will underlie land owned by Bull Creek Coal Corporation.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application No. 880-7010, Major Revision No. 6

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, H.C. 64, Box 915, Debord, Kentucky 41214, has applied for a major revision to an existing surface (haulroad) coal mining and reclamation operation, located approximately 1.25 mile north of Thomas, Kentucky, in Martin, Johnson and Floyd counties. The major revision will add 15.14 acres of surface disturbance, making a total of 330.83 acres within the permit boundary.

The proposed area is approximately 1.25 mile southwest from KY Route 3's junction with Middle Fork of Rockcastle Creek Road, and located 1 mile west of Middle Fork of Rockcastle Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Inez, Lancer, Thomas and Offutt U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CA NO. 04-CI-00302

Branch Banking

and Trust Company (Successor in Interest to Matewan National Bank), Plaintiff vs.

NOTICE OF PENDING LITIGATION Millard Stevens, et al., Defendants The above action has been filed against Millard Stevens, P.O. Box 461, Betsy Layne, Kentucky 41605. The purpose of this suit is to enforce the mortgage due and payable to the Plaintiff, Branch Banking & Trust Company (Successor in Interest to Matewan National Bank).

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application #836-5334, Renewal #4

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that MATT/CO., INC., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a renewal of an underground/refuse storage coal mining operation, located 2.0 miles north of Emma, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 3.16 surface acres, and will underlie 1,124 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1,127.16 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.0 mile east from KY Route 1428's junction with Sugarloaf Branch Road, and located 0.1 mile north of Sugarloaf

A. DAVID BLANKENSHIP Warning Order Attorney

PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular meeting for the Floyd County 911 Advisory Council has been re-scheduled for Monday, August 2, at 7 p.m. This will be held at the emergency operations center, at 313 Westminster St., Floor 2.

The regular meeting for the Floyd County 911 Executive Board has been re-scheduled for Thursday, August 5, at 1 p.m. This will be held at the emergency operations center, at 313 Westminster St., Floor 2.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Allen Rose has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, proposing to construct two 20' x 28' townhouses in the 100-year flood plain, located along Kentucky Route 1428, approximately 0.46 mile southwest of the intersection of Kentucky Route 1428 and Kentucky Route

302. The proposed site is located on the north side of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River at latitude 37° 39' 59" N., and longitude 82° 44' 16" W. Any comments or objections concerning this application, shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Ky. 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410

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Branch. The latitude is 37°39'40" and the longitude is 82°41'58".

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Joe Burchett. The operation will underlie land owned by Joe Burchett, Landon & Nellie Charles, Ed & Bertha Cline, Freddie Collins, Maxine Crider, James Crisp, Esta Crum, Elkhorn Coal Corporation, Bradis Goble, Charles Harris, Floyd & Ona Harris, Irvin & Jenny Harris, Johnny Huffman, Lester Hunt, Ransor Hunt, Lewis Ervin Hunt, Gardie Jervis, Greg Johnson, Timmy Plummer, Albert Ratliff, Ronald Reid, Mary Reynolds, Randall Robinson, Grace Weedman, and James & Mary Wells.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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INVITATION TO BID
The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center is now accepting bids for the position of Mental Health Consultant. The position will be for 9 hours per week.
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The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center is now accepting bids for the position of Optometrist.
The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center is a Vocational Training GED/High School Diploma education program, operated by Dynamic Educational Systems, Inc., for the U.S. Department of Labor. Bids will be received until July 30, 2004, at 4 p.m. No late bids will be accepted. For more information, please contact Teresa Carroll, Buyer, at (606) 886-0077, or Thomas Rainey, Finance and Administration Director, at (606) 886-1037, ext. 104, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center reserves the right to reject any of all bids received.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given for sealed bids to be received on the 9th day of August, 2004, at the Betsy Layne Fire Protection District, 22 George Rd., Betsy Layne, Kentucky, 41605, by 7:00 p.m. local time, for the purchase of a Current Model Year, 4x4, Non Walk-In Rescue, 12 ft body.

