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briefs

Flood relief centralized at Clark

Times Staff Writer

MIDDLE CREEK — Judge Executive Paul Hunt Thompson advises all flood victims that the county has consolidated resources for relief at one location — Clark Elementary School.

Located on Middle Creek Road, the school now houses the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Kentucky Baptist Relief, Project Recovery and representatives from the Floyd County Health Department.

For additional services, victims are urged to call Floyd County Emergency Management at 886-0498.

The fiscal court has also issued a series of reminders of some key numbers to know. To report damages to public property, such as county roads, bridges and culverts, call 452-1001 or 478-1001.

To report damages to private property, such as residences, private bridges and roadways, call the Floyd County Emergency Management office at 886-0498 or (800) 279-3191.

German Bridge campground closing

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

GERMAN BRIDGE — The state's budget squeeze has left a damper in Floyd County, with the imminent closing of the German Bridge Campground.

Corps of Engineers Resource Manager T.C. Music said Friday that the Corps is

allowing current lessee Harold Ratliff to throw in the towel on his lease agreement, after four years of struggling to keep his head above the financial burdens associated with the business.

"Pam and Harold have tried hard to make that campground work, but they've just not been able to make any money at it," Music said. "They've done a lot of

things to try and improve visitation up there. We would love to see the campground remain open, we regret to see any area closed, but it boils down to an economic situation ... As it is, we don't want to keep him in a losing proposition."

The campground will be closed upon the transfer of Ratliff's lease. Music said the current war in Iraq and increasing

strains on the state budget leave the Corps with no other alternative.

In researching ways to cut back on costs, Music said they discovered that the Corps has been unnecessarily paying the utility bills at the campground, where Ratliff has built a store and placed two

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Fred Spears overlooks this gaping hole currently obstructing the Steel House Branch road on Route 302, which apparently occurred when a culvert washed out during Memorial Day flooding.

photo by Mary Music

Flood creates gaping chasm near state park

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

STEEL HOUSE BRANCH — Memorial Day flooding caused the erosion of an approximately 30-foot section of earth near the Steel House Branch Road on Route 302 near Pit Stop Liquors and the Dewey Lake spillway.

Approximately seven residents live on the road, which was constructed as a residential area about

five years ago. It is also home to the Elk Mountain Campground area, operated by Joe Ferguson, of Prestonsburg.

Fred Spears, a resident on Steel House Branch, said the disaster occurred Sunday night during the height of the weekend storm. Residents park nightly at the foot of the hill, he said, and walk up to their homes, in fear of the continual erosion of the area surrounding the hole, which was taped off by county

workers as a safety measure.

"To say what we're gonna do, we don't know," Spears said. "If we get the rain we're supposed to get this weekend, that road is not going to be there."

The question of what to do remains with the county road department, currently struggling with the aftermath of flooding across the county. The fiscal court

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Sentence misleading, convict says

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Gene E. Blackburn was back in circuit court Friday, four years after he pleaded guilty to a number of sex crimes that netted him an eight-year sentence.

On Friday, Blackburn claimed that he was misled in his plea deal and was supposed to do about 19 months before being eligible for parole.

Blackburn, Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner pointed out, was arrested for sex crimes against his daughter. The

daughter was later involved with several other Floyd County youths in the murder of the Lillelid family eight years ago at a Tennessee rest area.

Blackburn's displeasure is linked to a sex offender program that he seems to think should have made him eligible for parole sooner. When he heard that the program takes two years to complete, he balked and hired a new attorney, Richard Neil, to try to get him out sooner on the grounds that his original lawyer, Ned Pillersdorf, did

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Family seeks help with funeral costs

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — A trust fund has been established for the family of a Floyd County woman who died last month, just little more than a month after she was married.

The family Jamie Kay

Balca, a former clerk at the Prestonsburg Marathon Station, is seeking assistance with funeral and medical expenses that are currently mounting.

Balca, the mother of two daughters, Kaitlyn Daniels, 6, of Martin, and Cheyenne

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Mostly sunny
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Scattered storms
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Schools dedicate new buildings

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Big Sandy Community and Technical College campus at Prestonsburg was the scene

Friday of a dedication ceremony that saw two new buildings honored.

The event honored both the Eastern Kentucky Science Center and the new home for Morehead State University at

Prestonsburg, which had previously been housed at the Highlands Shopping Plaza.

The ceremony also included a dedication of the Dr.

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Late defendant gets lecture from judge

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Edgar Tackett was extremely late for court on Friday but got a big break from Judge Danny Caudill, as well as some advice

that should help his marriage.

When his name was called from the docket, Tackett was not present for a hearing to determine a trial date for two counts of drug trafficking. His lawyer eventually left the court and a warrant was issued for

Tackett's arrest.

Tackett did, however, make it to court two-and-a-half hours later.

When called upon by Caudill, Tackett explained, "I

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photo by Mary Music

Tabitha Akers, 8, of Corn Fork stopped by The Floyd County Times during Prestonsburg Live festivities Friday to have her face painted by Times business manager Joy Baldrige. She is the daughter of Mike and Haley Akers of Corn Fork.

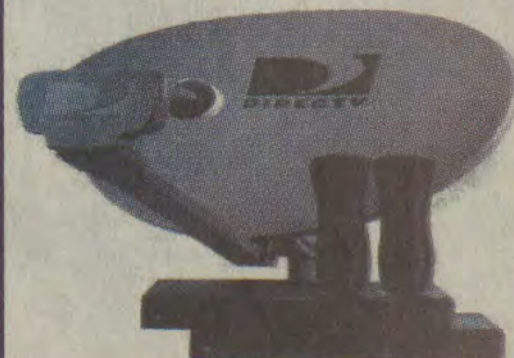
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Odds and Ends

RIVER HEIGHTS, Utah — Students at a Utah elementary school now know what one million looks like.

River Heights Elementary School has gathered a million pennies over eight years. Students started saving pennies in 1996 as part of a math project by fifth-grade teacher Dave Jorgensen.

He wanted to show students what a million of something actually looked like.

"That number is thrown around so much — a million people, a million dollars. It's such a common number," Jorgensen said. "But it's really a huge number."

Jorgensen first thought he would just build a box to hold all the pennies. But 1 million pennies weighs about three tons.

Plastics Resources, a Logan-based company, gave the school

a box capable of holding a cubic yard, which is about the amount of space a million pennies would take up.

The \$10,000 — the equivalent of 1 million pennies — will be donated, school officials said.

SEATTLE — Scientists in Seattle have performed the first artificial insemination attempt on the world's smallest and perhaps most threatened species of bear, the Malayan sun bear.

"Most biologists think the sun bear is the species of bear most likely to go extinct," said Cheryl Frederick, a bear keeper at the Woodland Park Zoo who coordinates an international effort aimed at saving this Southeast Asian bear from extinction.

Woodland Park officials have been working with researchers at the San Diego

Zoo, where a giant panda was artificially inseminated in 1999. Frederick and Barbara Durrant, head of reproductive physiology at the San Diego Zoo, had been preparing for the moment when they could try the panda technique on a sun bear.

That time came over Memorial Day weekend, when 4-year-old Suntil seemed to be coming into estrus at the Seattle zoo.

Durrant prepared the semen samples from a male sun bear in San Diego, Debu, for transport and headed to the airport, where she ran into some security problems. Officials wanted to know what was in her mushroom-shaped container.

"They were finally convinced nobody would have made up something like this."

It will be at least six weeks before they know if Suntil was impregnated.

The sun bears at Woodland Park Zoo are among 19 transferred from a rescue center in Borneo, where they had been confiscated from people who held them illegally as pets. Only in San Diego have sun bears reproduced naturally in captivity.

■ **COLUMBUS, Ohio** —

Organizers of Ohio Hempfest are a little out of joint — over the cancellation of an annual pro-marijuana festival.

Ohio State University canceled the event, scheduled for Saturday, because officials said organizers didn't follow school rules.

Organizers said they were being unfairly targeted and

promised to fight the decision. Lawyers hired by the group asked for an injunction against the university Thursday in U.S. District Court.

Students for Sensible Drug Policy, the festival's sponsor, asked to reserve space on the south Oval in October, said

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, June 6, the 158th day of 2004. There are 208 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 6, 1944, the D-Day invasion of Europe took place during World War II as Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy, France.

On this date:

■ In 1844, the Young Men's Christian Association was founded in London.

■ In 1918, the World War I Battle of Belleau Wood, which resulted in a U.S. victory over the Germans, began in France.

■ In 1925, Walter Percy Chrysler founded the Chrysler Corporation.

■ In 1933, the first drive-in movie theater opened, in Camden, N.J.

■ In 1934, the Securities and Exchange Commission was established.

■ In 1942, Japanese forces retreated in the World War II Battle of Midway.

■ In 1966, black activist James Meredith was shot and

wounded as he walked along a Mississippi highway to encourage black voter registration.

■ In 1968, Senator Robert F. Kennedy died at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, a day after he was shot by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

■ In 1978, California voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 13, a primary ballot initiative calling for major cuts in property taxes.

■ In 1984, government forces in India stormed the Golden Temple in Amritsar in an effort to crush Sikh extremists. At least 1,000 Sikhs and 200 soldiers were killed.

Ten years ago:

President Clinton joined leaders from America's World War II allies to mark the 50th anniversary of the D-Day invasion of Normandy. A Chinese passenger jet crashed, killing all 160 people on board.

Five years ago:

The space shuttle Discovery returned from a 10-day mission that included a visit to the international space station. At the Tony Awards, Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman" was named best

revival; "Side Man" won best play; "Fosse" was awarded best musical. In tennis, Andre Agassi won the French Open, defeating Andrei Medvedev 1-6, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4, while in golf, Juli Inkster shot a final-round 1-under 71 for a 16-under 272 total to win the U.S. Women's Open.

One year ago:

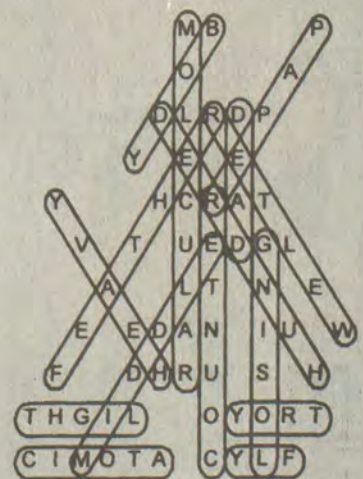
The government reported the U.S. unemployment rate had hit a nine-year high of 6.1 percent the previous month. Already the holder of U.S. rights to the Olympics through 2008, NBC secured the contracts for the 2010 and 2012 games for \$2.2 billion.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Billie Whitelaw is 72. Civil rights activist Roy Innis is 70. Singer Levi Stubbs (The Four Tops) is 68. Singer-songwriter Gary "U.S." Bonds is 65. Country singer Joe Stampley is 61. Actor Robert Englund is 55. Folk singer Holly Near is 55. Singer Dwight Twilley is 53. Playwright-actor Harvey Fierstein is 50. Comedian Sandra Bernhard is 49. Tennis player Bjorn Borg is 48. Actress Amanda Pays is 45. Comedian Colin Quinn is 45. Record producer Jimmy Jam is 45. Rock musician Steve Vai is 44. Rock musician Sean Yseult (White Zombie) is 38. Actor Max Casella is 37. Actor Paul Giamatti is 37. Rhythm and blues singer Damion Hall (Guy) is 36. Rock musician Bardi Martin is 35. Country singer Lisa Brokop is 31. Rapper-rocker Uncle Kracker is 30. Actress Staci Keanan is 29.

Thought for Today:

"Two dangers constantly threaten the world: order and disorder." — Paul Valery, French poet (1871-1945).



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Report: Anti-addiction drugs not widely used in Eastern Kentucky

The Associated Press

WHITESBURG — Abuse of prescription painkillers has been widely reported for several years in Eastern Kentucky, but a treatment for the addiction that has been on the market since last year has found little acceptance among health-care providers in the region, a newspaper reported.

Suboxone and Subutex have been on the market in the United States since January 2003 and can be prescribed by doctors who practice in areas underserved by drug-treatment facilities, but they remain overlooked by most hospitals, clinics and primary-care doctors in the region, The Mountain Eagle of Whitesburg reported Wednesday.

Medical groups such as the American Society of Addiction Medicine are increasing efforts to educate doctors about Suboxone and Subutex.

"To a certain extent, I fault the medical education system," Dr. David Fiellin, an associate professor of medicine at Yale University, told the newspaper. "We often just learn one side of the story and don't hear the treatment side."

The principal ingredient in the drugs, manufactured and sold by Reckitt Benckiser Healthcare of London, England, and Richmond, Va., is the drug buprenorphine, a narcotic pain reliever discovered to be effective in the treatment of heroin addiction more than 25 years ago in a Kentucky research center, the newspaper said.

"It's very upsetting when you realize how many people are in this situation," said Shaun Thaxter, vice president for marketing at Reckitt Benckiser. "Many people would come forward if they knew there is a new revolutionary treatment available."

Lois A. Baker, chief executive officer at Mountain

Comprehensive Health Corp. in Whitesburg, had not heard about Suboxone or Subutex until the newspaper asked her about it. Baker said family doctors at the company's Whitesburg Medical Clinic knew of buprenorphine but were under the impression the drugs were for use only in drug detoxification centers and residential treatment facilities.

"I truly was not familiar with it," Baker said. "However, if it is something that can be used in a primary care facility, then I certainly would be interested in taking a closer look at it."

An official with Unlawful Narcotics Investigation, Treatment and Education in Somerset said that organization has no immediate plan to formally look into the benefits of making buprenorphine-based treatment more available in eastern Kentucky.

"So far we're not an advocate for that type treatment," said Cathy Stout, UNITE's director of treatment and education.

UNITE was founded by U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, a Republican from Kentucky's 5th District, and identifies itself as a "region-wide grant program (that) focuses on three main tasks" — drug enforcement, drug education and drug treatment.

The organization has obtained \$18 million in federal money the last two years but has spent little on treatment options for drug-dependent eastern Kentuckians, the newspaper reported.

"We're just referring (patients) for treatment," Stout said. According to Stout, if a person calls UNITE asking about treatment options, he or she is referred to a "treatment referral coordinator" who provides the patient with the telephone number of a drug-treatment program the referral coordinator feels is best suited to the patient based on "what type of

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Campground

"poorly insulated" mobile homes. The bills are just too much for the Corps' tight budget, already weakened with the weight of the Memorial weekend flooding.

With increasing numbers of campers turning mobile with larger, more accommodating RVs, Music said the campground, a seasonal establishment, is losing money. Tourists are detoured to other areas, he said, because the

access road onto the property isn't wide enough to accommodate bigger RVs and large amounts of sediment aren't good for the recreational business.

"There's sediment in the waters of Dewey that's due to increased mining activity over the years. That affects the recreational opportunity up there," he said. "It's also the location. Campers are now wanting to drive large campers which are extremely

tough to navigate on the road through Cow Mountain. The public demand for campgrounds has changed. Twenty years ago, people brought tents. Now, they're more mobile."

With increasing numbers of campers declining to visit the "beautiful area," Music said the Corps couldn't afford to fight a losing battle.

The campground's only hope of surviving lies in the hands of potential future lessees who would be willing to take their chances with keeping it open. If an interested party doesn't step forward, the campground will close, Music said, even to primitive campers because of expensive maintenance issues associated with keeping the grounds available.

The Corps took over the campground in the 1970s, after the state park system failed in its efforts to maintain it financially. After adding extensive renovations, they leased the campground to Ratliff, who has modified it to accommodate approximately 150 primitive and modern campsites.

"We've had people come from all over the eastern United States to camp at German Bridge," Ratliff said. "It's going to take a toll on tourism, that's for sure. It's going to be devastating, I feel like, losing that campground."

Ratliff said he couldn't pay the annual \$12,000 utility bill at the establishment.

The loss of the campground will be the end of recently established horse riding events at

German Bridge, he said. Boaters who dock at the boat ramp will no longer receive the extra security of having a watchful eye for the vehicles they leave behind before heading out on the water. Boy Scouts who use the campground regularly will have to say goodbye to their camping excursions there, he said, as will several deer and turkey hunters who camp during hunting seasons.

The Corps maintains two

"boater camping" sites on Dewey Lake, where hundreds of campsites are also available through Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, which accommodates approximately 1 million visitors annually. The Goble Branch Campground was devastated in the recent flooding. Music said he hopes the park will take over the German Bridge area as a means to accommodate its guests.

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Family

Sherman, 5, of Paintsville, came into work at the business May 26, complaining with a headache. She died, the result of an aneurism at Highlands Regional Medical Center later that day.

"Anything she could do for you, she would do it. Even if it didn't benefit her, she'd do it," her mother, Thelma Miller, said. "She was a very loving person. She loved her children, her family. She loved her husband and his family."

Balca's sudden death was traumatic for Miller, who is still dealing with emotional and financial obligations related to the death of her other daughter, Lori Tackett, who died recently from ovarian cancer.

"I was just beginning to be able to cope with losing Lori then this, it just hit me again," Miller said. "It's hard to cope but, you know, you have to live life one day at a time and take it as it comes."

With monthly payments still owed to cover the expenses of Tackett's funeral, Miller says her family is unable to help Balca's husband, Jonathan, with his financial situation.

"Everybody needs help from time to time," she said. "He's a great person. I love him with all my heart. I haven't known him long, but he was there for me when my first daughter died. When she died, I needed \$1,400

and he helped out. He didn't know me and he did it anyway. I told Jamie he was a good man, good person."

Jonathan Balca, a production worker at R&S Truck Body, said he borrowed \$4,000 to pay for his wife's funeral bill, an amount which covered expenses for a one-day showing, the only package he could afford.

Though speaking of his wife's death is still emotionally trying, Jonathan said he loved her deeply and married her because "she was the first one to chase" him. The two met last July while they were working at Jerry's Restaurant, where he still moonlights occasionally as a cook, when he needs the extra money.

The trust fund was set up without his knowledge, by his grandmother, Phyllis McKinney. "I'm not used to people helping me out," he said. "I'm used to doing it on my own."

Jamie Balca was placed at the Lakeview Memorial Cemetery in Staffordsville on Saturday, May 29.

Those wishing to donate, may do so through the First Commonwealth Bank in Martin.

