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briefs Bar makes donation to CASA

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Kentucky Bar Foundation presented Big Sandy Area CASA, located in Prestonsburg, with a check for \$5,000 this week.

The Foundation is made up of lawyers in the state and is recognizing CASA for its efforts to advocate strictly for children who become involved in the court system.

The Kentucky Bar Foundation is giving out \$63,329 in grants this year to programs which promote justice in law-related education.

The Foundation elected local attorney Mickey McGuire as its president last June at a conference that was held in Lexington.

CASA stands for "court-appointed special advocate." These people are all volunteers and each is assigned to one child involved in a court proceeding. The advocate makes all court appearances with their child and makes sure that the needs of the child are spoken for whenever appropriate.

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Officials to tour Connecticut dumpsite

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The question of whether Floyd County should become home to a construction demolition debris landfill and transfer station.

The Solid Waste Board of Directors voted Friday to send a minimum of two members to Hartford, Conn., next month to observe a construction demolition debris landfill and transfer station.

Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson received approval last month from the Floyd County Ethics Commission for county officials to attend the "fact-finding mission," which aims to shed light on possible environmental impacts such a facility would have on the region.

The proposed landfill, owned by parent company Murphy Road Recycling, will be operated by its Kentucky Branch, the Ivel Road.

The company proposes to place the dumpsite on a 300-acre abandoned coal combustion landfill in Ivel, which is currently covered with mounds of "fly ash"

that were left when the Costain Coal Company went bankrupt approximately 18 months ago, officials said.

Tom Fitzgerald, a Kentucky Resources Council representative who worked with Ivel residents opposing the coal ash disposal dumpsite several years ago, entered into an agreement with the company to

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photo by Mary Music

Representatives of various local volunteer agencies attended work sessions in Prestonsburg and Paintsville this week to learn about providing long-term recovery to those affected by the Memorial Day flood.

Group meets to plan for long-term flood relief

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Federal Emergency Management Agency is pulling its forces out of the area August 9 and will leave behind a \$4 million shortfall for victims of the Memorial Day flood.

Victims hit hardest by the flood are still without homes, FEMA spokesperson Betina Hutchings reported, and several others are left high and dry without enough funds to replace furniture, cars or other necessary items lost in the flood.

"So many people in this area had no flood insurance," Hutchings said, "and there's a huge shortfall in

money. \$5,100 doesn't go a long way when you're looking to replace a car, a home and furniture."

That's why disaster recovery officials are asking for help. FEMA officials and the Kentucky Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (KYVOAD) announced the formation July 9 of seven long-term Kentucky-based recovery committees, as an effort to coordinate resources of various community volunteer organizations with the unmet needs of disaster victims in the region. Committee members attended meetings this week in Prestonsburg and Paintsville to learn how to assist with the long-

term recovery effort.

"Disaster starts in your community and ends in your community," said George Betz, state chairman for VOAD (Volunteer Organizations active in Disaster). "It's up to the community to put it all back."

The long-term recovery committees will match individuals needing additional support with registered case managers who will assess their needs and enlist them with appropriate volunteer organizations to provide ongoing help. The goal, Betz said, is to help local residents form a long-term recovery effort.

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Fiscal court considers eyesore law

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court meeting on Friday was well attended by area citizens who had some concerns about a new ordinance that would effect area farmers and scrap metal dealers.

The ordinance (#04-002) had already been much discussed by magistrates, who are under pressure from still more citizens who think that dilapidated buildings and rusting cars are an eyesore for the county.

Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson had proposed to amend the ordi-

nance before the meeting to only have it give the county power to remove abandoned or dilapidated buildings that represent a potential hazard to curious children. The ordinance would also have a provision to force land owners to clean up accumulated refuse on their property, but won't prohibit the collecting of scrap metal.

An amended version of the ordinance will run in the paper shortly but Thompson gave those who showed up a chance to air their feelings, even though the amended ordinance made them mute.

"Primarily, this is intend-

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Couple appeals loss of children

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — A Lexington attorney representing Richard and Kimberly Hardy, the Auxier couple fighting to regain custody of their seven children, filed an appeal in the case this week.

Attorney Steven Marshall filed the brief with the

Kentucky Court of Appeals Wednesday, seeking a reversal of the custody decision handed down in February in Floyd Family Court.

"From my perspective and I'm late coming to the game, so to speak, it seems to me like these kids should have been returned already," Marshall said. "Maybe if

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Drug suspects appear in court to weigh trial, plea

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Circuit court was the setting Friday for the next phase in the April Fool's Day drug roundup.

Eight of the people charged that day appeared in front of Judge John Caudill and five entered guilty pleas to trafficking in drugs.

One, Arthur Huff, decided to go to trial and two, Dordena Moore and Scotty Moore, had their pleas ready but were continued until Sept. 10.

Those who pleaded guilty will appear for formal sentencing Aug. 27. They include Jason Shepherd, of Langley; Michael Chaney, of Martin; Burnis Newsome, of Martin; Dennis Fields, of Langley; and Holly

Powers, of Printer.

There were more than a few surprises in court and it started with Powers and Fields. They originally indicated that they would be asking for a trial date but changed their minds Friday and asked to enter guilty pleas.

The change of heart may have been a good move.

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Dennis Fields, right, confers with his attorney, Jerry Patton, before entering a guilty plea on drug charges stemming from the April Fool's Day drug roundup.

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Dumpsite

upgrade the design. The state, however, approved continued filling of the landfill and allowed the company, trucking coal ash from Florida, to fill piles of ash at higher elevations and on areas that weren't protected by a plastic liner. The continuous filling, he said, caused localized water quality problems.

In addition to the potential environmental problems associated with the current ash disposal site, other issues of concern were brought out during the meeting Friday.

Jim Wade, of Nesbitt Engineering, said that the ash disposal site could pose a "potentially serious problem" if left unchecked. The large pile of coal ash, he said, dams up the hollow and threatens to flood neighboring residents if a drainage pipe currently located there fills up with silt.

"Eventually the pipe will silt up

and clog," he said. "It could take a month or five years or 10 years to clog up, but when it does and it starts raining, then the dam is going to fill up with water ... That's a big dam and nobody's inspecting it. The state solid waste revoked their permit and walked away and the surface mining, I'm assuming, will revoke their permit as well."

If that happens, Wade said, it will be taken up by the state's Superfund Branch, which is responsible for cleaning up environmental problems on unregulated sites. That move, he says, doesn't look good for Floyd County.

"The Superfund Branch rates all the sites according to their priority list, and from what I've been told this site will be fairly low on that priority list," he said. "If it's put on the Superfund Branch list, it could be years before they'll fix it, and that's dangerous."

If Floyd County agrees to host

the construction landfill, Murphy Road Recycling has agreed to "fix" the ash disposal site, officials said. Wade said vegetation on the site would be graded, then a high density polyethylene plastic covering, the same used in regular solid waste dump sites, will be placed over the ground to prevent leaching.

Solid Waste Board members offered no opinion during the meeting as to whether they were for or against locating the landfill at Ivel, but they are eager to research various aspects of the proposal.

According to Chairman Mike Vance, the county looks to gain a 2 percent fee on any waste brought in and could also impose a garbage tax to generate additional revenue.

The state is currently closing the county's landfill at Garth Hollow in Martin and hosting a construction landfill at Ivel would

be "convenient," Vance said, to both the county and waste management customers. An approximate 10 to 12 jobs could be created, Wade said.

Though the need to fix the ash disposal site is readily apparent, Fitzgerald says Floyd County should consider a construction dumpsite proposal with their "eyes open."

"Each community needs to make that decision, not just the officials, but the community at large," Fitzgerald said. "Hosting a waste disposal facility is a long-term commitment and there are potential liabilities of waste being placed in the ground that are incurred by the community."

Construction demolition debris landfills, Fitzgerald said, could locally impact air, water and ground quality.

"With a construction demolition debris landfill, you're looking at a more narrow range of waste, a lot more organic materials," he said. "But you could run into issues about contamination of soil material, contamination with lead and asbestos-containing materials."

Rainfall, he said, could leach out metals or other materials that could contaminate surface and ground water.

Solid Waste Board members

and county officials will head for Hartford on August 2 to learn the "nuts and bolts" of how a construction landfill and transfer station operates.

The Floyd County Times is considering an invitation to join local officials when they tour the facility.

During the meeting, the board also:

- Tabled the reading of the meeting minutes from a September 2003 meeting because officials could not find those minutes.

- Discussed a report from Floyd County Solid Waste Coordinator Lon May and Waste Management Inc. about garbage

pickup in Floyd County. Currently, the county has an approximate 95 percent collection rate.

- Passed a motion in support of a proposed nuisance ordinance that would allow the county to tear down dilapidated buildings and charge property owners for the removal on their annual tax bills.

- Scheduled the next Floyd County Solid Waste Board of Directors meeting for August 6 at 9 a.m.

Eyesore

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ed to correct buildings that pose a health hazard," Thompson told the crowd. "If the owner won't take care of it we can step in."

The only objection to the new version of the ordinance came from John Scott Clevenger, who noted, "You start off with something small, but then you come after us for other stuff."

Clevenger promised to return for the vote on the amended ordinance next month and promised, "There are a lot of people who stand behind me."

The ordinance will be voted on at the next scheduled fiscal court meeting on Aug. 20.

Crackdown on overweight trucks puts coal operators in hot seat

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Coal truck drivers may not be the only ones held accountable in a crackdown on overweight loads.

Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement has begun writing citations to coal companies for overloading trucks that trudge across mountain highways in Eastern Kentucky.

Officers began a crackdown on overweight trucks about three weeks ago, sparking demonstrations by drivers. Some took part in a temporary work stoppage, parking their rigs on the side of U.S. 23 to call for legislation that would

make coal companies share the responsibility for penalties for overloaded trucks.

However, legislation may not be necessary.

Greg Howard, head of Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement, contends that current law holds coal companies accountable for overloading trucks and sending them out on state highways.

Consol of Kentucky became the first coal company to receive a citation based on that legal interpretation. Company representatives couldn't be reached for comment Friday afternoon.

"If a person is aiding and abetting of sorts, they are responsible,"

Howard said. "We feel like it's a fair application of the law."

Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, said the legal action taken against Consol appears to be intended as a test case.

"What they're doing is plowing new ground," Caylor said. "They're trying to create a legal responsibility on the operator where there is no law. They're taking general provisions of a law and trying to apply that to the operator. I think that's the wrong way of going about it. I don't know if they will be successful."

Coal truck driver Russell Engle told The Appalachian News-Express that his colleagues want the state legislature to pass a law that would make coal companies liable for fines on illegal loads. West Virginia has such a law, he said, that has been effective in reducing the number of overweight coal trucks.

Howard said truck drivers acknowledged to him that overloaded trucks pose a safety hazard on highways in Eastern Kentucky.

"These guys were saying, 'We know these trucks are unsafe. We want to run legal. We just don't know what to do about it,'" Howard said. "There is a lot of people who need to share responsibility."

Lt. Gov. Steve Pence said he met with truckers, owners of trucking companies and coal operators to discuss weight issues.

"We're going to continue to enforce the law as it is," he said. "We don't believe that just the drivers should be punished for this. If the people who are loading the coal know that they are overloading the trucks, there is a mechanism that allows them to share that burden."

Caylor disagreed. "It really isn't the intent of the law," he said. "They're trying to stretch the law to use in a way it doesn't apply."

Drugs

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Audiotape evidence paints a clear picture of a drug deal transacted by a person said to be Powers, during which a child helped her count the pills and facilitate the transaction. The child is clearly heard on the tape calling for Powers when the informant shows up asking for hydrocodone tablets. The child then goes off to Powers' room and returns with a huge handful of the drug. Powers arrives shortly after and brags on the drugs not being the "flat" [generic] variety. She and the child count out 25 tablets together on the tape and sell them to the informant.

The commonwealth recommended a five-year sentence on each of Powers' charges and recommended that they run concurrently. In a trial, Powers could have received more time, up to 10 years, on two of the counts, but her plea agreement will probably see her do five years.

Going to trial in Floyd County means facing a jury, and Floyd

County juries have been notoriously harsh on drug dealers recently, handing down maximum sentences to the last two traffickers who went to trial.

Arthur Huff turned down a plea offer and decided to go to trial, even though he had previously indicated he would take a plea. Caudill explained to Huff that he was entitled to do so but that the court would not be honoring any sentence recommendation by the commonwealth now that Huff was going to trial.

Huff's decision had an impact on the Moores who were codefendants with him. Now Dordena and Scotty Moore, of Prestonsburg, have had their anticipated pleas continued till September. This gives them time to reconsider their pleas in light of Huff going to trial, but could also mean that any sentences they receive could be reduced further for cooperating in Huff's trial, which has been set for Nov 24.

Couple

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had been in social service's shoes throughout this battle, I might not feel that way. I'm getting most of my information through the Hardys and, of course, the case file."

In the appeal, Marshall argued two areas of concern. He claims that the findings of the Floyd Family Court weren't specific enough to allow a meaningful review by the appellate court and that its findings weren't supported by sufficient evidence.

During the February hearing, Richard and Kimberly Hardy, who have maintained a heated custody battle with the Cabinet for Families and Health Services since 2002, lost complete custody of their children because the Cabinet changed their case goals from family reunification to adoption. The court also ruled during that hearing that the Cabinet had made "reasonable efforts" to reunify the family, a determination Marshall said he didn't "necessarily disagree" with.

"They said it was in the best interest of the children," Marshall said.

The children currently reside

in different foster homes and are wards of the state.

The Hardys, a former Johnson County couple who moved to Floyd County in an attempt to get away from what they regard as "repeated attacks" from social services, blame their own youthful "stupidity" and a long list of

social workers overseeing their case. Both Richard and Kimberly Hardy have faced several criminal charges for various offenses over the past several years. Several of those charges, including a first-degree sexual abuse charge against Richard Hardy, have been dismissed.

The Hardys claim that losing custody of their children was an act of revenge from social services because Richard Hardy attacked them through the media after the sexual abuse charge was dismissed against him.

In May, one month after the couple shared their story with The Floyd County Times, the Hardys took out a complaint against social worker Chris Newsome, who allegedly lied to authorities in order to have them removed from the cabinet's office during a routine visit of their youngest child.

Newsome, who pleaded not guilty to falsely reporting an incident, sought police assistance to remove the couple from the premises because he said that Richard Hardy threatened him, an accusation that conflicts with an audio recording of the encounter the Hardys made surreptitiously.

Cabinet attorneys have 10 days to respond to the appeal.

The Court of Appeals could reverse the family court ruling, uphold it or order a new trial.

Fuel

nation to derive much of its transportation fuel from coal.

The 1970s energy crisis sparked interest in coal-to-diesel plants in the United States, but none got beyond the proposal stage. Cheap gasoline made coal-to-diesel economically indefensible in the 1990s. But now, with oil prices stuck at near-record highs, the idea is beginning to gain traction.