Sealed proposals should be clearly marked as such on the exterior envelope, and bids received after the specified date and hour, will be returned unopened. No facsimile (FAX) bids will be accepted.

Bid specifications, and the required forms for bidding, can be obtained from the Betsy Layne Fire Protection District, P.O. Box 129, Betsy Layne, Kentucky 41605, or by calling (606) 478-9010.

The Betsy Layne Fire Protection District reserves the right to award the bid to the best, lowest bid. Factors used in determining the best bid, will be price, availability of service, and delivery. The Betsy Layne Fire Protection District also reserves the right to reject, in whole, or in part, any and all bids, and to waive all informalities and/or technicalities, where the best interest of the district may be served.

Joe David Taylor
Board Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 860-5218, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky 41839, has applied for a renewal of a permit for an underground coal mine operation. The existing operation will disturb 11.60 surface acres, and will underlie 1,576.00 acres, for a total permit acreage of 1,587.60 acres, located approximately 0.4 mile northeast of Handshoe, in Floyd and Knott Counties.

The existing operation is approximately 1.9 mile southwest from KY RT 7's junction with KY RT 2029, and located along Sattlick Creek. The Latitude is 37°28'33". The Longitude is 82°54'18".

The existing operation is located on the Handshoe U.S.G.S 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc. The operation will underlie land owned by CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc., Western Pocahontas Properties, Buford Handshoe, Arnold Handshoe et al., Ida Terry, Jack Handshoe Heirs, Dave Compton Heirs, Lewis Combs, Ogie Mitchell, et al., Rex Hicks, Edward Bailey Heirs, Charles Howard, Rosa Oney, Annis Bailey, Elderee Turner, Clayton Handshoe, Harris Handshoe Heirs, Herhall Handshoe, Bessie Conley, Lois Conley, Bradford Handshoe, Clinton Handshoe, Gary Handshoe, Leslie Bradley, Kirk Shepherd, Mitchell Stephens, Susan Shepherd Heirs, Marvin Shepherd, Levisa coburn Est., and Nadine Howard.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South,

Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Pursuant to Application Number 836-5411, Operator Change

**INVITATION TO BID
CFP KY36-PO38-501-03**

The Housing Authority of Martin, Kentucky, will receive sealed bids for the CFP Modernization-Electrical Upgrades at Pageant Hill, at 10:30 a.m., on Friday, August 20, 2004, at which time and place, all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A Prebid conference will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Friday, August 6, 2004, at the Housing Authority Administrative Offices, at 109 Raymond Griffith Drive, #1101, Martin, KY. The scope and details of the proposed project work will be discussed. Attendance is recommended.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained upon request from Browne Group Architects, together with a deposit in the amount of \$50.00, made payable to: Browne Group Architects, at 1351 King Ave., Suite 200, Columbus, Ohio 43212, for one set of documents. Complete details of this Invitation to Bid may be obtained by contacting Mr. Bruce Coleman, Executive Director, at the Housing Authority of Martin, at (606) 285-3681, or Browne Group Architects, at (614) 486-7145.

Bruce Coleman, Executive Director

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5411, Operator Change

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Richardson Fuel, Inc., 14305 Old US Route 23, Catlettsburg, KY 41129, intends to revise permit number 836-5411 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Solid Rock Construction, Inc., 6169 KY Route 1428, Allen, KY 41601. The new operator will be M.R.I. Mining, Inc., 18639 Route 122, Hi Hat, KY 41636.