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Hole

announced this week that 129 roads were damaged by the flood, several of which are still impassable. Nine bridges in the county are demolished, they reported.

In dealing with the problems with residents on Steel House Branch, Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said the county would address the problem as soon as it is able to do so. Currently, the road department is prioritizing problems, he said, noting that those facing more dire circumstances will be addressed first.

"If it's a county road, we'll get on it as soon as possible," he said. "We still have 75 to 90 people that can't get in or out of their homes. We're working on that right now, kind of prioritizing things, with our first considerations being making sure people are safe."

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Thompson said families in eight homes near Richardson Branch, including one with a woman who is eight months pregnant, have been trapped since the flood Sunday. The county will most likely have to build a road to get them out, he said.

The fiscal court centralized all disaster relief agencies in the area to the Clark Elementary School at Middle Creek. American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Kentucky Disaster Relief, Project Recovery and Floyd County Health Department representatives will be on hand there to address needs in the county.

Convict

n't make it clear to him that he would have to serve at least two years before finishing the program that would, actually, have had him out on parole by now.

The major witness called to the hearing was attorney Ned Pillersdorf, who recalled outlining the options for Blackburn, but could not specifically recall any 19-month figure about parole eligibility. Pillersdorf

testified that he routinely laid out options for sex crime clients who wish to plead guilty and opined that 15-to-20 percent of his clients fall into that category.

The only other witness to testify was Blackburn himself. Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor asked him if he had attended the sex offender program offered at the

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prison and Blackburn replied that he had not.

Judge Danny Caudill said that he would have a ruling on the matter in 30 days. Taylor noted that the case was before his time and said, "If you don't attend and complete a sex offender program, then there is a limited opportunity for parole with sex crimes."

Dedication



William "Bill" Duke, left, and Morehead State University at Prestonsburg Director Lula Bowling cut the blue ribbon Friday on their new home on the campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg.

Margaret S. Lewis Learning Center, which is in the MSU building.

Dr. Lewis was the director at Prestonsburg for 10 years. She was an advocate for all students and was a vital force behind the new building.

The event was opened by Dr. George Edwards, president of BSCTC, who welcomed all guests and introduced the speakers. He also pointed out that the buildings were a boon to the college and said, "They really have enhanced this campus."

Jean R. Hale, chair of the BSCTC Board of Directors, spoke next and made it a point to highlight Lula Bowling, who is the president of MSU at Prestonsburg.

Raymond Shubinski director of the science center, spoke next and reported that, "6,000 children have explored the center since February." He also noted that laser light shows at the center's planetarium will begin in two weeks.

Attorney John M. Rosenberg, noted for his civil rights work and establishing Appalred, spoke next in his capacity as a board chair for the center. He praised former Gov. Paul Patton and Attorney General Greg Stumbo for helping to find the money for the center and restated the original goals of the center, which were to boost the science and math scores of children in East Kentucky schools.

Dr. Ronald Eaglin, president of Morehead State University, spoke about the long journey to establishing the new building and singled out Gov. Patton as being, "The only one who's lived up to his word on being an education governor."

William "Bill" Duke, a member of the advisory board of MSU who acted as interim director after Dr. Lewis' death, spoke next and gave a moving tribute to the late Dr. Lewis.

Former Gov. Patton acted as keynote speaker. He marveled at how times have changed. He pointed out that Kentucky government is realizing that education exists in the mountains and this has changed traditional ideas of higher education being looked at as a Central Kentucky institution. Patton remarked that, now, central Kentucky children would have to come to the mountains to learn about science.

Greg Stumbo arrived late but was able to deliver his message that, "We now have a four-year learning opportunity in the mountains."

The traditional ribbon cutting was held indoors due to rain and was followed by free tours of the science center.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Our view

Thank you

In the wake of the flooding which caused so much turmoil in the region, we find it necessary to offer one word to a great number of people.

Thanks.

Actually, we'll have to follow that word up with a bunch more to let you know to which unsung heroes we refer.

First and foremost, our county owes a debt of gratitude to the many people who acted as rescuers when the flood peaked early Monday morning. These people come from many walks of life — Rescue Squad personnel, firefighters, officers with the sheriff's office and police departments, state troopers, constables and even next-door neighbors — but they all share one thing in common. They were willing to face great danger, even risk their lives, to make sure that everyone made it out alive — and they succeeded.

Floyd Countians should also show their appreciation to the various radio and television broadcasters who kept us informed of the disaster as it happened. Being in the news business ourselves, we may find ourselves in competition with these folks from time to time, but that doesn't prevent us from recognizing the valuable public service they performed. Surely, their warnings helped local residents prepare as best they could.

Thanks are also in order for the many city and county employees who have put in many long hours since the storm to try to put things back together. Having to remove debris, fix roads and bridges where possible and clear new paths where it isn't, their job is enormous. And we're sure it is made harder by hearing complaints from some flood victims who understandably want the work to progress a little more quickly. But we're confident that they are doing the best they can in the face of what must seem like an endless job, and we are grateful for it.

We would be remiss if we did not also thank the many churches, charities and social service organizations who have set up shop to help flood victims through this trying time. Some of these groups operate in our community year-round, while others have only come here in the past week to offer their assistance. Regardless, their help is appreciated.

Likewise, we must also thank those individuals and businesses who make their donations of money, clothing, cleaning supplies and manpower to those organizations. Their generosity will help flood victims recover from their losses.

Finally, we also offer our most sincere appreciation to our various city and county officials, in whose laps the monumental job of recovery has fallen. We know they must often feel their efforts are thankless, as they are often criticized for the jobs they do. But we also know that they are doing their best to piece together the resources needed for cleanup, and in some cases they are rolling up their sleeves and participating directly in the effort.

To all of these people, and to anyone else who escaped our attention, thank you.

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— Jim Davidson

A death row inmate who wants to help kids

It has been said that living is "the state which makes one unwilling to exchange what one has, no matter how grim, for the uncertainties of death, no matter how attractive." Every day when I get out of bed, I thank God for another day of life, for the opportunity to live in the greatest nation in the world and for the opportunity to be of service to my fellow man. It took me many years to finally realize that the key to success and happiness is to forget myself, my needs, my wants and to be about the business of serving God by helping those in the world around me. This is the source of all true and lasting rewards and I hope you have also made this discovery.

As it relates to serving others, I got a letter the other day from a man who said he had a burning desire to help kids. He has a serious problem however, because he is sitting in a cell on "death row" in a prison in one of our Southern states.

Over the years I have heard from many prison inmates who have told me some sad stories, but until I got this letter, I had never heard from an inmate on death row. It gave me an eerie feeling to know that I

was communicating with someone who may be nearing the end of his days on earth and would be put to death for a crime he had committed.

Actually, John (not his real name) has written me twice. After he wrote me the first time I sent him a copy of one of my books, because I thought it would give him something positive to think about as he passed his time away. When he wrote me back he was really excited because inmates are not supposed to receive books unless they had been pre-approved, but the mail guard brought him my book with the request that he also wanted to read it. It was in his second letter that he poured out his heart to me and told me that he wanted to help kids so bad. He said "I'm not interested in getting out of prison, but I can relate to kids who are on drugs, homeless and abused."

There is no way for me to know how much good it will do, but I know there are many young people who read my column along with thousands and thousands of parents and grandparents. While most of these young people are not in trouble, some are and many others are living on the edge. I realize that what I say in this realm may not carry much weight, but maybe,

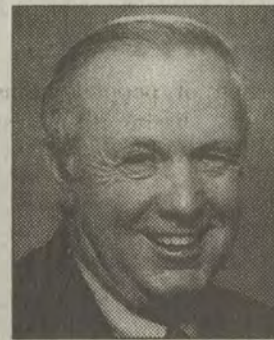
just maybe, words from an inmate on death row may have a way of reaching some people before it's too late. It is already too late for John and for me that is so sad.

Here is a portion of John's letter that will let you know exactly where he is and how he got there:

"You see, Jim, I can relate to kids that's messed up on drugs, homeless, abused kids. By the time I was 12 or 13 years old I got busted for the first time for selling 2 pounds of weed. I went on from there to there to get kicked out of school at age 15 for drugs. I went from that to age 20 and I killed a man for drugs. From age 20 I came here to death row. But I was still heavy into drugs. I got busted in here back in January for meth; and while I was doing my 30 days in the hole, I started reading my Bible.

"I wanted to change. I wanted a better life. So before I came out of the hole, I was determined to stop using drugs. Well, just as soon as I got out of the hole, my 'then' friends were waiting for me and they gave me some dope. Well, I threw it on my cabinet and was determined not to do it. But it kept calling me and I fired up one of the joints. I took one drag and I got so mad at myself. I threw it away! Then I got down on my knees and I cried and

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— beyond the beltway

Staying the course to oblivion

by DONALD KAUL

President George W. Bush's speech to the Army War College the other day was your typical presidential fairy tale, beginning with the "Once upon a time ..." passage, right up to the "and they lived happily ever after" part. In case you don't have cable and weren't able to watch it (all the networks, even Fox, deemed the speech too banal to bother with), he was talking about Iraq.

It's pretty standard for a president to be optimistic about things but there is a fine line between optimism and outright lying that Mr. Bush crossed again and again.

His vaunted "five-point plan" for dealing with the mess in Iraq was an amalgam of mush, misdirection and mendacity beginning with the lie at the outset: "Next month our coalition will transfer full sovereignty to a government of Iraqi citizens who will prepare the way for national elections."

Actually, it won't. There is no way you can keep an army of 138,000 troops in a country and give "full sovereignty" to

the citizens of that country.

Full sovereignty would mean that the Iraqis could control the armed forces, telling them what they can and can't do. That won't happen, nor should it. If it did, the president would be looking at an impeachment trial of his own.

No, with an Iraqi government or without one, we will continue to call the shots so long as we provide the muscle. The Iraqis know that; the rest of the world knows that. To claim otherwise is to invite ridicule and we're full up on that right now.

The speech might have had at least the flavor of candor had the president admitted that he'd made mistakes and was ready to correct them. That he seems constitutionally unable to do. What the speech resembled most of all was an opening move in the development of a three-get exit strategy — get the United Nations in, get an elected government in place and get of Dodge.

That will most probably lead to a horrendous civil war, but that wouldn't be our problem anymore, would it? He'll probably blame the collapse of his policy on the failure of liberals and Frenchmen (same thing) to support it.

The president also said, "our coalition is strong," — which it is, if you don't count Spain, Britain, Italy and Turkey — and said "Iraq is now the central front in the war on terrorism."

He got that right, but he forgot to mention that he's the one who made it so.

A few days after the president's speech, those who think that the presumptive Democratic nominee, John Kerry, has been less than vigorous in his attack of the president were given some red meat by none other than Al Gore.

Speaking to a friendly audience at New York University, Gore accused Bush and his team of "utter incompetence" and called for the resignation of Mr. Bush's top national security aides.

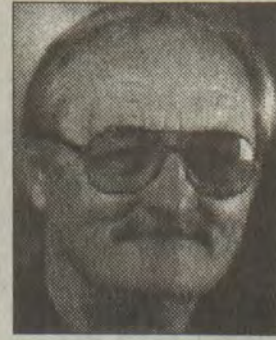
Bush, he said, has "made the world a far more dangerous place and dramatically

increased the threat of terrorism against the United States."

In calling for the resignations of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, CIA Director George Tenet and lesser officials, Gore said:

"We desperately need a national security team with at least minimal competence because the current team is making things worse with each passing day. The nation is at risk every single day that Rumsfeld remains as Secretary of Defense. We need someone with

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Faith Extra

Minister's Moment: 'Support in the whelming flood'

by PASTOR STEVE PESCOSOLIDO
COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood." This is a line from the third verse of the hymn, "The Solid Rock." This week I have visited homes damaged by

the floods that we have recently experienced. The word "whelming" used by the hymn writer is not a word that is normally used today. As I looked in the Microsoft Encarta dictionary, the word was not even listed. Perhaps it's not a formal word, but a poetic word. Whatever it's standing in our English language, its use in this hymn is

pointed and worth understanding.

There is a difference between a whelming flood and an overwhelming flood. Two church members told me about the swift current that poured through the Creekside Drive subdivision on Abbott Mountain. There would be concern if one were caught in that current. It was whelming if

not potentially overwhelming. This current picked up a black Tahoe and carried it downstream, setting it on top of another car. It would have been no hard thing for this current to overwhelm a person to the point of drowning. A whelming flood is strong but one can survive it. An overwhelming flood would be one that a person could not

survive. The hymn writer offers us hope in Jesus Christ — he offers us help from Jesus Christ. There are things in the spiritual life that work to absolutely overwhelm the Christian. These things can be emotional, relational, mental, financial, physical and even directly spiritual. What the hymn writer is saying is that the power of the Lord Jesus will support him in the whelming circumstances. Satan works diligently and hopes passionately that we will not turn to Christ and thus be overwhelmed — even if we are overwhelmed with pleasure first and pain later. The good news is that God through Jesus Christ supports the souls of His children. There will be troubles that confront everyone in this life. But the Christian who genuinely looks

to and obeys Jesus Christ, will find a great support — a great help!

Two Old Testament Scriptures verify this and help us find security in an unstable world.

Isaiah 26:3 "You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." Isaiah 43:2 "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you." (Both quotations are from the New King James Version.)

God keeps His Word. He will not let you down and will support you as you work with Him in this world!

Twenty-five years later, passions still strong on Southern Baptists' conservative takeover

by BOBBY ROSS JR.
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Back in 1979, the Rev. Jimmy Allen thought the highlight of the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting would be a giant rally at the Astrodome featuring the Rev. Billy Graham.

Instead, Allen and other moderate leaders in the nation's largest Protestant denomination were caught by surprise as conservatives who had attacked the denomination's seminaries as "hotbeds of liberalism" flocked to the meeting.

There, they succeeded in electing a denominational president, the Rev. Adrian Rogers of Tennessee, who shared their view of biblical inerrancy — meaning that the Bible is without error in any way, including historical details.

Some thought the vote was just a momentary change in direction, but Rogers' election turned out to be a watershed moment for the denomination. The 16 million-member SBC shifted dramatically to the right — politically and theologically — and in the years that have followed, its conservative leaders have pushed hard against abortion rights, homosexuality and women pastors.

Twenty-five years later, passions remain strong on both sides when Baptists discuss the conservative takeover.

If not for the 1979 meeting, Southern Baptists "would be battling the same issues of the Episcopalians and the Methodists and the United Presbyterians. We would have basically marginalized and homogenized the Southern Baptist Convention into a liberal, moderate denomination with very little impact," said the Rev. Jack Graham, the convention's president and pastor of the 22,000-member Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, Texas.

Allen, then the convention's president and pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Antonio, sees it differently.

"I'm sad for the fact that the Baptist witness had a golden moment in which we were at our fullest strength, and both our image and the reality was that we were a caring group of people enthusiastic about sharing the message," said Allen, now 76 and retired in Georgia. "Now, we are at a time when the word Baptist means squabbling and judgmentalism."

The conservative takeover — or "take back," as the revolt's co-leader, Paul Pressler, refers to it — came

after Pressler and the Rev. Paige Patterson, then president of Criswell College, a Baptist school in Dallas, held an unprecedented series of pre-convention strategy sessions around the country.

Pressler and Patterson used a three-point message to recruit conservative "messengers" to the meeting:

— They argued that the denomination was in trouble because of liberal seminary professors who were questioning biblical inerrancy.

— They said the problem could be turned around by electing conservative presidents, who could use their powerful appointive authority to remove moderates from the boards of Baptist seminaries and other denominational agencies.

— They urged like-minded Baptists to travel to Houston so their votes could be counted.

"We would get letters that said, 'Answer yes and no: Were Adam and Eve real people? Do you believe the devil is a real being? Do you believe in the virgin birth of Christ?'" said Bill J. Leonard, then a professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

In the former Southern Baptist's view, the issue was far more complicated than the conservatives made it.

Still, the right won the fight — in part because of the simplicity of its message.

"They said, 'You either believe the Bible or you don't,'" said Leonard, now dean of the Divinity School at Wake Forest University in North Carolina. "And the moderates said, 'Yes, we believe the Bible, but we've got a checklist here about how we believe the Bible.'" Moderates, who accused conservatives of wanting to impose "creedalism" on the Baptist freedom to interpret Scriptures, brushed off the conservative challenge until it was too late, said Louis Moore, a former Houston Chronicle religion editor who has attended 30 Southern Baptist annual meetings.

"All of a sudden, these cars start coming in, and buses start coming in, with all these people they'd never seen before from Baptist churches. ... And they had all been rallied by Patterson and Pressler," said Moore, now owner of Hannibal Books, an evangelical Christian publishing house.

After the vote, the newly elected conservative president told reporters: "I haven't come with blood in my eyes, but with love in my heart." However, Rogers added that

he would not abide any "compromise of the word of God."

Now 72 and recuperating from heart surgery in March, Rogers declined an interview request.

Patterson, now president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, said the 1979 annual meeting "was clearly a watershed convention since it marked the first successful assault on the liberal and neo-orthodox hegemony of the convention."

At the time, most moderates saw Rogers' election as a temporary "pendulum swinging," said the Rev. Charles Wade, executive director of the moderate Baptist General Convention of Texas, a 2-million-member group that clashes frequently with the Southern Baptist leadership.

But by 1985, when moderates came out on the losing end of a fiery meeting that drew 45,000 Southern Baptists to Dallas, it had become quite clear that the conservatives were not going away.

"I realized that the pendulum was not going to swing because the fundamentalists had nailed it to the wall," Wade said.

Eventually, disenfranchised moderates left the Southern Baptist Convention and formed their own group, the Atlanta-based Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, which has grown to about 1,800 member congregations. The Southern Baptist Convention has 42,000 member congregations. Some churches belong to both national associations.

Looking back, Pressler, 74, suggests conservatives were on a God-given mission in 1979.

Still, the retired Houston appellate court judge said the experience was painful, as critics accused him and Patterson of sinister motives.

"I had a very good, easy life and I forewent some other opportunities in order to be involved in the fight," he said. "But I feel that the future of Southern Baptists, the salvation of many souls and the influence that we have in our country all depended on what happened."

Administration wants 'homeland security' exception in public records law

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The state's homeland security director wants a security exemption written into the Open Records Act. A legislator who unsuccessfully pushed a bill for that purpose this year says he will try again.