Another company, Rentech Inc., is mulling the feasibility of a coal-to-diesel plant in Wyoming, while Penn State scientists are working to turn coal into fuel for fighter jets.

Harold H. Schobert, director of The Energy Institute at Penn State University, said Rich's coal-to-diesel plant is "eminently feasible" — both technically and economically.

"The traditional argument is that a synthetic fuel produced from coal or other resources is always somewhat more expensive than a liquid fuel we would make from petroleum. That argument is true until you begin to look at the impact (of foreign oil) on the net American economy," taking into account military spending to defend foreign oil interests, Schobert said.

Rich's company, Waste



photo by Tom Doty

Michelle Sode, director of the Big Sandy arm of CASA, received a donation of \$5,000 from the president of the Kentucky Bar Association, local attorney Mickey McGuire.

CASA

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The Big Sandy Area CASA is the only branch of that organization that will receive funding from the Bar Association this year.

McGuire said he is a firm believer in the organization and will also be helping CASA Director Michelle Sode plan a

fundraiser for December. The idea is to have an annual gala that will offer people a chance to support the organization and dance the night away.

CASA is always looking for volunteers and donations. To find out more, call (606) 886-0978.

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piles are damaging, but rushing to (process them) and pretend that's a solution is not the best thing either," said Ewall, who set up a Web site that criticizes Rich's project.

But Rich said a coal-to-diesel plant is far cleaner than traditional coal-burning power plants, and liquid fuel produced from coal is cleaner-burning than regular diesel.

"It's better to leave all this stuff here? And keep importing foreign oil and empowering terrorists? Yeah, right," Rich said. "We can clean this stuff up."

Rich said he sees coal-to-diesel not only as a money-making opportunity, but also as a chance to eliminate the blight that anthracite coal mining left behind. But some environmental groups said Rich's idea would do more harm than good.

Mike Ewall, an environmental activist from Philadelphia, said it would be far better to plant beach grass on the culm piles than to use up the coal. He said a plant would produce tons of slag and soot and liberate mercury and other toxins now safely trapped inside the coal.

"Obviously the waste coal

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest View

State government solves a problem

Stop the presses. Kentucky government has succeeded at solving a bad problem.

Not only that, it did it by defying the common wisdom about clueless legislators, about governmental spending and about lethargic workers.

The problem was this: The drug abuse epidemic had overwhelmed the ability of the state's crime labs to keep up with the court system's need for evidence.

The labs' caseload doubled during the '90s. A huge backlog grew. Cases were delayed or dismissed. Fingers were pointed. Threats were issued. All the usual aspersions on governmental competence and political character were cast.

But the simple, stubborn truth remained: Effective government costs money; new challenges require new resources.

Finally, the legislature acceded to that reality. The labs' budget was increased. Staffing grew by a quarter. No longer being asked to do the impossible, the labs responded. They worked overtime. They backed each other up. They contracted out what they couldn't get to. They pushed time-saving technology for communicating with courts. And they eliminated the backlog.

With that kind of turn-around, it's no wonder Lt. Gov. Steve Pence wants to take the credit, even though he came to office and took over as Justice secretary fairly late in the game. He's pushing the line that his prosecutorial background and his executive ultimatums were what did the job.

It's important, however, that everyone and everything involved get the credit that's due. For far from supporting the prevailing political rhetoric about the nature of governmental failings, this story does the reverse.

Yes, strong management matters. But so do resources, and they weren't sufficient to allow capable people to do the jobs that had to be done. And they still aren't sufficient in many other areas, most notably for educating all the children being overwhelmed by the same social forces that overwhelmed the crime labs with drug cases.

If Frankfort ever reverses that backlog of need, the presses really will be stopped.

— The Courier-Journal, Louisville

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— Jim Davidson

A unique 'headboard' that started it all

The people in this world who are creative will never be bored. This is because there is always a new idea, a new project or a new plan fermenting in that great boiler cooker that we call the human mind.

The American poet, critic and editor James Russell Lowell (1819-1891) once said, "Creativity is not the finding of the thing, but the making something out of it after it is found." A perfect example of this came to me in the mail a short time ago when I received a letter from Peggy Patrick, who lives near the Red River about 60 miles north of Dallas, Texas. She and her husband Pat read my column in the Gainesville Daily Register in near-by Gainesville.

To give you some brief background information, I had written a column several months ago titled "You Can Create Your Own Lodge" and this is what prompted Peggy to write to me. Peggy and her husband Pat had done just that and she sent me the photos so I could see what it looked like. After I had a chance to look at all the photos and read her account of how their lodge (or "mountain retreat" as she called it), was created, I just stood there and shook my head in amazement. There is something really special about their creation and I will share it with you a bit later.

It all started several years ago when

their home was in serious need of repairs and somehow they jumped into a wild scheme of remodel and redecorate. Pat was raised in the New Mexico desert at the base of the Colorado Rockies and was a pretty fair craftsman.

The first thing he did was cut some East Texas pine trees and some crooked limbs and made a bed frame. When you peel off all the bark from the small trees, sand them down and stain them with a clear varnish, you have some beautiful pieces of wood. Then you duplicate the same process with the crooked limbs and put them together with the four posts, add the hardware and you have something really creative and unique. Pat also built a couple of bedside tables and a log wardrobe.

This is how their "mountain retreat" got started, even though the land where they live is just rolling hills like most river valleys. Not long after this their son was doing a handyman's job in town and he brought home an old privacy fence to burn. Peggy said, "When I realized what he was chunking into the fire, I rescued the lumber from that old fence and stacked it up." Eventually, these boards were used to build a few pieces of 'barn wood' furniture and to trim out the entire 'interior' of the house, including the ceiling beams, which are rough cedar planks.

ing beams, which are rough cedar planks.

In the paneled part of the house, Pat "adobed" the walls by swirling blobs of wall texture or "mud", letting it dry and then painting it. Above the fireplace are rough cedar boards with 'mud' stuffed in between for a "loggy" look and completed with four-inch pieces of round posts screwed onto the wall above the cedar. I realize that since you are not looking at the pictures, I am not doing it justice but believe me, it is creative.

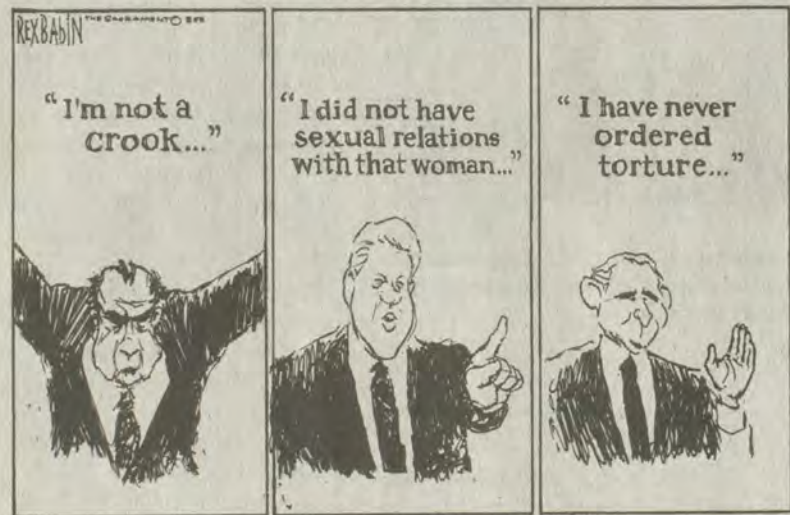
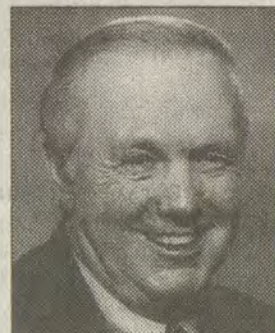
She goes on to say that the ceramic tile in the den came from a building salvage place. Most all of the decorations are Western and Southwest and came from garage sales and trade days. Some were gifts from friends.

Peggy concludes by saying, "With a little time and effort, very little money and a run-away imagination, we have created a 24/7 vacation atmosphere."

Here is her summary of the project: "Wall texture — very cheap stuff, barn wood — free, most decorations — nickel and dime, logs — free" (cut a cedar or pine tree, depending on where you live, for the asking).

Now, let me back up and tell you why this project is so special and the reason I thought you might have an interest in hearing about it. The personal application here is that almost any person can do

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— beyond the beltway

Veeps can be important, too

by DONALD KAUL

So John Kerry has chosen John Edwards as his running mate, a decent and reasonable choice — a moderately liberal Southerner to balance a moderately liberal Northeasterner. And before you poo-poo the algebra of that, remember that the last time the Democrats elected a president without a southern or border-state candidate was 1940. If that's a coincidence, it's one whose juju you don't want to mess with when you've got a chance to win.

Do the Democrats have a chance to win? Of course they do, given the perfectly dreadful performance George Bush has turned in. He took office with the nation at peace, the budget in surplus and the country enjoying the good opinion of nations throughout the globe. None of that now obtains. Everything he has put his hand to has turned to ashes. (Don't even talk about the environment.)

If you can't beat a candidate with a record like his, who can you beat?

You can tell the Edwards' choice worried the Republicans because almost immediately after Kerry made his announcement Homeland Security (ha ha) Czar Tom Ridge warned that al Qaeda was planning terrorist attacks at the political conventions.

Have you noticed that every time something goes bad for the administration or right for the Democrats, we get a

terror alert?

You have to hand it to the Bush people; they have used the 9/11 attacks as efficiently as the Plains Indians used the buffalo — horns and hooves, meat and hair, teeth and bones. Nothing has gone to waste. Why do we need tax cuts? 9/11. Why do we need a missile defense system? 9/11. Why do we have to attack Iraq? 9/11. Why do we have to give up our civil liberties? 9/11. Why should we re-elect Mr. Bush? Why, because of 9/11, of course. It is the answer to every policy question.

It is especially amusing to hear the Republicans attack Mr. Edwards, a U.S. senator, for his lack of experience. Whatever the truth of that, they are hardly the people to make the case. Four years ago they nominated a man for president who didn't have the experience to be president, vice president, secretary of state or the ambassador to Burkina Faso.

In any case, how much experience do you need to be vice president? A veep's main job is to stay healthy in case that the president doesn't. Viewed in that light (and others, if you want the truth) Dick Cheney, he of the multiple heart attacks, was a better choice.

And if you accept the premise that it's Cheney who really runs the country, the choice was even worse. When you put George Bush a heartbeat away from taking over, you want a stronger heart than Cheney's.

That would be true even if there weren't signs that Mr. Cheney is cracking under the strain. First he issued a scatological instruction — "go (bleep)

yourself" — to a senator on the Senate floor, then he went out of his way to insult a friendly audience.

When he was interrupted by applause at a campaign stop in Altoona, Pa., he looked up from his text and snarled: "You guys want to hear this speech or not?"

It can't be easy, being the Leader of the Free World from the co-pilot's seat.

The early report of the Senate committee investigating the war in Iraq let Mr. Bush and Mr. Cheney off the hook, I thought. It blamed bad intelligence for sending us off to war on false pretenses. That's about half-right.

The Bush administration got bad intelligence and it got good intelligence. It chose

the bad and ignored the good, because the bad supported its aims, chief of which was deposing Saddam Hussein.

That's not the most ignoble of aims but you have to ask "Then what?" They never did.

It's ironic that President Bush got high marks for his choice of a national security team because they were so experienced.

Four years later, that bunch has given experience a bad name.

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Faith Extra

Church-state separation becomes a hot issue in Kansas, with pastors' sermons monitored

by JOHN HANNA
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OVERLAND PARK, Kan. — A recent Sunday found Tina Kolm changing her morning routine. Instead of attending a Unitarian Universalist service, she was at the Lenexa Christian Center, paying close attention to a conservative minister's sermon about the importance of amending the U.S. Constitution to ban gay marriage.

Kolm is one of about 100 volunteers for the Mainstream

Coalition, a group monitoring the political activities of local pastors and churches. The coalition, based in suburban Kansas City, says it wants to make sure clergy adhere to federal tax guidelines restricting political activity by nonprofit groups, and it's taking such efforts to a new level.

The 47-year-old Kolm, from Prairie Village, said keeping church and state separate is important to her. She doesn't want a few religious denominations defining marriage — or setting other social policy —

for everyone.

"What it's all about to me is denying some people's rights," she said.

But some local clergy think the Mainstream Coalition is using scare tactics designed to unfairly keep them out of the political process.

"Somebody is trying to act like Big Brother when there's no need for Big Brother," said the Rev. James Conard, assistant pastor at the First Baptist Church of Shawnee. "It's obviously an intent to intimidate."

Kansas isn't the only place in this election year where church-state separation has become a hot issue, but the Mainstream Coalition's efforts are more intense than most.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State filed a complaint this month with the Internal Revenue Service against the Rev. Jerry Falwell over a column endorsing President Bush on his ministries' Web site. Falwell said the group was waging a "scare-the-churches campaign."

Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United, said local chapters have sent volunteers to church services the Sunday before an election, but he said the Mainstream Coalition's efforts are more sustained.

"To my knowledge, there's no other state organization doing what the Mainstream Coalition is doing," said Lynn, himself a United Church of

Christ minister.

Some conservatives are upset.

"These people will stop at nothing to silence churches," said Andrea Lafferty, executive values of the Washington-based Traditional Values Coalition, which says it represents 43,000 churches.

The catalyst for the Mainstream Coalition's campaign in Kansas was the debate over gay marriage.

In May, the Kansas House rejected a proposed amendment to the state constitution to ban gay marriage. Dozens of pastors then joined a statewide effort to register 100,000 new voters and elect more sympathetic candidates — a move similar to one in Washington state, where an Assembly of God pastor is leading an effort to register 60,000 new voters and re-elect Bush.

Charles Haynes, a senior scholar with the nonpartisan First Amendment Center in Arlington, Va., said Mainstream's tactics only added to the tension in Kansas. "If we want to escalate a cultural war, this is a good way to do it," he said.

But Mainstream's executive director, Caroline McKnight, said her organization is only trying to make sure that churches follow federal law. The group has not yet filed any complaints, she said.

According to IRS guidelines, churches cannot endorse

individual candidates, and their pastors cannot use the pulpit or church newsletters to do so.

Churches can compile voters guides — though such guides are supposed to be unbiased. Pastors can preach on issues and, as individuals, endorse candidates. McKnight said her group was reacting to pastors being public — "brazen," in her words — about political activity.

McKnight said the IRS does not have the resources to monitor churches' activities, something an agency official confirmed during a recent seminar on political activity by nonprofit groups.

Lynn said complaints to the IRS are uncommon, though his group has filed 50 during the past decade. He said 19 of those complaints involved improper endorsements of Democratic candidates.