The operation is located 1.7 mile south of McDowell, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.2 mile east of KY Route 122's junction with Spewing Camp Branch Road, and located 0 feet north of Spewing Camp Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37°25'54" and longitude 82°43'40".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF WHEELWRIGHT, KENTUCKY, ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR (07/01/04) THROUGH (06/30/05), BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, an annual budget proposal & message has been prepared and delivered to the City Commission; and WHEREAS, the City Commission has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary modifications. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF WHEELWRIGHT,

SECTION 1:

That the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning (07/01/04) and ending (06/30/05) is hereby adopted as follows:

	General Fund	LGEA Fund	Road Aid Fund	Proprietary (Utilities) Fund
Resources available:				
Fund balance carried forward	\$7,420	\$0	\$9,572	\$0
Estimated Revenues:				
Property taxes	79,735			
Licenses & Permits	1,400			
Intergovernmental revenues	12,833	33,938	15,500	
Charges for services				519,000
Other	132,273		3,284	
Total estimated revenues	226,041	33,938	18,784	519,000
Total resources available for appropriation	\$233,461	\$33,938	\$28,356	\$519,000
Appropriations:				
General Government	\$178,076			
Police	22,511	20,971		
Fire	6,409	9,733		
Streets	10,000	3,234	20,000	
Other				519,000
Enterprises				
Parks & Recreation	10,000			
Total Appropriations	226,996	33,938	20,000	519,000
Excess of resources over/under appropriations	6,465	0	8,356	\$0
Estimated fund balances end of fiscal year	\$6,465	\$0	\$8356	\$0

SECTION 2:

That this ordinance shall be of effect on 7/01/04 (first day of the fiscal year).

David M. Sammons
MAYOR, CITY OF WHEELWRIGHT

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PENCILYMPICS

Coach Cortex is back! This time he intends to get your brain and your hands in shape with a pencil-grabbing, pencil-pushing, pencilicious workout!



Weekly Writing Corner

Write Words Wonderfully

Lilacs like luscious lavender lollipops.
Tree, 5th Grade

Pitbulls play poker, penguins play pinball, and puppies play ping-pong precisely in Paris.
Monica, 5th Grade

Firecrackers fly for freedom.
Garrett, 2nd Grade

Elephants eat enormous egg-plants everyday.
Lauren, 5th Grade

A large ladybug loves language arts.
Alanna, 5th Grade

Flying fish fly furiously fast for fun.
Jessica, 4th Grade

The black bear brought back blackberries.
Rashed, 5th grade

Susanna skipped science September 2nd.
Rachel, 3rd Grade

Miraculous moon milk makes my muscles massive.
Shelby, Home school

The dangerous dogs discovered Detroit.
Scott, 5th Grade

Gigantic giants gobble giggling goblins.
Sydney, 5th Grade

Lonely lions love to lick lollipops.
Mercedes, 5th Grade

My mom makes me move while making milkshakes.
Colleen, 5th Grade

Buttercups bloom beautifully.
Caroline, 7th Grade

Tiny Tim taught tamed tigers to take toast to Tokyo.
Cindy came courageously carrying carts containing candy.
Jesse, 8th Grade

Sleepy, sneaky snakes steal stinky socks slowly.
Max, 8th Grade

SEARCH: Get the Lead Out!

There are lots of pencils on this page, but only one crayon. Find it in less than 30 seconds and earn 10 points; 60+ seconds earns you 5 points.

Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

EVENT	ME	YOU
HIGH DIVE		
ARCHERY		
HURDLES		
RUNNERS		
BOXING		
SEARCH		
TOTAL		

Tally your score from each pencil event, then have a friend give the page a try.



High Dive

There are five differences between these divers. Score 1 point for each one you find.

Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.