Erwin Roberts, executive director of the Office of Homeland Security, told a legislative committee Thursday that documents such as "vulnerability assessments" need to be removed from public access.

"We do not want to inadvertently provide a detailed play-book to individuals who wish to do harm to the commonwealth and its citizens," Roberts told the interim Committee on Seniors, Military Affairs and Public Safety.

The committee chairman, Democratic Rep. Mike Weaver of Elizabethtown, sponsored legislation in the 2004 General Assembly to carve a homeland-security exemption into the public-records law. The House passed it 93-0 in January.

The Senate rewrote the bill to make university donation

records exempt from public disclosure. At the time, The Courier-Journal of Louisville was suing the University of Louisville Foundation for access to financial and donor records. House leaders decided to let the amended bill die.

The General Assembly will convene again in January. Weaver said he would have a new bill ready and it "will be one of the first bills that will be heard."

Weaver said he hoped to push it through the House and Senate without any damaging amendments.



Use care and follow safety guidelines when reentering flood-damaged homes

FRANKFORT — Floods pose a risk not only outside your house but also inside your house. The impact of the receding floodwaters can damage your home and your health.

"Floods have multiple risks associated with them in addition to the obvious. The health impacts can be wide ranging from skin rashes and physical injuries to breathing problems," said Guy Delius, assistant director with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services' Division of Public Health Protection and Safety. "In addition, the interior of a house also must be examined closely to eliminate the risks associated with flood damage. Because of the many variables involved in cleanup efforts, we are providing general guidelines to help ensure the safety of our citizens during these trying times."

The cabinet offers the following information from a public health perspective when dealing with flood-damaged structures.

■ Wash your hands with soap and water, thoroughly and often. This is especially important before handling food, eating, or smoking. If possible, use an antibacterial soap on your hands. Avoid biting your nails.

■ Look for visible mold growing on walls, ceilings, floors, carpeting, furniture, mattresses, curtains, books, papers, clothing, etc. Check all surfaces, not just those touched by floodwaters. Generally speaking, mold may be removed by simply scrubbing the surface with a soap and water solution. To disinfect the surface after cleaning,

simply mix 1-2 cups of 5.25 percent bleach (sodium hypochlorite) to 1 gallon of water and wipe the surface. Allow the surface to dry for 24-48 hours.

■ Look for hidden mold behind furniture, under carpeting, under wood floors, behind cabinets, in closets and attics.

■ People with asthma or other breathing disorders should not participate in clean up work.

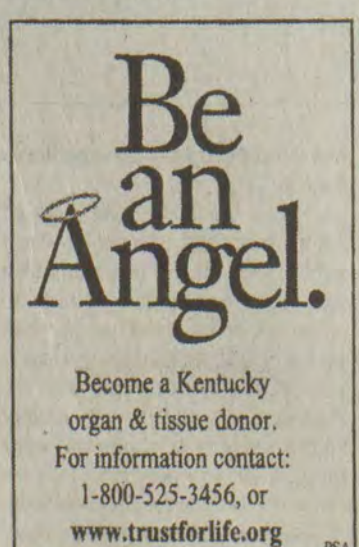
■ Porous, damaged materials should be removed and disposed. These materials include wallpaper/paneling, carpets, mattresses, fiberglass or cellulose insulation, sheetrock, upholstered furniture, papers, books and all other porous material.

■ Upon entering the building, don't use matches, cigarette lighters or any other open flames, since gas may be trapped inside. Instead, use a flashlight to light your way.

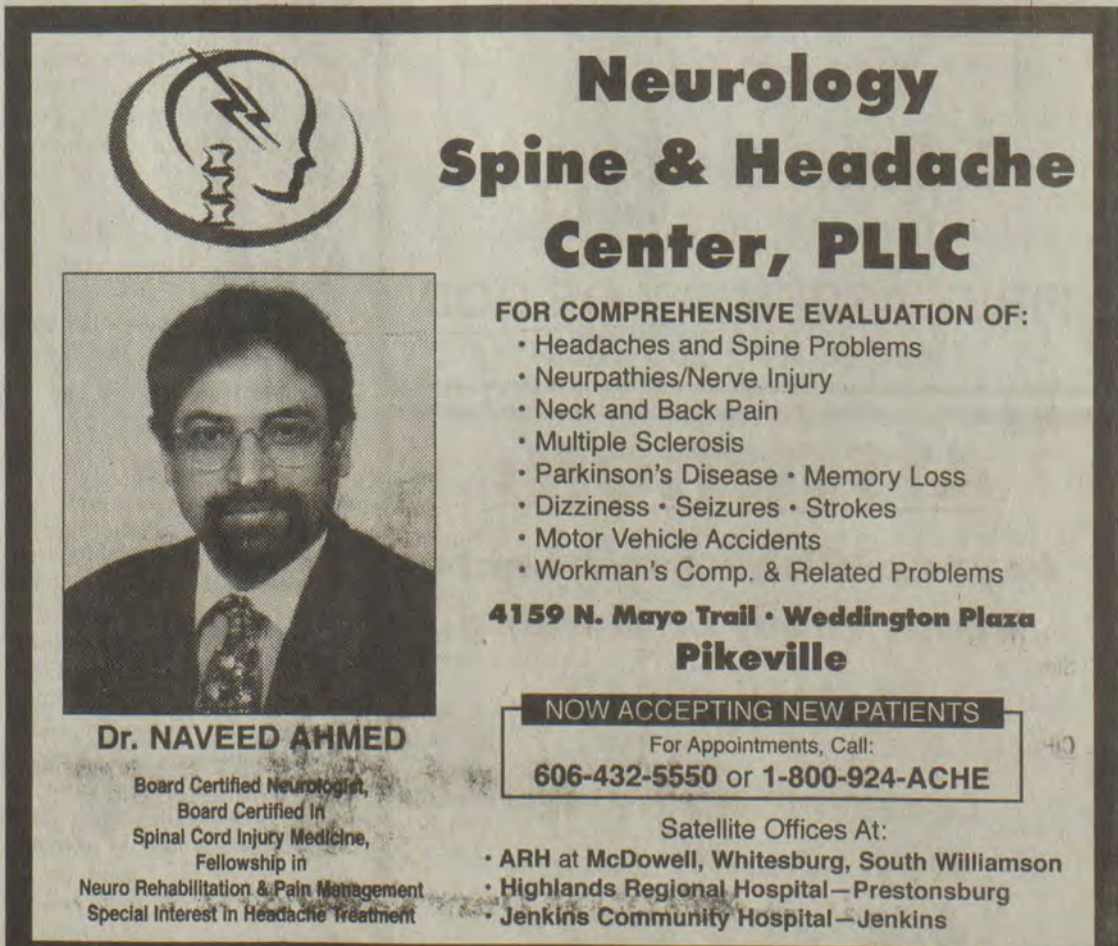
■ Floodwaters pick up sewage and chemicals from roads, farms, and factories, so the water is not clean. Throw away foods and medicines that may have come into contact with floodwater. Foods unrefrigerated for longer than 2-4 hours should be discarded.

■ Be careful walking around. After a flood, steps and floors are often slippery with mud and covered with debris, including nails and broken glass.

■ Electrical power and natural gas or propane tanks should be shut off to avoid fire, electrocution, or explosions. Try to return to your home during the



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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Estill "Eck" John Branham, 90, of Bowling Green, died Wednesday, June 2, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Carol Senseman Branham. Graveside services are to be held Sunday, June 6, 2 p.m., at Richmond Memorial Cemetery, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Garnett Burchett, 82, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, May 28, at Riverview Manor. Graveside services were conducted Monday, May 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier

Funeral Home.

Zelfa Reynolds Osborne Johnson, 83, of McDowell, died Monday, May 24, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Elder Clester Hall, 76, of Wayland, died Saturday, May 22, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Juanita Bailey Hall, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, June

1, at her residence, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 4, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Marvin J. Salisbury, 75, of Harold, died Sunday, May 30, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Johnnie R. Salisbury. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Alma Shepherd, 71, of Hueysville, died Monday, May 31, at the Bledsoe Erlanger Hospital in Pikeville, Tennessee.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ethel Newsome Tackett, 61, of Hi Hat, died Tuesday, May 25, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Knott County

Cap Childers, 69, of Mt. Sterling, a Knott County native, died Sunday, May 23, at Mary Chiles Hospital, Mt. Sterling. He is survived by his wife, Lodina Mullett Childers. Funeral services

were conducted Wednesday, May 26, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Ollie Craft, 82, of Mallie, died Saturday, May 29, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 3, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Herma Gayheart, 74, of Leburn, died Wednesday, May 26, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 29, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Phyllis Faye Griffith

Handshoe, 60, of Pinetop, died Saturday, May 29, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 2, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Donald Dempsey Ratliff, 57, of Cromwell, Indiana, formerly of Knott County, died Tuesday, May 25, at Goshen General Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Gloria Fay Nelson Ratliff. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 29, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Drugs

drugs" he or she is abusing.

The Kentucky Statewide Drug Control Assessment Summit, a team headed by Lt. Gov. Steve Pence, is working on a statewide drug control policy. The team recently held the last of 16 regional meetings across the state. A report on those gatherings written by Pence talks about the need for "more drug treatment facilities" and "shorter waiting periods for admittance to existing treatment programs," but makes no mention of treatment with Suboxone or Subutex. The Mountain Eagle reported.

Donnie Fields, administrator with the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital, was unfamiliar with the use of Suboxone and Subutex in drug treatment but said it sounded like something the ARH chain of hospitals would want to look

into.

Fields referred further questions about the drugs to ARH's director of pharmacy. The pharmacy director did not respond to list of questions submitted by e-mail. The Mountain Eagle said.

Last year, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported that an analysis of federal data showed that eastern Kentucky drug stores, hospitals and other legal outlets received more prescription painkillers than anywhere else in the nation, on a per capita basis.

The Lexington newspaper said Mountain Comprehensive Care in Prestonsburg said at the same time, the number of people seeking residential treatment for painkiller addiction nearly tripled, from 1998 through 2001.

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Kentucky storm damage \$15 million; count continuing

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The recent storms that wreaked havoc on 36 Kentucky counties damaged more than 2,000 homes and caused millions in property damage, the state's head of emergency management said Friday.

Assessors had covered 20 of the 36 counties hit hardest by the storms that started last week and continued into the Memorial Day weekend, said Malcolm Franklin, director of Kentucky Emergency Management.

The storms caused more than \$15 million in damages to public buildings, roads and bridges and damaged more than 2,000

homes in those 20 counties, Franklin said. So far, assessors had counted 136 homes destroyed from the storms and subsequent floods, Franklin said.

Those numbers were expected to increase as more assessments were finished, he said.

State officials were trying to expedite their efforts in an attempt to get federal aid more quickly, Franklin said. The numbers were being tallied and presented to Gov. Ernie Fletcher for his consideration.

Fletcher was returning Friday from a state business trip to Japan.

Franklin said he was recommending the governor ask President Bush for federal cleanup money. Based on the damage throughout the state, Kentucky would likely qualify, Franklin said.

Some of the counties that were hardest hit included Estill, Henry, Martin, Magoffin and Powell counties, he said.

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Safety

daytime so that you do not have to use any lights. Use battery-powered flashlights and lanterns, rather than candles, gas lanterns, or torches.

■ If you smell gas or suspect a leak, turn off the main gas valve, open all windows, and leave the house immediately. Notify the gas company or the police or fire departments or State Fire Marshal's office. Do not turn on the lights or do anything that could cause a spark. Do not return to the house until you are told it is safe to do so.

■ Infants, pregnant women, and people with health problems should avoid the flooded area until cleanup is complete.

■ Standing or working in water which is cooler than 75 degrees Fahrenheit (24 degrees Celsius) will remove body heat more rapidly than it can be replaced, resulting in hypothermia. To reduce the risk of

hypothermia, wear high rubber boots, ensure that clothing and boots have adequate insulation, avoid working alone, take frequent breaks out of the water, and change into dry clothing when possible.

■ Set priorities for cleanup tasks and pace the work over several days or weeks to avoid physical exhaustion.

■ Resume a normal sleep schedule as quickly as possible. Get plenty of rest and take frequent rest breaks before exhaustion occurs.

"Our citizens are our most important resource and we want to ensure their return to their homes in a safe manner," said Public Health Commissioner Rice Leach, M.D.

For More Information, call your local health department or the Division of Public Health Protection and Safety at 502-564-7181.

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Beltway

good judgment and competence."

Gore called the abuse scandal at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq "the natural consequence of the Bush administration policy."

The soldiers there were "forced into a moral cesspool designed by the Bush White House" and the abuse was a function of the administration's systematic disregard for the rules of the Geneva Convention. I don't see anything there that any reasonable person could dis-

agree with, do you? I thought not.

Now why can't we have someone like that run for president?

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. E m a i l donald.kaul2@verizon.net.

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Odds

organizer Sean Luse, and the request was approved in April.

But Pat Hall, director of the university's Student Judicial Affairs, told him in an e-mail on Tuesday that Hempfest was canceled.

The group did not give the university 10 days' notice and did not have written permission from its faculty sponsor, Hall said. Those conditions were placed on the group after students smoked marijuana in an academic building following another event the group hosted in November.

Hempfest has been held on Ohio State's campus since 1996. The event includes speakers, bands, literature tables and vendors.

■ LANSING, Mich. — Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm and California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger placed a friendly bet as the Detroit

Pistons prepare to play the Los Angeles Lakers in the league's championship series.

If Detroit wins the series, Schwarzenegger will dine on Michigan-made foods including a pasty — a warm, baked pastry filled with meat, potatoes and vegetables. He'd get chocolate-covered cherries for dessert, washed down with a Vernor's ginger ale.

Schwarzenegger would have to eat the meal at his desk, wearing a Pistons jersey.

If Los Angeles takes the crown, Granholm will receive a bottle of California wine, fresh California asparagus, an In-N-Out Burger from the California-based fast food chain, and fresh California strawberries and ice cream for dessert.

Granholm would have to eat her meal while wearing a Lakers jersey.

The NBA finals begin Sunday in Los Angeles.

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Davidson

cried out to God. I cried for Jesus to come into my life and help me. I don't know how long I was on that floor weeping. But when I came up I was a new man. Praise God for His Holy Spirit is truly in me. From that time on I have been moving forward.

"I have lost all of those so-called friends. They don't come around me any more. I have also lost a lot of my friends on the street. They don't want to hear the truth about how great God is. He

has already opened many doors for me."

That's basically the end of John's story and he says he wants to help kids. He has no earthly idea that I am writing this column to share his story. Whether he realizes it or not, he is helping kids. If parents and grandparents who are reading this true life story cannot see the dangers of drugs and what they can do to a person's life, then sadly it's too late for them, as well.

When it comes to John's new-

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found faith, I'm well aware that over the years there have been millions of "jail house" conversions and I don't know whether his was real or not. God knows We can lie to other people, but we can't lie to God. Personally, I'm just glad there is a God in heaven that we can cry out to when we are in the depths of despair.

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

(Paid obituary)

Obituaries

Arnold Johnson

Arnold Johnson, 74, of Racine, Ohio, died Wednesday, June 2, 2004, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Parkersburg, as a result of bladder cancer.

He was born November 11, 1929, in Weeksbury, a son of the late William Birchfield and Melvina Hall Johnson.

He attended Alice Lloyd College, and was an elementary school principal at Prather Elementary in Kentucky. He retired from Yenkin Majestic Paint, after having worked for Dean and Barry Paint for more than 30 years. He was a member of South Gate-Potter Masonic Lodge in Canal Winchester, Ohio.

He is survived by Ruth Shain Johnson, his wife of 34 years.

Other survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Dee Dee (Ezequiel) Zavala of Houston, Texas; sisters and brothers-in-law, Vivian (Darrell) Hall of West Salem, Ohio; Betty Reed (Buck Litteral) of Oil Springs; brothers and sisters-in-law, Homer Johnson of Carlisle, Hurley (Phyllis) Johnson of Rochester, Michigan, Clarence (Louetta) Johnson of Weeksbury, and Doug (Kay) Johnson of Winterville.

Also surviving are brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Robert Hayes of Columbus, Ohio, Charles Shain of Pomeroy, Ohio, Danny (Dorothy) Shain of Racine, Ohio, Ralph Shain (Diane Lamb) of Lake Wales, Florida, Norma (Bill) Clark of Columbus, Ohio, Sam (Ruth) Shain of Racine, Ohio, Harry (Carol) Shain of Bethany, West Virginia, Paul (Mona) Shain of Bidwell, Ohio, Kathy (Paul) Searles of Rutland, Ohio; special nieces Olivia Murphy and Jennifer Shain; and special nephews, Steve Johnson and Clayton Shain; and numerous other nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Raymond Johnson and Royal Johnson; and his sister, Virginia Cook.

Services were held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, June 5, at Creemees Funeral Home in Racine, Ohio.

Burial was at Letart Falls Cemetery.

Visitation was Friday at the funeral home, where Masonic services were conducted following visiting hours.

Arnold was a caring and loving man who placed family and friends above everything else. Those who knew him were greatly enriched by the experience and joy of sharing his life.

(Paid obituary)

Belle (Endicott) Harless

Belle (Endicott) Harless, age 86, of Prestonsburg, passed away, Friday, June 4, 2004, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center Hospital, following an extended illness.

She was born June 20, 1917, at Endicot, a daughter of the late Henry and Hattie (Sammons) Endicott. She was employed by the Floyd Cleaners as a presser, and was a member of the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church at Auxier.