McKnight said Mainstream Coalition volunteers visit houses of worship of all types. But conservative groups don't take such assurances at face value.

Said Jay Sekulow, chief counsel for the conservative American Center for Law and Justice, of Virginia Beach, Va.: "Who deputized this group and its members to be thought police in Kansas — or elsewhere?"



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Becky McNew

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Obits

native, died Wednesday, July 14, at Miami Valley Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 17, under the direction of Newcomer Farley Funeral Home.

Lillie Mae Owens, 89, of Forest Hills, died Tuesday, July 13, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 16, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Nathaniel Gratt Stanley, 18, of Turkey Creek, died Sunday, July 18, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 22, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Bobby Thompson, 61, of Williamson, West Virginia, a Forest Hills native, died Sunday, July 18, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Gynette Blackburn Thompson. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 21, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel, Toler.

Ruth Estelene Wallace, 69, of Norton, Virginia, formerly of Marrowbone, died Saturday, July 17, at St. Mary's Hospital, Norton. She is survived by her husband, Jack Wallace. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 20, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Lewis Wolford, 69, of Jamboree, died Monday, July 12, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 16, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

MARTIN COUNTY

Ethel Burchell, 88, of Ashland, died Wednesday, July 14, at Woodland Oaks Healthcare in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 16, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Martin Luther (Luke) Mills, 84, of Inez, died Tuesday, July 13, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Corrine Hinkle

Mills. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 16, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Elizabeth Stone, 73, of Beauty, died Wednesday, July 14, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 17, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Ernest Spence, 81, of Inez, died Tuesday, July 13, at Prestonsburg Healthcare Clinic. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 16, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Davidson

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this and this is true regardless of what part of the country you live in. Remember, the key word here is creative.

The "mountain retreat" I have just described was built inside a 1974, 14x72 mobile home. Pat and Peggy purchased this mobile home new and they raised their two children in it. In 1980 they added a 16x32 den on to and that's what they had to work with, when they decided to remodel and redecorate.

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created something really rewarding and satisfying.

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

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FLOYD COUNTY

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Barbara (Bobbie Jean) Ratliff, 69, of Wheelwright, died Friday, July 16, at Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Leonard G. Robinson, 54, of Martin, died Sunday, July 18, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

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

Betty Sue Shannon Tackett, 73, of Drift, died Sunday, July 18, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 22, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Homer Edward Bailey Sr., a former resident of Paintsville, died Saturday, July 10, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Bailey. Burial was in the Perkins Cemetery, in Williamsburg.

Jim Blanton, 89, of

Circleville, Ohio, a Johnson County native, died Tuesday, July 20, in Pickaway Manor. Funeral services were held Friday, July 23, under the direction of Wellman Funeral Home, Circleville.

Frances "Peggy" Pilkerton Gross, 61, of Paintsville, died Sunday, July 11, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 14, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Frankie Arnold Hall, 33, of Whitehouse, died Thursday, July 15. He is survived by his wife, Shonda Rena Hall. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 19, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Josephine Horne, 88, of Paintsville, died Monday, July

12, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 14, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Benjamin F. Osborne, 62, of Stambaugh, died Sunday, July 11, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Lois Caudill Osborne. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 13, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Lora Marie Taylor Rice, 85, of West Van Lear, died Tuesday, July 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 22, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

Colonel John Blackburn, 78,

of Johns Creek, a Floyd County native, died Saturday, July 17, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 20, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Joe Kenneth Blackburn, 76, of Ransom, died Friday, July 16, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Kay Dotson Blackburn. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 18, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

Mina Sue Burke, 56, of Douglas, a Pike County native, died Wednesday, July 14, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 18, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Bobbie Lois Pinson Clark, 67, of Sidney, died Tuesday, July 13, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Lester Clark. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 17, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Buster R. Coleman, 70, of Ambridge, Pennsylvania, formerly of Pikeville, died Sunday, July 18, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 23, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Hattie Maynard Collins, 89, of Raccoon, died Wednesday, July 14, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 17, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Mildred Collins, 79, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, July 20, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 23, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Violet Louise Elliott, 66, of Thompsonville, Illinois, a Pike County native, died Tuesday, July 13, in Harrisburg, Illinois. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 17, under the direction of Lucas & Hall

Funeral Home.

James Edward Ellis, 57, of Pikeville, died Monday, July 19, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 21, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Britney Shawne Hall, infant daughter of Victor Shawne and Sabrina Hall of Virgie, died Monday, July 12, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. A memorial service was held Saturday, July 17, at the Long Fork Freewill Baptist Church.

James "JA" Harmon, 64, of Kimper, died Monday, July 19, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 22, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Hazel O'Brien Hickman, 98, of Phelps, died Monday, July 19, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 22, under the direction of Chambers Funeral Services.

Kermit Keen, 75, of Shelby, died Tuesday, July 13, at Pikeville Health Care Center. He is survived by his wife, Iona Mae Adkins Keen. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 16, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Edna Marie Varney Kitchen, 80, of Leesville, South Carolina, formerly of Turkey Creek, died Monday, July 12. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 16, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

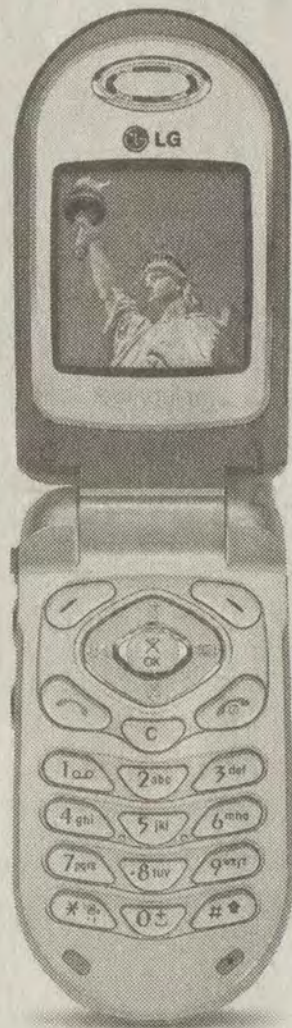
Shannon Layne, 70, of Garden Village, a Knott County native, died Monday, July 19, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 21, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Pebble Justice Little, 88, of Dayton, Ohio, a Pike County

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Obituaries

Ronald Bentley

Ronald Bentley, age 58, of Plain City, Ohio, passed away, unexpectedly, Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at St. Ann's-Mount Carmel.

Born August 25, 1945, in McDowell, he was the son of the late Charlie and Dora (Brown) Bentley. He was a loving devoted husband, father, and grandpa, being loved by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, of 38 years, Elizabeth (Willey) Bentley.

Other survivors include two daughters: Elizabeth (Jay) Limbach of Columbus; Dr. Shannon Bentley of King City, California; one son, Ronald Joseph (fiance, Sarah Leatherman) Bentley of Columbus; a very special granddaughter, Kristeen Limbach; three brothers: Vernace (Roberta) of Columbus, Don (Becky) of Ashley; and Tommy (Terry) of Columbus; one sister, Janice (Gary) Salyers of Powell; a sister-in-law, Sandy Bentley of Hilliard; and numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws, and many dear friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Sam and Virgil; and two sisters: Egle Martin, and Polly Bentley.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 24, at the Ferguson Funeral Home, 202 E. Main Street (Rt. 161 W), Plain City, with the Rev. Garreth Clair officiating.

Burial will be in Forest Grove Cemetery, under the direction of Ferguson Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Bruce Landon Lawson

Bruce Landon Lawson, 54, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, July 22, 2004.

Born January 27, 1950, the son of the late Otto W. Lawson and Edith Kimberlain Lawson. He was a mobile home salesman and member of the Freewill Baptist Church.

He is survived by his former wife, Sharon Woodrow Lawson.

Other survivors include one son, Khristopher Lawson of Prestonsburg and a step-son, Shawn Ellis; five brothers: James W. Lawson of South Carolina, Eddie A. Lawson of Georgia, Barry W. Lawson of Pikeville, Robert L. Lawson of Prestonsburg and Roland B. Lawson of Raccoon and a sister, Kay F. Lawson Louth of Ohio; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Steven Lawson.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, July 25, at 7 p.m., at Lucas & Hall Funeral Home, with Freewill Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Lockhart cemetery, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is Sunday, at 6 p.m., at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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NFHS: Facemask/ guard standard approved for softball

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Softball Rules Committee approved a facemask/guard standard at its annual meeting June 6-7 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The rule subsequently was approved by the NFHS Board of Directors earlier this month at its meeting in San Diego.

Rule 1-6-6 will require all high school fast pitch softball players to wear batting helmets equipped with NOCSAE-approved facemasks/guards. The new standard will take effect on January 1, 2006, providing all state association-member schools with adequate time to budget and purchase new helmets that include guards, or to obtain facemasks to attach to current helmets. All masks must have the phrase "Meets NOCSAE standards" printed directly on them. Many manufacturers are already producing these facemasks.

"We encourage anyone purchasing these masks now to ensure they are NOCSAE-approved," said Mary Struckhoff, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the NFHS Softball Rules Committee. In other action, the committee modified Rules 2-25-1g and 2-25-2 to eliminate the wording "not higher than the batter's head" in both the definition of a foul ball and the definition of a foul tip.

"When determining a foul ball or foul tip, the height of the batted ball as it relates to the batter's head is irrelevant," Struckhoff said. "The ball is already described as moving directly to the catcher's equipment or glove."

Rule 2-36, which pertains to the defin-

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1984 UK football team to have reunion

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — All members of the University of Kentucky's 1984 Hall of Fame Bowl football team are invited to a reunion. The reunion will take place in Lexington on Friday and Saturday Oct. 1-2, 2004. The festivities will begin on Friday with a cookout at the K-Men's House next to Commonwealth Stadium on Friday evening and conclude with a presentation on the field at halftime of the UK-Ohio football game (To further honor former UK athletes, the football team will be donning retro jerseys for this game only). Each letterman will receive complimentary tickets to the game for their family as well as one night's lodging in Lexington.

1984 Season Highlights

■ The 1984 Wildcats posted a 9-3 record, including a win over Tennessee in Knoxville

■ UK capped the season with a 20-19 win over No. 19-ranked Wisconsin in the Hall of Fame Bowl

■ The Wildcat offense featured three of the top running backs in school history — senior George Adams and freshmen Mark Higgs and Marc Logan. Adams led the team in rushing with 1,085 yards and 13 touchdowns.

■ The stingy UK defense was led by All-America safety/punter Paul Calhoun and All-SEC linebacker Cam Jacobs.



Craig Kidd

Kidd will not return to head ACHS baseball program

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — After one season at the helm of the Allen Central High School baseball program, Craig Kidd has decided not to return for a second campaign.

"Due to a couple of factors that aren't really worth disclosing to the general public, I have decided not to attempt to return to the AC baseball program as the Head Coach in 2005," said Kidd.

"I actually made my decision a couple of days after the season was over.

But, I wanted to give myself some time to recuperate from the season to be sure. I'm confident in my decision now."

Prior to the start of the 2003 season, Kidd inherited an ACHS baseball team that was coming of its first-ever regional championship. Kidd was an assistant coach on the 2003 team when Ronnie Patton headed the program.

"I'm proud of what the guys were able to accomplish on the field in 2004," said Kidd. "They were a very young and talented team that tackled a very, very tough schedule. The team should be out-

standing in 2005, the program returns the entire starting lineup and a cast of reserves that played some valuable innings this past season."

Kidd worked the ACHS baseball program throughout the year. Not just the season

"I think the majority of the people are of the mindset that high school baseball only lasts for a couple of months," added Kidd.

"To do a program justice, preparation

(See KIDD, page four)



From passing league games to pre-season practice, the beat goes on for the Prestonsburg High School football team. The Prestonsburg High football program will hold its annual media day on Sunday.

Practice runs smoothly for Blackcats

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The start of the 2004 high school football season is now less than one month away and area teams are busy conducting practices. The Prestonsburg Blackcats, one of the leading teams for a state title, took advantage of

the time to get back on the field following the KHSAA's mandatory dead period by getting back on the field. This past week, Prestonsburg had workouts and wrapped up an upbeat week of practice Friday with a morning session.

Eyeing a date with area rival Pikeville in the first game of the season — in the Pike County Bowl —

Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett has put his team through productive practices.

"We had a real good practice Friday and that's how we like to end any week of practice — on a high note," said DeRossett. "Earlier

(See PRACTICE, page four)

Corbin QB in stable condition

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

CORBIN — Corbin High School senior-to-be Jeremy Brock remains in stable condition following an accident he was in Wednesday. Brock, the starting quarterback at Corbin each of the past two seasons, crashed his pickup truck Wednesday afternoon in Woodbine. Brock was

driving home Wednesday when he dropped a wheel off the edge of the truck and the truck overturned.

Brock led Corbin to the 2002 Class 2A State Finals. Last season, as a junior, he passed for over 1,000 yards and 15 touchdowns as a junior. In addition for football, Brock also played basketball and competed in track.

Many Corbin High coaches and

players have been mainstays at the University of Tennessee Medical Center.

Emergency personnel acknowledged Brock received leg injuries in the crash, but no other significant injuries.

Three years ago, the Prestonsburg High football team lost one of its ris-

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Tee Watkins

Watkins gives area local tie to national tournament

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Local angler Tee Watkins knows his way around a lake, or a river, or a pond — any body of water. Having fished in different states, Watkins knows what it takes to compete at the national level. He has gained that in great part while being a member of the Wal-Mart FLW Tour.

Wal-Mart FLW Tour competitors from the United States, Japan, Australia and Italy are Birmingham Bound in 2004, with the popular tournament trail's \$1.5 million championship set for Birmingham's Logan Martin Lake Aug. 11-14. Pro anglers hit the water in six regular-season events in hopes of landing one of 48 coveted championship spots that would enable them to compete for the top award of \$500,000 — the sport's largest guaranteed cash award. Two Kentucky pros will be in the hunt for that career-changing top prize, and two championship co-anglers from Kentucky will also fish from the back of the boat for a top award of \$25,000. Representing Kentucky in the Co-angler Division are both Watkins and Leon Williams of Fairdale.

The Wal-Mart FLW Tour Championship — dubbed the "Super Bowl of bass fishing" by Virginia Business Magazine following last year's event on the James River in Richmond, Va. — features a unique bracket-style format that pits pro anglers head-to-head based on their year-end ranking. Anglers are seeded according to their final position in the Land O'Lakes Angler of the Year standings, with the No. 1 seed fishing against the No. 48 seed, the No. 2 seed fishing against the No. 47 seed, and so on for two days to determine

(See WATKINS page two)

photo courtesy of
Brandon Kinzer
Motorsports

DOWN AND DIRTY...Brandon Kinzer and his Motorsports team were due in Alabama last night for the Michael Head Jr. Memorial race. Look in Wednesday's edition for an update on the Brandon Kinzer Motorsports race team.