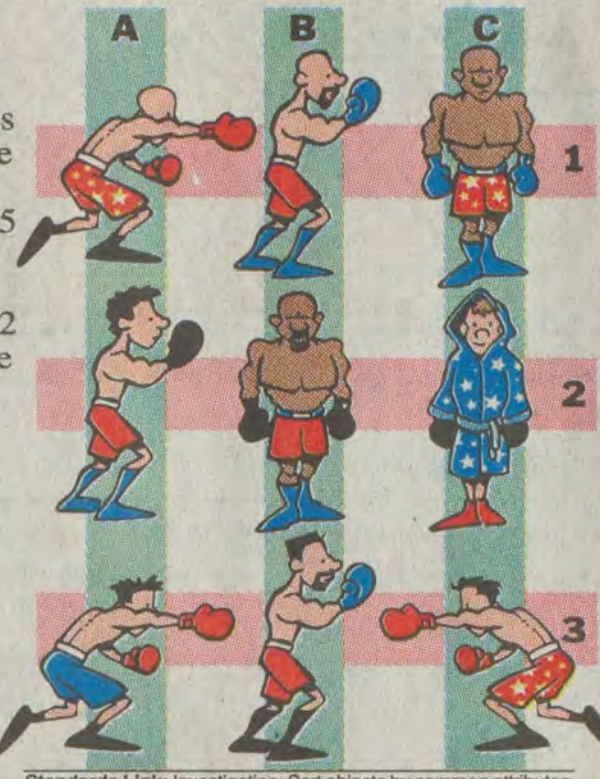
Archery

Place a pencil on the archer's bow. Close your eyes. Trace a path to the target. Open your eyes and check your score (the number in the ring of the target that you "hit"). Repeat two more times and add up your score.

Standards Link: Math: Number Sense: Compute sums.

Boxing

Look at the rows going up and down. Circle the things that the boxers have in common in each row.



Find all six things and score 5 points. Find 3 - 5 to earn 3 points. Find 1 - 2 and score 1 point.

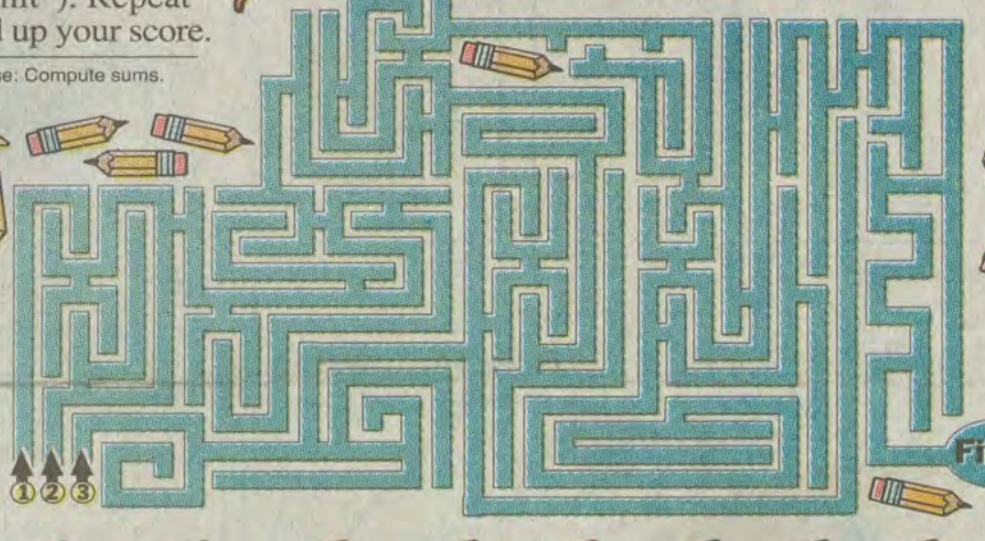
Standards Link: Investigation: Sort objects by common attributes. A. Facing same direction. B. All have beards. C. Stars on clothes. Answers: 1: Bald boxers, 2: Black gloves, 3: Black hair and boots.



A-MAZE-ing Runner

Can you run through this crazy course? Do it in less than 30 seconds and score 5 points! 30-60 seconds earns 3 points. 60+ seconds earns 1 point.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Eye-hand coordination.



Go the Distance!

On one newspaper page, find and circle the letters that spell each of the following words:

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Archery
- Cycling
- Pentathlon

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade level words correctly.



