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## briefs

### Mom gets probation for abuse

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — A woman facing two counts of first-degree criminal abuse accepted a plea agreement Friday from the Commonwealth. Nannie Manns, 33, who appeared in court with her attorney, public advocate Harolyn Howard, will be placed on probation following sentencing in August. Originally charged with two counts of first-degree criminal abuse against a minor child, Manns pleaded guilty Friday to an amended charge of second-degree criminal abuse. For the amended charge, the commonwealth offered Manns a sentence of three years, suspended and probated. They dismissed the other charge against her.

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## Couple gets 10 years for bank robbery

by JOYAL FRAZIER  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — Judge John David Caudill sentenced Melinda Workman and Elijah Hluch in circuit court Friday for the August robbery of BB&T in Prestonsburg.

The two pleaded guilty and accepted

the commonwealth's recommendation of 10 years in prison. Had they been found guilty at trial, they could have received up to 20 years behind bars.

Workman, 23, entered the bank and pointed a gun at the teller demanding money. She received 10 years in a state penitentiary.

"I feel you are in need of correctional

treatment," Caudill told her.

Workman was credited with 122 days already served and the judge waived court costs in her case.

Hluch was driving the getaway vehicle and, when stopped by police, ran away from the car and had to be captured with the help of a canine unit. He also received 10 years for the robbery and an additional

five years for fleeing and evading the police. The sentences will run concurrent with each other.

Hluch was also charged with wanton endangerment, which was dismissed.

He was credited with 140 days already served toward his total sentence.

The two will be eligible for parole in two years.

## Defendants dismissed in mine case

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

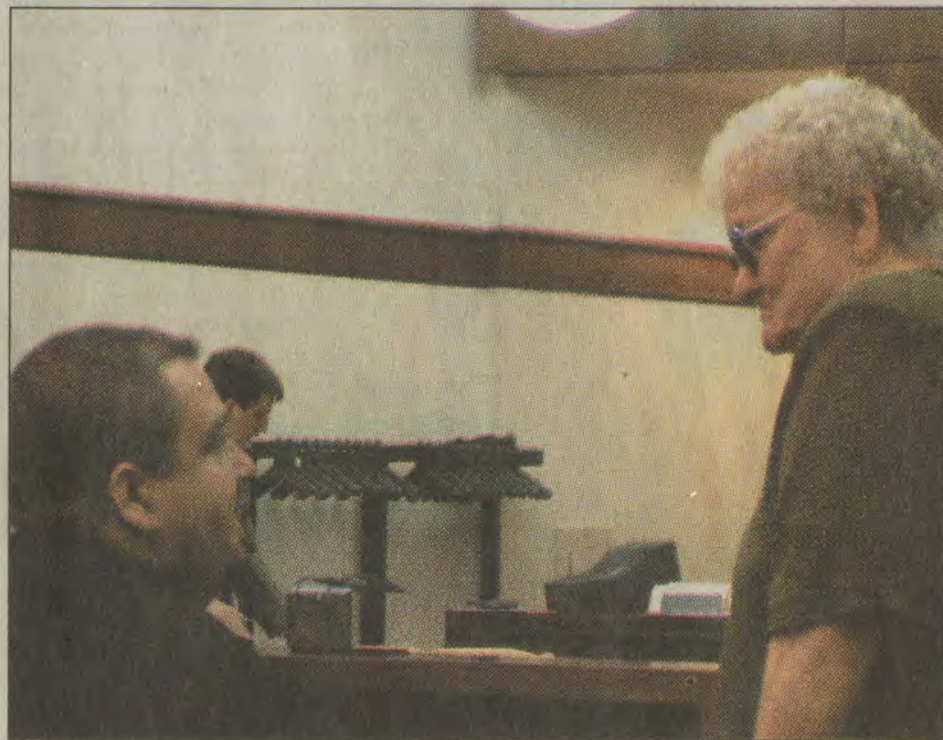
**PRESTONSBURG** — A wrongful death suit against a Floyd County mine and its subsidiaries is taking another turn, following a dismissal order, filed in court Friday, that relieves several defendants in the case.

The case, transferred from Knott County to Floyd County earlier this month, was filed by Prestonsburg native Angela Blair and Paul Douglas Blair, of Lower Twin Branch in Denver, who are seeking punitive damages for the death of Paul Edward Blair, a drill helper killed in a mine blast last year.

The blast occurred in the Cody Mining Company's Number One mine at Hood's Fork in McDowell. Following an investigation into the incident, the Department of Mines and Minerals cited the company with 54 notices of noncompliance on various offenses.

Floyd Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill, acting on an agreed order filed by attorneys Justin Morgan and Max D. Picklesimer, signed an order Friday dismissing the accusations against Cody Mining Company owner Robert C. Ratliff,

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Hazel Slone spoke with a probation officer following a court hearing Friday.

photo by Mary Music

## Dealers' mother gets no jail time

by JOYAL FRAZIER  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — A 70-year-old Bevensville woman will spend no time in jail after being sentenced Friday for four counts of obtaining a prescription by fraud.

She was sentenced to 5 years on each four counts of fraud to obtain a controlled sub-

stance in Judge John David Caudill's court room Friday.

Hazel Slone, the mother of drug traffickers David, Whitey and Vernon Slone, was arrested by Kentucky State Police Det. Randy Hunter Oct. 9 at her home at Jack's Creek in Bevensville following a criminal complaint sworn that same day

(See **NO JAIL**, page three)

## Supreme Court clears Caudill

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — The Supreme Court agreed with a Floyd County Judge accused of baiting the hook for a death row inmate.

Chief Justice Joseph Lambert filed an order in Floyd Circuit Court Thursday, ruling in favor of Judge John David Caudill, who is being accused by death

row inmate Donald "Herb" Johnson of overstepping the boundaries as judge in his case.

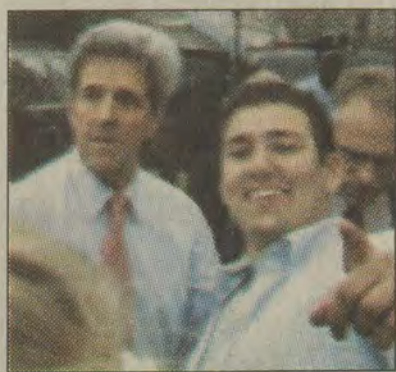
Johnson's attorneys requested that Caudill be removed from the case because he claims the judge acted inappropriately when he allegedly "promised" him a lesser sentence.

Johnson, 36, entered a blind plea in 1996 to murder, burglary, robbery and two counts of first-degree sexual abuse

for the 1997 slaying of Helen Madden, 61, who was beaten, stabbed, raped, mutilated and tortured to death in the supply storage room of a laundromat where she worked.

Johnson claims he entered that plea only because Caudill "promised" that he would not impose the death penalty and would give him, instead, life without the

(See **CAUDILL**, page three)



J.T. Absher Jr., who has been selected as a delegate to this summer's Democratic National Convention, got a chance to meet his choice for the presidential race, John Kerry, earlier this year.

## Absher named DNC delegate

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

**NEW ORLEANS** — J.T. Absher, 21, of Prestonsburg, is currently down at Tulane University in New Orleans but will be making the trip this summer to Boston for the Democratic Convention.

Absher was selected as a delegate to the affair and will be one of five from the region heading out to support Democrat John Kerry in his bid for the White House.

Absher saw the potential for a Kerry victory back in August of 2003 and formed a

group at his campus called "Kerry Crescent." They began campaigning for Kerry early and couldn't be happier with their candidate.

The work has already begun on planning the event and Absher noted, "We just had a conference call on Thursday to talk about it and mainly discussed security."

His father, Jack, was thrilled for his son and said, "Well, we are all pretty proud for him."

The convention will run from July 26 to

(See **DELEGATE**, page three)

## Harris plans to run for school board

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

**HAROLD** — Jim Harris, of Harold, has announced his intention to run for the District 4 seat on the Floyd County Board of Education.

Harris, who owns Harris Realty and Auction Company, says he plans to use his business sensibilities alongside the unique window into education that he got from being married to a school teacher, Loma Compton Harris, who has spent the last 27 years teaching.

As a businessman he intends to improve education through wise spending and said, "I promise to manage our tax dollars wisely and make every dollar we spend count."

Harris feels that recent programs like "No Child Left Behind" and a competitive economy make it an ideal time for someone with business sense and a knowledge of area schools to throw his hat in the ring.

"We must better prepare our children," he said. "We can do it through seeing the tax dollars get where they need to go."

Harris accepts that any improvements will have to be a group effort and said, "We need to all work together in order move education forward in Floyd County."

District 4 is currently represented by board chair Carol Stumbo.



Jim Harris

## Judge orders pee before guilty plea

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — Two people who were entering guilty pleas in court Friday were sent into a back room to provide urine samples when their behavior in court made court officials question whether they were "straight."

An important portion of entering a plea includes the instruction, given to defendants and seconded by their counsel, that they be of sound mind when they enter their plea and not be under the influence of any drug.

The first case happened while Stephanie Prater Harris was supposed to be entering her guilty plea on charges of cocaine trafficking. She was asked if she was under the influence

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# Odds and Ends

■ **HOUSTON** — If you're going to steal someone's identity to draw from their bank account, you might as well go for someone with a good job.

A woman with a history of fraud got the bank account number of Houston's chief prosecutor, and is now accused of writing hot checks.

Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal had to shut down his bank account, contact police and draw money out of his children's savings account temporarily.

"It's been a huge hassle," Rosenthal said. "I've spent way too much time trying to get things straight with all these banks."

A 30-year-old Beaumont woman, Sharon Durbin, allegedly wrote nearly two dozen phony checks on the DA's personal bank account, investigators say. She passed herself off as "Cathy Rosenthal" and had a fake driver's license to match.

Durbin was indicted this week on a felony charge of using a fake check. Rosenthal recused himself from the case and state District Judge Carol Davies appointed a special prosecutor, Wayne Hill.

It is unclear how Durbin got Rosenthal's bank account number, investigators said.

The 21 fake checks totaling more than \$9,000 were used to purchase computers, groceries and gift certificates at a Petsmart store, authorities said.

■ **MILFORD, Conn.** — A man who dropped his pants in court and mooned a judge was jailed for six months on a contempt charge.

Richard Brown, 38, shouted insults and obscenities after Superior Court Judge Patrick Carroll told him to address the court as "sir." He dropped the pants of his two-piece prison jumpsuit and pointed his rear end at the judge.

Brown continued to shout taunts and expletives Wednesday as he was restrained by state marshals and forcibly escorted through a side door to a holding cell.

Brown's outburst came during a plea hearing. He was expected to plead guilty to armed robbery and conspiracy to commit robbery in exchange for a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison.

After the outburst, the prosecutor withdrew the plea agreement.

■ **GRAND ISLAND, Neb.** — More than 100 truckers are gussying up their rigs and

preparing for a beauty contest like no other.

They shined, buffed and waxed their trucks Thursday at the Bosselman Travel Center to prepare for this year's Shell Rotella SuperRigs Truck Beauty Contest.

This is the first year Grand Island has hosted the annual event, which is touted as the "Oscars of truck shows."

Frankie Story, 54, spent hours beautifying his truck. He said its yellow color and shiny spinning rims attract attention.

"Boy, people will run over you just to get a look at them on the highway," he said.

The event includes musical performances and a free steak dinner for participants. Twelve winning trucks will be photographed in the area for the Rotella SuperRigs Calendar.

■ **WILDWOOD, N.J.** — On the marbles court, 12-year-old Carly Miller was all business. But when it came time to seal her victory with a kiss, she was a reluctant queen.

A red velvet crown on her head, a medal around her neck, she sat on her throne at the 81st National Marbles Tournament on Thursday, scowling like a patient in a dentist's chair.

In keeping with tradition, Miller had to kiss her "king," — newly-crowned boys division winner Aaron Nees, 13.

"Kiss him!" the crowd yelled.

"No, no," said Miller. "No! I won't!"

Then, she stuck out her right hand at Nees. He shook it.

The National Marbles Tournament is held annually on the beach in this southern New Jersey resort and draws children ages 7 to 14. Prizes for the winners included a \$2,000 college scholarship and a plaque.

Later, Nees leaned over and kissed Miller on the cheek and the crowd cheered.

She grimaced.

■ **FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.** — License plates proclaim Florida the Sunshine State, but the National Weather Service says when it comes to catching rays, it comes in a distant sixth.

Arizona ranks at the top, followed by California, Nevada, New Mexico and Texas, according to the weather service.

Florida has more days where 20 to 70 percent of the sun is blocked by clouds than anywhere else in the continental United States, weather officials said. Weather experts said warm water surrounding the state, high humidity and a long rainy season make for cloudy skies.

"We ought to call ourselves the Partly Cloudy State instead of the Sunshine State," said Miami-based meteorologist Jim Lushine. "But it probably wouldn't get the Chamber of Commerce's vote."

No need for statewide glumness, though — southern Florida is consistently warmer than anywhere else in the continental United States, weather officials said. Over the course of a year, Key West has a mean temperature of 78.1 degrees.

Outside of Florida, the only

place that comes close is Yuma, with 75.3 degrees. Most of the nation hovers between the 50s and 60s.

■ **SPIVEY'S CORNER, N.C.** — Kevin Jasper's "expressive" holler was also a winning one, bringing him the title of top yeller for the second time at the 36th annual National Hollerin' Contest.

Jasper, who also won in 2000, used an "expressive" holler, which he said is used for fun. Other yellers had more purposeful calls — to bring in cattle for milking or husbands for dinner.

Dr. Michael Zellinger, one of the judges, said the quality of a good holler is made with vocal control and authenticity.

John-Mark Herring, 13, was the only contestant in the teen division this year, guaranteeing him the title for a second time for his rendition of "fire truck sirens" and a "good morning holler."

"The good morning holler is one the old-timers did back in the day to let people know they were feeling good," Herring said. "It keeps the tradition

alive." The event, held on Saturday, benefits the Spivey's Corner Volunteer Fire Department.

■ **BURLINGTON, Vt.** — Someone's tiptoeing through the tulips — and stealing them.

Police said they would step up patrols in the city's South End neighborhood after several residents and businesses said their flowers were taken. One couple has had three raids on their annuals this year.

Resident Gayel Favali is "irate, to say the least." The final straw, she said, was last Friday evening. She and her husband sat on the front porch chatting with neighbors until about 8:30 p.m., then went inside. At about 10 p.m., a neighbor knocked on the door and told them someone had taken more of their flowers.

"It's such a low theft," Favali said. "What kind of person would do that? It's like stealing your pet."

Favali imagines the thief is an adult, because the plants were neatly dug up rather than

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## Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, June 27, the 179th day of 2004. There are 187 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On June 27, 1950, President Truman ordered the Air Force and Navy into the Korean conflict following a call from the U.N. Security Council for member nations to help South Korea repel an invasion from the North.

### On this date:

■ In 1844, Mormon leader Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum, were killed by a mob in Carthage, Ill.

■ In 1847, New York and Boston were linked by telegraph wires.

■ In 1893, the New York stock market crashed.

■ In 1942, the FBI announced the capture of eight Nazi saboteurs who had been put ashore from a submarine on New York's Long Island.

■ In 1957, more than 500 people were killed when Hurricane Audrey slammed through coastal Louisiana and Texas.

■ In 1969, patrons at the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York's Greenwich Village, clashed with police in an incident considered the birth of the gay rights movement.