Earnhardt sits out qualifying; plans to start race

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUDON, N.H. — His neck still tightly wrapped in a gauze bandage, Dale Earnhardt Jr. is ready to race again.

At least for a few laps.

In pain and needing more time for burns on his legs and face to heal after a frightening

crash last week, Earnhardt sat out Friday's practice and qualifying at New Hampshire International Speedway, letting rookie Martin Truex Jr. take the wheel instead.

Earnhardt plans to get into his No. 8 Budweiser Chevrolet for practice Saturday and will start Sunday's Siemens 300 to earn the NASCAR Nextel Cup

championship points before giving up the driver's seat to Truex.

"We just have to wait and see how this plays itself out," Earnhardt said during a news conference Friday, looking a bit uncomfortable with his dressings.

(See RACE, page four)

Spirit rules changes made in transitional stunts

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Additional changes in requirements for physical contact to be maintained between the top person and the base(s) in transitional stunts highlighted action of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Spirit Rules Committee earlier in the year.

The NFHS Spirit Rules Committee has approved the following exceptions to the requirement for physical contact to be maintained between the top person and the base(s). In transitional stunts involving a braced flyer, physical contact must be maintained between the flyer and the base(s), except when:

- a) The torso of the flyer remains upright (vertical);
- b) The flyer has at least two bases and a spotter/catcher;
- c) There is a spotter for each bracer; and
- d) The loss of contact with the bases does not significantly exceed the height of either stunt in the transition.

In addition, the following new article (2-13-3) was added: "When the transitional stunt involves changing bases, the new base(s) must be to the side or in front of the person moving

the stunt except when the top person remains upright (vertical) throughout the transition to the new base(s), with the person moving the stunt making no more than a one-half turn to face the new base(s)."

Last year, the first exception to the transitional stunt rule was incorporated with the allowance of the braced, bent leg tick-tock (liberty to liberty).

"The committee made these changes in transitional stunts because there are stunts other than the bent leg tick-tock that do not present a significant risk," said Susan Loomis, NFHS spirit rules liaison. "Athletes are becoming more highly skilled and well-trained."

Four other changes in the General Risk Management section (Rule 2) of the NFHS Spirit Rules Book were approved by the committee. In Rule 2-14-2 involving twists, the committee added an exception to this rule, which heretofore has called for a twist performed to a cradle to not involve more than two complete rotations. Now, when dismounting to a cradle from a side-facing stunt, 2 1/4 rotations will be permitted.

"This rule no longer requires that a side-facing flyer return to a forward-facing position before the dismount is initiated,"

Loomis said. "There is no reason to require this two-step approach to a twisting dismount when the entire skill can be accomplished with one fluid motion."

A change in Rule 2-10-6 will make all forward rolls legal

(See STUNTS, page three)

New Martinsville concrete finished; asphalt goes down next

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — It was truly an odd sight — mammoth concrete trucks rolling around Martinsville Speedway in the darkness of early, early morning.

This pre-dawn concrete raid wasn't a big secret though ... it was more like the big chill.

As afternoon temperatures soared into the high 90s, leaders of the resurfacing project at Martinsville Speedway decided it would be much easier and much more tolerable to pour and spread the concrete in the turns during the cool, early morning hours.

With portable light towers ablaze, concrete trucks rumbled into the half-mile track at 2 a.m. both Wednesday and Thursday. By 9 a.m. each day, work was finished, first the third and fourth turns on Wednesday and then the first and second turns on Thursday.

"I'm sure it seemed odd to be pouring concrete in the middle of the night, but it really made sense to do it that way," said Martinsville Speedway president Clay Campbell. "With the high temperatures we've been having every day, it was easier on the workers and it was easier for them to work the concrete."

Almost 800 yards of concrete ... roughly 80 truck loads ...

Watkins

the 24 anglers who will advance to the semifinal round. Weights are cleared for the semifinal round, and anglers continue in head-to-head competition for one day, with the 12 winners of each semifinal-round bracket advancing to the final round to compete for the \$500,000 top award. Anglers again start at zero the final day and compete against the rest of the final-round field to determine the 2004 FLW Tour champion.

Co-anglers compete for three days, with the top 24 from the two-day opening round advancing to day-three competition. Weights are cleared for the co-angler final round, with the winner determined by the heaviest one-day weight. Co-anglers compete against their entire field each day.

Watkins, who also runs a guide service from time to time, cinched a place as a top-10 co-angler with a top-five finish a few weeks back in a tournament

in Upstate New York.

In conjunction with the championship is a world-class boat and outdoor show featuring more than 140 exhibits and free daily giveaways, including hats and T-shirts, tackle kits, tackle boxes, and rods and reels, at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex. The outdoor show runs 2 to 8 p.m. Aug. 11 and 12, noon to 9 p.m. Aug. 13, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 14. One lucky fan attending the final weigh-in Aug. 14 at 5 p.m. will win a NASCAR Limited Series Ranger 521 VX bass boat powered by a 225-horsepower Evinrude outboard courtesy of the Birmingham News and Birmingham Post-Herald.

Anglers will take off each morning at 7 a.m. from Pell City Lakeside Park, located at 2801 Stemley Bridge Road in Pell City, Ala., with daily weigh-ins beginning at 5 p.m. at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex.

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For more information on FLW Outdoors and the \$1.5 million Wal-Mart FLW Tour Championship Boat and Outdoor Show Aug. 11-14, go online to www.FLWOutdoors.com.

EKU finishes season as national stat leaders in hitting, doubles

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The 2004 Eastern Kentucky baseball team claimed a pair of NCAA statistical championships by leading all Division I teams in batting average (.375) and doubles per game (2.69).

The Colonels also ranked among national leaders with the second-best effort in slugging percentage, tallying a .551 mark, and finished third in scoring with their 9.6 runs per game. In addition, EKU ranked in the top 30 in stolen bases per game (22nd - 1.82) and in win-loss percentage (29th - .667).

Eastern Kentucky's Stephen Carter, the 2004 OVC Player of

the Year, finished with the nation's third-best batting average (.448), while teammate Jonathan Woodard was 10th (.418). Also finishing among the Top 10 was Tennessee-Martin's Bryant Jones, who posted a .425 clip to rank seventh.

Corbin

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ing student-athletes when junior-to-be Josh Francis was killed during an auto accident.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Jeremy Brock, his family and the entire Corbin High School football program," said Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett.

Corbin is scheduled to open the 2004 football season Aug. 21 by playing host to Rockcastle County in the annual Cumberland Falls Pigskin Classic. The Redhounds are again expected to push for supremacy in Class 2A, along with perennial contenders Belfry (defending champ), Breathitt County, Prestonsburg and Russell.

Demand for recreational vehicle passes result in expansion at Talladega Superspeedway

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Talladega Superspeedway will become one of the largest cities in Alabama during the Oct. 3 EA SPORTS 500 weekend and reserved spots in the Infield and Overnight Parks are going fast.

In an effort to accommodate the overwhelming demand for infield recreational vehicle passes, Talladega Superspeedway has realigned the infield Green Zone in turn three and four to allow for additional spaces. This adjustment expanded the Green Zone by 70 additional spaces. These spaces are approximately 20' x 40' and can be purchased for \$335. The package includes one vehicle spot and two three-day infield adult admission passes good for Friday, Saturday and Sunday's events. Kids 11 and under are admitted free into the infield.

"Talladega Superspeedway is very RV friendly and we welcome all recreational vehicles to our facility," said Vice-

President/General Manager Rick Humphrey. "We are continuously looking for ways to enhance our Infield and Overnight Parks for our guests and will do our best to accommodate the requests we receive."

The West Park B has also been expanded by 70 spaces. These additional spaces are located in the southwest area of the park. With this addition, Talladega Superspeedway now offers fans a total of 1,600 spaces in West Park B. These spaces are approximately 20' x 40' and can be purchased for \$50. Fans are allowed to park in this designated area from Saturday the week prior to the race until the Monday following the race.

Talladega's newest addition, the East Reserved Park, located on the trackside of Speedway Boulevard opened in early 2004 and is available for the first time to our fall guests. The East Reserved Park is an RV-only, gated-community. There are gravel roads within the East Reserved Park, which is located outside the track beyond Turn 3.

Fans can reserve one of the approximately 400 spots before leaving home for \$100 a space. Fans can stay there from Tuesday of race week to the Monday after the EA SPORTS 500. The EA SPORTS 500 weekend starts with the Alabama Beef Producers ARCA RE/MAX Series Qualifying Day on Thursday, Sept. 30, to set the field for the Food World 300. The Discount Food Mart Qualifying Day is Oct. 1 to line up the field for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series EA SPORTS 500. Cost of admission to each qualifying day is \$10 with children 11-and-under allowed admission for free with a ticketed adult. The Food World 300 ARCA RE/MAX Series race is Saturday, Oct. 2 and Children 11-and-under are admitted free with a ticketed adult in the general admission grandstands on Saturday.

The NASCAR NEXTEL Cup

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LONG POND, Pa. — RACE Motorsports Marketing, LLC announced Thursday that Kingsford Charcoal, KC Masterpiece sauces, Weber Grills have joined a list of sponsors that include Savannah Gourmet Onions, RJ Burne Cadillac, Simplot and AC/DC

Series returns on Sunday, Oct. 3 for the EA SPORTS 500. Two-day tickets start at \$60 in the Allison Grandstand. For one \$60 ticket, fans can watch the final two NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series practices and the ARCA RE/MAX Food World 300 on Saturday and catch all the action on Sunday for the NEXTEL Cup EA SPORTS 500.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Talladega Superspeedway Ticket Office at 1-877-Go2-DEGA or by visiting us online. For our hearing impaired guests, please call TDD 1-866-ISC-TRAK (866/472-8725), Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. CDT, Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. CDT.

You may also purchase tickets in person at Talladega Superspeedway's Ticket Office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CDT Monday through Friday.

Motors and Drives for the NASCAR team Crew Chef cooking competition to be held on July 30, 5:30pm at Pocono Raceway.

What is the Crew Chef Challenge? We recently asked RACE Motorsports Marketing President Robyn Cavallaro. She explained, "The event is a cooking competition for the NASCAR team cook or 'Crew Chef.' The Crew Chef Challenge event name is a play on words. Every NASCAR team is directed by a Crew Chief who leads the team to victory. The Crew Chef provides the 'fuel' that leads the team to victory. 'I thought it would be a good idea to provide a chance for 'behind the scenes' team members to shine."

Each week the NASCAR driver fires up his engine while the Crew Chefs fire up their grills. Each Chef strategically charts the weekend menu to satisfy the simplest to the most sophisticated palate. Their mission - provide two to three delicious energizing meals a day for hungry team members during a race weekend. They carryout this task 37 weeks-a-year and they do it with ease. You will find unique cuts of meat, fish and fowl and the ever faithful hot dog and hamburger, grilling to perfection. And don't forget the side dishes. You would be amazed at what they can whip up on a grill! Crew Chef Ken Enck, who cooks for more than 20 teams, will serve over 1500 meals on a race weekend. That's a lot of BBQ!

If you have ever been to a NASCAR race you will agree the aroma of the tailgating grill is mesmerizing. Travel your way through the miles of weekend warrior chefs and you will feel the pride and immense joy each person takes in preparing his or her creation for "their" adoring fans. A cookbook entitled "Taste of Victory" will capture these amazing original creations. Fans from across the country have sent in their favorite race day recipes. "A cookbook is a natural accompaniment for this event. We found fans share a love of racing and food so why not bring the two together! We have created some fun and interesting categories to make the book a unique must have for NASCAR fans and anyone who loves to cook," according to Cavallaro. Fans can purchase the cookbook along with our very own Crew Chef Challenge hot sauce and flavored mustard at www.racesports.net, just follow the Crew Chef to our online store.

So if your plans include infield tickets on your trip to the Pennsylvania 500 at Pocono Raceway, be sure to attend The First Crew Chef Challenge Friday evening, July 30 at 5:30 pm. Fans can find the competition in the infield area next to the Speed TV Trackside stage. It will be a fun and entertaining event for the whole family.

RACE Motorsports Marketing, LLC will donate a portion of the event and cookbook proceeds to Victory Junction Gang Camp.

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tion of obstruction, was also changed. The rule previously stated that a defensive team member could impede the progress of a runner or batter-runner who is legally running the bases if the defender was about to receive a thrown ball. The rule has now been relieved of that wording, and will only allow a defensive team member to impede a runner if she has the ball in her possession.

"Current language leaves considerable discretion to the umpire to interpret the rule," said NFHS Softball Rules Committee Chairman Ralph Sweargin. "Too many defensive players are blocking the bases, especially first and home, without the ball."

The change to the obstruction rule is also designed to help reduce the number of unnecessary collisions between players. Sweargin said that enforce-

ment of the rule should be more consistent, and coaches should realize they will be penalized if they teach their players to block bases without the ball.

Also, the appeal procedure for Rule 8-6 PEN 3 was altered so that the coach or any defensive player is allowed to make a defensive dead-ball appeal. Because the ball is already dead, the committee concurred that it is irrelevant whether the appeal comes from dugout personnel or a player on the field.

Softball is the fourth-most popular sport for girls at the high school level with 357,912 participants during the 2002-03 season, according to the High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS. It also ranks fourth in school sponsorship for girls, with 14,007 schools offering the sport.

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NFHS imposes new soccer for upcoming season

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — A focus on risk minimization and substitutions was included in this year's National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Soccer Rules Committee.

The most important change made was a clarification from the 2003 rules meeting regarding goal post padding. "Last year, we permitted goal post padding for the first time," said Tim Flannery, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the NFHS Soccer Rules Committee. "This year, we clarified that rule by adding the specifications for the padding."

That clarification is of Rule 1-4-1, and states that the padding must be commercially manufactured and properly secured. In addition, it will have to be white, with a maximum thickness of one inch and a minimum height of 72 inches. No markings other than a single manufacturer's identification or logo may appear on

the goal post padding. Since presently there is no clarification of the goal post padding rule, this addition will be a factor in risk minimization.

Another major rule that deals with risk minimization is Rule 4-1-1, which was changed to include that shinguards must be age- and size-appropriate. Previously, the rule only required that they be age-appropriate. This addition will assist officials in determining the appropriateness of shinguard size, because many manufacturers currently size shinguards according to standards such as youth, medium or adult.

A second major issue at this year's meeting dealt with substitutions. A line in Rule 3-3-1(d)2 pertaining to injured players on the field and their removal from the game was changed to allow a team to make a replacement for an injured player whether that player was specifically attended to on the field or after he or she was helped off the field. Since there are often minor

injuries in which play is stopped and the player seeks to leave without needing to be attended to on the field (as in a bleeding situation), this proposal would allow the coach to replace the injured player or opt to play short.