She was married to Charles Lloyd Harless, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by one son and three daughters: Henry Lewis of Banner, Jo Ann McDaniel of Spencer, Tennessee, and Sue Compton and Minnie Walker, both of Prestonsburg; one step-son and one step-daughter, Robert Harless of Prestonsburg, and Verlin Gribble of Murphy, North Carolina; three sisters: Fannie Garrett of Banner, and Minnie James and Lou Brookover, both of Prestonsburg; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, June 6, at 1 p.m., from the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, at Prestonsburg, with Rev. Bobby Joe Spencer, Rev. Roger Music, Rev. Tom Blackburn and David Powers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens Cemetery at Ivel, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

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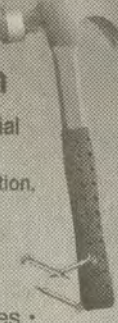
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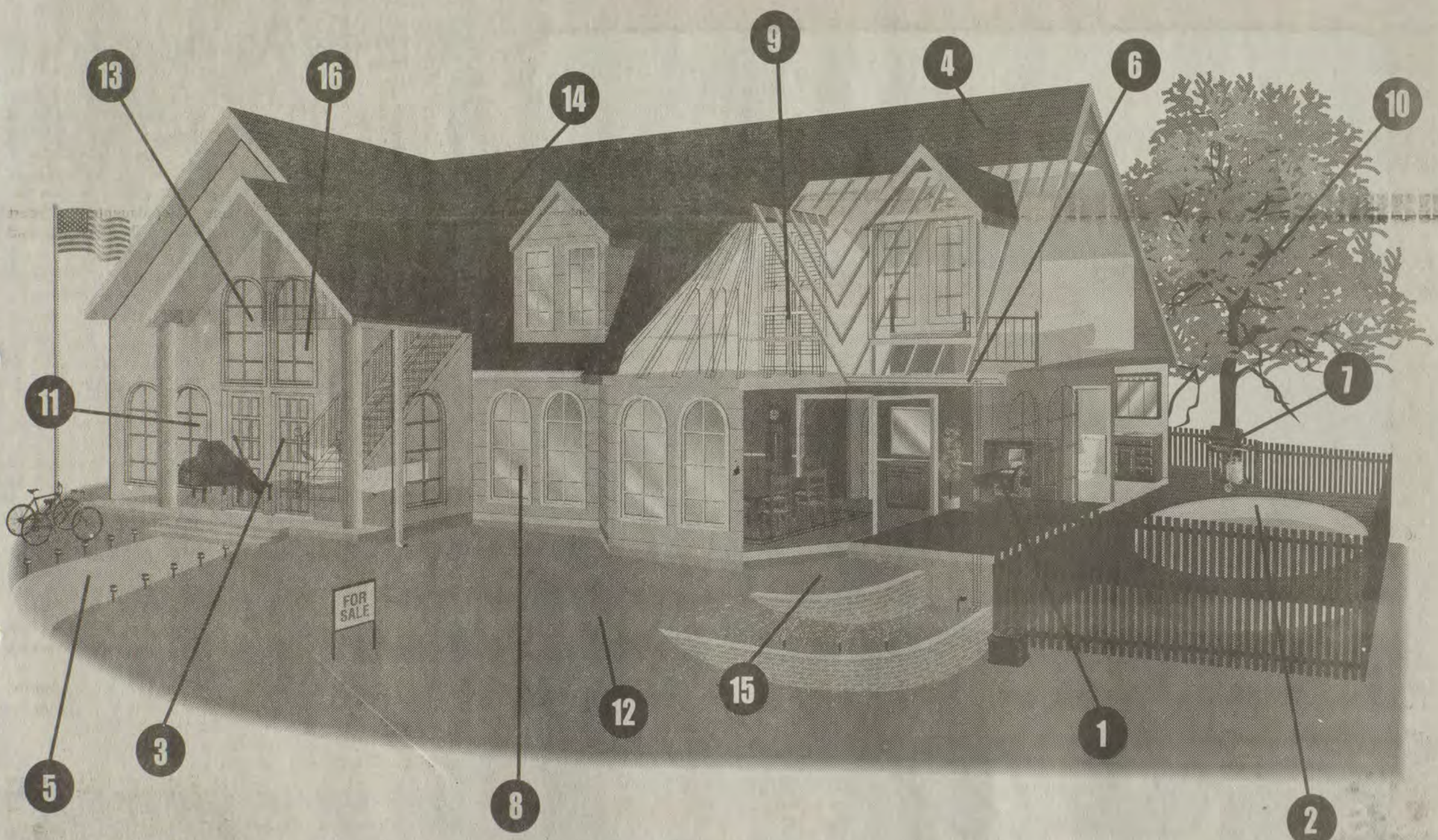


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■ Prestonsburg residents with damages to public property including city roads, bridges and culverts to report should call the city's Department of Public Works at (606) 886-3537.

■ Prestonsburg residents who suffered private property damage are being asked to call Fire Marshal Bobby Carpenter at (606) 886-2335 to report damages and request assistance with cleanup.

■ To obtain cleaning supplies, call (800) 696-3873

■ The Christian Appalachian Project Warehouse in West Prestonsburg is offering clothing, cleaning supplies and other materials for area flood victims. They are also accepting donations at this location. Call (606) 886-9718.

■ Cleaning supplies can be picked up at the Landmark

Christian Church at Watergap and the Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church at Abbott Creek.

■ The Johnson County branch of the Salvation Army is offering shelter to those left homeless by the flood at the Paintsville Community Center. They have a canteen set up at that location to provide hot meals to those in need. Mobile canteens are also set up throughout surrounding counties. Cleanup kits and water can

also be picked up at the organization's Main Street location in Paintsville. Call (606) 789-2612 or (606) 788-8794.

■ The Red Cross currently has shelter available on U.S. 23 in the R.E. Michaels building. They are also offering water and cleanup kits for those in need. Call (606) 886-8330.

■ A food bank is currently available at the St. James Episcopal Church in

Prestonsburg.

■ St. Martha's Catholic Church is offering clothing to families, based only on referrals from other agencies such as the Emergency Management Office. Call (606) 874-9526 or (606) 886-0498.

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These signal lights were ripped to the ground as the result of an accident Friday at the Route 114 intersection with Route 1428 in Prestonsburg. They were still blinking as Prestonsburg Police officers stood in the street directing traffic.

Wreck knocks out Lake Dr. stoplight

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg police officers were out directing traffic Friday afternoon following an accident on Route 1428 that ripped a string of signal lights from their pole.

According to investigating officer Sgt. Ralph Frasure, a Boonscamp resident, James Holbrook, 34, "blacked out" behind the wheel as he was attempting to turn left at the intersection from Route 114 into the northbound lane of 1428.

His blue Mercury van, carrying his wife, Donna, and their four children, rammed the sidewalk and struck a utility pole near the East Dingus Street turnoff, taking with it the string of signal lights and a guy wire supporting the pole.

Donna Holbrook, 34, stood crying as Transtar Ambulance EMTs were placing her husband on a gurney. Frasure said no alcohol or drugs were suspected in the accident, stating only that

Holbrook was suffering from a sinus infection.

Donna Holbrook said they were on their way home from a doctor's visit.

Her husband, complaining with back injuries, was transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center. He was walking around at the scene of the accident prior to transport.

The accident occurred almost simultaneously Friday with another on the same stretch of road.

Officer Fred Mynhier investigated an accident that occurred at the Music Street signal light around 2:15 p.m.

Mynhier said the accident, which is still under investigation, occurred when a driver ran a stoplight and hit another vehicle.

He could not release detailed information regarding the collision.

Charles Edward Ousley, of Prestonsburg, and John Thompson, of David, were the drivers involved, he said.

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Kidd has high hopes for future of ACHS baseball program

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — In his first season at the helm of the Allen Central High School baseball program, Craig Kidd coached the Rebels to a runner-up finish in the 58th District and an appearance in the 15th Region Tournament.

Kidd, who previously served as an assistant coach on the Allen Central High baseball staff, doesn't see the 2004 season as a below average effort.

"Based on tradition, outsiders to the Allen Central baseball program would probably consider the 2004 campaign as below average," said Kidd.

"Most people base success on wins

and losses. With this team being so young, the valuable playing time these guys received against topnotch opponents is going to pay big dividends next year and for quite a few years down the road."

The Allen Central High baseball tal-

(See FUTURE, page two)



photo by Steve LeMaster

A young, talented Allen Central High baseball team finished the 2004 season with 14 wins.

photo by AJ Macht/Indianapolis Colts

Floyd County native Jeremy Caudill continues on his path to a career in the National Football League. A member of the Indianapolis Colts, Caudill has attended workouts with the pro football team since signing a free agent contract in April.



COLTS RELEASE TRAINING CAMP SCHEDULE

Caudill working for roster spot, playing time

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS — After being signed as a free agent in April by the Indianapolis Colts, Floyd County native Jeremy Caudill has attended several workouts with one of the

NFL's top teams.

Indianapolis recently released its training camp schedule.

Like in the last five seasons, the Colts will hold training camp in Terre Haute, Ind., at the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. The Colts will again open training camper later than nearly every other NFL team.

This season, the Colts will open training camp even later than usual.

The Colts, last season's AFC South

(See CAMP, page two)



Mountain Motor Speedway Park on verge of opening

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ISOM — One thing is for certain — Mountain Motor Speedway Park will open for racing some time soon. The track was scheduled to open Friday night, but due to heavy rain and a saturated racing surface, the opener had to be postponed.

The track has a history of excellence, hosting some of the nation's top drivers and race teams. Many of the nation's top drivers, at one time or another, have raced at Mountain Motor Speedway Park, including Scott Bloomquist, who is considered by many to be the nation's top dirt Late Model driver.

The classes running at the Letcher County track, formerly known as just Mountain Motor Speedway, will be Late Model, Limited Late Model, Bomber, Four-Cylinder Stock and Four-Cylinder Modified.

The track, as in past race seasons, will host races on Friday nights.

More information on the track, including rules for each class, will be released during the upcoming week. A list of regular-show payouts for each class scheduled to race during the 2004 race season follows.

(See MOTOR, page two)

Eck Branham, former athlete, coach passes away

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — One of Prestonsburg's most notable athletes has passed away.

Estill "Eck" Branham, 90, of Bowling Green, died Wednesday at his residence.

Born December 27, 1913, in Prestonsburg, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg and a World War II Army veteran.

The Prestonsburg native had a storied history of involvement in athletics, both as a player and a coach.

Following high school, in 1933, Mr. Branham entered Western Kentucky University where he lettered in basketball, football and baseball, earning a Master's Degree.

Mr. Branham coached at high schools across the state for 31 years.

(See COACH, page two)

Casey picked to guide Pirates

by RICK BENTLEY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BELFRY — For Randy Casey, last week certainly was the best of times and the worst of times.

Some 18 hours after his baseball team was eliminated in the 15th Region semifinals after being one strike away from the title game, he

was introduced as the new boys' basketball coach at Belfry High School.

"This is the only head coaching job I've ever wanted," he said Friday morning at an informal gathering in the school's gymnasium.

Casey came to Belfry in 1989 and was an assistant to Raymond Justice Jr. when he led the Pirates to the first three regional championships in the

1990s. Since then he has remained the only constant on the coaching staff through two coaching changes after Justice resigned.

Casey assisted Jason Booher last year in an 11-17 season that ended with a loss in the 60th District title game and the first round of the 15th Region tournament. Prior to that, he spent four seasons with David

Hatfield, who was 45-52 with three district titles.

The coach will take over a program during a rare period which has seen it go consecutive seasons without winning the district title. Since losing in the regional finals in 1998, the Pirates have had only one winning season.

(See CASEY page five)



Floyd County resident Marshall Edwards, a pharmacist by trade, took first-place honors Saturday, May 29, in the wheelchair division of the Tennessee Sports Medicine event held in Knoxville, Tenn. Edwards, 53, is preparing for an early July race in Lexington.

Johnson Central Summer Slam concludes

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — A very entertaining three days of basketball ended on Saturday evening as the Johnson Central Summer Slam took center stage.

Several area teams took part in the camp. Teams participating included Prestonsburg, host Johnson Central, Paintsville, East Ridge, Breathitt County, Pike

Central and Magoffin County.

Shelby Valley was originally slated to participate in the camp, but dropped out.

Jason Booher has taken over at Shelby Valley, replacing former coach Rodney Rowe.

Magoffin County was in action at the camp with its new head coach, Neil "Nehi" West. In addition, some teams boasted

(See SLAM, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg guard Trevor Compton worked against a pair of Johnson Central defenders when the two teams met Thursday night as part of the Summer Slam team camp event.

Reds front office putting off rewarding Dave Miley

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Listening to the Cincinnati Reds players and broadcasting crew, the Reds front office is way past due in rewarding current manager Dave Miley with a contract extension after the Reds are off to their best start in recent years.

The Reds sit atop the

National League Central division eleven games over .500 and are coming off a three game sweep of defending World Champion Florida Marlins. The Reds also own the best record in major league baseball going into Friday night's home brief home stand against the Montreal Expos.

Will Miley be rewarded for the way he has the Reds playing

in 2004? Reds General Manager Dan O'Brien, also a new kid in the Queen City, says the Reds will address Miley future at season's end. Barry Larkin, Sean Casey and even Marty Brennaman can only scratch their heads in wondering what the Reds brass are waiting for.

Miley has become very popular among the Reds players and the media after the stint of Bob Boone, who Miley replaced as an interim last season.

Miley, after being named the Reds manager in 2004, headed to spring training vowing to get the Reds back to the basics of playing baseball.

The Reds were an error-prone team last season and has not improved much in that area this season, leading the National League in errors.

Why are the Reds ahead of the rest of their division? What has Miley brought to the team that was not in place last season? Well, if you recall last season when Miley moved on the scene, he inherited a minor league team having to play out a major league schedule. Miley managed the Reds without the likes of Ken Griffey, Jr., Austin Kearns, Adam

Dunn, Barry Larkin, Paul Wilson and others.

When the 2004 season unfolded, all those players plus some much needed help in the

starting rotation of the Reds. Aaron Harang and Cory Lidle joined Wilson, Jose Acevedo and Jimmy Haynes in the Reds rotation.

Since then Haynes was released and replaced by Todd Van Poppel who has not pitched bad since being inserted in the rotation.

So, this really is an entirely different team than Miley took over last year. The Reds are hitting better with runners in scoring position and with two out. They were last in that category

last season. The Reds are playing long ball and the inspirational play Casey has the team playing with a lot of confidence.

If all is going so well, then why are the Reds office dragging their feet? Could it be that the Reds already have a manager in mind for next season regardless of how well the Reds finish the rest of the season?

Wait a minute, Pete Rose has not been reinstated in baseball yet!

Casey has gone on record stating that Dave Miley is the

right fix for the Reds and deserves to be rewarded with a long term contract. Larkin said, "Its just a shame!"

Larkin is playing his best baseball in many seasons and seems to be playing with a lot of excitement. He credits Miley for his new found enthusiasm.

I admit the Reds are playing a lot better than last season. But I am not so sure it is because of Miley. Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Little League Tee Ball teams to play on South Lawn

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A Bolling Air Force Base Little League Tee Ball team from Washington, D.C., will square off against a team from Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, N.C., in the first Air Force-Marines "Tee Ball on the South Lawn" game on June 13, it was announced today by White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan.

In keeping with the tradition of Tee Ball on the South Lawn games, no score will be kept between the Bolling Air Force Base Little League Cardinals and the Cherry Point Devil Dogs from Havelock Little League. Every player on both teams will play on defense and bat once in the one-inning game, to be followed by a picnic on the South Lawn for players and families. A baseball autographed by President George W. Bush will be presented - by the president himself - to each player, manager, and coach. The time of the game will be announced in June.

The game is the 10th on the South Lawn of the White House since May 6, 2001, when President Bush began the initiative as a way to boost interest in baseball among children and parents. President Bush, the first former Little Leaguer to be elected to the nation's highest office, played Little League Baseball at Central Little League in Midland, Texas, in the mid-1950s.

This will be the first game of 2004, and the second to feature teams composed largely of dependents of military personnel. On June 22, 2003, teams

from Fort Belvoir (Va.) Little League and Naval Station Norfolk (Va.) played in the first Army-Navy Tee Ball on the South Lawn game.

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More information on how to apply to be considered to send a team to the White House for Tee Ball on the South Lawn can be found here: <http://www.littleleague.org/media/teeballselection.asp>

BASKETBALL CAMP DIRECTORY

Lady Blackcat Basketball Camp

The first annual Lady Blackcat Basketball Camp will be held at Prestonsburg High School June Monday through Thursday. The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

Players ages 9-14 are eligible to participate in the camp. Both boys and girls are eligible to participate. Boys and girls will take part in separate competitions.

Cost of the camp is \$45. For more information, call 886-0307 or 874-9558. Registration will be held the day of the camp. Checks should be made payable to Lady Blackcat Basketball Camp.

Les Trimble Basketball Camp

The Les Trimble Basketball Camp will be held Monday through Thursday at Johnson Central High School. For more information, call 606/789-2500.

Alice Lloyd College summer basketball camps

The dates for the Alice Lloyd College summer basketball camps for both boys and girls have been announced. The camps will include both group and individual instruction, 5-on-5 play and a variety of competitions. Each participant will receive a certificate, t-shirt and camp basketball.

The boys camp will take place from June 21-June 25 and is for grades one through eight. For more information, contact men's head basketball coach

Gary Gibson at 606/368-6127 (Office) or 606/633-2651 (Home).

The girls camp will take place from June 28-July 2 and is for grades two through 12. For more information, contact new women's head basketball coach David Adams at 606/642-3299.

The camps will take place at the Grady Nutt Athletic Center on the campus of Alice Lloyd College.

Pikeville College Lady Bears Basketball Camps

The Pikeville College women's basketball program will hold camps in June and July. An individual camp will begin on Monday, June 28 and run through Thursday, July 1. The individual camp is for players ages 6-18. Cost of the camp is \$55 per camper. The camp will run each day from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Family and group discounts are available.

All campers will receive a camp shirt.

A three-day high school team camp will be held July 13-15. Cost of the team camp is \$300 per team, \$550 for two teams; \$750 for three teams.

Each team is guaranteed eight games. Teams will also receive T-shirts.

For more information, contact Pikeville College head coach Bill Watson at 606/297-6522 (home), 606/218-5356; or assistant coach Robert Staggs, 606/432-1807 (home), 606/218-5357.

Dixie Shootout gets a 'fan friendly' makeover for Oct. 8-9

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WOODSTOCK, Ga. - Dixie Speedway officials have announced a new "Fan Friendly" format which includes the NARA DirtCar Series for the 15th Annual Dixie Shootout Weekend on October 8-9. This year's race will feature two separate shows with two national dirt late model sanctioning bodies, and a possible \$50,000-to-win in prize money and bonuses.