■ In 1973, former White House counsel John W. Dean told the Senate Watergate Committee about an "enemies list" kept by the Nixon White House.

■ In 1977, the Supreme Court struck down state laws and bar association rules that had prohibited lawyers from

advertising their fees for routine services.

■ In 1980, President Carter signed legislation reviving draft registration.

■ In 1984, the Supreme Court ended the National Collegiate Athletic Association's monopoly on controlling college football telecasts, ruling such control violated antitrust law.

### Ten years ago:

U.S. Coast Guard cutters intercepted 1,330 Haitian boat people on the high seas in one of the busiest single days since refugees began leaving Haiti following a 1991 military coup. President Clinton replaced White House chief of staff Mack McLarty with budget director Leon Panetta.

### Five years ago:

George Papadopoulos, the head of Greece's 1967-74 military dictatorship, died of cancer in Athens at age 80. Juli Inkster shot a 6-under 65 to win the LPGA Championship, becoming the second woman to win the modern career Grand Slam (the first was Pat Bradley). The Seattle Mariners beat the Texas Rangers 5-2 in the final game at the Kingdome.

### One year ago:

More than 735,000 phone numbers were registered on the first day of a national do-not-call list aimed at blocking unwelcome solicitations from telemarketers.

### Today's Birthdays:

Business executive Ross Perot is 74. The former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, retired Army Gen. John Shalikashvili, is 68. Former

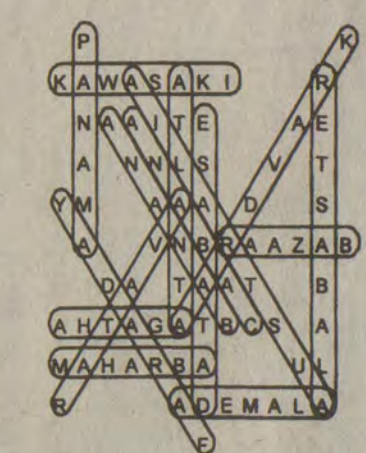

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is 66. Singer-musician Bruce Johnston (The Beach Boys) is 62. Actress Julia Duffy is 53. Actress Isabelle Adjani is 49. Country singer Lorrie Morgan is 45. Actor Brian Drillingler is 44. Actor Yancey Arias is 33. Actor Tobey Maguire is 29. Gospel singer Leigh Nash is 28. Actress Madylin Sweeten is 13.

### Thought for Today:

"If a man cannot be a Christian in the place where he is, he cannot be a Christian anywhere." — Henry Ward Beecher, American clergyman (1813-1887).

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### WORDS WITH THREE A's

**Mountain Christian Academy**, a non-denominational Christian school will be giving entrance exams, **Tuesday, June 29, at 9 a.m.**, for anyone interested in enrolling in **1st-8th grade**. The cost of the exam is \$15.00. Those planning to enter **Kindergarten**, please call for an appointment for the **L.A.P.** test.

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# Counties must pay for indigents' mental-health drugs

by CHARLES WOLFE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — County jails, not the state, must bear the cost of drugs for treating indi-

gent inmates with mental illness, the Kentucky Court of Appeals said Friday.

The ruling came in a case by Daviess County and its jailer, David Osborne, who contended

that the state should pay for "psychotropic" medications.

They based their claim on a 1986 statute that said "it shall be the responsibility of the commonwealth" to provide psychiatric "evaluation, treatment or services" at a facility funded or operated by the state.

A statute adopted four years earlier specified that jails were to pay the cost of "medical, dental and psychological care for indigent prisoners."

Osborne and Daviess County argued that the statutes conflicted, so the second implicitly repealed the first. A judge in Franklin County Circuit Court disagreed, as did the appeals panel.

Writing for the court, Judge David C. Buckingham of Murray said a distinction could be made between "psychological care" and "evaluation, treatment or services," so the two laws could be read together.

Judge John Minton of

Bowling Green and Special Judge John D. Miller of Owensboro concurred.

Also Friday, the appeals court upheld Lexington's "transient room" tax as applied to a company that specialized in renting furnished apartments as temporary housing for corporate employees.

The company, Lexington Relocation Services, typically made rentals for more than 30 days but also for stays as short as overnight. The local government taxed the company's rentals that were less than 30 days.

The General Assembly authorized transient room taxes on establishments in the "accommodations" market to finance tourism promotion and convention center operations. Lexington Relocation Services argued that it operated in the "dwellings" market. The court said it had a foot in both.

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of drugs and initially denied it saying, "I'm scared." She was ordered to have a drug screening and then admitted that, "I did two Xanax a week ago."

The other drug screening was ordered about 15 minutes later when Douglas Todd Keathley appeared to plead guilty to charges of burglary, domestic violence and violating an emergency protection order. Keathley appeared out of sorts when answering questions and was asked by Judge John Caudill if he was also under the influence of something.

"I haven't eaten all day,"

Keathley replied.

The questioning continued for a short while but Judge Caudill eventually ordered him to be tested as well.

It apparently took nature a while to run its course with Keathley and he required a great deal of time and a large glass of water to eventually produce a sample.

Both were lodged at the Floyd County Detention Center and could see more time than they bargained for if the results of the drug screening return with positive results.

## Trial set for shooting

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Sept. 23 trial date has been set for a Debord resident who allegedly fired several shots into a parked car that contained four passengers at Sam an Tonio's Restaurant last June.

Ray Collins, 52, is accused of wanton endangerment and assault for the alleged attack,

which only managed to injure one occupant, Michelle Porter.

The investigation following the attack was conducted by Kentucky State Police Det. Mike Goble. Following up on a complaint from one of the passengers, Brenda Lyons, Goble arrested Collins.

Collins is currently out on bond and will be represented by Scott Preston who has been his attorney since the case began last year.

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alleging she committed a total of 115 counts of making a false statement for a prescription during the last three years.

According to reports prepared by Hunter and included in charges against her, Slone used the prescriptions to obtain more than 7,600 Schedule III and IV narcotics between March 16, 1999, and April 2, 2002. Slone obtained the prescriptions by giving false information to "numerous" doctors throughout

the county, Hunter wrote in his citation.

Slone pleaded guilty to the four charges and accepted the commonwealth's recommendation. She received five years on each count to run concurrent with each other. That sentence is suspended and she was given supervised probation for five years. She was ordered to enroll in a substance abuse treatment program and to pay \$25 a month for supervised probation.

## Dismissed

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Shirley M. Ratliff, section foreman Eugene Conley, superintendent Robert C. Ratliff Jr., shot firer Robert Delong and Estill Lowe, a roof bolt operator.

No information was given on the specifics of the agreed order. Litigation in the case is still pending against Motts Branch Coal, Knott-Floyd Land Company and Tee Engineering Company, all subsidiaries of Cody Mining, and six employees affiliated with the subsidiary companies: M. Lynn Parrish, Jeffrey Joyce, Thurman Barker, James L. Childers, Earl E. Roop and Don F. Blackburn.

Counsel for the remaining

defendants filed an answer to the allegations against them on June 9, requesting a dismissal because Blair's death resulted from the other defendants' "negligence," the same type of defense used on behalf of Don F. Blackburn and Tee Engineering Company.

The accident occurred where two cross cuts had been driven together, or off-center rather than parallel, as required by state regulations. The drilled holes had been tamped with "an excessive and unlawful" amount of explosives, the Department of Mines and Minerals reported.

## Odds

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torn out and thrown in the street, as kids might do.

### CARNATION, Wash.

Rockets' red glare and bombs bursting in air may not be the best thing for baby birds, so a local Fourth of July fireworks display has been relocated to avoid disturbing an osprey nest.

Biologists determined that the eggs could hatch about July 4 and recommended an alternative site for the fireworks to avoid disrupting the two parents.

"The noise and obviously the flashes in the dark — the birds would have no ability to get used to something like that," state biologist Ruth Milner said.

Rather than shooting off sky-

rockets and starbursts over the Tolt Middle School athletic fields, the show will be held about half a mile away at Told MacDonald Park, organizers said.

Riverview School District maintenance supervisor John Mark notified the state Department of Fish and Wildlife after noticing the nest last month on a light pole in the town, about 20 miles east of Seattle.

Ospreys, also known as fish hawks, can be two feet long with a six-foot wingspan. They are protected under state and federal law, and their nests may be moved from artificial structures only after the birds fly south in the fall, Milner said.

## Arrest made after drugs show up in jail

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A woman who allegedly tried to sneak drugs into the Floyd County Detention Center was arrested Friday by Kentucky State Police.

Amy King, 20, of Pine Top, now faces a first-degree promoting contraband charge.

According to Jailer Roger Webb, King entered the jail Thursday afternoon with a bag filled with a T-shirt, underwear, a book of poetry and a small blue radio. She handed the bag over to Deputy Jailer Melissa Bentley, requesting that it be given to her boyfriend, Greg Phillip Chaffins.

Upon inspection of the radio, Webb said, Bentley found a bag containing 2 grams of a substance thought to be cocaine

four green pills thought to be OxyContin, six blue pills considered to be Xanax and two marijuana cigarettes.

"Drugs are so rampant out on the streets, people are so hooked on them they'll stoop to any measure to get them," Webb said. "After they get caught and are put in jail, they'll try anything, use anyone, to get it. It's like a plague."

Deputy jailers issued a warrant against King Thursday. She was arrested by KSP Trooper John Slone when she returned to the jail for a visit Friday afternoon.

"We've tried everything in the world to keep drugs out of here," Webb said. "If they try to sneak drugs in here, we will catch them."

King is expected to be arraigned Monday.

## Caudill

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possibility of parole for 25 years.

Johnson is requesting that his sentence be vacated and an evidentiary hearing be granted in the case.

In a response to Johnson's allegations last week, Caudill "strongly and distinctively" disagreed with allegations brought against him. He refused to recuse himself from the case during a hearing on the matter earlier this month, stating in the response that it would promote a "bad precedent."

"This court felt that to recuse itself upon false allegations made many years after the fact would set an extremely bad precedent, in effect, allowing the DPA to judge-shop," Caudill wrote, pointing out that "the record more than supports" his innocence regarding Johnson's allegations.

After Johnson pleaded guilty in the case, the state Supreme Court ruled that he had a right to jury sentencing, but no issues regarding the alleged promise were ever brought to light, Caudill said. When his attorneys, Mike Williams and Kelly Gleason, bailed from the case, citing their own ineffectiveness, they didn't raise any question regarding the plea, nor was any mention made during subsequent hearings.

In his response, Caudill says it's "noteworthy" that an affidavit from Johnson's former attorney, Vincent Yustas, contains an allegation that the commonwealth said they would "seriously consider" offering Johnson life without the possibility of parole or 25 years.

"This is telling that ... the commonwealth was offering Mr. Johnson exactly what they were accusing the Judge of promising him ..." Caudill wrote. "The natural question is, if in fact the commonwealth had offered Mr. Johnson exactly what he says the court promised him, why didn't he take it?"

Johnson's current attorneys, assistant public advocates David Hershaw and Susan Jackson Balliet, filed a brief Thursday replying to the commonwealth's "absurd contention" that Johnson's claims are "procedurally barred." They argue that Johnson, diagnosed with delusional paranoid schizophrenia, was not competent to plead guilty in the case.

Included in their reply is an affidavit of Dr. Robert M. Berland, who evaluated Johnson in 1994, 2001 and via telephone this year.

Berland claims that Johnson, medicated improperly, refused to talk to him regarding his thought process during the murder of Madden. Berland claims his refusal to talk caused the delay in allegations against Caudill.

"In particular, the defendant admitted (in 2001) that he was hearing voices at the time of

## Delegate

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30 and Absher will be happy to get away from the culinary capital of Louisiana for a week.

"The food is amazing here," Absher said. "I tried on my suit the other day and it was a little snug."

the 1994 evaluation which commanded him to no longer speak with me," Berland wrote.

Berland further notes that Johnson could not describe critical information relating to Madden's murder because he was improperly medicated.

In the Supreme Court order, Chief Justice Lambert, citing the review of Caudill's response, said that Johnson's attorneys have failed to demonstrate any disqualifying circumstance that would require the appointment of a special judge in the case.

He dismissed the request for disqualification of Caudill without prejudice.



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Wal-Mart community relations director Cindy Hackworth presented the city of Martin with a donation of \$500 for the city's DARE Program. Accepting are, from left to right, Mayor Thomasine Robinson, Sgt. Tony Conn and Police Chief James Slone.

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— Felix Frankfurter

## Guest View

### Tobacco plan turned upside down

It's a wonderful life: A study by the Environmental Working Group shows that a plan to give tobacco quota holders and farmers a federal subsidy for five years will create 162 millionaires!

Taxpayers will pay the bill. And what will they get in return?

Absolutely nothing. But their kids will get cheaper cigarettes.

Kentucky's economy, of course, will benefit. The incomes of 151,434 farmers will be subsidized. An extra \$2.35 billion will roll in. Big operators will get bonanzas; small ones will get some chicken feed.

If this newspaper were the Los Angeles Courier-Journal instead of the Louisville Courier-Journal, we'd be hopping mad. Even Rod Kuegel, former president of the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative, knows that asking taxpayers to subsidize tobacco farmers is nuts.

"It was never our intention when we started this dialogue to use tax dollars," he said last week. "I think we jeopardize our position when we ask a Montana congressman to use his tax dollars to pay for the buyout."

They also jeopardize their position because this plan is no buyout. Farmers and quota holders aren't being "bought out" of anything. They'll be free to grow more tobacco than they grow now, and it will be subsidized.

All that will change if this plan passes is that the federal quota program will end. The price of tobacco won't be artificially controlled and propped up anymore.

Consequently, the price of tobacco will fall, which means cigarettes will be cheaper for manufacturers to make. So the cost of lethal tobacco products could actually go down, reducing smokers' financial incentive to quit.

The U.S. House of Representatives has actually passed this plan. The Senate hasn't.