Also along the lines of substitution, an addition to Rule 3-3-3 states that the team not in possession of the ball may substitute an unlimited number of players on a corner kick if the team in possession of the ball is also substituting [provided the substitutions have checked in per 3-4-1(d)]. This addition will increase both effective playing time and participation because currently there is not a good reason for disallowing substitutions for the defenders of a corner kick in which the kicking team has already chosen to substitute. This rule change will help avoid repetitive, unnecessary substitution stoppages.

"Allowing substitutes on corner kicks is a big change," Flannery said. "It now puts us [NFHS] in line with the

NCAA."

A change to Rule 5-3-1(b) will delete the phrase "and assists" to limit the responsibilities of the referee to confirming goals for the scorekeeper when crediting players, rather than both goals and assists, as the current rule states. This adjustment is appropriate because the officiating crew should not be responsible for noting assists when they do not play a significant role with respect to the rules of the game.

Also, a new rule has been added with regard to assistant referee signals used in the diagonal system of officiating. The rule states that if the assistant referee sees a foul or misconduct, he or she will indicate this by holding the flag vertically until acknowledged by the referee. Once acknowledged, the assistant referee will wiggle the flag and point the flag in the direction where the free kick will take place.

In addition, each year the

committee identifies certain aspects of the rules that aren't being changed, but are being stressed in the Points of Emphasis. This year, the Points of Emphasis focused on six central themes: sportsmanship, profanity, game administration, ethics, team officiating and overall game safety.

"The committee continues to stress the importance for players and coaches to model good sporting behavior in all soccer contests," said Dr. Robert Lombardi, associate executive director of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association and chair-

man of the NFHS Soccer Rules Committee. "This year, as we have for the past several years, the committee continues to place emphasis on minimizing risk in soccer."

Soccer is the fifth-most popular sport for boys at the high school level with 345,156 participants, according to the 2002-03 High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS. It ranks seventh in terms of school sponsorship with 10,103. On the girls side, it also is fifth in popularity with 301,450 participants in 9,299 schools.

Judge's ruling will allow jockey advertising

by BRETT BARROQUERE
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LOUISVILLE — A federal judge permanently barred the state from enforcing a ban on jockeys wearing advertising and their union logo during races.

U.S. District Judge John Heyburn II issued the ruling Thursday, ending the dispute that started in late April, just days before the Kentucky Derby.

Heyburn's decision cited his initial ruling in April when he wrote that the state's regulations impinged the jockeys' First Amendment rights. Heyburn said the free-speech rights of jockeys outweighed the state's concerns.

"The regulatory process can be repaired and its provisions amended, if need be," Heyburn wrote. "Once lost in a crucial moment, the First Amendment right, even as to commercial speech, is difficult to recapture."

Seven jockeys challenged Kentucky's racing rules that banned the wearing of advertising, promotional or cartoon symbols during races. The regulations were used to stop jockeys from wearing a patch with the name of their union, the 1,100-member Jockeys' Guild.

In a federal lawsuit, the jock-

neys argued the ban violated the First Amendment.

After a hearing in April and just before the Derby, Heyburn issued a preliminary injunction that allowed jockeys to wear advertising logos for the first time. The latest ruling makes that decision permanent.

Attorney Christopher Lasch, who represented the jockeys, said Heyburn's decision does not come as a surprise.

"After the hearing in April, the future of the regulation was pretty clear," Lasch said.

Kentucky Horse Racing Authority Chairman William Street said the organization is reviewing all of its rules and regulations and will take Heyburn's ruling into account during that review.

"The decision was not unexpected," Street said.

During the April hearing, attorneys for the state agency that regulates the sport argued that letting jockeys wear ads could lead to corruption. They also argued that the presence of ads or other patches could hamper racing officials' ability to determine a winner in a tight finish or whether a foul was committed.

When the jockeys rode in the Derby, many wore ads for a variety of companies and products. Although Heyburn wrote that his ruling applied specifically to the jockeys that sued, the racing authority allowed all jockeys to wear advertising.

The jockeys had requested a full trial on the issue, but the racing authority chose not to offer any more evidence and have the judge rule on the case based on the preliminary injunction hearing.

Because there was no new evidence or testimony to consider, Heyburn wrote, the preliminary injunction could be made permanent without another hearing.

Other states, including New York, California and Florida, already let jockeys wear ads and the guild patch.

Still pending is a dispute over whether the state will have to pay the jockeys' attorneys fees. That issue will be dealt with in the coming months, Heyburn wrote.

Warriors Soccer



Warrior forward Zach Hughes took the ball one-on-one against a Saints midfielder. Warrior Coach Mike Filowiat is pictured looking on.



The U14 Warriors returned from the Bluegrass State Games silver medalists. The defensive backfield of the U14 Warriors, sweeper Josh Holbrook, fullbacks Christian Smith and Adam Kimbler, and goalkeeper P.J. Collins, pictured after another defensive stop late in the game against the Saints from Northern Kentucky.



The odds didn't seem to favor Warriors' forwards Luke Greene and Brittany Collins as they took the ball deep into the Saints defense.

Stunts

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except the dive rolls. Beginning next season, the only illegal forward roll is one from an airborne position, such as a jump or dive. Loomis said this change now permits forward rolls from an upright stance, in addition to the squat forward roll and handstand forward roll.

Two rules were deleted because of changes made in other rules. Rule 2-6-12, which stated that forward face-down dismounts are illegal, was deleted, and Rule 2-10-7 was deleted because the notation that dive rolls are illegal will be a part of the change in Rule 2-10-6.

Competitive spirit squads is ninth in popularity on the 2002-03 NFHS Athletics Participation Survey, with 111,191 girls participating last year. It ranks 10th for girls in school sponsorship with 4,644 schools offering spirit, which includes dance, drill and pom squads, in addition to cheerleading. An additional 3,207 boys in 615 schools are involved in spirit programs.

Thundering Herd friends, fans, alumni to meet in Charleston

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The Kanawha Valley will again thunder with the sounds of "Herdmania" on Wednesday, Aug. 18, as Charleston roles out the green carpet for "Paint the Capital City Green," beginning at 6 p.m. at the Charleston Embassy Suites.

This annual event, now in its seventh year, is recognized as the nation's largest pep rally for Thundering Herd alumni, fans and friends. "Paint the Capital City Green, presented by the Friends of Coal" is hosted by the Big Green Scholarship Foundation, Marshall University Alumni Association, Greater Kanawha Valley Marshall Club and the Charleston Quarterback Club.

"Our growing base of alumni and friends in Charleston and the Kanawha Valley play an important part in our continued success, in our academic and research efforts and our athletic pursuits," said Marshall University President Dan Angel. "We appreciate the Friends of Coal for its support of this year's event, and we look forward to having another record crowd join us to help us kick off the Marshall athletic season."

The 6 p.m. event will include a pep rally and tailgate party, featuring food and entertainment by "Marco," the Marshall Cheerleading squad and the MU pep band. A formal program will begin at 7:15 p.m., featuring remarks from special guests and a live auction of team collectibles, memorabilia and special items.

Marshall President Dan Angel, Director of Athletics Bob Marcum, Head Football Coach Bob Pruett, Men's Basketball Coach Ron Jirsa and Women's

Basketball Coach Royce Chadwick will be on hand to discuss the upcoming seasons for Marshall's athletic programs.

There is limited seating for this year's event and tickets are going fast! Advance tickets are \$25 each. Tickets at the door the evening of the event will be \$35 each and subject to availability. Sponsorship opportunities and a limited number of reserved tables are still available. For tickets or additional information, call 304/696-3134, 304/696-7138 or toll-free 866-1HERD 10 (443-7310).

LSU basketball coach says Davis eligible to play

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BATON ROUGE, La. — LSU basketball coach John Brady says highly recruited high school star Glen Davis is eligible to play this year.

Brady confirmed the six-eight, 310-pound Davis has cleared his remaining academic hurdles and will be ready to begin his college career once the necessary paperwork has gone from University High to LSU and through the NCAA Clearinghouse.

Davis, a two-sport star in high school, was recruited heavily by football and basketball programs from around the country. He also flirted with the possibility of testing the NBA draft before focusing on completing the academic work he needed to

meet NCAA standards for incoming freshmen.

As a senior, Davis averaged 26-point-three points and 14-point-three rebounds per game for a U-High team that won its second Class 2-A state championship in three seasons.

The immediate goal for Brady will be figuring out how to combine Davis' talents with Brandon Bass' skills. Bass, the 2004 Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year, returns to LSU as the centerpiece of the Tigers' young and talented roster. Last season, Bass averaged 12-point-eight points and seven-point-four rebounds a game.

Practice begins October 15. LSU opens the year at home against in-state rival Tulane on November 19.

It's time for dog day (cicada) afternoons

by STEVE VANTREESE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — Sounding like so many tiny chain saws, it is dog day cicadas that now are droning in the trees across Kentucky.

These bugs, also called annual cicadas, are a late summer presence every year all across the commonwealth. They have some similarities to but also some differences from the much heralded periodical cicadas that emerged as a huge brood in much of Kentucky and other eastern states during this past spring.

While the red-eyed periodical cicadas are most noticed in areas of occasional mass hatchings — as occurred mostly in north central Kentucky — a light sprin-

gling of cicadas are out there every summer. They are often unseen, but their whirring "song" is part of the standard sound track of the late, hot season.

They get their name by association with the late summer emergence. The ancient Greeks linked that period to Sirius, also called the dog star of the constellation Canis Major. In late summer, Sirius rises and sets with the sun, and the ancients suspected it added to the heat of the sun to make the weather particularly hot and sticky during those dog days.

Sometimes called "locusts," dog day cicadas are no such thing. True locusts are grasshoppers, and cicadas are nothing close.

The dog day cicada is an insect about two inches long with a greenish-black body, green eyes and translucent wings with black veins. They have no red or orange on them as do periodical cicadas.

The male dog day cicada has two plates on the underside of its abdomen that it vibrates to create the droning call — remarkably loud considering the source — with which it advertises its availability to beckon females as potential mates.

The female dog day cicada has a blade-like "ovipositor" on its underside that it uses — after mating — to cut a small linear slit in a twig on a tree into which it deposits its eggs.

The eggs hatch in a short few weeks and the tiny nymph cicadas drop to the ground and dig in, living there for perhaps two to five years while they feed on the sap from tree roots.

It's these maturing nymphs that emerge after their in-ground cycle beginning in late June, but especially in July and August. Each nymph crawls out of the earth and up a nearby tree and breaks out of its drying shell, coming forth as a winged insect

that flies into the upper branches of a tree when its new wings dry.

While periodical cicadas tend to emerge in huge numbers after 17 or 13 years in the ground, the dog day variety is much more evenly distributed and in far less impressive numbers while some emerge each summer.

Doug Johnson, an entomologist for the University of Kentucky Extension Service in Princeton, said annual cicadas lay eggs in the same manner, cutting into twigs and killing them, as do periodical cicadas. However, the much smaller number of the dog day bugs keeps the twig slitting damage from being significant.

In most cases, the killing of twigs from annual cicadas is so slight that it goes unnoticed, Johnson said. "There's not enough damage for them to be considered pests," he said.

"For annual cicadas, most people only know they're out there from their singing," Johnson said. "It's just part of summertime and we're used to hearing it in the background. You'd really notice it if they weren't out there. It would be too quiet."

Race

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"Unfortunately, after the wreck last weekend, I won't be able to run the entire race," he said. "I'm really disappointed. I've never been in this situation before."

"It's painful to walk around, but what's most comfortable for me is sitting in the race car. This is just an opportunity to give Martin more time and a better opportunity to give us a better finish."

Truex, the Busch Series points leader, drives for Chance 2 Motorsports, co-owned by Earnhardt and stepmother Teresa Earnhardt. Truex tested recently on New Hampshire's 1.058-mile oval for what was supposed to be his Cup debut in the September race here.

Instead, he will make his first Cup appearance relieving Earnhardt, who sustained second-degree burns on the inside of his legs and on his neck and chin when he crashed last Sunday during a warmup for an American Le Mans Series sports car race in Sonoma, Calif.

"Obviously, this isn't the way we'd like to get our first Nextel Cup start," Truex said. "Junior is real focused to win the championship and we're here to help get him all the points we can get."

The son of the late Dale Earnhardt, killed in a crash during the 2001 Daytona 500, was enveloped in a ball of flame but managed to unhook his belts and scramble from the car before safety workers arrived.

"The wreck was fiery and hot," he said. "The pain was intense and I remember everything about the wreck."

"I really haven't been bothered too bad by the burns. My muscles have been aching and carrying on. I really didn't know what to expect under these conditions. It's something new every day with pain."

Earnhardt said he has no regrets about racing at Sonoma on

a rare weekend off from the grueling 36-race Cup series.

"I love to drive, I love to race," said Earnhardt, who spent Sunday night in the hospital. "I take the risk every time I get in the car, no matter what car it is. If the opportunity presented itself tomorrow and if they parked that (Corvette) out the door right there, I'd get back in it."

Earnhardt said he could have qualified the car but decided to give Truex time with the team in order to get the best finish possible on Sunday.

NASCAR rules require a team making a driver change after qualifying to start the race from the rear of the field. The driver who starts the race earns the points for that event.

The second-place driver in the Cup standings could have skipped this race without hurting his title aspirations very much under NASCAR's new system, with the top 10 in points competing for the title over the final 10 races of the season.

"It'd be good to not have to do anything this weekend and just heal up and not worry about it but that ain't fair to the guys who are well capable to run 500 miles," Earnhardt said.

He will wear more layers of fire-retardant clothing this week. He wore a fire-retardant shirt under his uniform (also fire retardant), but he left his legs exposed.

"I put that on my upper body but I just wore my boxers, so my legs got burned," he said. "So it shows me I need to be wearing everything I can wear and utilize as much precaution as possible."

Earnhardt said he stopped taking painkillers early in the week.

"It's the price you pay," he said. "It's difficult to get a little sleep at night, but it's worth it."

Earnhardt said he hopes to be ready to race the entire 500 miles next week at Pocono.

Practice

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on, we're not going to be real live — we've worked on timing, assignments and a lot of the metal aspects of the game."

As with the old Dog Days of Summer, football's two-a-days are also around the corner.

"We'll get into our two-a-days late in the week," said DeRossett. "We plan to go with two-a-days both Thursday and Friday."

The Prestonsburg High grid team boasts a senior class of 10, including returning quarterback

Trevor Compton.

Prestonsburg will face a competitive first half of the season, playing the likes of Pikeville, Ashland, Bell County and Lawrence County before getting into a tough district schedule that includes defending Class 2A state champ Belfry.

Prestonsburg will open up pre-season play against Paintsville. After Paintsville, Prestonsburg will face Boone County.