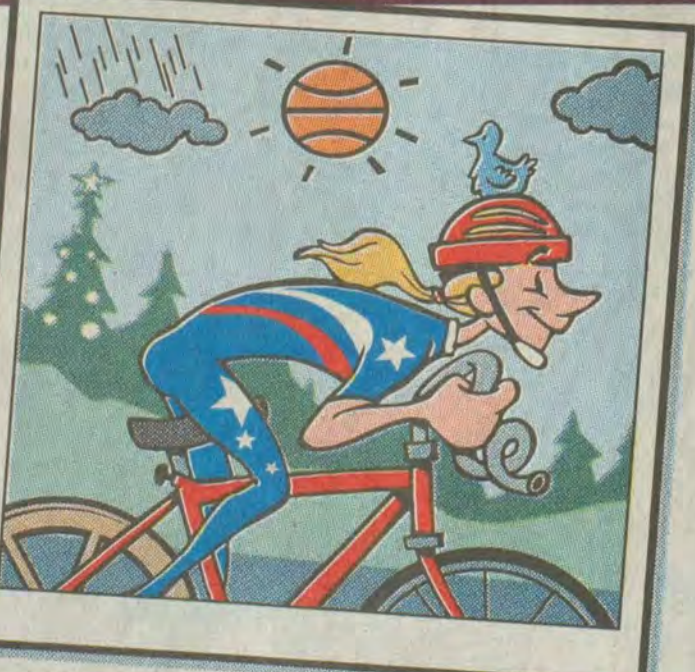
Hurdles

Place your pencil on START. Close your eyes. Draw 10 dots, trying to put one on each hurdle. Score 1 point for each hurdle that contains one, and only one, dot.

Photo Finish

Sonia took a picture of the bike races.

Find five or more silly things in Sonia's cycling photo.



Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

- DISTANCE
- MUSCLES
- SCORE
- COACH
- BRAIN
- COURSE
- ARCHERY
- EYES
- DIVERS
- CRAYON
- CYCLING
- BOW
- TRACE
- PENCIL
- TALLY



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Build Your Muscles!
The newspaper has great tips for building your muscles! Look through your newspaper for running events, hikes and other outdoor activities. Sign up and go! Get the whole family in the fun!

Standards Link: Health: Identify behaviors that promote healthy lifestyles.

How can you place a pencil on the floor so that no one can jump over it?



ANSWER: Put it against the wall.

Write On!

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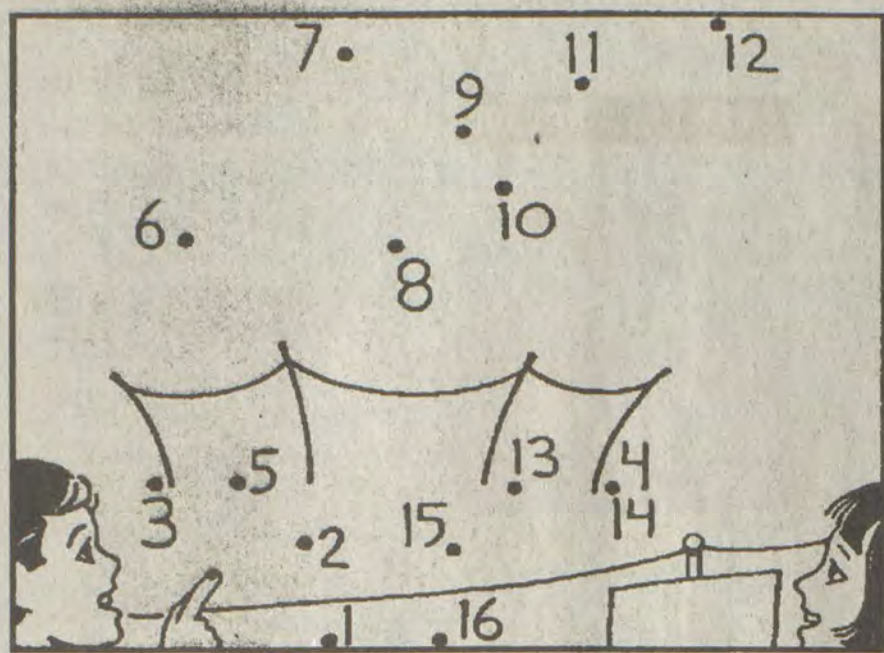
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Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