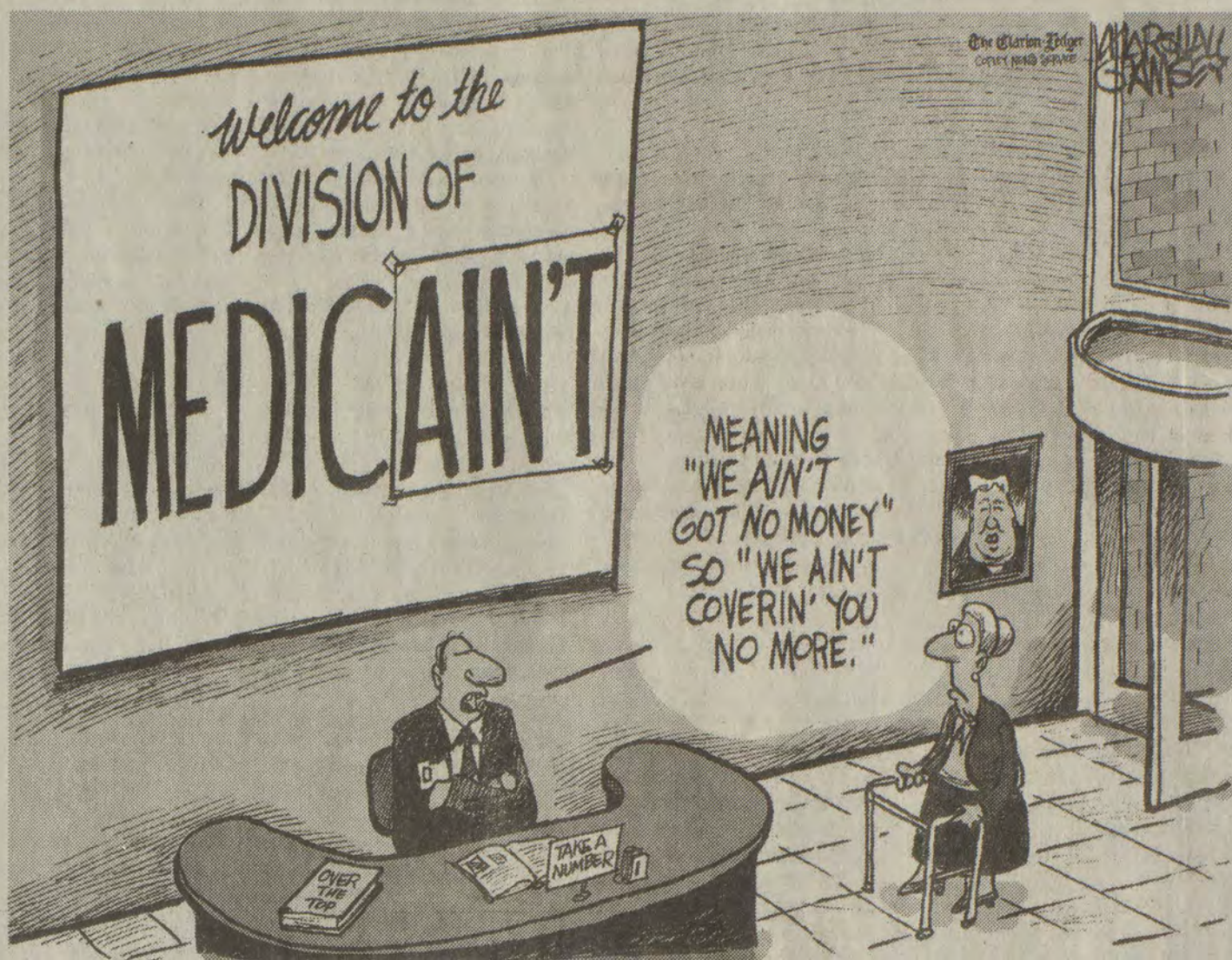
But the Senate's main concern seems to be to add FDA regulation of tobacco to the plan. Senators have yet to express outrage at the idea of requiring taxpayers to subsidize tobacco farmers and the cost of a pack of cigarettes.

This plan is as far from the original intent of a buyout as Congress could have gone.

A buyout was supposed to help farmers get out of the tobacco business — not stay in. Tobacco companies were supposed to foot the bill — not taxpayers. The cost of cigarettes was to increase and prompt more smokers to quit — not go down and make smoking cheaper.

But, hey, ... Kentucky is a poor state. So if our Washington representatives want to put the state's farmers on welfare, who are we to complain?

— The Courier-Journal, Louisville



— Jim Davidson

### Something for your 'keeper' friends

There is a famous quotation by Will Rogers that I have used a number of times, but it is nevertheless germane to something I want to share with you that a friend sent me the other day. The quotation goes, "It's just as important to be reminded as it is to be educated."

The reason this is true is because many of us just plain forget to do those things that are important in our lives, like telling our spouse and children that we love them and being thoughtful to remember birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions. In short, many times we just take those we love the most and sometimes our best friends for granted, and we shouldn't because they deserve the best we can give them.

My friend is Mickey Cox, who lives here in our community, and he has taken me fishing a number of times, usually in his truck, his boat and using his tackle. Mickey is one of those people who enjoys fishing on a regular basis, but I just go when I get invited and when I can get away for a day or so. I have always enjoyed my fishing trips with

him because he is a fine Christian man, we have wonderful fellowship and also because Mickey always catches fish and is usually kind enough to let me catch one or two. One thing I learned a long time ago is to never catch more fish than the fellow who invites you.

Mickey sent me this article by an unknown author that he had gotten somewhere, titled "Keepers" and at first I thought it was a fishing story, because that's the term we use when we are trying to decide whether or not we are going to keep a fish or throw it back.

I might add, Mickey keeps them much smaller than I do. My motivation is determined by the thought of having to clean them when we quit fishing.

If you have been around for a good number of years, I believe you will really appreciate the values contained in this article:

"I grew up in the 1950s with practical parents — a mother, God love her, who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycle queen, before they had a name for it. A father who was happier getting old shoes fixed than buying new

ones. Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away. I can see them now, Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat and Mom in a housedress, lawn mower in one hand, dish towel in the other.

"It was the time for fixing things — a curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the oven door, the hem in a dress.

Things we keep. It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, reheating, renewing — I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.

"But then my Mother died, and on that clear summer's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was stuck with the pain of learning that

sometimes there isn't any 'more.' Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away — never to return.

"So — while we have it — it's best we love it — and care for it — and fix it when it's broken — and heal it when it's sick. This is true — for marriage — and old cars — and children with bad report cards — and dogs with bad hips — and aging parents — and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it.

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### — beyond the beltway

### The trials of a week in the White House

by DONALD KAUL

President Bush, as we all know, is an amazing man and the other day he did an amazing thing. He recruited the Pope as a campaign worker. No kidding.

Word comes, via "The National Catholic Reporter," an independent publication, that Mr. Bush, while he was in Rome to meet the Pope, asked the Vatican's secretary of state to get the Pontiff to lean on American Catholic bishops to support him for reelection. "Not all the American bishops are with me," he whined. (I put the "whined" part in myself.)

The incident hasn't gotten much play in the press but I'll never know why. When John Kennedy ran for president in 1960, he was forced to go before a meeting of Protestant religious leaders to reassure them that he, although a Catholic, was his own man and wasn't going to be a tool of the Pope.

Now we've got an American president — and a Protestant fundamentalist at that — asking the Pope to lend him some clout. All that's left is for his

flunkies to fan out across the nation to urge Protestant clergy to remind their flocks that John Kerry is a Catholic and thus not to be trusted.

I liked it better when we had separation of church and state.

Other than his Roman holiday, things haven't been going too well for the president lately. Just as he was setting up to take advantage of the 60th anniversary of D-day, hoping people would mistake him for Ronald Reagan (who put on so memorable a performance at the 40th anniversary), Mr. Reagan died on him. Mr. Bush gave a speech, but not many heard it and nobody remembers it. Instead the TV channels were filled with clips featuring Mr. Reagan's "boys of Pointe du Hoc" speech of 20 years ago. Why watch an Elvis impersonator when the real thing is available?

This happened shortly after the man the president had originally chosen to head a new, democratic Iraq, Ahmed Chalabi, was accused of bilking an innocent U.S. government of millions of dollars. What made the accusations particularly damning is the fact that his accusers are the Pentagon, the State Department and CIA.

It was a touchy time. Chalabi, remember, was the fair-haired boy of the White House neo-cons who pushed us into war in Iraq. He was the one who convinced them that Saddam Hussein

was stockpiling weapons of mass destruction. As a reward he was given the seat of honor at the President's State of the Union address — right behind Laura Bush. To have him being treated like a common criminal by U.S. occupation forces was embarrassing.

President Bush was up to handling the situation, though.

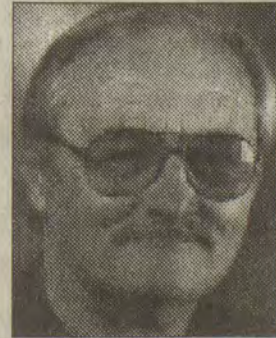
When asked about the Iraqi expatriate he said something like: "Chalabi? Chalabi. That's a familiar name. To tell you the truth I don't think I ever met the man. Maybe once I shook hands with him on a rope line." So much for loyalty. At the next State of the

Union, if Bush is re-elected, Chalabi will be the guy in the orange jumpsuit, sweeping up the Capital grounds.

Another Bush embarrassment was handled in a classic Washington ritual, as stylized as Kabuki. George Tenet, the director of the CIA was the embarrassment. He resigned.

He didn't resign because he failed to see the 9/11 attacks coming (although he hadn't), nor because he promised the President that finding Weapons of Mass Destruction in Iraq was a "slam dunk" (although he had), nor even because the

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# Faith Extra

Minister's Moment:

## Missing the extraordinary right in front of us

by FATHER BOB DAMRON  
ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Have you ever lost your eyeglasses and searched all over the house for them, only to find them in your front pocket or perched upon your head? I know I have. Goofy feeling, isn't it?

So often, that which we seek (we are searching for) is right in front of us. Sometimes we are like fish in the sea swimming anxiously in circles, searching for the ocean. The most obvious truth or treasure can be hidden right in front of our eyes. It disappears from our minds, not because it is so rare, but because it is so common.

One of the classic movies of all time — cherished by both the older and younger generation — is "The Wizard of Oz." In the movie, Dorothy thought that life's greatest destination, the location of her greatest moments, was somewhere over the rainbow. It never occurred to her that there was "no place like home" until she saw home anew from the far distance of Oz. The simple farm in Kansas that once seemed like a prison of boredom to Dorothy now became her

heart's desire. But Dorothy, like so many of us, only found the way to be truly at home by leaving home for a while. Dorothy found the extraordinary of life in the ordinary of home.

The Gospel of Luke speaks of this same insight. Jesus was at home, preaching in His home synagogue to those who knew Him best — His friends, neighbors and family. You would think this would be a most sympathetic crowd for Him, but the crowd dismissed His words and ignored Him!

Jesus was ignored by His townspeople because they thought they knew Him well. Jesus was just one of them, an ordinary man. As they said, "Don't we know Him? Didn't we watch Him grow up? Don't we know His family?"

This is one of the great ironies in the Bible — the people of Nazareth really did not know Jesus. They thought He was simply the son of Mary and Joseph, a carpenter with a shop around the corner. His family, they knew them all by name. But, of course, Jesus was so much more than all this.

The people of His hometown

did not imagine that the ordinary-looking person they knew as Jesus was actually the Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin. Jesus was distinct and unique, not only from the rest of His family, but from all the rest of humanity as well. Thinking they knew Jesus so well, His hometown knew Him not at all. They failed to recognize in this ordinary carpenter who lived down the street the very Presence of God.

Familiarity does breed blindness — overlooking the extraordinary in the ordinary stuff of life. God is forever revealing Himself at every moment of our lives. He touches us with His extraordinary love in the ordinary stuff of our lives.

As the people of Nazareth failed to recognize the Presence of God in Jesus, so we often fail to recognize God in the people, in the events and in the creation that surrounds us. God touches us with His love, His compassion, His mercy through those people we live and work with in the days of our lives.

We may begin taking for granted all those people and all those things around us. We no longer recognize how good the cooking is at home, or how comfortable is our own bed. We take for granted how good it is to live in this country or to hear our family call our name. When we take the ordinary common stuff of our lives for granted, then we can fail to recognize the extraordinary, the touch of God, in the people, the events, the things of our ordinary lives. And about the only way we wake up to value the ordinary blessings of our lives is to have them taken away, or to view them from a distance, or to have a visitor to help us see and hear them from anew. For some of us, it is true, we don't appreciate what we have until we lose it.

When was the last time you stopped yearning for the horizon — that next vacation, the fancy of running away from all your responsibilities, the day your children would be grown — and celebrated instead the heart of your life, recognizing God in the life surrounding you? When was the last time your complimented your spouse's cooking, or played on the floor with the kids, or watched a sunset from the front door of your home with amazement, or listened to your

heartbeat with gratitude and humility before God?

These are the simple pleasures of life, the ordinary moments that surround us all the time. But like those who knew Jesus in Nazareth, we usually dismiss them because they are simply too ordinary. Many of God's greatest blessings come to us each day in the gentle caress

of a loved one, the smile of a friend, a gift from a neighbor and the rainbow at the end of a rain shower. I wonder how much of God's greatest blessings we are overlooking every day!

As the people of Nazareth failed to recognize the special presence of God in Jesus, so sometimes we fail to recognize

that special presence of God in the stuff of our ordinary lives. May we open our eyes, open our hearts and open our lives to the people, events and things of our lives and recognize there the loving hand of God. God is here right in front of our eyes, right in the middle of our hearts and right in the middle of our lives.



Pat Janisch, Eddy Hildebrand and Kristin Kramer, of the Immaculate Conception mission group, based in Elmhurst, Ill., have spent the past few days helping Carol and Joe Rudy, of Abbott Creek, restore their flood-damaged home.

## Immaculate Conception mission group helps with flood cleanup

ABBOTT CREEK — In response to the massive flooding that has occurred in Eastern Kentucky, a mission group has been utilized to help in cleanup and restoration.

Three members of the Immaculate Conception Church out of Elmhurst, Ill., were originally scheduled to come to the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) to help with home repair, but in light of recent events, they have been put into action at the home of Carol and Joe Rudy.

Carol Rudy, of Abbott Creek, was, like many others, hit by flooding on Memorial Day weekend. At its worst, her home was ravaged by over a foot of water. Carol Rudy, who was injured in a car accident this past April, has relied heavily on the help of family, friends and the community to get her home back to normal.

To Carol Rudy, it is crucial

that she restore her home because her husband is in the hospital and needs to return home soon. Joe Rudy, who was also injured in the wreck, recently lost his leg due to complications from an infection that

occurred as a result of injuries during the accident.

In order to help, Pat Janisch, Eddy Hildebrand and Kristin Kramer, along with volunteers Barb Sovitsky and Jerry Cable and CAP Housing crew leader Mike Powers, have all pulled together to help remove flooring, dry out wet items and to try to restore the home.

To Carol Rudy, the group is an answered prayer.

"It's one of the best services I ever saw in my life," she said. "I was in Lexington with my husband and my sister has been holding down the fort. I don't know what I would have done had I not had help."

While the group was original-

ly scheduled to help with various home repairs during their week's stay, the need for help was well understood by the group, as group leader Kristin Kramer admits.

"We got a call asking us if we'd mind doing flood relief and we said 'Sure,'" Kramer said. "Once we got here and saw the damage, we were just devastated."

Helping others is something that the mission group feels very strongly about. This past week, there has been plenty of opportunity to help where it is needed.

"Giving back gives you a good feeling when you go home at night," said Pat Janisch, one of the mission group members.

The Immaculate Conception mission group is a guest mission group of the Christian Appalachian Project, an interdenominational, non-profit Christian organization committed to serving people in need in Appalachia by providing physical, spiritual and emotional support through a wide variety of programs and services.

## Now it's the Presbyterians' turn to wrangle over gays and the church

by RICHARD N. OSTLING  
AP RELIGION WRITER

Deep rifts over homosexuality have worsened among Episcopalians and United Methodists over the past year, and now the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is getting ready to continue its divisive debate over gay clergy.

The 2.4 million-member church's weeklong national legislative assembly begins Saturday in Richmond, Va., where liberals will take up new attacks against the church's strict law barring actively gay clergy and lay officers.

Conservatives will defend that law and, frustrated because some ignore it, seek a clampdown and new church leadership.

Gay activists and their allies have three proposals regarding the ban:

■ A third attempt to repeal the 1997 law requiring officeholders to "live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman, or chastity in singleness."

■ A rewrite of that law to replace the man-and-woman phrase with "a covenanted relationship between two persons."