Trio of Hilltoppers headed to Hall

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BOWLING GREEN — Three former Western Kentucky University athletes will be inducted as the 14th class into the WKU Athletic Hall of Fame in ceremonies set for Homecoming Weekend this fall.

The 2004 class includes Paul Gray (football), Sue Lausten Avril (rifery) and Kim Pehlke Salyer (basketball).

The induction of the 2004 class brings to 96 the number of former Western Kentucky athletes and coaches who have earned berths in the school's Athletic Hall of Fame since its founding in 1991.

The 2004 class will be inducted in ceremonies during the annual W-Club Homecoming Luncheon, set for 11 a.m. (CST), Saturday, Oct. 23, at the new Hall of Champions in the renovated E.A. Diddle Arena on the WKU campus in Bowling Green. The event is free to W-Club members and their guests. However, reservations are a must and need to be made with W-Club treasurer Bill Edwards (270/745-6026; bill.edwards@wku.edu).

The inductees will also be honored in ceremonies during the annual Homecoming Game, set to kickoff at 4 p.m., later that day.

NASCAR NEXTEL CUP Siemens 300

Site: Loudon, N.H.

Schedule: Friday, qualifying (Speed Channel, 3 p.m.); Sunday, race (TNT, 2 p.m.).

Track: New Hampshire International Speedway (oval, 1.058 miles, 12 degrees banking in turns).

Race distance: 317.4 miles, 300 laps.

Last race: Tony Stewart won the Tropicana 400 at Chicagoland Speedway on July 11, but it was marred by a wreck with rookie Kasey Kahne that touched off a fight in the pits. Following a restart, Stewart passed Sterling Marlin on the outside and slid in behind race leader Kahne before tapping him into the wall. NASCAR fined Tommy Baldwin, Kahne's crew chief, \$10,000 and put him on probation for his role in the fight.

Last year: Jimmie Johnson

Second-year head coach David Elson will pit his Hilltopper football team against Gateway Football Conference rival Indiana State in that contest at L.T. Smith Stadium/Jimmy Feix Field.

Now, more about the members of the 2004 WKU Athletic Hall of Fame class.

Paul Gray, a product of Daviess County High School in Owensboro, lettered four seasons (1980-83) at linebacker for Hilltopper football, earning All-America honors from the Associated Press both his junior and senior seasons. He was also an all-Ohio Valley Conference selection as a sophomore in 1981 (WKU football became an independent in the '82 season). He completed his career on The Hill with both season (100 in '81) and career (298) records for assisted tackles - both standards that still stand in the Topper record books 21 years later. He also owns the second highest single season total for assisted tackles (93 in '82). And, his season (173 in '81) and career (488) numbers for total tackles were second only to fellow All-America linebacker Rick Green's (1972-75) school-record totals. He is one of only 10 Hilltopper footballers who have earned All-America recognition

Kidd

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for the next season must begin nearly as soon as the current season is complete."

Although he steps away from the game and a program that is a proven winner, Kidd has few regrets. While he was at the top of the Rebels baseball program, Kidd took the position very seriously.

"I treated the position like a full time job for a solid year, I made hundreds of phone calls, sent many, many e-mails, lost lots of sleep and spent bunches of hours on miscellaneous projects," Kidd acknowledged. "I cared very deeply about the guys and wanted only the very best of everything for them from their uniforms, to their field, to the teams they played. The whole process, from beginning to end is extremely aggravating and rewarding at the same time."

"When you look at the most successful programs in the area and the state, their common theme is continuous work toward taking their programs to a higher level. It takes a lot of devoted people that have the same vision that refuse to lose sight of that vision. It's rare to successfully maintain such a task. It takes an obsession and a passion."

Kidd isn't bitter as he leaves the Allen Central High baseball program, one in which his son Brock will return to as a junior catcher.

"I'm confident that all that are involved with Allen Central baseball in 2005 will have the same vision," said Kidd. "I'm also sure that AC will select a new coach that can lead the obsession and passion for baseball to a new level."

Saul Smith named assistant coach at Tennessee Tech

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — Former University of Kentucky point guard Saul Smith, son of Wildcats coach Tubby Smith, was named Thursday an assistant coach at Tennessee Tech.

Golden Eagles coach Mike Sutton is a former UK assistant who is 33-27 in two seasons at Tennessee Tech.

"I've known Saul a long time. He's a first-class person and I'm excited to have someone of his caliber join our staff," Sutton said. "He was an outstanding collegiate player, he has played professionally, and he began in coaching at the University of Kentucky. His experience will lend a great deal to our program."

Smith will be involved in player development, recruiting, organization, coaching and academics,

Sutton said.

"I've known from a very young age that I've wanted to coach," said Smith, the middle son of Tubby Smith. "I'm especially excited to be at Tennessee Tech."

Smith committed to play at the University of Georgia and transferred to Kentucky when his father was named head coach in 1997. Smith lettered four years and helped lead the Wildcats to the 1998 NCAA National Championship.

Smith finished his career at Kentucky ninth all-time in career assists (363) and 11th in steals (152).

He spent two years playing for the NBDL's Columbus Riverdragons before returning to Kentucky last year to complete his bachelor's degree in economics while working as an assistant coach.

2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup Schedule and standings

- Feb. 15 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
- Feb. 22 — Subway 400, Rockingham, N.C. (Matt Kenseth)
- March 7 — UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas (Matt Kenseth)
- March 14 — Golden Corral 500, Hampton, Ga. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
- March 21 — Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Darlington, S.C. (Jimmie Johnson)
- March 28 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kurt Busch)
- April 4 — Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas (Elliott Sadler)
- April 18 — Advance Auto Parts 500, Martinsville, Va. (Rusty Wallace)
- April 25 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Jeff Gordon)
- May 2 — Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif. (Jeff Gordon)
- May 15 — Chevy American Revolution 400, Richmond, Va. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
- May 30 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C. (Jimmie Johnson)
- June 6 — MBNA America 400, Dover, Del. (Mark Martin)
- June 13 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa. (Jimmie Johnson)
- June 20 — DHL 400, Brooklyn, Mich. (Ryan Newman)
- June 27 — Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif. (Jeff Gordon)
- July 3 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Jeff Gordon)
- July 11 — Tropicana 400, Joliet, Ill. (Tony Stewart)
- July 25 — Siemens 300, Loudon, N.H.
- Aug. 1 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond
- Aug. 8 — Brickyard 400, Indianapolis
- Aug. 15 — Sirius at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
- Aug. 22 — Michigan 400, Brooklyn
- Aug. 28 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
- Sept. 5 — Pop Secret 500, Fontana, Calif.
- Sept. 11 — Chevrolet Monte Carlo 400, Richmond, Va.
- Sept. 19 — Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.
- Sept. 26 — MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.
- Oct. 3 — EA Sports 500, Talladega, Ala.
- Oct. 10 — Banquet 400, Kansas City, Kan.
- Oct. 16 — UAW-GM Quality 500, Concord, N.C.
- Oct. 24 — Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.
- Oct. 31 — Bass Pro Shops MBNA 400, Hampton, Ga.
- Nov. 7 — Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
- Nov. 14 — Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
- Nov. 21 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

Driver Standings

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Jimmie Johnson, 2,720 | 10. Ryan Newman, 2,173 |
| 2. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2,615 | 11. Jeremy Mayfield, 2,108 |
| 3. Jeff Gordon, 2,478 | 12. Dale Jarrett, 2,083 |
| 4. Tony Stewart, 2,418 | 13. Jamie McMurray, 2,068 |
| 5. Matt Kenseth, 2,321 | 14. Kasey Kahne, 2,044 |
| 6. Bobby Labonte, 2,278 | 15. Mark Martin, 2,035 |
| 7. Elliott Sadler, 2,252 | 16. Casey Mears, 1,998 |
| 8. Kevin Harvick, 2,229 | 17. Rusty Wallace, 1,965 |
| 9. Kurt Busch, 2,211 | 18. Michael Waltrip, 1,960 |
| | 19. Sterling Marlin, 1,941 |
| | 20. Brian Vickers, 1,913 |

McCune undergoes successful knee surgery

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — University of Louisville senior linebacker Robert McCune had successful surgery Thursday to repair a torn meniscus on the outside of his left knee.

McCune was injured Wednesday during summer workouts at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium. He's expected to miss the next 3-4 weeks, but will return for the first week of fall practice.

The native of Mobile, Ala., led the Cardinals in tackles last season with 143, while earning third team All-Conference USA accolades.

stretched his final tank of fuel for 93 laps and held on to win the New England 300.

Fast facts: A new green-white-checked format will debut this week, an attempt to get all Nextel Cup and Busch events to end with the cars racing. Races can no longer finish under yellow. If there is another caution after a green-flag restart, the race will end immediately. ... Johnson swept both races at New Hampshire last season after winning the Sylvania 300 on Sept. 14. ... Dale Earnhardt Jr. is expected to compete despite being burned on his face and legs in a crash during a warmup for an American Le Mans Series race last weekend.

Next race: Pennsylvania 500, Aug. 1, Long Pond.

On the Net:

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— The Associated Press

Olympic security costs rise as Greece grapples with foreign demands

by BRIAN MURPHY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Greece — Responding to a request from Greece, the United States committed 400 American special forces soldiers to help protect the Olympics, a U.S. counterterrorism official said Wednesday, as security costs for the games swelled to a record-breaking \$1.5 billion.

It was not yet decided where the U.S. soldiers would be based: in Athens, on the nearby island of Crete or on alert in Europe, where they are based in Germany. The United States is

in the process of discussing with the Greek government where the soldiers will be positioned, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The official did not specify which branches of the U.S. military would be involved.

The decision on where to send the troops is mostly up to the Greek government, but will be made jointly with Gen. James Jones, the top NATO commander who also is commander of U.S. forces in Europe, the official said in Washington.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint

Chiefs of Staff, indicated in Washington that any possible involvement of U.S. troops would be under a NATO umbrella.

"The Greek government has made a request of NATO. NATO is evaluating that request," Myers said.

Greece's top law enforcement official, meanwhile, said foreign leaders and other dignitaries can use their own armed guards at the Aug. 13-29 games, but athletes will be under the exclusive protection of Greek forces.

International demands to boost Olympic security have

pushed costs, already the highest in Olympic history, to at least \$1.5 billion — 25 percent higher than previously estimated, Greek Deputy Finance Minister Petros Doukas said. These may include expanded roles for NATO anti-terrorism units and armed agents from the United States and other nations.

"There are new bills coming up," Doukas told The Associated Press, adding that Greece did not want to "risk the reaction" by denying foreign appeals for added security.

The United States has led demands to expand anti-terrorism measures for the first summer Olympics since the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington.

Among the added costs, said Doukas, is more than \$2.4 million for a blimp outfitted with high-resolution cameras and chemical detection systems.

On the ground, authorities are struggling to overcome delays and financial disputes to close gaps in a new communications-surveillance network.

Greek officials also are seeking to find agreement on the politically sensitive issue of armed security contingents planned by the United States, Israel and possibly other nations.

Public Order Minister Giorgos Voulgarakis insisted athletes will be under the exclu-

sive protection of Greek forces. But he noted that foreign leaders and other dignitaries can use their own armed guards as part of an established "security protocol" that covers such visits.

Heads of state and other prominent figures, including former President Bush, are expected in Athens and normally have a security entourage.

The issue facing Greek officials is how much extra foreign security to allow and how freely to let it operate. Greece would have bend laws prohibiting armed security beyond diplomatic protection.

Greek officials also worry foreign guards might overreact to such common occurrences as street protests, small firebombs planted by anarchists or motor scooters on sidewalks to avoid traffic.

Some concessions apparently have already been made.

Greek police sources told the AP earlier this month that armed U.S. agents would watch over athletes during a pre-Olympic training camp on the island of Crete. The United States plans to send nearly 200 personnel to Greece, including diplomatic security and FBI agents.

More American specialists could operate under NATO, which has agreed to provide air and sea patrols and experts in biochemical weapons.

Israel, which lost 11 athletes

to Palestinian terrorists at the 1972 Munich Games, will send armed guards and is among a half-dozen countries contributing security expertise at Greece's request.

In Israel, a security adviser to the Israeli Olympic team said it was "correct and logical" for Greek officials to permit foreign guards and intelligence agents.

"I think every team since Munich was protected by the Shin Bet (security services) and there is nothing better than this," Assaf Hafetz, a former police commissioner, told Israel Radio.

"This is smart on the part of the Greeks and it's not clear to me why they opposed this. After the issues of honor were put aside, the professional issues were considered," Hafetz said. "This is the correct decision."

He added that he knew of no direct threats aimed at the Athens Olympics.

"But there are groups like Hezbollah and al-Qaida that have the willingness and the ability to attack at the games," Hafetz said. "And thus it makes this business so critical. So you can't take just a defensive position, you must act on the offensive."

AP Diplomatic Writer Barry Schweid contributed to this report from Washington.

More than half of Olympic tickets unsold

by LISA ORKIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Greece — Tickets! Tickets! Get your Olympic tickets!

The Athens Games were supposed to make this ancient land a top tourist destination. But with just three weeks left before the opening ceremonies, the figures are hardly encouraging.

More than half the tickets for the games remain unsold, tour operators are reporting sluggish bookings and up to 6,000 of Athens' 62,000 hotel rooms are still up for grabs despite earlier fears of a serious accommodation shortage.

In fact, fewer tourists are expected in Greece this summer compared to last year.

"Generally, it looks like this year we will have less people," George Drakopoulos, head of the Association of Greek Tourist Enterprises, told The Associated Press. He said some parts of Greece have seen a 10 to 15 percent drop in bookings.

Tourism is a vital industry in Greece, where island vacations at beach resorts and visits to archaeological monuments bring in 18 percent of the country's gross domestic product.

Last year, Greece attracted about 12 million visitors, 85 percent of them from Britain and Germany.

Olympic construction delays and the threat of terrorism have hurt bookings. Evidently, many tourists are not comforted by the record \$1.2 billion being spent on protecting the Aug. 13-29 games.

"Athens is as safe a place as it can be," said Harry Coccossis, head of Greece's National Tourism Organization.

A weak international economy and a strong euro — the currency Greece shares with 11 other European Union countries — have also lowered travel interest.

Aliki Hamosfakidou, who works for Athens-based Dolphin Travel, said the response from potential tourists has been lukewarm.

Don Williams, vice president of sales and marketing for Cartan Tours in Manhattan Beach, Calif., said his company decided to allocate fewer tickets for Athens than it did four years ago for the Sydney games.

"We anticipated Athens would be lighter," Williams said. "The venues are smaller, the dollar's weaker and some people have security concerns."

"The ticket prices are 30 percent lower than at Sydney," he added. "But the accommodations are more expensive in Greece, and they haven't really backed down."

Many tour operators feel the Olympics were not publicized enough and that Greece as a whole should have been promoted as part of the package.