The Stacker 2 Xtreme DirtCar Series will take to the 3/8-mile clay oval on October 8 for a \$10,000-to-win show in front of the SPEED Channel cameras for the first segment of the Shootout. They'll be followed in the second segment by the NARA DirtCar Series (NARA) on October 9 for the \$10,000-to-win Shootout presented by Coca-Cola. The NARA DirtCar event will be taped by ESPN2.

"This weekend is all about the fans, and we wanted to give them an opportunity to see all of the drivers, no matter who, or what they are affiliated with," Dixie Speedway General Manager Mike Swims said. "We'll have two complete nights of racing, two different sanctioning bodies, and two national television networks here."

Along with the two \$10,000-to-win \$700-to-start races, the Swims Family is also putting up an additional \$30,000 in bonus money. The highest finishing driver in the NARA race on October 9 that also ran in the Xtreme race on October 8 will receive a \$10,000 bonus.

If a driver can win both races, there will be another \$10,000 bonus awarded. If that driver is a former Shootout winner, the Swims Family will add another \$10,000 to the bonus. Former Shootout winners still active include defending champion Don O'Neal, along with Dale McDowell, Scott Bloomquist, Billy Moyer, Wendell Wallace,

Coach

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While coaching, he was director of the East-West All-Stars from 1956-1977 and was a charter member of the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation, a member of the W Club and the Kentucky High School Coaches Association. He was also a scout for the Cleveland Indians and the Cincinnati Reds.

Mr. Branham retired in 1968, but remained a volunteer coach for WKU, while raising cattle on his farm.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Senseman Branham of Bowling Green.

Graveside services are scheduled for 2 p.m., today, at Richmond Memorial Cemetery in Prestonsburg. Rev. Bob Collins will officiate.

Slam

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new talent on their rosters. Mountain Christian Academy standout Landon Slone will be a Paintsville Tiger when the new season begins, as will teammate Jeremy Pack.

The Johnson Central camp was an opportunity for coaches to observe upcoming talent for next years team's. Three of the participating teams in the camp were without the services of key players due to baseball tournament play. The Johnson Central camp was a huge success. Other schools will hold camps this week. East Ridge and Perry County Central will both hold team camps during the upcoming week.

and Bill Frye.

If a former Shootout champion can sweep the weekend, and win both nights, the prize money and bonuses would add up to a \$50,000 payday.

Swims explained that the "Fan Friendly" format will also feature a no-time trial format for the October 9 NARA DirtCar event. Drivers will draw for a starting position in their respective heat races, and have to race their way into the starting field of the main event.

"The no time trial format on October 9 is a must see for race fans," Swims said. "The driver will have to get up on the wheel and race their way into the show. Not only will the big money be up for grabs, but there should also be some drama in the point battles for both series. Xtreme has the most lucrative point fund in dirt late

model racing today, and these guys will be battling harder than ever, as it will be their last chance for points before heading to the National Finals the following weekend in Knoxville, Iowa."

Swims said past Shootout ticket holders will be receiving their renewal forms in the mail during the next couple of weeks. Advance two-day reserved seats will go on sale to everyone else beginning July 1 starting at \$50 each. Two-day advance general admission tickets will also be available for \$45 each. Single day general admission tickets at the gate are \$25 each.

For more information call 770/926-5315, or E-mail dixiespeedway@aol.com. Additional information will be available in the near future on the Dixie Speedway web site at www.dixiespeedway.com

Future

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ent returning for the 2005 season includes a who's who from the 2004 campaign. Many of whom played on the 2003 15th Region title team.

"AC baseball will be fine," Kidd added. "In 2005, the program will return everyone that started and played significant innings this past spring."

Allen Central won the Floyd County Conference, finishing the season undefeated against in-county foes.

"Our preseason goals were to win the conference, the district and go .500" said Craig.

"We came close to reaching those goals. We won the conference, runner-up in the district and I think we went 14-18 with a tough schedule."

Kidd sees the ACHS baseball team making a whole lot of noise each of the next two seasons.

"A little more maturity should make this program tough to beat over the next couple years," said Kidd. "The AC baseball program has top-shelf kids, I'd put the character of these guys up against anyone."

"All of them are excellent students and just outstanding people. You throw their baseball skills in

on top of that, you've got the basis for good things in the future."

During the 2004 season, Allen Central played in several tournaments, including a Louisville tourney that pitted the Rebels against some of the top teams in the state.

Motor

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Mountain Motor Speedpark

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8-20 \$50.
Bomber Series Purse: 1. \$500; 2. \$200; 3. \$100; 4. \$75; 5. \$50; 6. \$25; 7. \$25; 8. \$25

Four-Cylinder Stock Purse: 1. \$200; 2. \$100; 3. \$50; 4. \$40; 5. \$30; 6. \$25; 7. \$20; 8. \$15.

Four-Cylinder Modified Purse: 1. \$300; 2. \$150; 3. \$75; 4. \$50; 5. \$40; 6. \$30; 7. \$20

8. \$15.
Admission prices: Grandstands \$10, Pits \$20.

Camp

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champions and the AFC runners-up, will open their 52nd season by opening training camp at Rose-Hulman Sunday, August 1, the first time in franchise history camp has opened in August.

The full squad reports August 1 and begins practice the following day.

The Colts will train at Rose-Hulman until Friday, August 20, when they establish operations at the Union Federal Football Center.

Caudill, listed as a nose tackle, comes to the Colts from the University of Kentucky, following a four-year career that saw him enter every season as a starter along the Wildcat offensive line. Caudill is now working for a spot on the Colts roster and playing time along the Indy defensive line.

All Colts practices in Terre Haute, Ind. are free and open to the public.

Indianapolis Colts training camp schedule

Sunday, August 1 Players report by 2:00 p.m.

Monday, August 2 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 3 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (p.m. session is

special teams only)
Wednesday, August 4 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 5 3:30 p.m. (p.m. session is special teams only)

Friday, August 6 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 7 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, August 8 NO PRACTICE

Monday, August 9 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (p.m. session is special teams only)

Tuesday, August 10 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 11 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (p.m. session is special teams only)

Thursday, August 12 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Friday, August 13 NO PRACTICE

Saturday, August 14 Colts at San Diego Chargers, 9:00 p.m. (EST)

Sunday, August 15 NO PRACTICE

Monday, August 16 11:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (p.m. session is special teams only)

Tuesday, August 17 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 18 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (p.m. session is special teams only)

Thursday, August 19 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Softball tournament slated for Pikeville

A softball tournament will be held June 26-27 at the Pikeville Cut-Thru at the big field beside the track. Entry fee for the tournament is \$120.

The first-place team will receive a trophy and 15 T-shirts. Second-place and third-place teams will each receive a trophy, MVP and home run trophies will also be awarded.

For more information, call Mark Cornette at 606/432-2657 or Karl Mullins at 606/432-4658.

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Testaverde back with Parcels

IRVING, Texas — Vinny Testaverde and Bill Parcels were reunited when the quarterback signed a one-year, \$1 million contract with the Dallas Cowboys.

The New York Jets released Testaverde this week, ending a six-year run for his hometown team in an expected salary-cap

move.

His first two seasons there were with Parcels. In the last two, he was Chad Pennington's backup, although he started seven games last season when Pennington was out with a hand injury.

DENVER — Shannon Sharpe formally announced his

retirement.

Sharpe is leaving the Denver Broncos to become a member of "The NFL Today" show on CBS. He was an eight-time Pro Bowl selection, winning two Super Bowls with Denver and one with Baltimore during his career. He's the NFL's career leader in

receptions (815) and yards (10,060) for tight ends, and last season he passed Jerry Smith for most touchdowns with 62.

BASEBALL

LOS ANGELES — Dodgers center fielder Milton Bradley was suspended for four games for his tantrum after an ejection earlier this week.

Los Angeles manager Jim Tracy was suspended for one game. Bradley and Tracy also were fined undisclosed amounts by Bob Watson, baseball's vice president of on-field operations.

Bradley was ejected by umpire Terry Craft in the sixth inning of Tuesday night's loss to Milwaukee.

Tracy restrained Bradley, who then took off his batting gloves and left them near home plate with his bat and helmet.

When Bradley reached the top step of the dugout, he grabbed a ball bag and tossed baseballs onto the field. He also threw a ball to the warning track in left field.

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Angels pitcher John Lackey was suspended for five games, and Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia was banned for one.

Both Lackey and Scioscia were ejected by Jim Reynolds on May 24 after Lackey threw a pitch that grazed Simon Pond's jersey. A warning was issued earlier in the game.

NEWARK, N.J. — Former major league umpire Al Clark was sentenced to four months in prison for his part in selling

baseballs that he and a memorabilia dealer falsely claimed were used in historic games.

The games included the ones when Cal Ripken Jr. tied and broke Lou Gehrig's record for the longest playing streak.

After prison, Clark must serve four months under house arrest. Chief U.S. District Judge John W. Bissell fined Clark \$10,000 and ordered him to repay \$40,000, including \$7,920 to a Texas man who

paid that amount for one of the bogus balls.

Clark, 56, pleaded guilty Feb. 23 to a single count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud.

Also pleading guilty then was his friend, memorabilia dealer Richard Graessle Jr., 43, of Millburn, who pleaded guilty to tax evasion for his role in the scheme. He is to be sentenced June 8. — The Associated Press

NASCAR places Wimmer on probation for remainder of season

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HIGH POINT, N.C. — Scott Wimmer had his day in court Tuesday, answering to charges for driving under the influence. Wimmer was arrested January 31 after an accident in High Point, N.C.

The court heard Wimmer's case and found him guilty of dri-

ving under the influence. The verdict resulted in a level five conviction, the lowest conviction for such charges.

Wimmer will serve 24 hours of community service in a 30-day period. He must also undergo an alcoholic assessment, which he has already completed. Wimmer's conviction will not result in a loss of license.

The charges of delay and obstruction against Wimmer's wife, Jody, were dismissed.

Since Wimmer was found guilty, the court returned an automatic appeal; however, Wimmer will resign the appeal in front of Supreme Court and accept the ruling of the courts.

"I respect the decision of the courts," said Wimmer. "I've been very fortunate to have the support of my sponsor, my family and the entire Bill Davis Racing family throughout all of this. I'm eager to put all of this behind me and move forward. My next commitment to putting all of this behind me is to try and help others from

making the same mistake that I've made."

NASCAR released a statement Wednesday, saying it had placed Wimmer on probation for the remainder of the season. Wimmer will also be forced to participate in an undisclosed community service program at the request of the sanctioning body.

"NASCAR is confident that Scott Wimmer has put this situation behind him, and will move on with his life and career in a positive manner," the statement said. "We have been in constant contact with Wimmer and his car owner, Bill Davis.

"Wimmer has expected responsibility for his actions and has truly shown remorse for what has transpired. In addition to placing Scott on probation for the duration of the season, we are in the process of arranging appropriate community service activities that will allow Scott to help others.

"Scott is cooperating fully with us in this project."

Johnson to run SpongeBob paint scheme in October

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Lowe's announced Wednesday it plans to turn the Oct. 15 night race at Lowe's Motor Speedway into the most "family-friendly race" in NASCAR history.

The first component of the plan is the announcement that "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie" will be the title sponsor for the 300-mile Busch race nationally televised on TNT on Oct. 15 at 8 p.m. ET.

"Lowe's Presents The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie 300" will be the first race of its kind where children at the track will be able to listen to a special radio broadcast of the event. The broadcast, with announcers to be named later, will give children the opportunity to enjoy listening to live action just like their parents, but in a "kid friendly" manner.

"This sounds so cool," said NASCAR Nextel Cup driver Jimmie Johnson who will join Kyle Busch in driving special "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie" paint schemes during the race. "I know there are a lot of families who will be excited that Lowe's is doing this. The great thing is there will be something for every type of race fan. Plus how can we go wrong with SpongeBob helping us out on the car?"

In addition to the "kid friendly" radio broadcast of the event, Lowe's and Lowe's Motor Speedway also will present special race ticket offers for families, give away special SpongeBob merchandise, setup

kids activities before the race, provide a designated family section, and create a special kids menu at the Lowe's Motor Speedway concession stands.

"Lowe's and its 150,000 employees spend most of their time in business helping our customers and their families maintain and improve their homes," said Bob Gfeller, Lowe's senior vice president of marketing. "The Nickelodeon SpongeBob colors we offer at Lowe's were designed to make children's rooms and play rooms more exciting. The SpongeBob SquarePants paint scheme is an extension of this and is fueled with bright colors to light up the race track."

Humpy Wheeler, president and general manager of Lowe's Motors Speedway, said bringing together Speedway Motorsports Inc., Lowe's and Nickelodeon, home of the widely popular animated series "SpongeBob SquarePants", is significant to NASCAR's future.

"For years we've worked hard to build our NASCAR Busch Series program into fun, family-oriented events, including family grandstands, free tickets to local scouts and even a car-eating robotic dinosaur," said H.A. Humpy Wheeler, president and general manager of Lowe's Motor Speedway. "This partnership with Nickelodeon Movies and Lowe's is by far the biggest step we've taken to bring family value entertainment and combine it with exciting NASCAR racing. I have joked for years, that I'm just a 12-year-old in a man's body, so

this will be special to me as well."

The race will mark Johnson's first appearance in the Busch Series since 2001. Johnson's No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet will sport the SpongeBob character while Busch's No. 5 Lowe's Chevrolet will be outfitted with SpongeBob's starfish buddy Patrick.

"SpongeBob SquarePants The Movie," produced by Nickelodeon Movies and distributed by Paramount Pictures, is due in theaters Nov. 19, 2004.

Information on "The SpongeBob 300" including merchandise, special ticket offers and upcoming appearances, may be found on Lowersracing.com.

Gordon to run 'Play for a Billion' paint scheme

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jeff Gordon Tuesday unveiled the No. 24 DuPont/Pepsi "Play for a Billion" color scheme that he will race in the Pepsi 400 on July 3 at the Daytona International Speedway. The paint-out highlights Pepsi's "Play for a Billion" Sweepstakes, one of the largest promotions in the history of television with the extraordinary possibility for one lucky person to become a billionaire.

The Pepsi "Play for a Billion" Sweepstakes guarantees a \$1 million winner who will then have the chance to play for an additional \$1 billion. Consumers may enter by purchasing specially marked Pepsi products and entering the sweepstakes codes at www.BillionSweeps.com. Two hundred sweepstakes winners will be flown to Los Angeles, Calif. in September to compete for the grand prize.

NASCAR fans who watch the Pepsi 400 race airing on FOX on July 3 will also have a chance to win a spot as a contestant in the "Play for a Billion" Sweepstakes. Here's how this enter, watch & win works:

Go to www.BillionSweeps.com/sports to enter the Pepsi 400 sweepstakes and get your Pepsi 400 game code.

During the FOX broadcast of the Pepsi 400, Pepsi will reveal the winning code and if your code matches, you win.

The winner will travel to Los Angeles, Calif., to appear on the televised one-hour prime-time special and compete for a chance to win the \$1

billion prize. One of the contestants is guaranteed to win \$1 million.

Jeff Gordon raced in the No. 24 DuPont/Pepsi "Play for a Billion" color scheme at last year's Pepsi 400. Just last month Gordon took the checkered flag at the Aaron's 499 NASCAR Nextel Cup while driving the Dupont/Pepsi Chevrolet. After scoring two wins and nine top-10 finishes this season, Gordon currently holds the third position in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series standings.

"It's great to be a part of the Pepsi "Play for a Billion" sweepstakes again this year," said Jeff Gordon. "A billion dollars is an incredible prize and I will be on the edge of my seat with the rest of America watching the show to see if some lucky person becomes a billionaire."

The partnership between Pepsi-Cola, Jeff Gordon and Hendrick Motorsports is entering its seventh year and is highlighted by Pepsi's associate sponsorship of the #24 DuPont Chevrolet in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series. Gordon has starred in three television commercials for Pepsi's flagship brand since 1998 and will be included in promotional activities through the 2005 season.

Pepsi's involvement with NASCAR began when the sport was introduced in 1948. Today, Pepsi serves its products at 16 of the 23 Nextel Cup Series tracks and is the title sponsor of NASCAR Nextel Cup races in Daytona Beach, Fla. (Pepsi 400) and Darlington, S.C. (Mountain Dew Southern 500).