■ A proposal backed by the Covenant Network caucus to drop another piece of church law that reinforces the prohibition on gay clergy.

Meanwhile, conservative caucuses such as the Presbyterian Coalition favor action to enforce church court rulings and keep active gays and lesbians out of office.

It may be that none of the measures will be approved, since an emergency task force on church "peace, unity and purity" has been assigned to dig into gay-related issues and report to the next assembly, in 2006.

That panel is seeking a way to hold the denomination together despite the gay issue and underlying disputes over whether the Bible's passages condemning homosexual activity apply under modern conditions.

Next Friday, delegates elect a "stated clerk" — the chief executive at the church's Louisville headquarters — to serve until 2008. The seasoned incumbent, the Rev. Clifton Kirkpatrick, was the sole choice of the nominating committee, but he is being challenged by three conservatives.

The three consider Kirkpatrick too wishy-washy on enforcement of the gay ban and say he has presided over decline. The church's net loss of 46,658 mem-

bers from 2002 to 2003 was its worst since the denomination was formed in a 1983 merger between Northern and Southern churches that originated in the Civil War.

Active membership in 1983 was 4.2 million and has dropped by 1.8 million since.

The challengers to Kirkpatrick are:

■ The Rev. Robert Davis, a one-time lawyer, associate pastor of a congregation in Escondido, Calif., and executive director of Presbyterian Forum, a think tank that favors Bible-based "renewal."

■ The Rev. Linn "Rus" Howard, a pastor in Venetia, Pa., who lost a January bid to have his regional presbytery endorse "gracious separation" of the national church into two denominations, conservative and liberal.

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## Davidson

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because we are worth it. Some things we keep. Like a best friend that moved away, or a classmate we grew up with. There are just some things that make life important, like people we know who are special — and so, we keep them close."

The final thoughts on this article gave me the reason why my friend Mickey Cox sent this to me. We both grew up in the 1950s. It said, "I received this from someone who thought I was a 'keeper!' Then I sent it to the people I think of in the same way. Now it's your turn to send this to all those people who are 'keepers' in your life — like you!"

I hope you will take a moment and send this on to those people in your life that you also consider being "keepers." With millions of hurting people in our nation, we never know what a kind word, a special thought or even an article like this could mean to them. In reality, everyone is a keeper.

If you will think about it for a moment, I believe you will agree the reason articles like this are important is because they contain family values. Without a doubt, family values are values that we should cherish and hold on to, because they served us well, and I believe helped to make us the greatest nation on earth.

When it's all said and done and we come to the end of our days, it matters not how much

money we made or how successful we became. What will matter most is that special relationship we have had with our friends and especially with our family.

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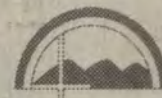
CIA was involved in the brutal interrogation of prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq (although it was). No, he resigned to spend more time with his family.

It's amazing how often government officials, when they run into trouble on the job, are struck with a sudden and irresistible desire to see their children play Little League baseball — even if their children are in their 30s.

President Bush commended the departing Tenet for doing "a superb job."

I love it.

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. Email donald.kaul2@verizon.net.



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# Regional Obituaries

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Minnie Martin Conley, died Tuesday, June 22, at the Bluegrass Hospice Care Center in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Judge Hollie Conley. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 25, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Pamela Jane Harvey, 30, of Garrett, died Tuesday, June 22, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Douglas Harvey. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Manis Hicks, 73, of Hueysville, died Tuesday, June 22, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Donald "D.J." Johnson, 62, of Weeksbury, died Thursday, June 17, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 21,

under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ruth Boyd Ratliff, 85, of Lexington, formerly of Floyd County, died Monday, June 21, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 25, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

John Graham Ratliff, 77, of Stanville, died Saturday, June 19, in the Parkview Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville. He is survived by his wife, Vern Edith Meade Ratliff. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 21, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

James Franklin Tackett, 52, of Grethel, died Saturday, June 19, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, June Morrow Tackett. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mack Tackett, 90, of Ivel, died Tuesday, June 22, at Highlands

Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Tackett. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Goldie B. Williams, 73, of New London, Ohio, a native of Honaker, died Sunday, June 20, at Fisher-Titus Medical Center in Norwalk, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 23, under the direction of Eastman Funeral Home.

Irene Preston Parsons, died Tuesday morning, June 22, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 25, under the direction of Kilgore and Collier Funeral Home of Catlettsburg.

## Knott County

David Cook, 80, of Elizabethton, Tennessee, a Knott County native, died Thursday, June 17, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 21, under the direction of

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## Martin County

Roger Lee Fletcher, 38, of Tomahawk, died Tuesday, June 15, at J.J. Jordan Nursing Home, in Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 18, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Fayetta M. Ditto, 55, of Monticello, formerly of Melvin, died Monday, June 14, at University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ollie (Maynard) Preece, 80, of Inez, died Thursday, June 17, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 19, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

John Graham Ratliff, 77, of Stanville, died Saturday, June 19, at Parkview Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville. Funeral services

were conducted Monday, June 21, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ruth Boyd Ratliff, 85, of Lexington, formerly of Floyd County, died Monday, June 21, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 25, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Robert Morris "Bobby" Rice II, died Thursday, June 10, of a coal mining related accident at Marrowbone Development Company in West Virginia. Arrangements were under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Delores Castle Rudy, 63, of May's Lick, formerly of Eastern, died Tuesday, June 15, at Meadow View Regional Hospital, Maysville. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## Knott County

Dingus "Dean" Bolen, 65, of Kenton, Ohio, formerly of Knott County, died Tuesday, June 15, at Ohio State University Hospital, Columbus. He is survived by his wife, Linda Dunson Bolen. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 19, under the direc-

tion of Hanson-Neely Funeral Home.

## Lawrence County

Joe Troxwell, 61, of Louisa, formerly of Louisville, died Thursday, June 17, at Three Rivers Hospital, Louisa. Graveside services were conducted Friday, June 18, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Home.

# Obituary

## Lack Lafferty

Lack Lafferty, 93, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Born April 5, 1911, in Water Gap, she was the daughter of the late John and Anna Calhoun DeRossett. She was a retired cook for Prestonsburg Grade School, and a member of the Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist Church, at Cliff.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ollie Lafferty Sr.

Survivors include a son and his wife, Ollie Jr., and Peggy Lafferty of Ypsilanti, Michigan; four brothers: Oscar DeRossett (Lexie) of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Robert DeRossett (Virginia), and Frank DeRossett (Dordena), both of Prestonsburg, and Calvin DeRossett (Sarah) of Arizona; one granddaughter, Evelyn Sewell (Jim); a great-granddaughter, Heather Marie Weaver (Brett); three step-great-grandchildren: Jennifer, Angela, and Brandon Sewell; and two step-great-great-grandchildren: C. J. and Jaden, all of Ypsilanti, Michigan; daughter at heart, Cathy Goble (James) of Ivel; special cousin, Merlin DeRossett of Bull Creek; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Taylor DeRossett and Jimmy DeRossett; and three sisters: Lula Lafferty, Ellen Lafferty and Rebecca Skeans.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, June 27, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Clifford Austin, James Harmon, and Jody Spencer officiating.

Burial will be in the DeRossett Family Cemetery (DeRossett Road), Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

(Paid obituary)

## Wrangle

Continued from p5

Alex Metherell, an engineer and radiologist from Newport Beach, Calif., who filed a petition last year ordering a special assembly to deal with those disobeying the gay clergy ban. The effort died when some endorsers rescinded support.

At a June 9 candidates' debate (which Kirkpatrick did not attend), Howard called his proposal a way to spur honest discussion of the ideological split, and Metherell said an eventual breakup of the church is inevitable unless Kirkpatrick is ousted. Davis opposed separation.

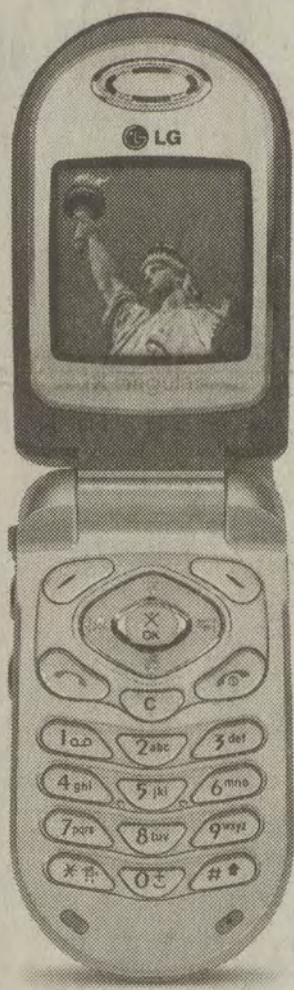
On Saturday night, delegates elect a moderator — the titular head of the church — to serve until 2006. Announced candidates are the Rev. David McKechnie, pastor of a conservative Houston megachurch; the Rev. K.C. Pomey, a Nashville, Tenn., pastor and Covenant Network board member; and Rick Ufford-Chase, a social activist in Tucson, Ariz.

Other issues on the docket: Controversy over Avodah Yisrael, a "messianic" congregation in Pennsylvania funded by the church that combines Jewish traditions with faith in Jesus. Several bills call for a funding cutoff on such efforts and for a study of Jewish relations.

Conservative attempts to further restrict the church's support for abortion rights.

Fine-tuning of church policy on accused child molesters.

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## Feds step in to protect bankrupt coal company's retirement pensions

The Associated Press

ASHLAND — The federal government has stepped in to protect the pensions of more than 4,800 employees of the bankrupt Horizon Natural Resources Co., the nation's fourth largest coal producer.

The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., created by Congress in 1974 to protect failing private-sector pension plans, announced Friday that it has assumed responsibility for the Ashland-based company's pension plan.

"The PBGC is stepping in because Horizon Natural Resources is liquidating in bankruptcy, and no asset purchaser has emerged to assume the underfunded pension plan," said Executive Director Brad Belt. "The PBGC will ensure that retirees continue to receive their monthly benefit checks without interruption up to guaranteed federal limits, and that other employees will receive benefits when they are eligible to retire."

The coal company pension plan has \$45 million in assets to cover almost \$132 million in benefit promises. Jeffrey Speicher, spokesman for the PBGC, said the federal pension program will be liable for \$75 million of the \$87 million shortfall.

Horizon employees will be eligible for a maximum pension of \$44,386 when they reach age 65 under the PBGC plan. Some early retirement subsidies and benefit increases made within the past five years may not be fully guaranteed. Speicher said the PBGC, a federal corporation created under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, currently guarantees payment of basic pension benefits earned by 44 million American workers and retirees participating in over 31,000 private-sector benefit pension plans.

The corporation receives no funds from general tax revenues. Operations are financed largely by insurance premiums paid by companies that sponsor pension plans and by investment returns.



## Mickey named Assistant Coach of the Year

TIMES STAFF REPORT

POND CREEK – Chalk up yet another honor for a Belfry Pirate.

And deservedly, so. The honors continue to roll in for those associated with the Belfry High School football program. Longtime Belfry High assistant football coach Steve Mickey, a nearly 30-year veteran of the Pirate grid coaching staff, was honored this week when he was named Assistant Coach of the Year by the Kentucky Football Coaches Association. Mickey received the honor at the Kentucky Football Coaches Association's annual football clinic and awards dinner held at Centre College in Danville.

Mickey served as an assistant coach on Belfry's 2003 Class 2A state title team. He has been a longtime assistant to Pirate head coach Phillip Haywood.

In addition to coaching, Mickey also pens a syndicated weekly NASCAR column.

## ACHS volleyball players to attend UK camp

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – The month of July will be a crucial time for the Allen Central High School volleyball program. Allen Central High volleyball players will attend positions camp at the University of Kentucky July 7-9, before coming together for a team camp at UK July 10-12. Allen Central, coached by Larry Maynard, has had a great deal of success in both Floyd County Conference/district play and regionally.

Prior to the current KHSAA dead period, according to Maynard, Allen Central players were involved in weight training and various summer workouts.

Allen Central annually plays one of the strongest schedules in the area, competing in regular-season play, including tournaments, before moving on to post-season competition.

The UK volleyball camp will be under the direction of University of Kentucky head coach Jona Braden.

The UK volleyball program will face a challenging schedule again in 2004, taking on six teams which participated in the

(See ACHS, page three)

## KDFWR Branch Office in Louisville to close Wednesday

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT – The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) has announced that the agency's branch information office at Bowman Field in Louisville will close at the end of business Wednesday, June 30.

According to agency officials, closing the Louisville office will reduce the duplication of government services and save license dollars.

*"We can provide more comprehensive assistance through our main office Information Center, and in many cases, serve the public more promptly," said KDFWR Commissioner Tom Bennett.*

Recent improvements in services through the KDFWR main Frankfort office include access to hunting, fishing, boating and other wildlife-related information through a statewide toll-free phone number. The public may

call 1-800-858-1549 to inquire about agency programs and services by speaking with KDFWR Information Center personnel. The toll-free KDFWR Information Center operates from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EDT. This

is beyond the normal operating hours of the Louisville branch.

Technology improvements since the Louisville office opened in 1988 now make information available 24 hours a day from the KDFWR website at fw.ky.gov. All hunting, fishing and boating information can be obtained on the website, and customers can contact the agency by e-mail with questions or requests.

(See KDFWR, page three)

## HAP CHAMPIONS



ON TOP OF THE GAME – The Yankees took regular-season titles in both divisions of the Harold-Allen-Prater (HAP) Little League. The Yankees, both the A-team (Major Division) and B-team (Minor Division) squads posted impressive regular-season records en route to championships.

## Cards finalize football schedule

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE – The 2004 University of Louisville football schedule has been finalized as ESPN announced the dates of the Memphis and TCU games on Friday.

The Cardinals will travel to the Liberty Bowl on Thursday, Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. (EST) to take on Memphis in a nationally-televised game on ESPN with the network's top broadcasting crew of Kirk Herbstreit, Mike Tirico and former Cardinal head coach Lee Corso. U of L will look to avenge last season's 37-7 loss to Tigers at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

Louisville will get just six days off to prepare for TCU at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium on Wednesday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. on ESPN2. The Cardinals dropped a heart-breaking 31-28 decision to the Horned Frogs in Fort Worth last season.

The Cardinals report to campus on Sunday, August 8, and will begin practice on Monday, August 9.

## University of Kentucky 2004 Football Schedule

- Sept. 5 at Louisville
- Sept. 18 Indiana
- Sept. 25 at Florida
- Oct. 2 Ohio
- Oct. 9 Alabama
- Oct. 16 South Carolina
- Oct. 23 at Auburn
- Oct. 30 at Mississippi State
- Nov. 6 Georgia
- Nov. 13 Vanderbilt
- Nov. 27 at Tennessee



## LITTLE LEAGUE

# Little League All-Star season takes center stage

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE – The spotlight is on baseball. Little League baseball. The Paintsville Little League is hosting five different tournaments with age groups ranging from 9-10-year-olds to 15-16-year olds.

The Paintsville League is scheduled to host the District Seven championships. The winner from each division will advance on to state play.

After Pikeville dropped its Little League charter, Paintsville became the host of both Area 1 and Area 2

teams, which comprise one District 7 Tournament.

From Floyd County, teams from Prestonsburg, Harold-Allen-Prater (HAP) and Beaver Creek Little Leagues make the trip to Paintsville and Johnson County. Teams from several other counties, including Pike, Knott, Martin, Magoffin and Letcher will also be represented in tournament play by various teams.