The new conservative government blames the former socialist administration for delays and lack of international enthusiasm.

"The bad thing is that campaign for the Olympic Games was not connected with the campaign for tourism," Coccossis said.

Optimists insist a turn around is still possible, noting that Sydney was well below its ticket targets a month before the 2000 Olympics and that Athens, at last, is an attractive capital.

Improvements include a spruced-up city center, hundreds of volunteers to help tourists get around, multilingual information centers, and extended hours for archaeological sites and stores. Even Athens' notoriously surly taxi drivers have received etiquette lessons.

Greeks' spirits have soared since the country pulled off a major surprise to win the European soccer championship this month.

A weekend opinion poll found 60.2 percent of all Greeks were "interested" in attending an Olympic event, with 21.3 percent saying they will buy a ticket before the start of the games, compared to 15.9 percent in a May survey. No margin or error was pro-

vided. Athens Mayor Dora Bakoyianni sees the Olympic glass as half full.

"The construction projects that tired everybody so much are finishing," she said Tuesday.

"There is a great feeling of satisfaction when all the dust lifts, and you can see all the new sidewalks, roads and the colors of the building facades ... At last, we're done."



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SPECIAL COLUMN

This Town, That World

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

The dog is home, no longer lovelorn, the silence is deafening, the neighbors are happier, the fish aren't biting — so what is there to write about?

MORE THAN GABBLE NEEDED

One gets the feeling, these days, that this country, if not all the world, is being drawn, inexorably into war. It's not because anybody in particular wants to invite such destruction on themselves, but because the greed and ambition of men proclaim the inevitable punishment in their own evil.

Now that we are there, for better or worse, Viet Nam is not a point of argument for us who essay the roles of arm-chair generals and sidewalk diplomats. American boys are dying; the sacrifice will continue—and they, and the country's future, need more from us than idle surmising about what should or shouldn't have been done.

CURFEW THE ANSWER?

Should a curfew be established, countywide, to control the

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Please, keep 'em coming!

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

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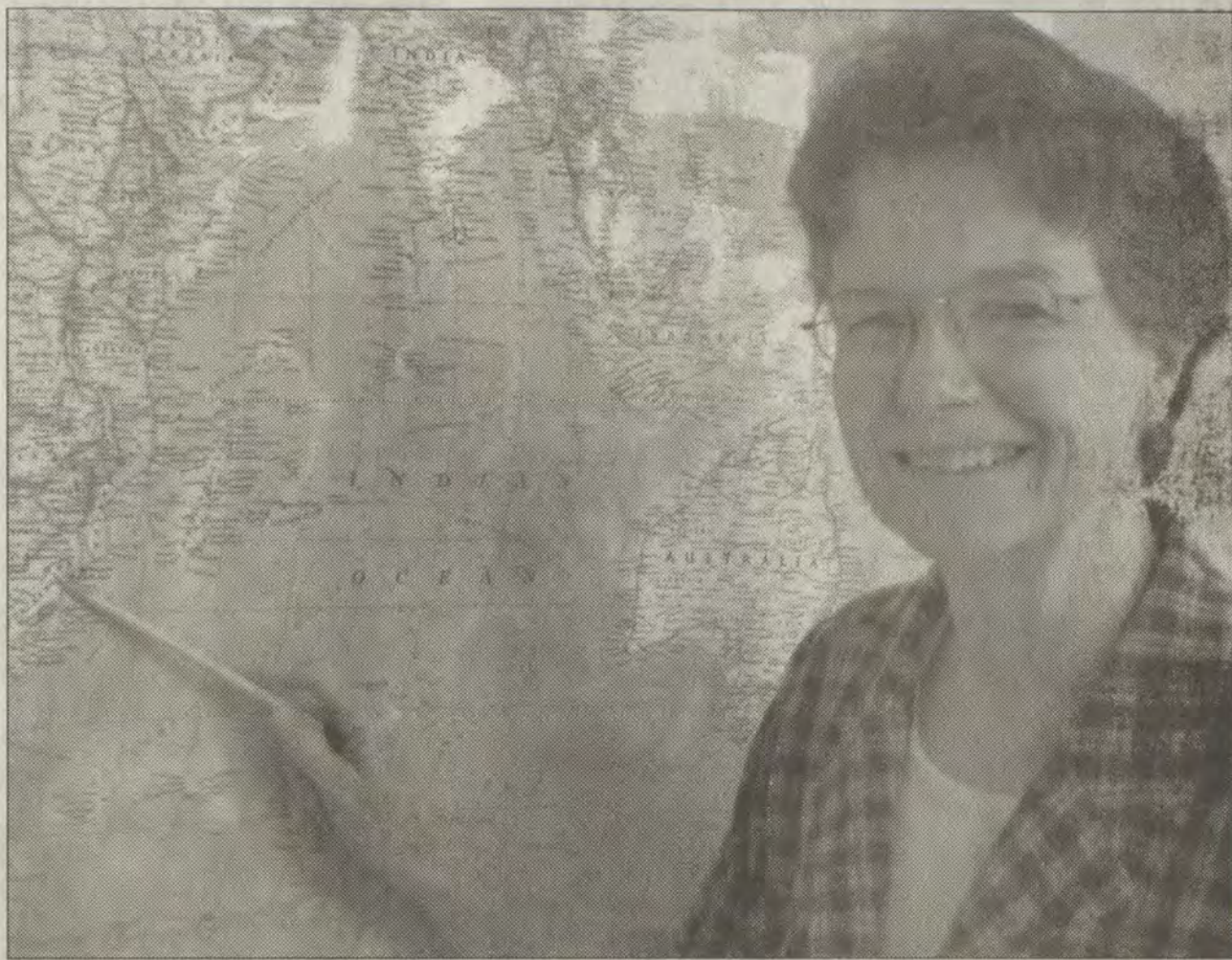


photo by Mary Music

Janet will head for Swaziland next month on a missionary trip to help AIDs victims and their families.

Janet Faubert, Giving

by **MARY MUSIC**
STAFF WRITER

Janet Faubert

Age: 62
Education: MA, Math, Boston college; Pharmacist Degree, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy
Occupation: Retired
Life quote: "You never really leave a place you love. Part of it you take with you, leaving a part of you behind."

About 'Meet Appalachia'

When Janet Faubert said she'd never been married, I was a bit surprised. My initial reaction, changed, however, after I saw, through the interview, the contentment this woman has in her life. Janet knows exactly who she is, what she stands for, and what she wants. Perhaps that's why she's getting it.

— **MARY MUSIC**

A woman of small stature stands on a stage behind a podium. She looks out into the gymnasium filled with chattering high school students, swallowing before she begins her speech.

Today she's been called to talk about her career as a pharmacist. She reminds the children that they are fortunate enough to live in a country where they can become anything they aspire to be.

"Go for it," she says. "It is possible for you to realize your dreams and bring them to reality."

The crowd doesn't respond. "I tell you what I can do for you," she continues. "I went to school and worked very hard to get my degree. I was fortunate enough to find a wonderful job right here in Eastern Kentucky. But you know what? I'd give you my job if you, too, worked hard to get a degree. All you have to do is apply, show me your credentials and my job is yours. Eastern Kentucky is yours. You should be serving your people."

That speech, given about 20 years ago, mimics one of many speeches this woman gave in schools throughout the region. To date, the pharmacist says, no child has taken her up on the offer.

Meet Janet Faubert, 62, of McDowell, a woman of understanding and purpose. Janet retired from a pharmacist position at McDowell ARH on April Fool's Day, after spending 20 years passing through the lives of those who worked and were treated there.

Janet considers the job, more specifically, the people affiliated with it, as a blessing in her life. She says they've given her the knowledge and the strength that enables her to be and understand the woman she is today.

She came to the hospital (a "foreigner") in 1983, after working in Massachusetts as a pharmacist and a high school math teacher.

During her 20 year employment at ARH, Janet has witnessed many changes. She's sat at the bedsides of dying friends. She's counseled families through illnesses, celebrated birthdays, religious harmony, and life.

"As soon as I came through the front door, they were there to welcome me and I became involved in their lives, their whole life processes," Janet said.

Originally, Janet sought work with a Hospice organization, but her aspirations changed when she received the call from ARH. She didn't look back

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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

BUBBA HO-TEP 2002, Rated R

by **TOM DOTY**
STAFF WRITER

Life at an East Texas retirement home turns into a nightmare for the residents in this art house horror movie from the man who made PHANTASM. The Shady Rest home in Mud Creek, Texas is the setting for the showdown of the century when two ornery residents decide to take on an ancient Egyptian Soul sucker, read Mummy, who is feasting on the souls of the old timers. What is already an outrageous story takes everything up a notch by presenting us with two unlikely heroes. One is named



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Sebastian Hoff. He's an ex-Elvis impersonator who winds up at the home when he awakens from a coma that was induced by falling off the stage at one of his concerts. He may actually be the King (if you buy his back story that has him switching

places with the Elvis impersonator to get his life back to a semblance of the normality he had before fame changed all of that). His partner in Mummy slaying is named Jack and he is convinced that he is actually John F. Kennedy. Never mind that he is black. "They dyed me this color."

The Mummy has been feasting off the residents who eventually pass on from the visits but appear to die of natural causes. Its the party set up for the Mummy who gets so comfortable in the home that he begins writing graffiti on the restroom walls. Jack is convinced that its another assassination plot and enlists Sebastian in a plan to take out the mummy using rubbing alcohol, scissors and some long forgotten magic words. It all winds up with a big showdown that involves wheelchairs, walkers and some good old fashioned Elvis-Fu ("Don't make me use my stuff on you baby.")

What makes this work is that it isn't just about two seniors fighting a mummy. It is really about how society tends to discard people after a certain age as if they exceeded their expiration date. Life in the home is merely time spent waiting to die. The film also showcases how the excitement of fighting the mummy brings back a sense of purpose for the old gentlemen and helps them rise above the humdrum routine of life in what amounts to a shelter. These are fine themes and they get an enormous push from the talent assembled.

First off is that this story comes from an established writer who has never been adapted for the screen before. Joe R. Lansdale has one heck of an imagination and his fiction is a combination of outrageous ideas spliced with stark realism. There ia also a lot of clever subtext beneath the

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Chicken Soup for the Soul: Beadrin Youngdahl

(From "Chicken Soup for the Soul: Life Lessons for Women")
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I met a friend of a friend when they included me in their lunch plans. My friend is a rare enough bird, so I could have anticipated that her friends would rise, exponentially, on the scale of nontraditional species. No surprise, then, when I was led into a home eclectically decorated with exotic remnants of extraordinary places. Not a spoon

collection or snow globe in this riverfront bungalow. How about a coconut shell, carved into a totem likeness of my hostess; "a gift from the shaman," she explained casually.

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

And they didn't. She supported herself as a freelance art photographer. Her work

was tastefully exhibited in discreet clusters. Her name was something ethereal, full of A's and R's, requiring a leisurely roll about the tongue. She was one of the most genuine humans I had ever chanced to meet.

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

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

"Well, I ..."
She really wanted to know! "I guess I'm ..."
She was still paying attention. She wanted me to tell her about Me. So, I suppose I stammered about being a nurse or a grandmother or

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Alex is 1!

Alexander James Little celebrated his first birthday on July 22, 2004, with a party held at the Weeksbury Park. Many family members and friends attended to help share Alex's special day. Alex is the son of Chad Little and Jennifer R. Tackett, both of Martin. He is the grandson of Sam and Andrea Little, of Wheelwright, and Vernon and Janet Tackett, of Melvin.

DIABUDDIES CORNER

Tip of the Week:
(www.diabetes.org)
Calorie and carbohydrate counting isn't just for dieting. To get and maintain near-normal blood-sugar levels, it's important to eat a variety of healthy foods while keeping track of your carbohydrate intake.

Recipe of the Week:
(www.equal.com)
Cool Lime Cheesecake-8 Servings

INGREDIENTS:
CRUST:
1 cup graham cracker crumbs
3 tablespoons stick butter or margarine, melted
2 tablespoons Equal® Spoonful*
CHEESECAKE:
2 packages (8 ounces each) reduced-fat cream cheese, softened
2/3 cup Equal® Spoonful**
1 egg
2 egg whites
1/2 teaspoon grated lime peel
3 tablespoon fresh lime juice
Additional grated lime peel (optional)
*May substitute 3 packets of Equal sweetener
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PREPARATION:
For Crust, combine graham cracker crumbs, butter and 2

tablespoons Equal®. Press onto bottom and 1/2-inch up side of an 8-inch springform pan or 8-inch round cake pan. Bake in preheated 325° F oven 8 minutes. Cool on wire rack while preparing cheesecake.
For Cheesecake, beat cream cheese and 2/3 cup Equal® in mixing bowl on medium speed of mixer until smooth and well combined. Mix in egg, egg whites, lime peel and juice until well blended.
Pour cream cheese mixture over baked crust. Bake in preheated oven 30 to 35 minutes or until center of cake is almost set. Cool on wire rack. Gently run metal spatula around rim of pan to loosen cake. Let cheesecake cool completely. Cover and refrigerate several hours or overnight before serving. To serve, remove side of pan. Garnish top of cheesecake with grated lime peel, if desired. Cut cake into wedges.

Calories: 197
Protein: 9g
Carbohydrate: 14g
Fat: 11g
Cholesterol: 58mg
Sodium: 366mg
Food Exchanges: 1 milk, 2 Fat



New Arrival

Abigail Lynne Belcher was born on Wednesday, June 23, 2004 at 12:12 p.m., at Saint Joseph East Hospital, in Lexington, to proud parents Matthew and Tiffany Belcher. She weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz., and was 20 and one-half inches in length. Abigail is the maternal granddaughter of Denver Compton Jr. and Judy Compton, of Weeksbury. Her paternal grandparents are Johnny and Debbie Belcher, of Prestonsburg. She is the great-granddaughter of Ruth Risner, of Bypro, and the late Warren Risner, Willard Bradford, of Weeksbury, and the late Mary Bradford, Tom Belcher, of Jacks Creek and the late Noralene Belcher, and the late Denver and Bertha Compton.