201 Speedway Points Standings through May 29

(Points are listed for each driver)

LATE MODELS

1. Rod Evans, 200
2. Dave Hackathorn, 185
3. Rodney Davis, 160
4. Scott Hall, 135
5. Robert Fletcher, 125
6. Michael Paul Howard, 125
7. David Smith, 95
8. David Powers, 85
9. Jim Edmeister, 80
10. Chris Wilson, 80
11. Tom Hall, 70
12. G.C. Erwin, 65
13. Benny Felner, 65
14. Daniel Williams, 60
15. Chad Estep, 55
16. Corey McKenzie, 45

BOMBERS

1. Buck Lemaster, 285
2. Scooter Lemaster, 260
3. Ronnie Booth, 240
4. Ervin Blair, 235
5. Kenneth Howell, 210
6. Bo Howard, 200
7. Michael Paul Howard, 200
8. Charlie Jude, 175
9. John Fairchild, 165
10. Dustin Tharp, 125
11. Davey Warnock, 110
12. Scott Lemaster, 95
13. Eddie Hatliff, 95
14. Gary Cunagin, 75

SUPER BOMBERS

1. Glen Patton, 200
2. Brent McCormick, 175
3. Beadie Blackburn, 175
4. Jim Lemaster, 160
5. Lester Robinette, 160
6. Dennis Deboard, 160
7. Elva Smith, 145
8. Jackie Buskirk, 75
9. Tom Crabtree, 70
10. Ricky Dials, 60
11. Randy Fannin, 55

MODIFIEDS

1. Tim More, 285
2. Clint Shutts, 275
3. Mike Osborne Sr., 255
4. Shon Flanary, 225
5. Mike Osborne Jr., 225
6. Sammy Brown, 205
7. B.J. Osborne, 180
8. Keith Sanson, 100
9. Mary Meade, 95
10. Bill Butcher, 95
11. Tony Sites, 75
12. Keegan Tussey, 75
13. Darren Muncy, 70
14. Dave Kelly, 65
15. Jason Ball, 60
16. George Cantubury, 45
17. Brad Hensley, 40
18. James Ball, 35
19. Billy Butcher, 25

ROAD HOGS

1. Wes Bailey, 290
2. Rick Baker, 285
3. Dereck Powers, 240
4. Walt Castle, 175
5. Wes Blair, 155
6. Mikey Wallen, 150
7. A.J. Stambaugh, 90
8. Jerry Honeycutt, 90
9. Chris Stambaugh, 80

MODIFIED FOURS

1. Marty Hall, 295
2. Jack Clevenger, 250
3. James D. Mosley, 150
4. Gary Prater, 150
5. Stacy Hall, 100
6. Jason Hall, 90
7. D.J. Henson, 90
8. Shannon Pence, 85
9. David Lovins, 80
10. Leroy Newsome, 75
11. Jason Vance, 70
12. Jamie Hamilton, 65

REGULAR FOURS

1. Mark Jude, 285
2. Mary English, 250
3. Alerd Newsome, 195
4. Mike Mayhan, 170
5. Ronnie Maynard, 165
6. Tim Mayhan, 160
7. Brian Pinson, 85
8. Jr. Blackburn, 80
9. Shawn Blackburn, 80
10. Eric McKinney, 75
11. Audie Keeton, 70

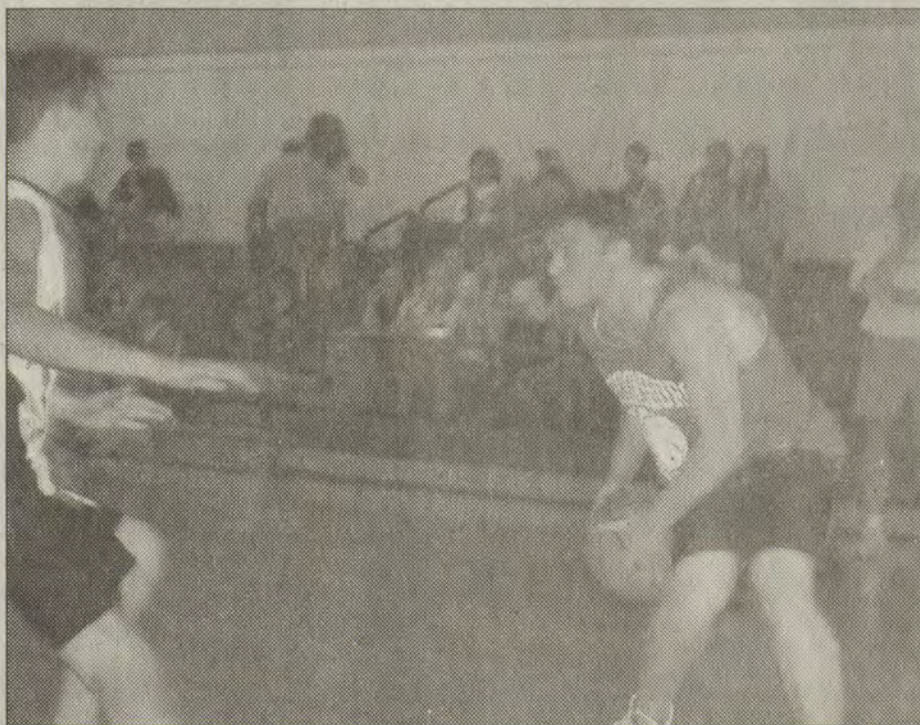


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Johnson Central High School head coach Les Trimble and two of his players looked on during a Summer Slam game against 15th Region foe Prestonsburg

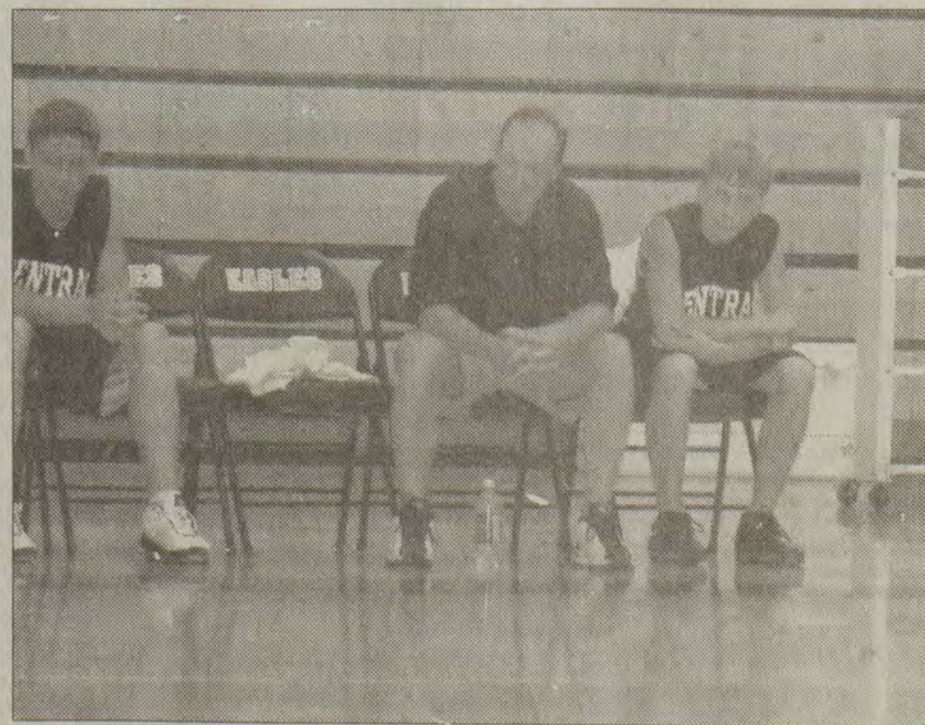


photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg senior-to-be Joe Blackburn looked to make a move during a game in the Johnson Central Summer Slam. In their first game, the Prestonsburg Blackcats took on host Johnson Central.

Coca-Cola 600 TV ratings top Indy 500

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The rating for the rain-shortened Indianapolis 500 was down 11 percent from last year, and was lower than the weekend's NASCAR race for the third straight year.

The race on ABC on Sunday, which was delayed at the start for two hours because of rain and stopped for an hour and 47 minutes after 27 laps, got a 4.1 rating, down from 4.6 last year.

Buddy Rice won the race, which was stopped about 50 miles from its scheduled finish because of the weather.

Not surprisingly, Fox's coverage of the Coca-Cola 600 NASCAR race performed better, with a 5.0 rating. The 22 percent disparity was the largest since the NASCAR races overtook the Indy 500 in the ratings three years ago.

The rating is the percentage of all homes with televisions, whether or not they are in use.

EKU captures OVC All-Sports Trophies

3TIMES STAFF REPORT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Eastern Kentucky University doubled up on awards at the annual Ohio Valley Conference Awards Banquet on Thursday afternoon, taking home both the men's and women's All-Sports Trophy.

The men won the trophy outright while the women shared top honors with Samford. The All-Sports Trophy is awarded to the men's and women's program that

proves to be the best in the league over the course of the year. Points are awarded for each team's finish in each sport.

The men's program takes home the trophy for the first time since the 1994-95 academic year, which culminated a run of four straight All-Sports victories for Colonel teams. The 2003-04 All-Sports Trophy is the 11th overall for the EKU men.

The women's program brings home the All-Sports

Trophy for the first time since the 1993-94 campaign, which capped a three-year run for the Lady Colonels. This year's women's All-Sports Trophy also marks a first for the OVC — it's the only time in the 24-year history of the award that there has been a tie for first place. A tie has also only occurred once in the history of the men's trophy and it also involved EKU as the Colonels and Murray State took home top honors in 1988-89.

"I want to congratulate the

nearly 300 Eastern Kentucky student-athletes, the coaches, and staff for their tremendous efforts in making this happen. These were goals we set in August and it was a tremendous accomplishment for our athletic program to make those goals a reality," said athletic director John Shafer.

Shafer also added that winning the trophies took a combined effort from everyone involved.

"It was truly a team effort from everyone involved. From President [Joanne] Glasser to the coaches, staff, and student-athletes, everyone worked extremely hard this year and the hard work really paid off."

Glasser echoed Shafer's sentiments.

"These awards testify to the comprehensive excellence of our men's and women's athletics programs and to the quality of our coaches, student-athletes and support staff. I join the entire campus community and our fans in taking great pride in this tremendous collective achievement," said Glasser.

Eastern Kentucky competes in 16 of the 17 championship sports sponsored by the Ohio Valley Conference. EKU won two conference titles on the year — women's cross country

and softball — and placed fourth or better in 12 sports.

Also, longtime Eastern Kentucky athletic trainer Dr. Bobby Barton was inducted into the OVC Hall of Fame during the luncheon cere-

monies. Barton's induction marked the third straight year that a person affiliated with EKU has been so honored. Barton is the first athletic trainer to be inducted into the OVC shrine.

Stephen Carter named Third Team All-American by Collegiate Baseball

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — The Louisville Slugger NCAA Division I All-American baseball teams were announced today. Eastern Kentucky University senior outfielder Stephen Carter was named to the third team.

Carter becomes the third Colonel in the past two seasons to receive All-America honors from Collegiate Baseball. Last season, current Lexington Legend Josh Anderson was

named to the first team, while senior third baseman Neil Sellers earned third team accolades. Prior to Anderson and Sellers, the last recipient was in 1995 when Joe Witten was named to the All-Freshman team. Carter becomes the seventh baseball All-American at EKU since the 1982 season.

"This is a tremendous honor for Stephen and it speaks volumes about the type of season he had," said EKU head coach Elvis Dominguez. "I think the fact that we've had three hon-

orees in the past two seasons also says a lot about the progress and direction of our program."

Carter earned All-Ohio Valley Conference First Team honors this season and was selected as the 2004 OVC Player of the Year in voting by the league's head baseball coaches and sports information directors.

Tabbed as a "Top Player to Watch" by Baseball America in its 2004 preseason edition, Carter, ranked among league leaders in six offensive categories this year. He led the conference and ranked second nationally with a .462 batting average, tallying 28 multiple-hit outings while posting an OVC-best .546 on-base percentage. The senior leftfielder also topped the OVC with 21 stolen bases in 30 attempts (.700) and recorded a .541 slugging percentage, pounding out 14 doubles and a home run among 82 hits while collecting 99 total bases. In addition, he drove in 41 runs and scored 50 more. The Louisville, Ky., native had a team-high 16-game hitting streak earlier in the season. Defensively, Carter committed just five errors in 72 chances for a .931 fielding percentage. A two-time All-OVC honoree, he was the second straight EKU player, and seventh overall, to earn OVC Player of the Year honors.

Transy adds Washington County standout

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — George Clements, a 6-9 forward at Washington County, has decided to continue his basketball career at Transylvania, Pioneers' head coach Brian Lane said Friday.

Clements, a three-year starter, averaged nine points and seven rebounds a game. He is the son of Pat and Rita Clements of Springfield.

The forward was named to the All-CKAC team as a senior and was a member of the All-District Tournament team. He will join a Transylvania team that loses just one senior.

"George is a very experienced post player who really showed improvement during his senior season," said Lane, who is in his third season at Transy. "He had a tremendous work

ethic and we are fortunate to get him. He will bring an immediate presence inside with his size and versatility."

Transy posted a 16-10 record last year, and finished third in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference with a 9-5 mark.

The Pioneers have completed the transition process from the NAIA to NCAA Division III status and will be eligible for both conference and Division III post-season play next year.

Bengals waive three players

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals on Friday waived three players, including veteran offensive lineman Alex Sulfsted and two college free agents.

Sulfsted, a guard who would be entering his third NFL season, has played in 14 career games including three starts, all with the Washington Redskins in 2002. He played for Mariemont High in suburban Cincinnati and Miami of Ohio.

Also waived were linebacker Joe Siofele, from Arizona, and tight end Michael Walker, from Minnesota-Morris. The Bengals had signed them as college free agents on May 9.

Pioneer baseball team completes record-breaking campaign

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — Transylvania had its most successful baseball season in history in 2004, setting numerous team and individual records in the process.

Transy ended the year with a school-record 28 wins in 39 games and finished second in the Heartland Conference race with a 13-8 record. It was the first winning record for the Pioneers since 1963 and the first since baseball regained intercollegiate status at the school in 1996. Transy's 13 conference wins was the most in the school's three years in the league and its second place finish was also its best ever.

The Pioneers, coached by Lee Rose, posted a 39-34 record from 1961-65, including a 14-1 mark in 1962 and an 11-6 record in 1963. The team finished under .500 for six years in a row before the sport was discontinued following the 1971 season. Resuming play in 1996, the Pioneers' previous best record was a 20-22 effort in 2000.

Coach Shayne Stock's third

Transy team established several team hitting and pitching records this year, including team batting average (.348) and earned run average (3.80). The Pioneers also set records for runs with 299, home runs with 22, and RBI with 263.

Bryan Vasse, a freshman infielder from Louisville, posted the best batting average in the modern history of the program with a .423 average. His hit total of 60 was also a record. Junior outfielder/designated hitter Taylor McDonald of Frankfort set new records for home runs in a single season with 11 and RBIs with 49. The old marks were six home runs and 40 RBI. He also hit .410, which also shattered the previous record of .391 set by Jon Estep in 2000 when he had 59 hits in 151 at bats.

In 21 conference games only, McDonald led the HCAC in hitting (.468), hits (36), and RBI (26), and he was second in doubles with nine and total bases with 62. His five conference home runs ranked third in the league.

Transy's team batting average of .334 in conference play ranked

HORSE RACING: California racing board seeks to raise weight minimum

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ever-dieting jockeys in California may be able occasionally to go back for seconds if a proposed change in weight minimums is approved.

The California Horse Racing Board approved for public notice and comment on Thursday a rule establishing a minimum weight of 118 pounds for thoroughbred and Arabian races. The minimum weight currently is as low as 103 pounds.

The proposed changes, which also would require that jockeys

maintain a minimum body fat content of not less than 5 percent, will be discussed at a public hearing to be held sometime after July. The CHRB then will decide whether to make the changes.

Jockeys have pushed for a higher weight limit for years, complaining that the dieting, time in a sweat box and other such practices to keep their weight down take a toll on their health.

"We've all been made aware of the great health crisis that results from jockeys reducing to the point of abusing their bodies," CHRB vice chairman Roger Licht said in a statement from the board's headquarters in Sacramento.

"These changes will help jockeys. And they will benefit the public because bettors will know that whatever they see listed in the weight program is actually being carried."

The Jockeys' Guild made the weight proposals, and guild representative Darrell Haire said that if the changes were in effect when he was riding, "I wouldn't have had to do what I did to my body."

Jockeys would be weighed without any clothing or equipment to determine their weights. If below the minimum, they would carry lead weights or heavier gear to reach the assigned weight for a race.

The raised minimum would mean that the higher-weighted horses in a race would carry more pounds than now.

The minimum weight for jockeys riding in quarterhorse and other races would be 123 pounds.

Apprentice riders, who often are in their teens and still growing, would not have to meet the weight minimums, and the minimum body fat rule would be optional for riders licensed in the United States before Dec. 31, 2003.

Big City Spender wins Churchill Downs feature

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Big City Spender took the lead at the top of the stretch and pulled away for a 2 3/4-length victory in Thursday's featured \$47,900 allowance for 3-year-olds at Churchill Downs.

The son of Carson City covered the seven furlongs over a "fast" track in 1:23.75 with Craig Perret aboard and paid \$22.60, \$11.40 and \$8. Paradise Peak hung in for second after helping to set a quick early pace and paid \$7.40 and \$5.40. Bubba Gum finished 1 3/4 lengths back in third and paid \$9.20.

Big City Spender — whose owners include Carl Browning, Thomas Musselman and his trainer, Vickie Foley — earned \$29,995 to increase his lifetime total to \$69,968. The victory was his second in five lifetime starts.

Pepsi Junior Golf Tour 2004 Remaining Schedule

Course	City	Date
Madisonville	Madisonville	Monday, June 7
Boone Links	Florence	Monday, June 7
The Links @ Novadell	Hopkinsville	Tuesday, June 8
Peninsula	Lancaster	Wednesday, June 9
Hopkinsville	Hopkinsville	Wednesday, June 9
Western Hills	Hopkinsville	Thursday, June 10
Lincoln Trail	Vine Grove	Thursday, June 10
Mayfield	Mayfield	Friday, June 11
Lakeside	Lexington	Monday, June 14
Picadom	Lexington	Tuesday, June 15
Westfield - Round 1	Bardstown	Wednesday, June 16
Charlie Vettiner	Louisville	Friday, June 18
Midland Trail	Louisville	Monday, June 21
Lakewood	Russell Springs	Tuesday, June 22
Canewood	Georgetown	Wednesday, June 23
Shawnee	Louisville	Thursday, June 24, 2004
Campbellsville	Campbellsville	Monday, June 28
Kentucky Dam Village	Gilbertsville	Tuesday, June 29
Doe Valley	Brandenburg	Wednesday, June 30
Pine Valley	Elizabethtown	Thursday, July 1
Glasgow	Glasgow	Friday, July 02, 2004
Mineral Mounds	Eddyville	Monday, July 12
Kenny Perry's	Franklin	Tuesday, July 13
Mt. Sterling	Mt. Sterling	Wednesday, July 14
The Crossings	Louisville	Thursday, July 15
Tates Creek	Lexington	Monday, July 19
Maywood	Bardstown	Tuesday, July 20
Weissinger Hills	Shelbyville	Wednesday, July 21
Shelbyville	Shelbyville	Thursday, July 22
Iroquois	Louisville	Friday, July 23
Woodlawn Springs	Bardstown	Monday, July 26
Juniper Hills	Frankfort	Tuesday, July 27
Stone Crest	Prestonsburg	Wednesday, July 28
Green Meadows	Pikeville	Thursday, July 29

Feagan named Transy men's basketball MVP

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — Nick Feagan, a sophomore from Verona, was named Transylvania's men's basketball MVP for the 2004 season.

Feagan, a first-team All-Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference choice, was Transy's leading scorer at 15.2 points a game and its second-leading rebounder with 5.5 per contest. He hit 52 percent of his field goal attempts and canned 38 percent of his three-point tries. Feagan also helped Transy set a new school free throw shooting record by hitting 82.7 percent at the line.

Feagan led the Pioneers to a 16-9 record overall and to a second place finish in the HCAC with a 9-5 mark.

photo by Jamie Howell

The Prestonsburg bench looked on during an exhibition game against Johnson Central.