BOUNDING MAIN EYE-BEFUDDLER

IT'S been shown time and time again that we can't always believe what we see. In the sailing scene at left, for instance, it would seem that each that each of the parallel horizontal lines veers either up or down.

But, if you sight these lines at eye level from the side, you will find that all are straight and parallel.

This is an adaptation of one of the oldest and cleverest of optical illusions.

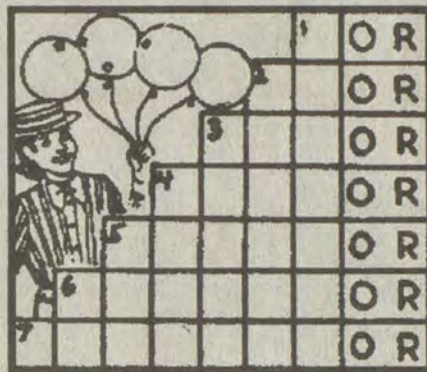
ROLL CALL! Answer quickly, if you can: In calling the roll alphabetically, which U.S. states are first and last? Limit: 30 sec.

Alabama is first, Wyoming is last.

THIS, that, OR the other thing could be one of the seven terms to be placed in the diagram shown. Let's see how quickly you can identify these words from the following definitions:

1. Opposite of against.
2. Norse god of war and thunder.
3. Important city official.
4. Stepped-up enthusiasm.
5. Bullfight principal.
6. School passageway, for example.
7. Crocodile's big-mouthed cousin.

Time limit: Two minutes.



GAME TIME! The Olympic Games trace back to ancient Greece. Yet, the 1996 event commemorated an historic 100th year. Of what significance was the year 1896?

Games resumed in 1896, the initial year of modern competitions ceased in 394 A.D., were

1. For 2. Thor 3. Mayor 4. Fervor 5. Matador 6. Corridor 7. Alligator.

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Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

Can you help Polly get through the Pencil Maze? Grab a pencil and show her the way!



My Letters

P is for Pencil

p is for pencil



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter P. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the P sound like the word pencil?

My Numbers

How many penguins?



How many parachutes?



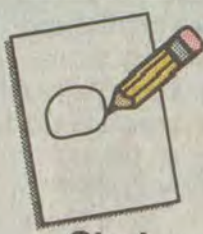
Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Rhyme Time

Peggy had a pet pink pig
Who played in puddles, small and big.
When piggy rolled in purple paint,
We thought Peggy might just faint!

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



My pencil can _____



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Letter Identification With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter P in pencil.	Math Play Point to the number 6 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	Pop, Hop, Top, Mop Cut the letters O and P from your newspaper. Cut out the letters P, T, H and M from the newspaper. Show your child how you can spell the words POP, HOP, TOP and MOP simply by changing the first letter in front of the letters OP.	Pencil Pal Pick up a pencil and a page of the newspaper. With your child find and circle in pencil the letters that spell the name of one of your child's pals. Use the pencil to connect the circled letters. What does your pencil design look like?	Big P, Little p On one page of the newspaper, search for an uppercase letter P and a lowercase letter p. Draw a line to connect the two. Can you find more uppercase and lowercase P-p pairs?	Before and After With your child, find a picture in the newspaper. Ask your child what he/she thinks happened before this picture was taken. What happened after the picture was taken?	Pencil Pushing Practice Practice small motor skills by turning a page of the newspaper sideways. Show your child how to trace lines of type. See how many lines of type your child can trace without assistance from you.



My Kid Scoop comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning readiness skill.