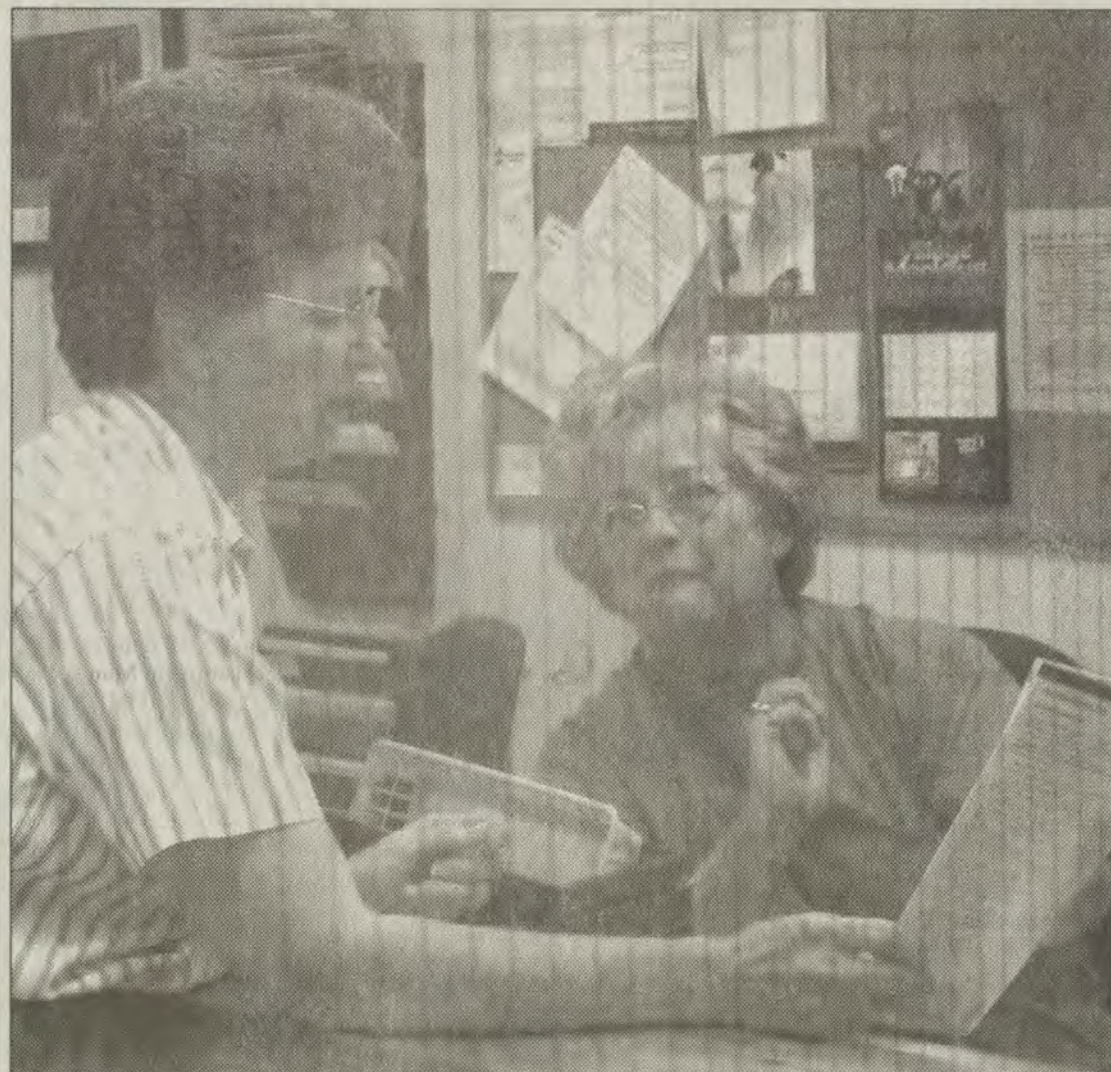


photo by Mary Music

Even though she's now retired, Janet still feels right at home with her long-trusted friends at McDowell ARH.

Lagoon

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subtext. Just look at the royal origins of the main characters for a taste of Lansdale's subversive wit. Elvis is the king of rock, Bubba is an Egyptian king and everyone knows that Kennedy's dynasty was called Camelot. The director here is Don Coscarelli and he knows from odd stories and convincing characters. His PHANTASM films had all of these elements and he continues to deliver the goods here. The casting here, though, is the key. Bruce Campbell is on the money as Elvis and delivers another one of his 'too cool for the room' performances. He also manages to work in some real pathos as a man who had it all but has since lapsed into bitterness and self loathing. Ossie Davis scores as the elder who thinks that he is JFK. The ending promises a sequel and the word around the campfire is that everyone is interested in coming back for more.

Best Line "I'll lube my own crankshaft from now on."

World

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hours teenagers spend at large?
We don't know about restricting the curfew merely to youngsters; perhaps it's needed for adults, including many parents.

Consider these facts pointed out recently by an officer of the law who patrols a large part of the county at night, particularly on week-ends.

"Most of the things that shouldn't be happening take place after midnight," he said. "Then is when things are stolen, places broken into, gatherings get the rowdiest, and the speedsters go tearing around."

"You should see what we see," he continued. "Young boys and girls drinking in some places. At one place, girls who can't be over 13, doing The Twist on tables, dressed in bikinis. I tell you, you don't have to go to the city to see burlesque. Cars, homes broken into. Youngsters, who aren't more than children, stranded on roads without gas, at 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning."

We'll spare you the gorier details.

The officer insisted that a midnight curfew should be established, all over the county. He admitted that that would be shifting to the law, the responsibility that belongs to parents—but he doesn't respect a lot of parents, any more than their children do.

We would like to hear from readers on this subject.

Read, somewhere (but don't believe it), that a letter addressed to:
WOOD MR. MASS. was delivered correctly to MR. UNDERWOOD ANDOVER, MASS.

Giving

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and she's been continuing, looking straight ahead, ever since.

She says the hardest part of her life was dealing with the deaths of her parents. Though she prefers not to discuss that life experience, she did give some insight about how people can overcome the death of a loved one.

"Each time there's a death I extend myself and walk the extra mile. When it happens again, you extend yourself and walk the extra mile and that's life. The older you get the more you realize that death is a part of life's process. It's the deliverance of this bodily existence and an extension into life everlasting."

Born and raised at Woonsocket, Rhode Island, a small French-Canadian mill city, Janet's life was jeweled with a strong religious background and an extensive work ethic, characteristics she continues to hold today.

Woonsocket was a small town where people lived in big tenement houses closely tacked together with tiny yards and plenty of responsibility.

When she left Rhode Island, she entered a religious community of women in Fitzburg Massachusetts called the Sisters of Presentation, BVM (Blessed Virgin Mary). The community, composed of approximately 150 women seeking, predominately, teaching careers, remained a part of her life for 27 years. She broke ties with the group after moving to Eastern Kentucky. Back then, Janet says, church

and family life were completely intertwined. Every day was filled with both family and some type of worship or church activity. Her life there taught her what she says is one of the most important aspects of being human.

"We are not complete unless we touch base with where we come from and where we're going," she said, reflecting her belief that God is the spiritual center of all humankind.

She says she dislikes injustice and says that, all too often, people in this world seek "inner peace" through the wrong channels. It is God, and only God, she says, that can bring inner peace to one's life.

Janet, a single, independent woman who believes in giving and helping those in need, is beginning a life change next month.

On August 7, she's heading for Swaziland, a small country on the southeast portion of Africa that has suffered a fatal brunt with the growing AIDS epidemic.

Janet accepted a volunteer mission to Africa—which accounts for 70 percent of the world's HIV infected population—through the Cabrini Mission Corps. She will likely be working with orphans whose parents died with AIDS.

Janet, who says she fell in love with the idea of volunteering after reading a book at the age of 10, will give up all she holds here in Eastern Kentucky—the place she now calls home—to live in a remote homestead

with HIV infected patients and orphaned children.

Though some would worry about working so far from home, surrounded by a staggering epidemic, Janet says she isn't concerned. In fact, she says "it's meant to be" because everything "just fell into place."

When she decided to volunteer, she signed up for various organizations through an online directory. The Cabrini Mission group, which sends volunteers out on 2 year missions, just happened to be the first group to return her inquiry.

Janet Faubert, a hero? She wouldn't say so. In fact, she vehemently denies it. The heroes, she says, are the people who've stood by her side all these years and enabled her to accomplish her goals.

"I've walked a road. It's not myself alone but it's all the people on Left Beaver that touched my life that showed me the way and enabled me to do these things," she said. "It's not one person. It's the little gestures and acts that say volumes."

One the day of this interview, she talked about a man who visited with her at the hospital's gift shop that day. He gave her a stuffed, sequined teddy bear, a gesture of gratitude for helping him cope with his wife's illness. The gift touched Janet because this man, whose wife was in a coma, took time away from the pains of his life to extend a kind thought to someone else.

That's the gift of life, Janet says.



SFHS student participates in Upward Bound and visits New York

Sara Lasha Bakay has been accepted, and is participating, in the Upward Bound Program at Pikeville College. Participating students take classes daily and engage in evening activities such as swimming, bowling, skating and visiting local entertainment events such as Jenny Wiley Theatre productions. They board at the college during the week and return home on weekends. Each participant receives a stipend. The summer program lasts for five weeks, with all deserving students receiving a trip to New York, July 14-17. During the trip, the group plans to visit Ground Zero, the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, and see a Broadway play. Sara, a junior at South Floyd High School, was the only SFHS student chosen to participate in the Upward Bound, Pikeville campus, program. Sara is a member of the SFHS Academic team, Quick Recall team, and Forensics team, from which she has received several awards and certificates. She is also listed as a Who's Who Among American High School Students. She is the daughter of Debbie and Claude Allen, of Lower Burton, and the late Tim Bakay. She is 16 years old.

Soup

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winters in Minnesota. I'm not sure. I was quite unsure of my role in this question, and further, my role in my own world.

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

If I could return to that luncheon table, wasps singing above (still sage in her presence, I'm sure), I would try to answer her. I might talk about the things I wish for and the things that make me unexpectedly happy, or the darkest thought I've ever had to sweep from my mind. I might tell her the things I pretend to be or to feel or to understand when I really don't believe a bit of it. How about when I should be sad but am really only

angry, or when I seem red-hot angry but really feel ice-blue with fear? What if I told her all the things I wonder about, and how little I know for sure?

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

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

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 Differences: 1. Fence is shorter. 2. Raticat is different. 3. Leash is shorter. 4. Stripe is missing. 5. Sign is missing. 6. Puddle is smaller.
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Super Crossword WAYNE'S WORLD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Big bargain
 - 6 Carpentry device
 - 11 Diplomacy
 - 15 Sault Marie, MI
 - 18 Fill with fizz
 - 19 "Bolero" composer
 - 20 Return address?
 - 21 Pallid
 - 22 Frequent Wayne co-star
 - 24 Film directed by Wayne
 - 26 Wayfarer's whistle watter
 - 27 Thrill
 - 28 Troubles
 - 30 Pianist Gilels
 - 31 Word with car or pea
 - 33 Muhammad's daughter
 - 36 Commotion
 - 38 Tune
 - 41 Small mall
 - 42 Bearing
 - 43 Faced the day
 - 44 Wayne's birth name
 - 49 Grande
 - 50 Plot
 - 53 Facilitate a felony
 - 54 Poetic preposition
 - 55 Makes one's mark
 - 56 Tortellini
 - 57 Fretful
 - 60 Songwriter Greenwich
 - 62 Jean of "Upstairs, Downstairs"
 - 63 "___ Sorry Now" ('58 hit)
 - 64 Gossip material
 - 65 Numbers man?
 - 67 Wayne's final film
 - 72 Went jogging
 - 73 Maestro Zubin
 - 75 "Braveheart" costume
 - 76 Fielder's equipment
 - 78 Yale or Root
 - 79 Corn
 - 81 Simon's "Plaza"
 - 82 Rascal
 - 85 Out of sorts
 - 86 Restaurateur Toots
 - 88 Seat cover?
 - 89 Actress Peggy
 - 90 Oscar-winning Wayne role
 - 95 Hugh of "Small Time Crooks"
 - 97 Spineless
 - 98 Egg evaluation
 - 99 Rich soup
 - 100 Insist
 - 103 Lost one's tail?
 - 104 A shake in the grass?
 - 105 "Star Trek VI" actress
 - 106 Bendix role
 - 108 Tease
 - 109 Spigot
 - 112 Frequent Wayne director
 - 114 Wayne's role in "The Searchers"
 - 120 Rink legend
 - 121 New York city
 - 122 Shortstop Pee Wee
 - 123 Volcanic state
 - 124 Comedian Louis
 - 125 Actor Epps
 - 126 A la King?
 - 127 Proficient
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- 1 Navy warrior
 - 2 "___ Colors" ('86 hit)
 - 3 Teacup part
 - 4 Tackled a taco
 - 5 Margin
 - 6 Singer Sheryl
 - 7 "___ di-dah"
 - 8 Palindromic name
 - 9 "Mal de ___"
 - 10 Luciano's colleague
 - 11 Neon ___
 - 12 Flu symptom
 - 13 ___ cat
 - 14 Shelley's "___ Skylark"
 - 15 Okfenokee, for one
 - 16 Indian tongue
 - 17 "___ Gay"
 - 18 Internists' org.
 - 23 "___ if I can help it!"
 - 25 Tea of "The Naked Truth"
 - 29 Prayer finale
 - 31 ___ Cob, CT
 - 32 Forsyth's "The ___ File"
 - 33 Surround a Seurat
 - 34 "God's Little" ('58 film)
 - 35 Skater Babilonia
 - 37 Olympian Al
 - 38 "You Bet Your Life" emcee
 - 39 Part of HOMES
 - 40 Author Anita
 - 41 Don of "Cocoon" start
 - 42 Melville title
 - 45 "Nowhere" ('66 hit)
 - 46 Actress Diamond
 - 47 Sky stalker
 - 48 "___ do-well"
 - 51 Supermarket vehicle
 - 52 "Be quiet!"
 - 57 Complete
 - 58 Night noise
 - 59 Relative of -ator
 - 61 Tempt
 - 62 School subject
 - 63 Crackerjack
 - 65 Casals' instrument
 - 66 Detective Vance
 - 68 Emulate
 - 102 Down
 - 69 Exotic pet
 - 70 Lingerie item
 - 71 Shopper's sack
 - 73 Gilda of Israel
 - 74 Darcy's creator
 - 77 "The Aeneid" author
 - 79 Mindy's mate
 - 80 Circle section
 - 81 Fathered a foal
 - 82 Neighbor of Jordan
 - 83 Waiter's offering
 - 84 Fancy appetizer
 - 87 TV's "Max"
 - 88 Teen title
 - 89 Proust protagonist
 - 92 Eye appreciatively
 - 93 Cheese-board choice
 - 94 "___ Girls" ('79 smash)
 - 96 Pretoria's loc.
 - 99 "The Enlightened One"
 - 100 Mustard city
 - 101 Atlanta campus
 - 102 Athlete Phil
 - 103 More advanced
 - 104 Rush
 - 107 Role for Shirley
 - 108 Patella's place
 - 109 Kisser
 - 110 Mine feature
 - 111 Pressure meas.
 - 113 To and ___
 - 115 Pigskin prop
 - 116 "Tell ___ About It" ('83 song)
 - 117 "___ see it ___"
 - 118 Gum gob
 - 119 Overwhelm

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