The 9-10-year-old tournament will include 14 different teams.

Up-to-date game summaries and information from the District 7 Tournament games will appear in Wednesday's edition.



TIME AND PREPARATION – The Prestonsburg Little League 9-10-year-old All-Stars put in practice time Thursday evening. Coaches Les Stapleton and Ronnie Baldrige are pictured with players.

photos by Jamie Howell



## 2004 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

**ALLEN CENTRAL**  
 Aug. 20 at Betsy Layne  
 Aug. 27 at Paintsville  
 Sept. 3 Magoffin County  
 Sept. 10 at Jenkins  
 Sept. 17 Fleming-Neon  
 Sept. 24 Knott County Central  
 Oct. 1 at Hazard  
 Oct. 8 Phelps  
 Oct. 15 at South Floyd  
 Oct. 22 Pikeville  
 Oct. 29 Open

**BETSY LAYNE**  
 Aug. 20 Allen Central  
 Aug. 27 Jenkins  
 Sept. 3 at Phelps  
 Sept. 10 at Magoffin County  
 Sept. 17 Open  
 Sept. 17 at Knott County Central  
 Sept. 24 at Eminence  
 Oct. 1 JJ Kelly, Va.  
 Oct. 8 at Hurley, Va.  
 Oct. 15 Cumberland  
 Oct. 22 Letcher  
 Oct. 29 at Pike County Central

**PRESTONSBURG**  
 Aug. 21 at Pikeville  
 (Pike County Bowl)  
 Aug. 27 Open  
 Sept. 3 Bell County  
 Sept. 10 Lawrence County  
 Sept. 17 Ashland Blazer  
 Sept. 24 Sheldon Clark  
 Oct. 1 at Magoffin County  
 Oct. 8 at Belfry  
 Oct. 15 Pike County Central  
 Oct. 22 at Shelby Valley  
 Oct. 29 at East Ridge

**SOUTH FLOYD**  
 Aug. 20 Powell County  
 Aug. 27 Pike County Central  
 (Short Jamerson Bowl)  
 Sept. 3 East Ridge  
 Sept. 10 at Phelps  
 Sept. 17 at Pikeville  
 Sept. 24 at Fleming-Neon  
 Oct. 1 at Jenkins  
 Oct. 8 Hazard  
 Oct. 15 Allen Central  
 Oct. 22 Paintsville  
 Oct. 29 Open

**BELFRY**  
 Aug. 21 Estill County  
 (At Shelby Valley, Pike County Bowl)  
 Aug. 27 Open  
 Sept. 3 at Lawrence County  
 Sept. 10 East Ridge  
 Sept. 17 Magoffin County  
 Sept. 24 at Pikeville  
 Oct. 1 Pike County Central  
 Oct. 8 Prestonsburg  
 Oct. 15 at Sheldon Clark  
 Oct. 22 at Ironton, Ohio  
 Oct. 29 Shelby Valley

**PIKEVILLE**  
 Aug. 21 Prestonsburg  
 (Pike County Bowl)  
 Aug. 27 Open  
 Sept. 3 at Rockcastle County  
 Sept. 10 Hazard  
 Sept. 17 South Floyd  
 Sept. 24 Belfry  
 Oct. 1 Phelps  
 Oct. 8 at Jenkins  
 Oct. 14 at Fleming-Neon  
 Oct. 22 at Allen Central  
 Oct. 29 at Paintsville

**EAST RIDGE**  
 Aug. 20 Phelps  
 Aug. 28 Haysi, Va.  
 Sept. 3 at South Floyd  
 Sept. 10 at Belfry  
 Sept. 17 at Hurley, Va.  
 Sept. 24 at Shelby Valley  
 Oct. 1 Sheldon Clark  
 Oct. 8 Pike County Central  
 Oct. 15 Open  
 Oct. 22 at Magoffin County  
 Oct. 29 Prestonsburg

**PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL**  
 Aug. 20 at Shelby Valley  
 (Pike County Bowl)  
 Aug. 27 at South Floyd  
 (Shorty Jamerson Bowl)  
 Sept. 3 at Breathitt County  
 (Honey Bowl)  
 Sept. 10 at North Laurel  
 Sept. 24 Magoffin County  
 Oct. 1 at Belfry  
 Oct. 8 at East Ridge

Oct. 15 at Prestonsburg  
 Oct. 22 Sheldon Clark  
 Oct. 29 Betsy Layne

**SHELBY VALLEY**  
 Aug. 20 Pike County Central  
 (Pike County Bowl)  
 Aug. 27 Pineville  
 (Shorty Jamerson Bowl)  
 Sept. 3 at Grundy, Va.  
 (Grundy Bowl)  
 Sept. 10 Open  
 Sept. 17 at Lawrence County  
 Sept. 24 East Ridge  
 Oct. 1 at Whitesburg  
 Oct. 8 at Sheldon Clark  
 Oct. 15 Magoffin County  
 Oct. 22 Prestonsburg  
 Oct. 29 at Belfry

**KNOTT COUNTY CENTRAL**  
 Aug. 20 at Magoffin County  
 Aug. 28 Lynn Camp  
 (At Hazard, Pride of the Mountains  
 Gridiron Classic)  
 Sept. 3 Open  
 Sept. 10 Clay County  
 Sept. 17 Betsy Layne  
 Sept. 24 at Allen Central  
 Oct. 1 Leslie County  
 Oct. 8 at Whitesburg  
 Oct. 15 Middlesboro  
 Oct. 22 Cawood  
 Oct. 29 at Breathitt County

**SHELDON CLARK**  
 Aug. 28 Grundy, Va.  
 (At East Ridge, Tri-state Bowl)  
 Sept. 3 Leslie County  
 (At Prestonsburg,  
 Action Express Bowl)  
 Sept. 10 at Fairland, OH  
 Sept. 17 Open  
 Sept. 24 at Prestonsburg  
 Oct. 1 at East Ridge  
 Oct. 8 Shelby Valley  
 Oct. 15 Belfry  
 Oct. 22 at Pike County Central  
 Oct. 29 Magoffin County

**LAWRENCE COUNTY**  
 Aug. 21 Pleasure Ridge Park  
 (At Lexington Catholic,  
 Saint Joseph's Bluegrass Bowl)  
 Aug. 27 Wayne, W.Va.  
 Sept. 3 Belfry  
 Sept. 10 at Prestonsburg  
 Sept. 17 Shelby Valley  
 Sept. 24 Open  
 Oct. 1 Ironton, Ohio  
 Oct. 8 at Boyd County  
 Oct. 15 at Ashland Blazer  
 Oct. 22 at Mason County  
 Oct. 29 Greenup County

**PAINTSVILLE**  
 Aug. 20 at Raceland  
 Aug. 27 Allen Central  
 (Big Sandy Bowl)  
 Sept. 3 Jenkins  
 Sept. 10 at Fleming-Neon  
 Sept. 17 at Grundy, Va.  
 Sept. 24 Phelps  
 Sept. 30 Johnson Central  
 Oct. 8 Open  
 Oct. 15 Hazard  
 Oct. 22 at South Floyd  
 Oct. 29 Pikeville

**JOHNSON CENTRAL**  
 Aug. 21 Whitesburg  
 (Pineville, Laurel Bowl)  
 Aug. 27 Estill County  
 (Big Sandy Bowl)  
 Sept. 3 Greenup County  
 Sept. 10 Open  
 Sept. 17 at Whitley County  
 Sept. 24 South Laurel  
 Sept. 30 at Paintsville  
 (Apple Bowl)  
 Oct. 8 George Rogers Clark  
 Oct. 15 at North Laurel  
 Oct. 22 at Montgomery County  
 Oct. 29 Madison Central

**MAGOFFIN COUNTY**  
 Aug. 20 Knott County Central  
 Aug. 27 Powell County  
 Sept. 3 at Allen Central  
 Sept. 10 Betsy Layne  
 Sept. 17 at Belfry  
 Sept. 24 at Pike County Central  
 Oct. 1 Prestonsburg  
 Oct. 8 Open  
 Oct. 15 at Shelby Valley  
 Oct. 22 East Ridge  
 Oct. 29 at Sheldon Clark

## Bears busy reclaiming Kentucky habitat

by STEVE VANTRESE  
 FOR THE ASSOCIATED  
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Blacks bears are reoccupying suitable habitat in Kentucky, increasing in numbers, and they're not going away.

"Ten years from now it will be like we've always had them," said Jonathan Day, forest systems coordinator and bear biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Wildlife experts don't know the extent of Kentucky's resident bear population, but it's apparently on the rise with bear observations becoming routine in some areas and occasional over a wide swath of eastern Kentucky.

"We don't have an estimate of the numbers in the state," Day said. "They're difficult to survey because they tend to be so secretive."

Day said field study that should produce the first modern assessment of black bear numbers is now under way.

Day believes bears — native Kentucky wildlife that was extirpated by unregulated shooting and clearing of forests generations ago — are moving toward eventual recolonization of the land that will still support them.

"I think that bears eventually are going to occupy most of eastern Kentucky, a lot of which is heavily forested and rural — good habitat for bears," Day said. "I think they'll basically be limited to the part of the state east of I-75."

Day said the central Bluegrass region doesn't make suitable bear habitat, although some sections of western Kentucky aren't out of the question for bear territory.

"Parts of the west are pretty good bear habitat, Peabody (Wildlife Management Area), the Pennyriple Forest (WMA), some of the swamp lands in far western Kentucky — but how are they going to get there?" he said. "Some single bears may go west. Individual males may take off and go incredible distances,

but it takes more to get populations recolonized. The Bluegrass region probably will be a barrier to more westward movement."

There have been a few bear reports from south-central Kentucky from counties near the Big South Fork National Recreation Area, the Tennessee portion of which has a small re-established core population of black bears, he said.

Day said bears thus far have significantly occupied "the first couple lines of counties" along the state's eastern borders

through all-natural behavior. That is, bears have not been imported and released.

"It's been through bears moving in from Virginia and West Virginia and even some from Tennessee," Day said. "And we've been getting good reproduction from the bears already here."

The biggest challenge with the bruins back in Kentucky may be keeping the peace between humans and bears.

"We need to alter some behavior to prevent conflicts, and since we can't explain it to

the bears, we're trying to educate the people," Day said.

"The biggest thing is not to provide a free meal to a bear," Day said. "Don't throw out garbage and don't put out garbage in cans until the day it's going to be picked up. Don't leave pet food outside. Keep your barbecue grill clean."

"Don't leave any kind of food out there to attract a bear," he said. "If they get used to free meals, that's when bears start hanging around where there are

(See HABITAT, page three)

## Boggs wins Willard 100

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**WILLARD** — Jackie Boggs, a renowned dirt track driver from Grayson, Saturday, June 19, steered his Late Model to victory lane and the \$3000 prize, in the first ever Willard 100 held at Willard Speedway. Boggs skillfully managed to grab the lead in the 100-lap race at the green flag and held it throughout the race, despite challenges from David Powers, the fastest qualifier. A record-breaking crowd was present to take in the exciting premiere event.

Boggs also won a dash that included the top-four fastest Late Model qualifiers — Boggs, Powers, Terry Hicks and Tom Hall. The order was inverted for the six-lap run. Finish in the dash set position in the feature race. Dash results first through fourth were Boggs, Hall, Powers, and Hicks. In the heat race that followed the dash, Mike Estep of Huntington, W.Va., won, placing him in the fifth position to start the 100-lap feature race.

With few cautions, the race lasted a mere 38 minutes with the roaring engines circling the oval in less than 13 seconds each go-around. Hicks, who placed third at the finish line, stayed next to Powers constantly challenging him for the sec-

ond-place finish and \$2000 reward. With third place paying \$1000, none of the top three were disappointed with the payoff.

Fourth place was taken by Estep, who collected \$800 himself. Fifth place for \$500 was claimed by Tommy Boggs, brother of the Willard 100 Champion.

Todd Robinson claimed the checkers and the \$1000 prize in the Modified 50-lap feature that came next in the racing program. Again, few cautions were thrown, enabling another practically non-stop, nail-biting, action-packed feature race. Second through fifth places, respectively, were Kevin Copher, Jeff Meadows, Chris Tackett, and T.J. Brumfield.

The Bomber division 25-lap feature race winner's trophy went to Eric Steagall of Olive Hill. Second through fifth in the order finished were Charlie Jude, Stacy Jackson, Joey Back, and Doug Moore. The V6 Stock 20-lap feature winner was the frequently successful Glenn Marshall. Second through fifth places went to Brian Maynard, Justin Jaynes, Guy Gault, and Daniel Jordan. The Four-Cylinder 20-lap feature winner was Dennis Meadows. Second

through fifth places were held by Albert Swanagan, Dale Dehart, Mike Taylor, and Tom Smith.

Racing at Willard Speedway is scheduled to continue on Saturday, June 26.

For more information on racing at Willard Speedway, go online to [www.willardspeedway.com](http://www.willardspeedway.com).

### 2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup Driver Standings

1. Jimmie Johnson, 2,220
2. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2,213
3. Matt Kenseth, 2,040
4. Bobby Labonte, 1,954
5. Tony Stewart, 1,945
6. Jeff Gordon, 1,933
- (tie) Elliott Sadler, 1,933
- (tie) Kurt Busch, 1,933
9. Ryan Newman, 1,859
10. Kevin Harvick, 1,847
11. Kasey Kahne, 1,821
12. Jeremy Mayfield, 1,778
13. Jamie McMurray, 1,722
14. Dale Jarrett, 1,694
15. Rusty Wallace, 1,674
16. Mark Martin, 1,642
17. Casey Mears, 1,594
18. Sterling Martin, 1,587
19. Brian Vickers, 1,557
20. Robby Gordon, 1,554

## Sirius, Watkins Glen renew race sponsorship deal

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

**WATKINS GLEN, N.Y.** — Sirius, the premium satellite radio provider, known for delivering the very best in commercial-free music and sports programming to cars and homes across the country, will continue as the title sponsor of the Sirius at The Glen NASCAR Nextel Cup Series event at Watkins Glen International for the next three years, track President Craig Rust announced Thursday.

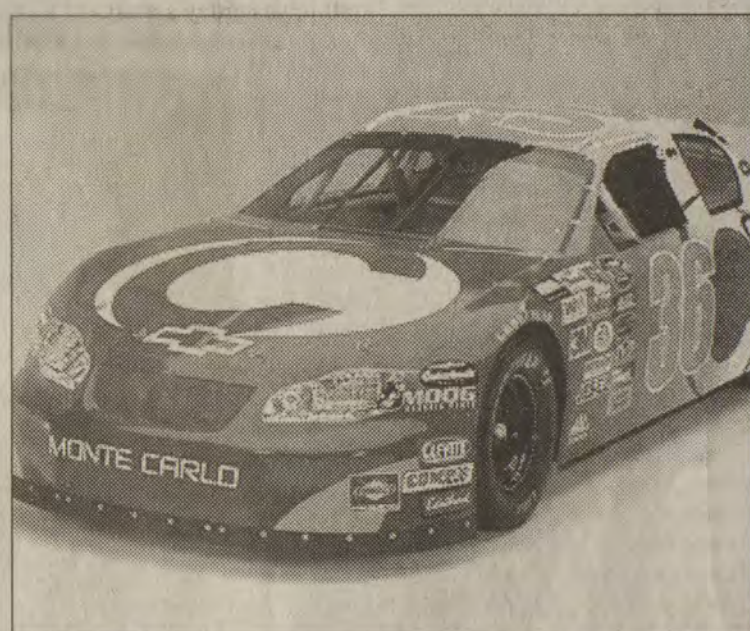
"Over the past three years, Sirius has been an excellent partner, not just during this event, but year-long," said Rust of the multi-year race entitlement. "When we announced the inaugural partnership three years ago, we said that this event would be a staple on the Nextel Cup circuit for years to come and it has become just that."