Late Model driver Chuckie May (left) and Limited Late Model driver Chris Combs (below) each won feature races at Half Mountain Speedway on Saturday, May 29.



Casey

"I've known Randy for a number of years," said Belfry Principal Rod Varney. "First, he's an excellent teacher. And there are many things that come up throughout the year that requires attention, and Randy has always been one of those people who would step up to the plate and do whatever it takes to make this school a success. "Randy is a valuable asset" Casey has coached baseball at Belfry for eight years now. Thursday night, his team took a 5-2 lead into the bottom of the seventh in the regional semifinals against Paintsville and led with two outs and an 0-2 count on the batter before the Tigers rallied for the win, ending his dreams of a regional title. He'll now turn his attention

to basketball, and quickly - Casey has already begun practicing. He knows the time is now. "My wife even said to me, 'Now here's what you've wanted all the time, now what are you going to do?'" he said with a laugh. Casey also knows the value of success across the board at Belfry. Athletics teams at Belfry have won several regional titles the last couple of years, and the coach was introduced the morning before the school's softball team tried to defend its regional crown. And, of course, the football team won the Double-A state championship this season. The correlation is there, Casey said. "It carries over," he said.

"Part of our success in baseball can be attributed to football. We've got some of those same kids, and they come out of football as winners. That's what we have to do here - we have to learn how to win. "All of our good athletes have to play everything. It's got to carry over from sport to sport." One of those on hand Friday was football coach Philip Haywood, who called Casey a personal friend and shares his across-the-board philosophy. "Coach Casey and I have talked over the years that we think it's important that kids be allowed to play any sport they want to play," Haywood said. "That's always been an important part of any athletics program. "And now that our school's a little smaller, it's even more important. But we've always had a great tradition of working to make sure the kids have time to play all sports." Casey has his goals lined up for this year, making it clear by them that he's in this for the long haul. The coach wants his players to improve every game, play with passion each night and represent the school properly. "If we can do those things this first year," he said, "I think we'll be well on our way to establishing ourselves."

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Hatfield-McCoy races set for Saturday

TIMES STAFF REPORT
PIKEVILLE - The fifth annual Hatfield-McCoy Marathon & Half Marathon races will be held Saturday as part of the annual Hatfield-McCoy Festival. Both events will start at 7 a.m. in the Food City Parking Lot in Goody. The Hatfield-McCoy Marathon has something for everyone, from 26.2 and 13.1 mile runs to the kids' Once Around The Block Mini Marathon. The Hatfield-McCoy Marathon is part of the Hatfield-McCoy Reunion Festival which will be held June 10-13. Proceeds from the race will go to support TVRRC

(Tug Valley Road Runners Club) children's running programs and scholarship funds. The two best ways to get to the race are US 119 and US 52. Hotel rooms are available. There will be a pasta dinner available at the Brass Tree Restaurant on Friday at 6 p.m. New for 2004 will be a post-race pig fest that will also include music. This year when you register, unless you are a "True Hatfield" or a "Real McCoy," the field of runners will be divided in half and designated Hatfields or McCoys. For more information, contact David Hatfield by calling 606/353-1626.

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KENTUCKY GOLF TOURNAMENTS 2004

- KGA REMAINING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**
June 15 - BellSouth State Amateur Championship, Traditions GC
June 23 - US Public Links Qualifying, Shawnee GC
June 28 - Fred Allen Two-Man Champ, Kearney Hill GL
June 28 - US Junior Amateur Qualifying, Bowling Green CC
July 12 - Page & Tuttle Father-Child Championship, Bowling Green CC/ Indian Hills CC
July 28 - US Amateur Qualifyin, Cherry Blossom G&CC
Aug. 28 - KY Public Links Championship, Weissinger Hills GC
Aug. 20 - 5/3 Bank Mid-Amateur Champ, Danville CC
Sept. 3 - US Mid-Amateur Qualifying, Cherry Blossom G&CC
Sept. 9 - US Senior Amateur Qualifying, Greenbrier G&CC
- SKGA REMAINING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**
June 21 - Summer Special, Gibson Bay G&CC
July 26 - Senior/Amateur Championship, Madisonville CC
August 9 - Amazon.com Senior Special, Campbellsville CC
August 23 - Match Play, South Park CC
Sept. 16 - Fall Special/Kenny Rapier (Formerly known as My Old Kentucky Home)

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DIRT NATION 'DREAM' SHOW: Bloomquist, Smith, Eckert, Boos

by DOC LEHMAN
DIRT NATION presented by Switchme.net, co-sponsored by Virginia Motor Speedway and Dirt America Online presented by GottaRace.com, and one of the fastest growing and most popular weekly racing radio programs broadcast over the world wide web, will host a special show Monday evening, spotlighting the upcoming THE DREAM \$100,000 to win dirt Late Model extravaganza at Eldora Speedway. DIRT NATION presented by Switchme.net is hosted each week by the Rat Pack, featuring Dave Seay, Brian Tidball and Doc Lehman and airs every Monday evening from 8-10 p.m. EST and can be accessed over the internet at: www.racetalklive.com

ered No. 00 sponsored by Claney & Sons Construction, Whites Auto Sales, White Oak Motorsports and Aggressive Signs. Rick Eckert of York, Pa. won the 1999 edition of THE DREAM and currently competes on the World of Outlaws Late Model Series where he currently sits fourth in points driving the Raye Vest-owned Rocket Chassis/Cornett Engines nNo. 24 sponsored by Raye Vest Excavating, J&J Steel, Rocket Chassis and Cornett Engines. In addition to the special guests, news and results, other surprises will be in store for listeners on Monday evening. In the coming weeks several

special shows are being planned that will include the UMP SUMMER NATIONALS preview show that will air Monday June 14 with UMP's Bob Sargent & Ken Schrader as well as several top UMP drivers. A special All Star Circuit of Champions Sprint Car show is also being developed. Listeners can participate by calling 877/899-7223 or by instant messenger at dirtnation2003 at any of the following instant messenger services online, AIM, MSN or yahoo. You can also e-mail Dirt Nation at dirtnation2003@yahoo.com and submit your tracks or tours results to racereporter@hotmail.com To listen to the program visit: www.racetalklive.com

Appearing on Dirt Nation presented by Switchme.net will be Eldora Speedway P.R. Director Larry Boos and former THE DREAM champions Scott Bloomquist, Freddy Smith and Rick Eckert. The 10th Annual THE DREAM will be held the weekend of June 11-12 at Ohio's famed Eldora Speedway and will see a cash payout of \$100,000 to the 100-lap feature winner, while all main event starters are guaranteed a minimum of \$1500. Larry Boos is a veteran in motorsports management. A former promoter, including a long and successful stint as the promoter at Sandusky Speedway during its heyday, Boos has since been a long time staff member and an integral part of Eldora Speedway working side by side with track owner Earl Baltes. Boos will provide an update of what fans and teams can expect and offer his perspective on the race and Eldora Speedway's 50th anniversary.

Cumberland College Track competes at Nationals

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES
WILLIAMSBURG - The Cumberland College track team took nine qualifying athletes to compete at the NAIA National Outdoor Track Meet in Louisville. On the men's side, senior Jon Brenenstuhl of Brunswick, Ohio had the top finish for his team when he took third place in the 10,000-meter run with a time of 31:36. Brenenstuhl had taken nearly a month to recover due to an injury prior to his competition at Nationals. When asked about how this affected him he said, "The race went out slow, which was exactly how I wanted it since I hadn't been training. "Overall, I was very satisfied with my race." He also competed in the 5,000-meter run the next day and received 18th place with a time of 15:34. Coach Floyd Stroud said he was very impressed by Brenenstuhl's effort. "Considering he missed a month of practice due to injury, it was a great feat to come back to be an All-American," Stroud said. Senior, Joe McDaniel, also of Brunswick, had a 1500-meter finish in 3:53 awarding him seventh place in the event. Jared Tackett, a sophomore from Jenkins, competed in the triple jump and did exceptionally well considering the circumstances. Tackett came up with an injury, a stress fracture, in his right leg before having to compete in the event at Nationals. His best jump was 13.45 meters, earning him 33rd place. LeNita White of Simpsonville, Kentucky, was the only scorer for the women's team when she threw 42.96 meters in the discuss.

This earned her eighth place and made her the second girl to ever score at the National meet for Cumberland. Erin Clouse of Westerville, Ohio, competed in the women's marathon. She ended the grueling 26.2 miles in a time of 3 hours, 27 minutes and 28 seconds. Having never competed in the marathon before she said, "It was a difficult race; it took a lot of mental toughness for me to get through a few parts of it. I was really happy to see the finish." Her time earned her 14th place in the event, Being the first to compete in this event for Cumberland, she now holds the school record. Clouse also received recognition for being a scholar athlete. To receive this, an athlete must have competed in Nationals and maintained a 3.5 grade-point average in academics. Sisters Kelly and Shelly Schnee of Milan, Ohio went on to compete in the semifinals of the 800-meter where Kelly ran 2:16 and Shelly ran 2:20. Each missed the finals by a narrow margin. The women's 4x400 meter relay team came three places shy of competing in the final round with a time of 3:55. It consisted of team members Kelly Schnee, Shelly Schnee, Sheri Reese of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Michelle Warnky of Westerville, Ohio. Coach Floyd Stroud received an award at the National Meet for receiving both men and women's coach of the year for his Region. He was the only coach to take both awards. When asked about his athlete's performance at Nationals he said, "We have had an excellent year, but things look even brighter for the future."

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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.

A IDEA

Pawing around on this desk for something else that is missing. I came up today with a missing letter from Florence Keathley Galindo, of California. She has an idea which strikes me as sound. If it could be administered properly. She writes:

"My contention is: Add a little to people's welfare checks when they do something. Merit system. Only way Appalachia will ever be cleaned up."

FROM ONE SENIOR TO OTHERS

This somehow reminds me of the story of the group of fathers of dependent children who showed up for class, a few nights back, slightly under the influence from imbibing something you aren't supposed to buy with Food Stamps. Their instructor raked them, fore and aft. Finally, when all grew quiet, one of the older men looked the group over and remarked, "Better straighten up, boys—you might lose out on the senior trip."

A candidate who didn't lose his precious sense of humor called to me today to take his

(See **WORLD**, page seven)

Please, keep 'em coming!

Our pet photos file needs replenishing, and we know that you have lots of precious pics to share with us, so, please, send them along! And while you're at it, help Dr. Carol get her creative thoughts jumpstarted by sending along a few questions about "pet things you've always wanted to know but have been afraid to ask"! You can send both pictures and questions to: Kathy Prater at the Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Potosi, 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!

MEET APPALACHIA



photo courtesy of Pikeville College

Robert is a prolific musician, the guitar being one of 20 instruments he's mastered.

Dr. Robert "Bob" Davis

Age: 52
Occupation: Associate Professor of Religion, Pikeville College
Education: Undergraduate Degree, University of Arizona; 2 graduate degrees, Princeton Theological Seminary
Life quote: "Human dignity is something each one of us has to generate to oneself and we have to recognize it in each other."

About 'Meet Appalachia'

Some people are just too big for words. Those I write today barely nip the corner in painting the complexities of Dr. Robert Davis, Associate Professor of Religion at Pikeville College. Dr. Davis instructed me in a Philosophy class this past semester, his last spent teaching at the college. He is terminally ill, suffering with a rare form of cancer that doctors say he will not recover from, yet he is taking charge of the disease with strength, optimism, and without fear. He's an amazing individual, one that has touched the hearts of many. His story, one of courage and wisdom, was both difficult and encouraging to write.

— MARY MUSIC

Bob Davis, Living

by MARY MUSIC
 STAFF WRITER

He sits in an oversized recliner, a Father's Day gift, and recalls the days of his youth. He remembers sailing with his grandparents to the New England shorelines, where they visited Revolutionary battle sites and historical homes. He remembers his first honeymoon, a cruise in the Bahamas, where he and his former wife watched a hurricane through a porthole in their room. Hurricanes, he says, are beautiful. He remembers traveling, a college man, to the Jersey shore, where he played in various Yacht Club bands with the likes of Linda Rondstat, whom he grew up with, and members of the Eagles and Bruce Springsteen's E-Street Band.

He smiles. A trilogy of harbor portraits depicting three glorious ships, outline the border of the wall behind him. His wife is in a chair near the fireplace, where she diligently pieces together a crossword puzzle. She talks of the mornings they spend sitting there near the bay window, watching robins and wrens gather at the rows of feeders in their yard.

It's barely raining, and the birds are there now, busying themselves at the troughs.

Meet Dr. Robert Davis, a Johnson county resident who came to teach in Appalachia 15 years ago. Though he dab-

bled with history during his first semester at Pikeville College, this "philosopher at heart" declares that his first love has always been entwined with his religious faith.

"I've always been a very strong Christian and I find that everything that I've done has begun and ended in that faith," he said. "One of the things I came to understand as a scholar is that there really is one unified body of what we call Wisdom. ...the truths God lets us see. We don't make it up, we discern it as we go along. Faith is an important constant. I've done a lot of things, been to a lot of different places. In the tragedies I suffered, religious faith has given me a basic foundation to define who I am and what I do."

Robert says his interest in religious studies began during his sophomore year at the University of Arizona, where he obtained an undergraduate degree. By the time he graduated, he'd already earned most of the credits needed for a masters in Philosophy. He took a semester off and was "heavily recruited" by Princeton Theological Seminary, where he returned to complete his studies.

He taught there and held a series of part time jobs—even completed a stint as a fireman—before coming to teach at Pikeville in 1989, an offer he's thankful for accepting.

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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Venom'

If you are tired of dealing with dopes and want to see the supremely stupid people of the world get punished, then I have a movie for you.

Most horror films depend on a little stupidity to get their characters into darkened rooms where chain-saw-wielding killers lie in wait, but this film absolutely adores the terminally dumb and spreads that trait around till it taints every character on screen. The tag line for this film could easily be "What were they thinking?"

The plot here is simple (how appropriate). Two servants hook up with a German criminal to kidnap the son of the rich family they work for in England.

Due to series of moronic maneuvers, they wind up blowing the kidnapping and getting trapped in a house with a deadly black mamba snake while the police show up and a hostage situation ensues.

The film depends on a catalogue of blunders that make a handy list of what not to do if you ever find yourself headed toward a situation like this. Here is what they do wrong:

1. The overprotective mother of an asthmatic boy neglects to check references and hires a nanny and a chauffeur with very long criminal records.
2. Then there's the pet shop owner who mistakes a lethal black mamba for a harmless grass snake and hands it over to a small boy who is unaccompanied by an adult.
3. The chauffeur freaks out and kills a policeman even though they haven't committed the crime of kidnapping yet.
4. You also have an ex-safari guide who knows all about mambas but still searches for it in a dark room without a light source.
5. My favorite, though, is the tough cop who takes charge and promptly hands the would-be kidnappers an extra hostage.

The smartest character here is the snake, who manages to only bite the bad guys and single-handedly (or is that no-handedly) foils their plot.

Okay, it's not the best snake movie, but what a cast. This is one of those flicks that was probably more scary to make. The actors here are a who's-who of temperamental and dangerous stars. You get Oliver Reed (as the chauffeur) who was a notorious drunk; Nicol Williamson (as the cop) who once stabbed another actor, while on stage, because he didn't like his performance; and then there is the king of crazies, Klaus Kinski (as the criminal mastermind). Kinski was well known for feuding with his directors

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Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Miracle

Richard L. Hartman, D.C.
 (FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE CHIROPRACTIC SOUL")

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At age 16, George James woke up one morning to discover that he had lost the vision in his right eye. Shocked and dismayed by this sudden loss, his mother immediately made arrangements for him to be examined at Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia. After extensive testing,

the doctors announced that they could not find the reason for his loss of sight. For an entire year, George continued to return for follow-up exams, hoping the doctors would find the cause of his problem. Later, he consulted a neurosurgeon, who suggested that he might be suffering from multiple sclerosis, which could account for his visual disturbance. Finally, George was referred to another renowned eye specialist in Philadelphia. Again, exhaustive testing and examination procedures were undertaken. The doctor had to hon-

estly and regretfully inform George that there was no known medical reason for his loss of vision.

Discouraged, George feared a life of disability and gradual deterioration from his suspected multiple sclerosis. For some 12 years longer, he lived with his problem, always expecting the worst.

Then, he woke up one morning with a severe headache and terrible neck pain. "Aspirins wouldn't even begin to touch it," he said. A very close friend suggested that he make an appointment with me. She felt

sure that chiropractic could help George with his headaches and neck pains.

George was skeptical, never having considered this type of treatment before. The pain continued, and George finally consented to give this new doctor a try. After all, what did he have to lose? Things couldn't get much worse! George called for his first appointment.

After a careful case history and examination, his spine was X-rayed

(See **SOUP** page seven)



Davis



photo courtesy of Pikeville College
The philosopher.



photo by Mary Music
Robert's strength can be seen in the way he copes with cancer.

"I could have done this anywhere," he said. "Why God wanted me to come to Pikeville, I've often wondered, but I've learned a great deal by teaching people who wanted to learn and be challenged....I suppose my 15 minutes of fame are coming to an end," he continued, noting that he's been targeted for 5 interviews. "I'd like it to be known that it's been an extraordinary privilege and honor to have lived here for 15 years, to have gotten to know the people I've become associated with at the college in Pikeville. My life is so much more enriched...I've lived in fascinating times since the day I got here, and there's more people than I could name or count to thank for that."

As a religious scholar, and especially during his years attending and teaching at his alma mater, Robert has had the privilege of befriending and sharing ideas with nationally renowned scholars in his field. Through these avenues, Robert says he now understands several life "truths."

"God is for me, he's not just

Lagoon

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and once tried to kill one on the set of "Fitzcaraldo." The director, Werner Herzog, actually made a documentary about their relationship called "My Best Fiend."

These guys chew up the scenery like they missed lunch and deliver high caliber emoting that more than makes up for the inane actions of their characters. The Black Mamba Cam also adds to the tension by giving the audience a snake's-eye view of the proceedings. It even has one of those 1980s endings where you are threatened with a sequel (which, surprise, surprise, never happened here).

Enjoy "Venom" folks because it is a lot safer than dealing with live idiots and much less annoying.

Best Line: "You can't think. You're an imbecile."
1982, Rated R.