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Rational Numbers by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, two digits have been entered in the diagram.



- ACROSS**
- One-half of 13-Down
 - One less than 19-Across
 - Three hundred less than 15-Across
 - Two times 5-Across
 - 3-Down plus 10-Down
 - Three times 14-Across
 - The sum of the digits is 3-Across
 - Seven times 14-Down
 - 4-Down plus 7-Down
 - 8-Down minus 16-Down
- DOWN**
- Consecutive digits in ascending order
 - 7-Down plus 16-Down
 - 1-Down times 7-Down
 - 3-Across plus 1-Down
 - Seven more than 1-Across
 - Five more than 13-Down
 - 7-Across minus 12-Down
 - Seven times 9-Down
 - Consecutive digits in ascending order
 - Consecutive digits in ascending order
 - Seven more than 2-Down
 - Consecutive digits in descending order
 - Two less than 4-Down

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Rational Numbers

answers

2	8			1	3	
3	2	3		6	4	6
			5	6	1	0
	4		0		3	
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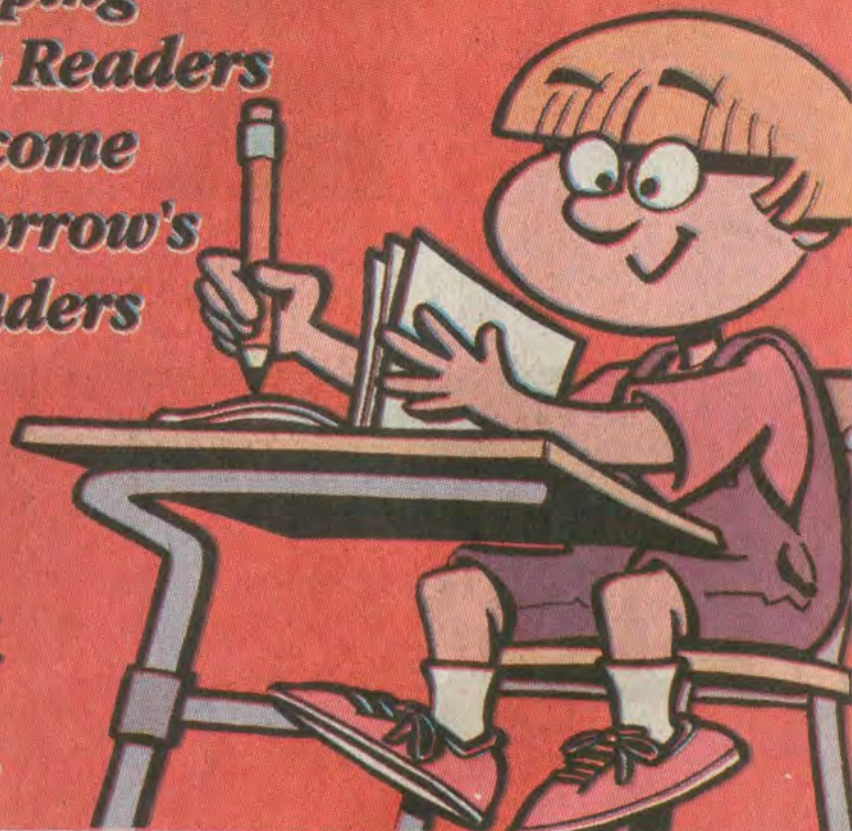
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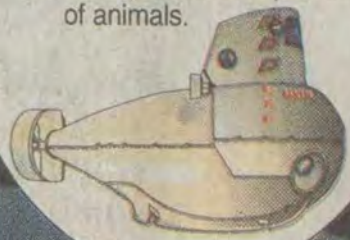
The dark zone

The bathypelagic or dark zone extends from 3,281 feet to 13,124 feet (1,000 to 4,000 m). Despite the lack of light and the immense water pressure, many creatures can be found here. Sperm whales dive to this level in search of food, and bioluminescent creatures begin to appear.