"Sirius is pleased to partner

with The Glen and the entire ISC family of tracks," said Joseph P. Clayton, CEO of Sirius. "Events such as 'Sirius at The Glen' provide an excellent marketing platform to build awareness and to demonstrate Sirius products to brand loyal NASCAR fans. Watkins Glen International is a first-class, world renown motorsports venue, and is the perfect place to showcase the varied products and premium programming that we offer."

Sirius, based in New York City, provides listeners with more than 110 channels of the best music and entertainment coast-to-coast, including over 60 channels of 100% commercial free music, and more than 50 channels of news, weather, traffic, entertainment, information and sports — including NBA, NHL and NFL games.

New York State's largest weekend spectator sporting event returns August 12-15 with the Nextel Cup Series taking center stage on Sunday in the much-anticipated Sirius at The Glen. Support races include the Mohegan Sun 150 presented by Pepsi NASCAR Grand National Division, Busch North Series on Saturday and the Grand American Rolex Sports Car Series' [theglen.com](http://theglen.com) 200 on Friday night. Tickets start at only \$50.



Boris Said is a proven road course racing veteran who may one day race in more Nextel Cup races.

## Said: Sonoma is all about 'picking your passes'

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

**SONOMA, Calif.** — Road-racing specialist Boris Said, who will be driving the No. 36 Team Centrix Financial Chevrolet for MB2 Motorsports in this weekend's NASCAR event at the Infineon Raceway road course, says competing in a Nextel Cup race continues to bring out a special excitement.

"This is what I wait for and

this is what I would love to do full time," explained Said, a national and international acclaimed sports car racer. "Each time I get to drive in a Cup race, it's like a little kid having another Christmas."

Centrix Financial, a Denver based financial management and services firm, is the Official Auto Finance Company of NASCAR. The company announced in April that it will sponsor Said this season in a third MB2 Motorsports Nextel Cup entry at Sonoma and also at an oval race that is yet to be determined.

MB2 Motorsports fields the No. 01 U.S. Army Chevrolet, driven by Joe Nemechek and the No. 10 Valvoline Chevy, driven by Scott Riggs.

Said, 41, has competed in nine NASCAR Cup point events with his best performance coming at last year's competition at Infineon Raceway when he captured the pole and finished sixth in the 110-lap race while driving for MB2.

(See SAID, page three)

## Eggleston fined \$500 for restraint infraction

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.** — NASCAR Nextel Cup Series crew chief Scott Eggleston has been fined \$500 for a driver restraint equipment infraction that occurred this past weekend at Michigan International Speedway.

Eggleston, crew chief for the No. 49 Dodge driven by

Ken Schrader, was in violation of Section 12-4-A (actions detrimental to stock car racing) and Section 20-17.2C (anti-submarine belt — expired manufacturer's date) in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series Rule Book.

The infraction was discovered by NASCAR officials during last an initial inspection process.

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# Will doping scandals lead to major changes in sports?

by **ROB GLOSTER**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The world's fastest man could face a lifetime ban for alleged doping. Baseball's home run king is dogged almost daily with questions about whether he's used performance-enhancing drugs.

The world's greatest cyclist has come under suspicion.

And America's golden girl, Marion Jones, could be the next to face drug charges.

Will the summer of 2004 — an Olympic year and, perhaps not coincidentally, an election year — be a turning point in the war on drugs in sports?

"We'll have to see whether we have the stomach to destroy a Barry Bonds or a Lance Armstrong or a Marion Jones," says Penn State professor Charles Yesalis, an expert on athletes' steroid use, adding that he thinks even such high-profile cases will do little to stop doping.

Anti-doping authorities already have had some notable success over the past few months.

Several U.S. athletes who

would have been medal contenders at the Athens Games, including sprinter Kelli White, have been suspended for two years after either testing positive for steroids or admitting drug use. So has British sprinter Dwain Chambers.

Now the focus has turned to several athletes at the pinnacle of their sports.

Tim Montgomery, the 100-

(See **SCANDALS** page four)

## Cubs file Planned Development for Wrigley Field campus

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CHICAGO — As part of the Chicago Cubs' on-going efforts to improve Wrigley Field and the surrounding property, the Chicago Cubs recently filed a Planned Development with the City of Chicago to enhance the Wrigley Field campus, adding distinct landscaping, open space and other improvements to the ballpark. The proposal reflects the final pieces of the plan first proposed three years ago, including an attractive multi-purpose building on Clark Street, an open-air pedestrian parkway immediately west of Wrigley Field and renovation of the ballpark's bleacher seating section.

"These plans reflect significant feedback from our community, the City and our local aldermen over the past three years and will help ensure Wrigley Field keeps its place as one of the signature ballparks in America," said Andy MacPhail, president and CEO of the Chicago Cubs. "The improvements will also help us continue to pursue success on the field by generating revenue we will invest in our team."

The proposed improvements will enhance the look of Wrigley Field from the outside — upgrading the stadium facade on

Sheffield and Waveland avenues, widening sidewalks on Clark street, landscaping sidewalks around the entire ballpark and replacing a car wash and former donut shop on underutilized land

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## ACHS

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2003 NCAA Tournament, including runner-up Florida at least twice during the fall. The schedule will see the Cats travel to 11 different states, including a Thanksgiving weekend tournament in Long Beach, Calif. The UK volleyball team plays in the rough and rugged Southeastern Conference.

## Morehead State standout Minard headed for NBA

TIMES STAFF REPORT

One Kentucky college basketball player was drafted in this year's annual NBA draft.

Former Morehead State men's basketball player Ricky Minard is set to continue his career at the professional level after being selected by the Sacramento Kings in the second round of the National Basketball Association Draft.

Minard, who was originally an early entry candidate for the 2003 NBA Draft before withdrawing his name from consideration, was the 48th pick overall in yesterday's draft.

A three-time first team All-Ohio Valley Conference selection, Minard wrapped up an outstanding collegiate career this

past year by leading the OVC and ranking 13th nationally in scoring (21.8 ppg). He was also fourth in the league in rebounding (7.3 rpg) and assists (5.1 apg) while finishing second in steals (2.1 spg).

The Mansfield, Ohio native led MSU in scoring all four years, ending his career as the Eagles' all-time leading scorer with 2,381 points. He was also the squad's top rebounder in each of the last three years and ranks 11th on the school's all-time rebound list while ranking second on MSU's all-time assist list. Minard, the fourth-best career scorer in the OVC, is the only player in both MSU and OVC history to surpass 2,300 points, 700 rebounds and 200 assists in a career.

## Said

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The pole win — Said's first in the NASCAR Cup series — earned him an invitation in this year's prestigious Bud Shootout, a non-points race, contested in February at Daytona International Speedway. It was his first Cup event on a superspeedway and he performed solidly with a 10th-place finish.

"Winning the pole at Infineon ranks as one of my biggest accomplishments in racing," offered Said. "Because of what happened last year I am cautiously optimistic about this weekend. I don't want to say we'll win the race, but I strongly feel the Team Centrix Financial Chevy will be a force."

Said, who won a NASCAR Craftsman Truck race at Infineon in 1998, likes the challenge of the twisting 1.99-mile road circuit.

"Infineon is a technical road course that is both physically and mentally demanding," explained Said. "Infineon doesn't have any long straightaways where you can take a mental

breather for a second or two. It's a draining race, but I like the challenge of it. It's a great place to compete at."

One thing that Said has learned over the years as a Cup racer is patience, but he candidly admits that he still struggles to restrain himself from being an overly aggressive driver.

"I am constantly fighting not to revert back to my old ways when I drove every lap as if it were my last," commented Said, who resides in Carlsbad, Calif. "I understand that having patience is the right thing to do, but it's hard at times because I love being on the edge, getting a little scared and having my hair stand up."

"But the great racers have patience and they are always there at the end of the race. Look at Jeff Gordon — every time the pay window is about to open he seems to be right there in line at the end of the race. He certainly sets the standard."

The three people who have had a major influence in Said learning patience during a Cup

race are former NASCAR great Ernie Irvan, MB2 crew chief Ryan Pemberton and MB2 team spotter Roman Pemberton.

"Those three guys have taught me a lot about picking your passes, racing the track and figuring out what you need in order to have your car running at its best at the end of the race," noted Said. "Ernie keeps on telling me that patience is the hardest thing to learn and the easiest to forget."

Overseeing Said's Team Centrix Financial team at Infineon Raceway will be Ryan Pemberton, who has worked with Said in his last seven NASCAR races. Donnie Richeson, a former Cup crew chief and currently a crew chief for Schrader Racing, will be calling the strategy from the team's pit box during the race.

Along with driving in the Nextel Cup event this weekend, Said will also compete in Saturday's NASCAR Southwest Tour Series race for Schrader Racing and in Sunday's SCCA Trans-Am event, which follows the Cup race.

Said, who has a storied career as a sports car racer, is coming off two impressive international performances at the famed 15-mile Nurburgring Nordschleife road circuit in Germany. As a BMW Motorsports team driver, he became the first American to win the German 4-hour GT Endurance race and the first American to claim a podium finish (second) in the 24-hour German GT Endurance event.

"Those two performances rank right up there with my NASCAR accomplishments," explained Said, who is among an elite group of drivers to have claimed poles in NASCAR's three racing divisions — Nextel Cup, Busch and Craftsman Truck.

On the domestic scene, Said has won four of five races in this year's Grand American Road Racing Series. He drives for BMW North America/Prototype Technology Group.

## KDFWR

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Kentucky hunting and fishing licenses can also be purchased through the KDFWR internet site, and by phone toll-free 24 hours a day. There are currently more than 30 locations in Jefferson County where licenses and permits can be purchased in person. (List attached.)

"We can provide more comprehensive assistance through our main office Information Center, and in many cases, serve the public more promptly," said KDFWR Commissioner Tom Bennett.

"Our goal is to use sportsmen's dollars responsibly, make improvements in our services where possible, and pass those benefits on to our customers,"

Bennett noted.

License sales at the Louisville branch office are less than many other outlets in Jefferson County.

Frequently-requested services such as replacing hunter education course completion cards, boater education cards, mailing various publications and direct access to other professional staff such as wildlife and fishery biologists, enforcement officers and educators is possible only by contacting the Frankfort office. In the past, these requests were transferred from the Louisville branch to the Frankfort office taking additional, unnecessary time. Consolidating information services is more efficient, cost effective and improves response time.



The 2004 Harold-Allen-Prater Reds, 2004 A-Team Runner-Up.



The Harold-Allen-Prater Cubs, 2004 B-Team Tournament Champion.



The Harold-Allen-Prater Yankees, 2004 B-Team Tournament Runners-up.



The Harold-Allen-Prater Yankees, 2004 A-Team Tournament Champion.

## Habitat

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people and then can get to be a problem.

"It's against the law to feed bears," Day said.

In recent weeks, there have been instances of bears being shot by residents in eastern Kentucky counties. Without knowing details of the incidents, Day said it is unusual to have circumstances that would lead to the necessity of shooting unless bears have become conditioned to feeding near homes."

Bears are protected in Kentucky and may not be hunted, although shooting in instances may be permitted — not prosecuted, that is — to prevent property damage or if a bear poses a genuine threat.

"It's incredibly rare for black bears to be aggressive," Day

said. "These are not grizzly bears. They're usually secretive and prefer to be left alone."

For people who might encounter Kentucky bears, "Don't be shocked and alarmed," Day said. "If you keep a safe distance, you'll be fine."

If bears pose a problem, contact a local conservation officer or phone the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources for assistance, Day said.

"A bear sighting should be a special event," he said. "Just don't feed them for the opportunity to see them. If you feed one, you will create a problem."

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources: 1-800-858-1549



Scandals

meter world record holder, faces a lifetime ban if found guilty of doping. Barry Bonds has been accused of steroid use, and his personal trainer is one of four men charged in connection with the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative investigation. All four have pleaded innocent.

Lance Armstrong's lead-up to his bid for an unprecedented

sixth straight Tour de France title has been clouded by allegations from a former assistant that he once asked her to dispose of used syringes and to give him makeup to conceal needle marks on his arms.

And three-time Olympic champion Jones, who with Montgomery has a nearly 1-year-old son, is being investigated by the U.S. Anti-Doping

Agency for possible drug use.

All four high-profile athletes have denied the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

But the San Francisco Chronicle reported Thursday that Montgomery told the BALCO grand jury in November that he used human growth hormone and what was then an undetectable steroid. The report includes direct quotes from Montgomery's testimony, which was supposed to be secret.

Dr. Norm Fost, director of the program in medical ethics at the University of Wisconsin's medical school, argues that steroids and all other drugs should be allowed in sports. Though he acknowledges drugs give users an advantage, Fost argues that many other legal factors — genetics, diet, wealth, access to gyms — also give some athletes advantages.

He also said he believes a few athletes are being unfairly persecuted.

"It has the elements of a witch hunt, since the moral basis for the ban is so incoherent," Fost says. "The witch hunt aspect is the intensity with which they (anti-doping

authorities) are trying to punish people for doing something that is ubiquitous in sports — trying to enhance performance using artificial means."

Attorneys for Montgomery, Jones and other athletes being probed by USADA have accused the agency of unfairly targeting their clients and changing procedures to try to make cases. USADA officials have said they simply are following the World Anti-Doping Code and carrying out rules endorsed by athletes.

Some attorneys in the BALCO case also have accused federal prosecutors of a political motivation for going after their clients, saying the Bush administration has made prosecution of drug cases involving sports stars a campaign issue.

During his State of the Union address in January, President Bush appealed to sports leagues and athletes to end the use of performance-

enhancing drugs.

And U.S. Olympic Committee officials have repeatedly said they are determined to take a drug-free U.S. team to Athens.

"This is about protecting the integrity of sport and making certain athletes have an opportunity to compete on a level playing field," USOC spokesman Darryl Seibel said Thursday. "We are committed to being a leader in the fight against doping in sport. For the United States Olympic Committee, there is no issue of greater importance."

Yesalis says fans are now more aware about drug use among their sports heroes, though he's not sure they care. And he says there is little indication doping is on the decline, as is evidenced by the BALCO case and a growing drug scandal in Australian cycling.

"It is all over, it is pandemic, doping is everywhere. In

many sports, it's a huge majority of athletes doing it," he says. "The whole notion anymore that there's only a few bad apples in the barrel? There are only a few good apples anymore."

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Hartsock could have early impact on CU Soccer program

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CAMPBELLSVILLE — In April, the Campbellsville University women's soccer program announced the signing of Amanda Hartsock of Pikeville High School. Hartsock signed with Campbellsville University and Coach Abbie Whitley back on April 6.

Heading in as a freshman, Hartsock could contribute on the college soccer playing early, maybe right away.

As a senior, Hartsock represented her team as a captain under head coach George

Childers. She also received the "Will to Win" Award. Hartsock was a very active member in her FCA at her high school. She plans on majoring in Sports Ministry and hopes to receive a coaching minor.