World

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statement of thanks to the voters and friends. "Want to take my obituary?" he asked.

Wish I could find that old picture of a fence-rail stuck in a big hole in the middle of Third Street to warn unwary motorists and pedestrians. I'd like to print it alongside one of the street snapped after the fine surfacing job done yesterday.

EMPTY, MAN!

The biggest void in the world? It's not the Grand Canyon, or the limitless ocean space or even a peep into a pitch-black pit at midnight. It's the blank space on Page 1 of a newspaper when news is running slow and the clock ticks fast. Take it from one who knows.

the creator, not just a deity or a mind that winds a clock and lets it go," he said. "God is personal and relates to each and every individual."

God does not make the same distinctions humans make, he said, detailing his belief that God "reveals himself" through individuals like Jesus Christ or Buddha to every person, regardless of their culture or experiences.

During his first semester at Pikeville, Robert got the lesson of his life from a student in a religion course who requested, "Teach us, but don't try to change us."

That lesson carried through each of his classes for the next 15 years, the "careful scholar" said, noting that he doesn't avoid controversy, but doesn't care to generate it. It's important, he says, to teach highly personal subjects like religion objectively, encouraging students to understand the intention and setting of religious authors and sources.

"There has to be a fundamental relationship of respect that students and teachers have for any real learning to take place," he explained. "It's not for me or any of my colleagues from elsewhere to tell eastern Kentuckians how to live their lives... My job is to give people space to reach their own conclusions."

Robert aptly defines "real wisdom" as a combination of both human experiences and knowledge taken from the classroom, a definition that includes one's own personal perspectives of life.

Religion in Appalachia has evolved over the years, he says, in the areas of responsibilities given to female members and the definition of the "essential gospel truths," which have been passed through generations of church goers as a sort of Biblical folklore.

He attributes these changes to increased literacy and education, but also points out that "social formulas" have changed with women taking more leadership and professional roles.

Old Regular Baptist churches are currently going through "massive changes" in these areas, he said.

Growing up was difficult for Robert, whose high IQ stood as both a blessing and a burden.

"I was too smart for my own good," he said, noting that, at 5, he was "smarter than his parents and knew it."

His genius left him an outcast in classrooms of students who didn't understand him and placed a wedge between him and his family, one that seems to remain today.

Because of these difficulties, Robert was sent to live with his grandfather, an army Col., who, in working with the navy in Rhode Island, designed amphibious ships.

Robert's grandparents, "Revolutionary War buffs," sailed with him all over New England, visiting historical landmarks, experiences that helped shape his flavor for history, and his passion for sailing. He is one of 2 Pikeville College professors who never misses an American Cup Race.

"I was the crew, he was the captain," he said.

Living with his grandparents "redefined home" for Robert and offered him the opportunity to become more independent, a characteristic that has proven beneficial in his life.

The problems he faced with his nuclear family also led to his passion for music. Robert, whose mother and sister both play professionally, taught himself to play 20 different musical instruments, a gift that supported him during his college years.

"I can pick up an instrument and in three weeks I know how to play it," he said.

Though he gave up living the band life in his 30's, he's quick to point out that he's never fully "retired" from the musical arena.

Robert met Martha, his second wife, while teaching at Pikeville. She was a non-traditional student who says the man once "traumatized" her by giving her a "B" on a test. "Furious and seething," she went to his office to discuss the matter, but realized after the discussion that she deserved the grade. She took a "Religion in America" class under him during her senior year and began dating him after she graduated. The relationship sparked their 9 year marriage.

The couple have four children. Robert says that Martha is a

"God send," because her expertise as a pharmacy technician has helped him physically deal with the cancer he now bears.

Robert was diagnosed with the terminal illness 2 years ago, and is currently "tying up" the loose ends in his life and preparing for his death.

Like his high IQ, Robert describes his ailment as both a blessing and a burden, because he's acquired a rare form of the disease that offers its victims 2 to 3 "extra years." He says he's grateful for the extra time-- it helped him "wind out" his teaching career and turn a "hay field" into a secure home for his family-- but he also describes the extra time as a burden to loved ones who are forcibly aware of his "constant state of decline."

Prior to this illness, Robert says he was a healthy lad. In all his years, he recalls only 2 bouts of major sickness. He had mononucleosis in grad school and came down with the flu in 1999. An immunologist working with a group at the college pointed out that the two occurrences were possibly related.

Forms of the mononucleosis virus are found in people with this type of cancer, she told him, but it's usually dormant because the virus is only activated with high temperatures.

When he came down with the flu in 1999, Robert's temperature shot up to 106 degrees. Martha tried to get him to go to the hospital, but the man refused, so they compromised with an emergency room call. A cold shower and 20 minutes later, his temperature dropped to 102 degrees, but the damage had already been done. The virus had been "cooked" enough to activate the cancer.

He realized he was sick a couple of years later, when the fatigue set in. He ran a low grade temperature for 6 months.

Since the onset of his lymphoma, Robert has lost at least 100 pounds. His once youthful appearance is now clouded by tumors on his neck, which interfere with his ability to speak coherently. Though he is blessed with relatively little pain, his body is increasingly fatigued and his ability to concentrate is weakening. He no longer is able to eat foods he once enjoyed, but the hardest of any of it, he says, has been learning to sleep sitting up. His nights are spent in his recliner. He wakes every 20 minutes. Bouts of midnight sleeplessness are now times of reflection for the scholar, who's currently working on books regarding his unique perspectives of life and death.

Robert's rare illness has given him a rare opportunity. He can look philosophically at the issues surround long term illnesses, while at the same time analyzing them from a theological and personal perspective.

Robert says he rejects the assumption of a "natural evil," one that some purport is specifically caused by mother nature, because humans influence the world around them with pollution and other types of intrusions.

He believes increasing technological advances have given mankind the "illusion" of a "money back guarantee" in life, one that is unfounded because the natural world is stronger than the human illusion.

Diabuddies Corner

Tip of the week: (www.diabetes.org)

The major cause of blindness in people with diabetes is diabetic retinopathy. Diabetic retinopathy is a term used for all the abnormalities of the small blood vessels of the retina caused by diabetes, such as weakening of blood vessel walls or leakage from blood vessels.

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

Thai Broccoli Salad-4 Servings

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup creamy OR chunky peanut butter
- 2 tablespoons Equal® Spoonful*
- 1-1/2 tablespoons hot water
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 tablespoon light soy sauce
- 1-1/2 teaspoons dark sesame oil
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 4 cups fresh broccoli florets

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

Robert says that the American emphasis on business is our downfall. On the scale of importance, he says, businesses favor their profit margins more than their ethical obligations to mankind, continuously waging war against the environment which sustains us. He defines true ethics in business as those decisions undertaken without coercion by higher authorities.

"What really worries me are the kids and the students," he said. "The generation of Martha and Robert is bequeathing to you an unethical society that was bequeathed to us by our grandparents."

Robert continues researching these topics through a home office set up by the college. He's also editing a book by his "hero," a monk who has traveled the world on missionary excursions, and he is writing letters to people who've influenced him over the years.

Robert says he's "living more than dying" with relatively little pain, thanks to Martha and better medications that help him cope. When he was initially diagnosed, Robert refused chemotherapy, against the advice of his doctors, because, knowing there was no cure, he wanted to live his final days with a sound mind. He refuses extreme medications today for the same reason.

"You can call it quality of life, that's fine if that's what you want to call it that," he said. "But if you can't help me, then for God's sake, don't hurt me."

He's not afraid of death, and in his weakness, has found his strength.

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

Pratt Family Reunion

The Pratt Family Reunion will be held Saturday, June 12, in the old Maytown School lunchroom. The lunch hall is reserved for the entire day - a potluck meal will be served at 1:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish - come early, stay late. Also, please bring any musical instrument that you may play. Guests will have access to playground, horseshoes and volleyball, in addition to being able to use the gym from 3-5 p.m. For more information, call: Loretta Pratt Hackworth at 886-3928; Larue Pratt Laferty at 785-3045; or, Julia Pratt Jones at 285-3179.

Robert says people fear death because of suffering (which he says is really an issue about life) and because humans have no means of comprehending what comes after death.

"The void of any certain knowledge frightens most people," he said. "The majority of American pastors talk about hell more than they talk about heaven, so I can see where that fear comes from."

He firmly believes in life after death, but for different reasons than most.

"A fundamental issue of living and dying for human beings is that we're conscious of the passage of time," he said. "We're conscious that something else occurred in history before we were born and we're conscious

that something else will occur after we're gone. We're given this little slice of it. It seems fundamentally unfair that human beings come into understanding this conscious movement of time, that sticks us into this tiny little bit of it, before and after which we have nothing to do at all, but I cannot conceive of a god who is cruel, especially one who is purposely cruel. However, one might be, purposely challenging.... Consciousness will continue in some form, some part of me will continue to exist."

Constrained by mere human understanding, Robert says he doesn't know what life after death is going to be like, but that he is looking forward to it.

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

Birthday



Megan is 2!

Megan Nicole Williams recently turned 2 years old on May 24, 2004. She is the daughter of Kevin and Stephanie Miller Williams, of Letcher. Megan Nicole is the granddaughter of Tina Miller, of Auxier, Jerry and Danita Miller, of Martin, Wanda Webb, of Whitesburg, and Floyd Williams, of Hazard. Megan celebrated her special day with a "Sesame Street" party attended by family and friends.

Weddings



Wells-Kidd

William "Sheriffe" and Vicky Wells, of Auxier, along with Willard and Cindy Kidd, of Hi Hat, and Teresa Kidd, of Lorain, Ohio, are pleased to announce the marriage of their children, Brandy Nacole Wells and Brian Willard Kidd. The newlyweds were joined in holy matrimony on March 6, 2004, at the Sugarland Wedding Chapel, in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Numerous family members and friends attended the ceremony. Brian is employed by the Prestonsburg Police Department as a police officer, and Brandy is employed as a Human Resource Manager for the Floyd County Fiscal Court. The couple currently reside in Prestonsburg.

Soup

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to determine the possibility of spinal nerve pressure. The films confirmed the presence of serious vertebral misalignments that were apparently causing his headaches and neck pains. After his first corrective spinal adjustment, George began to experience some relief. The next evening was when the "miracle" occurred! George was watching television when his right eye "flashed with sight for about a half-hour." It then faded away once again. Puzzled and frightened, George didn't tell anyone at first. The next day his vision returned again and stayed, getting clearer and stronger.

George visited me two days later and not only reported the improvement in his head and neck pain but also the return of vision in his right eye. I was

almost speechless. I covered his good eye and gave him a brochure to read, which he did without difficulty. I gave him another one at random, and he was able to read that one as well. George had a comprehensive eye examination several weeks later, which showed the visual acuity in his right eye to be 20/30, almost normal. His vision returned to normal and remains that way. ***

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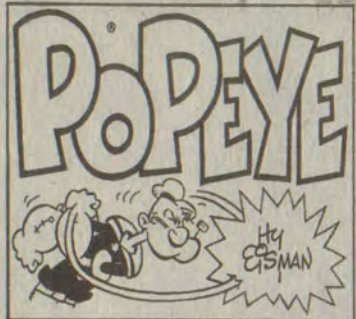
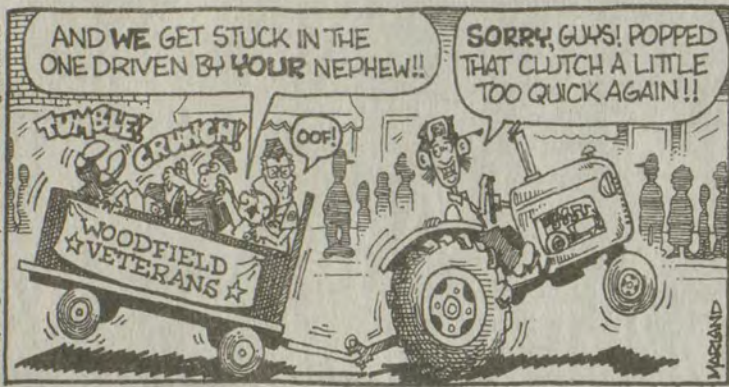
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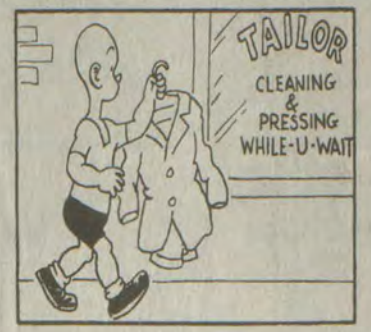
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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



Super Crossword

M&M'S

- ACROSS**
- 1 It may be tipped
 - 4 W.C. Fields quote?
 - 7 Poisonous plant
 - 12 Social groups
 - 18 Palindromic name
 - 19 Important numero
 - 20 Ages
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 - 23 Singer Shannon
 - 24 CEO, e.g.
 - 25 Silent performer
 - 27 Like Donne's poetry
 - 30 Aquatic mammal
 - 31 Slight
 - 32 Zombie ingredient
 - 33 Memphis deity
 - 36 Obligation
 - 39 Famed anthropologist
 - 44 — fin
 - 48 Scand. nation
 - 49 Summarize
 - 50 Computer acronym
 - 52 Kitchen utensils
 - 54 — one's time (waits)
 - 57 Weber's —
 - 58 '98 home run king
 - 60 Praise
 - 62 Female goat
 - 64 "O Sole —"
 - 65 Sour fruit
 - 66 Like some watches
 - 68 Bradley or Epps
 - 70 "Heat and —" ('83 film)
 - 73 Writer Rand
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 - 88 — Gatos, CA
 - 90 MA hours
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 - 93 Bearded bandleader
 - 97 Lamb's dam
 - 100 Wear away
 - 101 Illinois city
 - 102 Financial abbr.
 - 103 What trumpets do
 - 105 Diarist
 - 106 Homeric combatants
 - 108 5th Dimension member
 - 112 Farmer's place
 - 114 Yemeni city
 - 115 Bond rating
 - 116 Lhasa — vessel
 - 123 Glass' "— on the Beach"
 - 128 "Full Metal Jacket" star
 - 133 Team scream
 - 134 Humorist George
 - 135 Babbled
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 - 140 Moshe of Israel
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 - 6 Baird or Witherspoon
 - 7 Theological sch.
 - 8 — tree (cornered)
 - 9 Sulky
 - 10 Part of
 - 11 Atkins or Huntley
 - 12 Calculating person?
 - 13 O'Hare info
 - 14 Incites Flover
 - 15 Rock hound?
 - 16 Jacob's twin
 - 17 Pencil piece
 - 21 "Ethan Frome" prop
 - 26 Eloquent equine
 - 28 Rink legend
 - 29 Caroline, to Ted
 - 34 Celebrity
 - 35 Little devil
 - 37 Comice kin
 - 38 Math subject
 - 39 Shearer of "The Red Shoes"
 - 40 "As You Like It" setting
 - 41 Silly Skelton
 - 42 Periodontists' org.
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 - 71 Fountain order
 - 72 Threefold
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 - 76 Getty or Parsons
 - 77 "Take — leave it!"
 - 78 Heart, e.g.
 - 79 "Peer Gyn"
 - 80 "Maitrese Falcon" actress
 - 84 Maine town
 - 85 Chatter box?
 - 87 Square measure
 - 89 Actor Pickens
 - 92 Berry or Olin
 - 94 Sped
 - 95 Construct
 - 96 Bartok or Peron
 - 98 One of the Osmonds
 - 99 Directional suffix
 - 103 Command
 - 104 Stem
 - 107 "— Hand" ('81 hit)
 - 109 One in a million
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 - 111 Purrfect pet?
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 - 124 Neighbor of Pakistan
 - 125 — Haven, CT
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 - 131 Nicole on "Fame"
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900-Legals

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE PHASE III

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 10:040, notice is hereby given that Coal-Mac, Inc., P.O. Box 436, Williamson, WV 25661, intends to apply for a bond release on Permit Number 836-0229, Inc. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 22, which was last issued on 8-20-1992. The application covers an area of approximately 583.58 acres, located 1.2 mile southwest of Teaberry, in Floyd County.

The permit is approximately 0.7 mile northwest from KY 979's junction with Tackett Fork Road, and located 0.2 mile west of Mitchell Branch. The latitude is 37°24'55". The longitude is 82°39'50".

The total bond now in effect is a surety bond for Inc. 1, \$25,200; Inc. 2, \$12,500; Inc. 3, \$17,000; Inc. 4, \$7,100; Inc. 5, \$12,100; Inc. 6, \$19,200; Inc. 7, \$14,500; Inc. 8, \$37,300; Inc. 9, \$23,000; Inc. 10, \$16,000; Inc. 11, \$20,800; Inc. 12, \$14,500; Inc. 14, \$28,900; Inc. 15, \$15,400; Inc. 16, \$32,900; Inc. 17, \$11,500; Inc. 18, \$4,600; Inc. 22, \$5,400, of which 100% is to be released, which would constitute a phase III release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes backfilling, final grading, seeding, and mulching, completed in Fall 1996. Results achieved include growth of vegetation as per the revegetation plan, and the establishment of the post mining land use.

Written comments, objections, or requests for a public hearing, must be filed with the Director of

the Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601, by 30 days from the last advertisement, which will be July 19, 2004.

A public hearing has been scheduled for July 20, 2004, at the Department of Surface Mining Reclamation Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky, 41653, at 9:00 a.m.

The hearing will be cancelled if the Department does not receive any public request within the time frame stated above.

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections and/or requests for permit public hearing, must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Malcom Layne, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet proposing to rebuild a commercial structure, located along US Route 23, in the community of Ivel, Floyd County, Kentucky, 5 miles south of Allen, Kentucky. The construction site is located on the Southeast side of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, at latitude 37°34'42" N, and longitude 82°39'43" W. Any comments of objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Ky. 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF PRESTONSBURG CITY'S UTILITIES COMMISSION

Effective immediately, and with the

approval of the Division of Water, Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission is canceling the boil water advisory that was voluntarily issued on May 31, 2004, due to a water break for its customers in the Corn Fork area, from the Campbell's residence, to the head of the hollow. The boil water advisory was issued a precautionary measure. The water line has been repaired and water samples taken in the area of the line break have been analyzed by a certified lab. The lab results indicate that the water supply was not compromised, and is safe for customers to use

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