Bioluminescence

Many ocean creatures use bioluminescence (pronounced BY-oh-LOO-muh-NEHS-uhns) to attract prey and to warn predators away. These fish have a special enzyme that changes stored energy into light. Sailors often see bright lights flickering in the waves at night. This is usually caused by algae that light up when movement is sensed.

The Alvin was designed for deep-sea research. In 1977, the Alvin team of scientists discovered deep-sea vents and previously unknown species of animals.

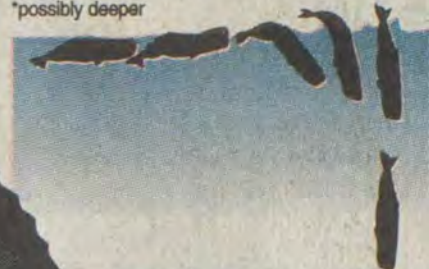


Whale diving depths

Maximum diving depths and underwater times for various whales:

Whale	Depth	Time
Porpoise	984 ft	6 min.
Finback	1,148 ft	20 min.
Bottlenose	1,476 ft*	120 min.
Sperm	9,000 ft*	75-90 min.

*possibly deeper



Swordfish range in size from 6 to 16 feet (2 to 4.9 m) long. They are found in deep waters and at the surface. Generally solitary predators, they feed on smaller fish and squid.

Shrimp are an important food for many fish. Related to crabs and lobsters, these crustaceans come in a variety of colors and sizes. Larger shrimp are sometimes called prawns. Some shrimp are bioluminescent, and many favor deep, cold water.

Roughhead grenadier can be found at depths of 650 to 3,300 feet (200 to 1,000 m). They are members of the cod family and grow up to 3.25 feet (1 m) long.

The oarfish is the longest bony fish in the sea. They can grow to more than 50 feet long and weigh as much as 100 pounds (45 kg).

How fish swim

Most fish swim by moving their tail from one side to the other, while their body moves in the opposite direction. Tuna and marlin rely primarily on tail motion for thrust (power for forward movement). Eels and some long-bodied fish move in snakelike curves through the water. Fins are used to make turns and other maneuvers. To turn left, fish lift or extend the left fin. Fast swimmers often have deeply grooved, crescent-shaped tails and large, pointed fins. Slow swimmers tend to have round or square-shaped tails and fins.



Ratfish are also known as chimaeras. They live in deep waters, feeding on starfish, mollusks and crustaceans. Ratfish can grow to about 5 feet (1.5 m) long.

The snipe eel is a deep-sea fish found at depths of 3,300 feet (1,000 m) or more. They can grow to about 4 feet (1.2 m) long.



The octopus belongs to the mollusk family, which includes clams, oysters and snails. They have soft, round bodies with eight legs. Some live in shallow water, others live in the deep. The smallest lives in the Indian Ocean and grows to about an inch (2.5 cm) long. The largest lives in the Pacific Ocean and can grow to more than 20 feet (6 m) long. As a means of defense, the octopus can discharge an inky fluid. It can also change color to match its surroundings or scare a predator.

The skate is often caught by humans for food. Skates feed on fish, crab, lobster and octopus. They live at depths of 98 to 2,000 feet (30 to 600 m) and grow to about 8 feet (2.4 m) wide.

Most squid have light-producing organs called photophores, and some can eject a glowing cloud of ink.

Lanternfish are named for their ability to make light. They move in large schools, or groups. During the day they stay deep in the ocean, but at night they swim to the surface to feed on plankton. Lanternfish can be found at depths of 3,000 feet (914.4 m).

The Greenland halibut can grow to up to 4 feet (1.2 m) long. This fish has strong, fanglike teeth. Both of its eyes are on the right; the left side is blind. Greenland halibut can be found at depths of 6,600 feet (2,000 m).

LEARN ALL ABOUT OCEANS — PART FOUR IN THE NEXT INSTALLMENT OF WORLD OF WONDER

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