"We welcome Amanda to the Lady Tigers and look forward to her contribution to our 2004 team," said CU head coach Abbie Whitley. "She has a great attitude which is going to help her adjust to the college level of play."

She is the daughter of Tom and Bena Hartsock of Pikeville.



photo by Jamie Howell

The Harold-Allen-Prater 11-12-year-old All-Stars.



photo by Jamie Howell

The Harold-Allen-Prater 9-10-year-old All-Stars.



photo by Jamie Howell

The Harold-Allen-Prater 11-year-old All-Star team enters post-season play for the first time. The 11-year-old all-star division is new to Little League baseball, now in its first season.

Thomas named to Canadian Young Men's Team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky forward Shery Thomas has been named to the Canadian Young Men's National Team which will compete at the Global Games in Dallas, Texas, June 27-July 3.

The team also will participate in the 2004 Under 21 Tournament of Americas in Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 28 -

Aug. 1.

The squad is coached by Dave Crook, head coach at the University of Winnipeg. The team, which has been training at the University of Guelph, departs for Dallas Friday. The round-robin schedule features a matchup with the United States squad on Sunday, June 27. The team plays Lithuania on June 29, China on June 30 and Croatia on July 2.

Thomas, a rising sophomore at UK, played in 23 games as a freshman for the Wildcats. He averaged 1.7 ppg and 1.1 rpg.

For full tournament information, go online to www.global-gamesbasketball.ca.

Cubs

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west of the ballpark with an attractive new multi-purpose building and open pedestrian parkway.

The multi-purpose building will complement the classic look of Wrigley Field. Players will benefit from state-of-the-art batting cages, indoor pitcher's mounds and other facilities to be located underground, while fans will enjoy a themed restaurant and other improvements including wider sidewalks to ease pedestrian traffic. The community will also benefit from a multi-level parking garage with many spaces available to residents and businesses on non-game days. Additional restroom facilities will address fan needs and an open-air pedestrian parkway between the new building and Wrigley Field will be open to the community on non-game days and available for fans on game days.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MIDWAY — Smarty Jones, the horse whose unsuccessful Triple Crown bid tantalized the nation, will stand as a stallion at Three Chimneys Farm after his racing career ends, the farm said Friday.

A statement from the farm said owners Roy and Pat Chapman will decide when the colt who won the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness will retire.

Three Chimneys is located in the heart of central Kentucky's Bluegrass region, considered to be the center of the world's thoroughbred breeding industry. Owner Robert Clay started the farm in 1972, and it since has grown from 100 acres to its current size of about 1,500 acres.

Smarty Jones will join a group of prominent stallions at Three Chimneys, including Point Given, the 2001 North American Horse of the Year; Rahy, the sire of 2001 European Horse of the Year Fantastic Light; Dynaformer, one of the top sires of stakes winners in recent years; 1997 Kentucky Derby and Preakness champion Silver Charm; 2000 Breeders' Cup Mile winner War Chant and the well-bred Sky Mesa.

Seattle Slew, the 1977 Triple

Crown winner, also spent much of his breeding career at Three Chimneys before his death in May 2002.

Smarty Jones just missed joining Seattle Slew in that exclusive club, winning the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes before losing by a length to Birdstone in the Belmont Stakes on June 5.

Mud Creek Pee Wee League announces All-Star teams

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MUD CREEK — The Mud Creek Pee Wee League has announced its all-star teams for the 2004 seasons. The A-team All-Stars, coached by Scott Tackett, include 12 players. They are Michael Henson, Blake Boudle, Bella Hall, Carla Forsythe, Byron Johnson, Dylan Hall, Jarred Hamilton, Brittany McKinney, T.J. Tackett, Austin Sadler, Zack Tackett and Crit Mitchell.

The B-Team All-Stars are coached by James Eddie Hall. The 14-player team includes Shaina Blackburn, Tia Hall, Kelli Hutchinson, Austin Hall, Jonathon Newsome, A.J. Sammons, Chloe Johnson, Ashley Gillespie, Casey Case, Tanner Martin, Keisha Hamilton, Keitha Burchett, Brady Slone and Lucas Hamilton.

Any area pee wee all-star team looking to playing in an all-star tournament, can call 587-1637.

Reds to dedicate Lombardi statue

Lombardi to join Robinson, Kluszewski and Nuxhall as players immortalized at Crosley Terrace

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — Prior to today's game, the Cincinnati Reds will dedicate a bronze likeness of Hall of Fame catcher Ernie Lombardi, the fourth of four players from the Crosley Field era who will be immortalized in statues at Great American Ball Park. The statues for slugging first baseman Ted Kluszewski, legendary Reds pitcher and broadcaster Joe Nuxhall and Hall of Fame outfielder Frank Robinson were dedicated last season.

The Lombardi statue dedication ceremony at Crosley Terrace will begin at noon. The Reds' game against the Pittsburgh Pirates will follow at 1:15 p.m.

Sculpted by local artist Thomas Tsuchiya, the life-size statues of Lombardi, Robinson, Nuxhall and Kluszewski greet fans at Crosley Terrace, the main entrance to the ballpark. More than 17,000 votes were cast by fans, who were asked to select one catcher, one pitcher and two hitters.

Lombardi is a member of both the Reds Hall of Fame and the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. He caught for the Reds from 1932-1941, led the National League in hitting in 1938 and was a member of the Reds pennant winners in 1939 and 1940. He batted .300 seven times as a Red.

Robinson was the Rookie of the Year in 1956 and the National League Most Valuable Player in 1961. He hit 324 home

runs in 10 seasons for the Reds and led the league in slugging from 1960-62. Robinson was an All-Star six times as a Red. He is a member of both the Reds Hall of Fame and the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Nuxhall was inducted into the Reds Hall of Fame in 1968. He pitched for 16 seasons in the Major Leagues (1944, 1952-66), including 15 seasons with the Reds during which he went 130-109. As a 15-year-old in 1944, he became the youngest player ever to pitch in the Majors, a record that still stands. Nuxhall won 10 or more games seven times. In 2004, he is celebrating his 53rd season with the Reds, his 60th in the organization and

his 38th in the broadcast booth.

Nuxhall and partner Marty Brennaman have been together for 31 seasons as the voices of Reds baseball 700 WLW Radio. On June 10, the Reds and Nuxhall celebrated the 60th anniversary of his Major League debut. He is retiring after this season.

Kluszewski was the Reds' first basemen from 1947-1957. He hit at least .300 seven times as a Red, and in 1954 he led the Major Leagues with 49 home runs and 141 RBI. He was inducted into the Reds Hall of Fame in 1962.

Editor's note: Locally, listen to the Reds on WMDJ FM (100.1) of Martin.

Former Cat Cote transfers to Northwestern; Stockton has wrist surgery

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — One former University of Kentucky men's basketball player has found a new team and a current UK Wildcat is healing from wrist surgery.

This past week, Cote former Wildcat Bernard Cote committed to Northwestern.

Cote, a 6-foot-9 forward, averaged 5 minutes of playing time per game in his two seasons with Kentucky.

Northwestern Coach Bill Carmody recruited Cote out of high school. Cote picked Northwestern over Iowa and Kent State.

Kentucky reserve point guard Brandon Stockton underwent surgery less than two weeks to repair a broken right wrist. Stockton is expected to be sidelined from Kentucky's off-season workouts for as much as six weeks.

Stockton broke his wrist in a pickup game early this month. He is expected to return to basketball activities by August. He is expected to be at full strength before the start of pre-season practice in October.

After a Mr. Basketball career at Glasgow High School, Stockton averaged one point and 5.7 minutes last season as a sophomore.

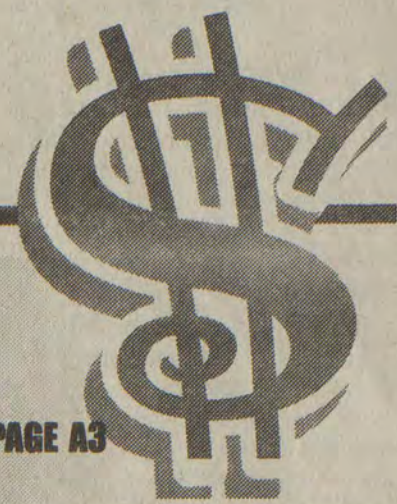
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### SPECIAL COLUMN

## 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.*

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Robert Ruark was an irreverent cuss, but he had the gift of setting words down in such fashion that he held your interest, amused or provoked you, whatever his subject. Ruark wanted to be an iconoclast, but we, somehow, got the idea that there was a softness beneath the shell. His death, Wednesday, will be regretted by millions of newspaper readers.

### ANOTHER HOME WANTED

Call this an ad if you like, but we have a puppy that needs a home, some place other than our home. The No. 3 son picked up this waif, the other night, and brought it to our own founding society. Some thoughtless, or heartless, citizen had apparently left the puppy at the roadside and had gone his merry way, leaving it to whatever betide. It was crouched, shivering, in a ditch. The night was dark. The boy brought it home. What would you have done?

This is a good dog. A tiny fluffy ball of energy, it doesn't even whimper and cry, as expected, when left alone.

Somebody, please come and get this dog before we get

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## Please, keep 'em coming!

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

### MEET APPALACHIA



photo by Mary Music  
Betty says she's "stepping out of the box" and taking her optimism with her.

## Betty Cavins, "Stepping out of the Box"

by **MARY MUSIC**  
STAFF WRITER

### Betty Cavins

**Age:** 53  
**Education:** Associates, Morehead State University, numerous certification training courses  
**Occupation:** Director of Student Affairs, The David School  
**Life quote:** "You never know where life might lead you".

### About 'Meet Appalachia'

*I met Betty Cavins because several people in her life believe she is outrageously wonderful. They say she's the type of person who gives—and keeps giving—to help "change lives." The modest Ms. Cavins was very shy about discussing her accomplishments, but her successes are vividly seen in those she helps. Her smile mirrors the person she really is—strong, compassionate, and loyal to those she loves. I thoroughly enjoyed this interview.*

— MARY MUSIC

When he walks through the door, she immediately recognizes the pain on his face. She prepares herself, sitting up straight in her chair, searching his eyes for the reason he looks so down today. "Is everything okay?"

Emotionally, he details the anguish of his life, using words that define the very meaning of disappointment, hurt, and misunderstanding.

He talks. She listens. Then, there's silence.

"You know what you need to do?" she asks the boy. "Go home, take everything out of your room and paint it." "Paint it?"

"Yes, take everything out of it, paint it some wonderful color, and rearrange everything in it. It's time to rearrange your life and start over."

Though he didn't understand exactly how her solution would solve his problems, the boy soon realized what his trusted friend was trying to say.

He leaves the office, the weight of his problems lifted.

The woman looks out the window, watching a bird flutter around a bosom of beautifully landscaped flowers, and it hits her.

"Hey, that's me!" she says to herself. "I'm talking about me!"

She then decides to take her own advice. (She'll use navy blue to color her worries away.)

Meet Betty Cavins, Director of Student Affairs at "the best kept secret in Floyd County," The David School. Betty came to the school 18 years ago as a vol-

unteer and has since stepped into every imaginable position on campus.

Experience she's received in countless workshops and training programs has given her hats as the school's bookkeeper/accountant, janitor, secretary, tutor trainer, volunteer coordinator, and friend. In her current position, she is privileged to work directly with the students, a responsibility she takes very seriously, in a "Betty Cavins" sort of way. She loves her job and often teases herself about the irony in it.

"I had 2 kids and I've always thought that I'd like to have more. I just see it as God showing his sense of humor. He's given me 75 more kids, but they're all teenagers," she said, laughing.

Having a career that allows her to reach out to others is one of the reasons Betty feels successful in life. She describes the school as a family focused organization, where students, staff, teachers, and parents join to complete a circle of understanding. Students who come to the school do so knowing they must attend college, technical school, or walk away with a career waiting for them.

They assemble every morning in a "Roundup" session to discuss weekly events and reconvene at lunch to pray and enjoy home cooked meals served, home style, from the center of each table. Round tables replace conventional desks in the classrooms, an added bonus for those who really want to learn.

Betty's job consists of overseeing the school, dealing with personnel and disciplinary issues, counseling, and inter-

(See **CAVINS**, page six)

### MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

## THINGS TO DO IN DENVER WHEN YOU'RE DEAD-1995, Rated R

Damon Runyan meets Quentin Tarantino in this mid-90's take on the gangster genre. As in the best works of Runyan (GUY'S AND DOLLS) these characters all live outside the law, sport odd yet descriptive names (anyone remember Liver Lips Louis?) and operate by their own code of honor and conduct. The racy dialogue, however, and frequent violence place this film squarely in the post "Reservoir Dogs" canon.

The story follows an engaging ex-gangster called Jimmy "The Saint." He is going legit and as the story opens we find him running a business called "Afterlife Advice." The enterprise allows people to record living wills which

are passed on to their loved ones after death. The past catches up with him when he is approached by his old mob boss called "The Man With a Plan." Jimmy is forced to do him a favor and this means rounding up his old gang who have all dropped out of the crime racket.

Here the movie really picks up as we are introduced to a colorful gang of miscreants. First up is "Pieces." He got that name when an undiagnosed disease began making parts of his body wither and drop off. Next up is "Franchise" who has retired to the suburbs to raise a family. E Z WINN is the bear of the group and way to gentle for his own good. Lastly there is "Critical Bill." Bill is a fruitcake of the highest order and has a few issues with anger management. His job at a funeral parlor is the only thing keeping society safe because the corpses can't complain about his vicious beatings.

The crew now have to plan their assignment which is deceptively easy. They just have to lean on a guy and tell him that Denver is off limits to him. Unfortunately they botch the job by giving a crucial role to Bill who puts them all in dutch when he kills the guy. When Jimmy seeks out the boss to apologize he finds out that they have seriously messed up and have 48 hours to make some living wills of their own.

Some except this fate, some try to run and one even decides to take a stand. It all adds up to an off beat gangster drama which mixes oddball characters, great comedy and surprisingly intense violence to great effect.

The reason to catch this one is the script which makes great use of slang and even creates some of its own.

(See **LAGOON**, page six)

# Chicken Soup for the Soul: A brother's love

She pulled back on the ropes, making the homemade swing fly higher and closer to the leafy branches of the tall sycamore tree. The breeze swished cool against her cheeks. She was 5 years old and, at that moment, stomping mad at her 11-year-old brother, David.

"How could he have been so mean?" she asked herself, remembering how he had made a face and called her a "big baby" at the breakfast table. "He hates me," she thought, "just because I took the last muffin out from under his nose. He hates me!"

The swing carried her up so high that she could see for miles. It was fun looking down at the farmyard below. Her red sweater flashed brightly in the morning

sunlight. She stopped thinking about being mad at her brother and started to sing a swinging song.

On a distant hill behind the swing, a huge bull with long, sharp horns watched the red sweater flashing in the sunlight. The bull had broken out of his pasture. He was cranky and ready to charge at anything that moved: He snorted and scraped the ground with his hoof. Then he lowered his massive head and began lumbering across the field toward the red sweater he saw swinging back and forth beneath the sycamore tree.

Meanwhile, David was in the barnyard, feeding the chickens. He looked out and saw his little sister on the swing. "Sisters are a pain in the neck," he

thought. Then suddenly he saw the bull charging across the field, heading straight for his sister. Without a second thought, David screamed as loudly as he could: "Look out behind you! Get out of there! Run!"

His sister didn't hear him; she just kept singing and swinging. The bull was halfway across the field and closing in fast. David's heart pounded. It was now or never. He ran across the chicken yard, jumped the fence and dashed toward his sister. He ran faster than he had ever run before.

Grabbing one of the ropes, David jerked the swing to a stop, tumbling his sister sideways to the ground only a second before the snorting bull charged at

the place she had been. She let out a terrified yell. The bull spun around, scraping the ground again with his hoof. He lowered his head to charge again.

David yanked on one sleeve of the red sweater and then the other. Pulling it off of his sister, he flung the sweater as far away as he could. The bull followed it. With horns and hooves, he ripped it into a hundred shreds of red yarn, while David half-dragged, half-carried his frightened sister to safety.

I was that little girl, and ever since that day, I just laugh when my brother calls me a "big baby." He can't fool me -- I know he loves me. He doesn't have to face a charging bull to prove it. But I'll never forget the day he did.





World

"hooked" by it, and refuse to part with it. We have a Dalmatian approaching his second puppyhood, and that's pup enough for one family.

CHAPTER AND VERSE

Dr. George Archer heard this one at the New York meeting of the American Medical Society recently. The speaker who told it, apparently is one of those who does not swoon for joy at mention of LBJ.

He told of the President's venture down into Appalachia to see how his program was working. There he encountered a rather crusty oldtimer, and

inquired to learn what the old fellow thought about his projects.

"Wal, now, Mr. President, I don't know about all these things," the oldtimer replied. "I'll jist have to refer you to the Bible. You'll find it in the 17th verse of the 26th chapter of Proverbs."

I should, I suppose, leave it to the reader to dust off the Bible and hunt this verse up, but I dislike leaving a story hanging in mid-air. Here's what the verse says:

He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears."

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Lagoon

One example is the use of "Buckwheat." Here that's a contract on your life which prohibits the killer from letting you expire before you reach your maximum threshold for pain. The script also provides for a narrator, well played by screen veteran Jack Warden, who explains the events from his favorite table at a sods shoppe. There is also a fine attention to the environment which gives the viewer a real sense of life in Colorado's capital.

The acting is topnotch with Andy Garcia leading the way as Jimmy. He imbues the character with a proper blend of class, toughness and even sensitivity. Christopher Lloyd provides comic relief and bitterness as the tragic "Pieces" who welcomes a hit man to speed the process that nature has visited his body with.

Christopher Walken steps up as the crazed "Man With a Plan" and gives one of his patented off the wall performances. The real treat here though (pardon the pun) is Treat Williams as Bill. He brings an almost childlike innocence to like the character that dares you to like him even as he demonstrates behavior that would put Hannibal Lector to shame. Finally there is Steve Buscemi (Mr. Pink) as the hit man brought in to settle the score. Simply called Mr. Shhh, he is a dangerous psychopath cloaked in the persona of that quiet little guy that nobody notices. See this one for any reason—the great dialogue, quirky characters or for the gangster melodrama, but see it.

Best Line: "I got pressure sores. They leak pus. Now get on your knees."

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Cavins

viewing newcomers, a three step process structured to weed out students who wouldn't fit in.

"This school's not for everyone," Betty said. "We're very focused and structured with 1 to 12 students per class. There's no hiding here. You can't go hide in the back of the room and sleep or doodle, or whatever. We take our jobs very seriously and we do whatever it takes to reach these students."

Before typical day passes, Betty speaks one on one with each and every student, a reason, perhaps, they think so highly of her.

"If you're down, she'll make you feel better. If you're frowning, she'll make you smile," said Josh Nelson, 17 year old senior.

Betty's the joke lady. She tells a "lousy" joke every morning during Roundup, and the students laugh or heckle her. She calls the staff there some of her best friends and says she treats every student like they were her own children.

"These kids become like my own kids," she said. "I want what's best for them. ...If I ever forget what it was like when I was young, that's when I'll stop working here. We have to remember what they're facing as teenagers growing up in this day and age."

Betty believes every problem in life is fixable. These kids, she said, must know that the decisions they make are their sole responsibility.

"You have to watch what decisions you make because it can affect your life or a big part of your life in ways that you might not be able to see yet. Teenagers tend not to think of tomorrow."

Betty's office is decorated with family photos, lovingly tucked into crevices on counter tops and shelves. "Friends gather here" is the focus of a large plaque overlooking her desk. A cut out construction paper heart, red, declares "I love you, Betty."

A ceramic jug that reads "Ashes of Problems students" sits sarcastically behind her. She also keeps 2 boxes of Kleenex on her desk because she "cries" with her students.

"These kids are my heart. I feel it in my heart if I know there's something is really hurting them," she said tearfully. "Hopefully, any kind of advice I can give them will help them deal with the problems. I don't want them to leave this office without feeling better or without some type of plan they can walk away with. They have to know that nothing is so bad that it can't be fixed. They have to know that and people have to tell them that."

Betty says she isn't as organized as she used to be. It's a symptom of her current state of consciousness—she's "stepping out of [her] box." She began this journey after realizing her need to do so when she counseled a student in her office to "rearrange his life and start over." At 53, Betty's also starting over, facing a divorce with her husband of 34 years. They separated about a year ago, she said, and the "finality" of the divorce has been "devastating" for her.

The "box," Betty says, is the daily routine of life, an unwelcome guest that infiltrates society all too easily.

"It's the place where you feel comfortable. It's like what people used to say, it's the same of stuff over and over and over again. You get into the same patterns, you choose the same colors. It's the routine," she said. "I think you should really stretch yourself and step outside of the box—of course, you may want to crawl back in, but that's okay. I'm stepping out of that box. I'm trying to see what's out there."

Betty is changing the colors of her life. She wears brighter clothing, is more enthusiastic, and has a larger desire for happiness than she used to. She's especially proud of her navy blue bathroom, a room once painted in a drab off-white texture.

She says her biggest mistake was trying fix things that "weren't meant to be."

"I think people enter your life for a reason. When it's time, they have to leave and you have to be able to accept that and let them go. I believe I tried to hold on to long to something that wasn't mine. It wasn't mine. Thinking of that has helped me a lot."

Stepping out of the box also mean dating again, an adventure that Betty finds to be "strange" and "exciting."

Since the separation, Betty's

# Kentucky Opry and the Kentucky Opry Junior Pros had a terrific opening night

The sparkling show was filled with excitement and a new set design by Mickey Bentley, Technical Director at the Mountain Arts Center. Under the musical direction of Dave Kazee and staging of Tim Padgett, the show was bright and the pace was lively. The stage was beautifully lit by Dave Gardner, Lighting Director.

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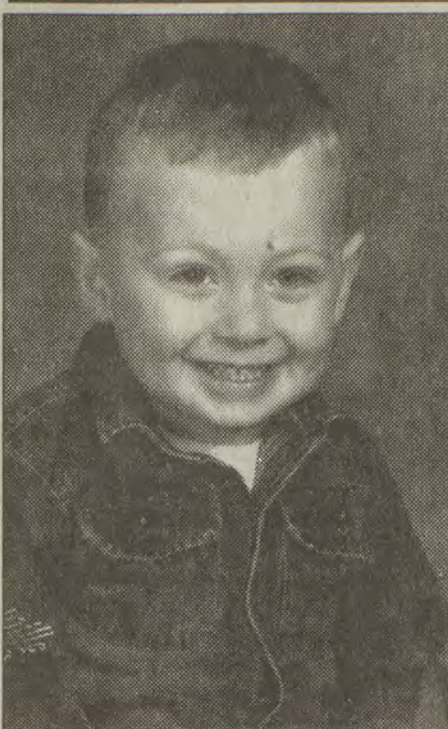
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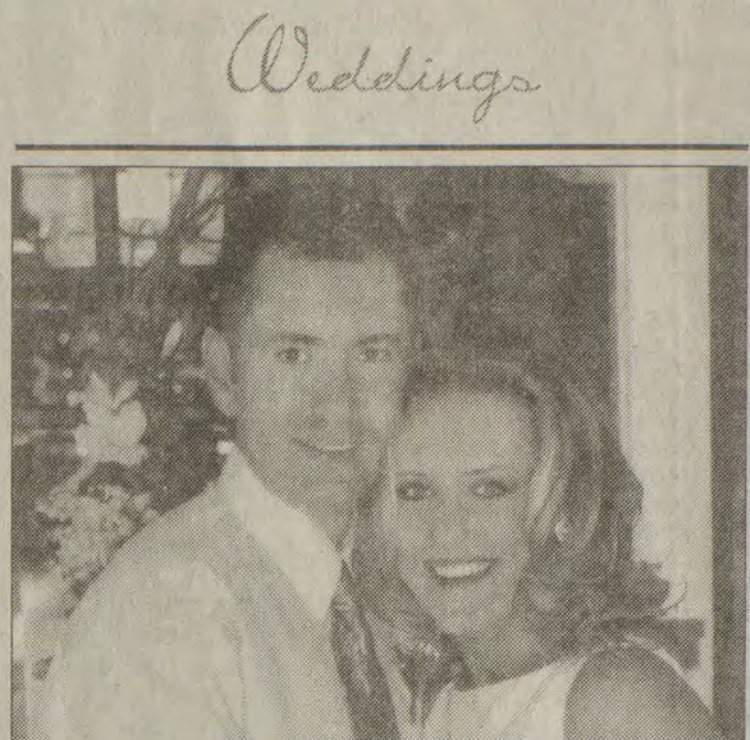
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## Birthdays



### Payton is 4!

Payton Alexander Conn celebrated his fourth birthday on June 10, 2004, with a "Hot Wheels" theme party that was attended by many family members and friends. Payton is the son of Brian and Jennifer Conn, of Auxier. He is the maternal grandson of Jim and Myra Gillispie, also of Auxier. His paternal grandparents are the late Albert and Irene Conn, formerly of Martin. Payton has one little sister, Abigail.



### Newsome-Johnson

Stephanie Erin Newsome and Elmer "J.J." Johnson Jr. were joined in marriage on Saturday, June 19, 2004, at four o'clock in the afternoon, at The Gambill Mansion, in Blaine, KY. Following the wedding ceremony, the newlyweds enjoyed a romantic honeymoon at the mansion, a picturesque Bed & Breakfast establishment. Stephanie is the daughter of Ramona Stewart, of McDowell, and Kenneth Reid, and the step-daughter of Larry Stewart, also of McDowell. She is employed by McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. J.J. is the son of Marlene Johnson, of McDowell, and the late Elmer Johnson. He is employed by Mountain Air Gas. The couple reside in their home at Hueysville.

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Betty spends some quality time with her godson, James Richard Green.

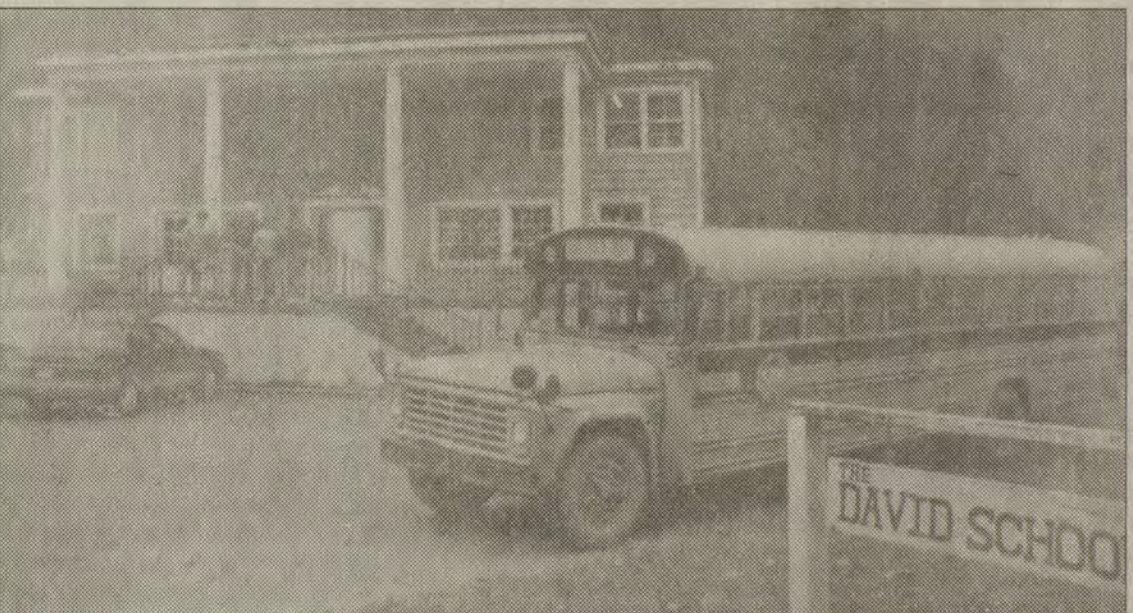


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Many changes have taken place at The David School since Betty began working there 18 years ago.



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Betty visits with Julianna Green.

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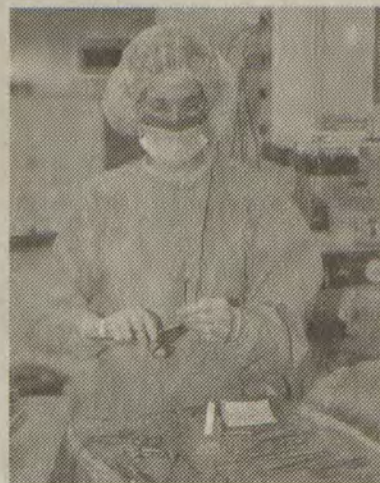
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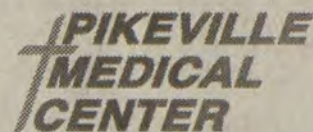
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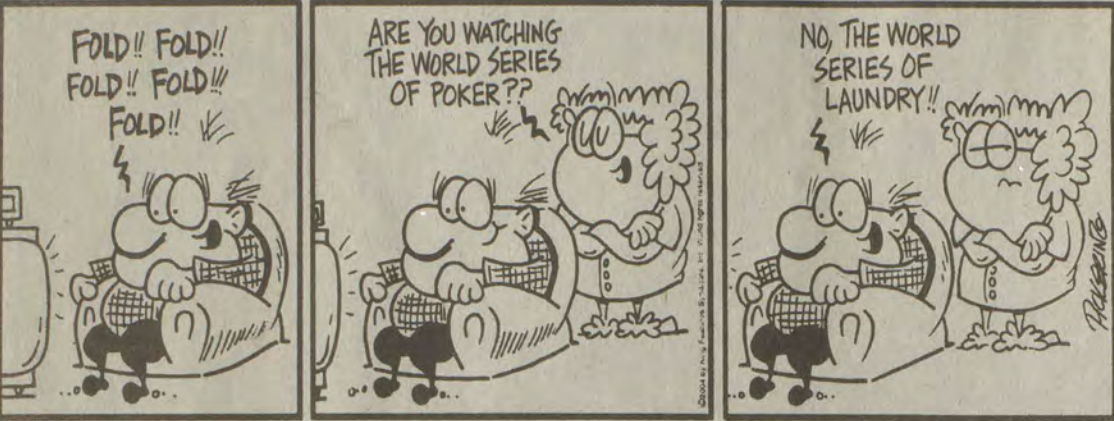
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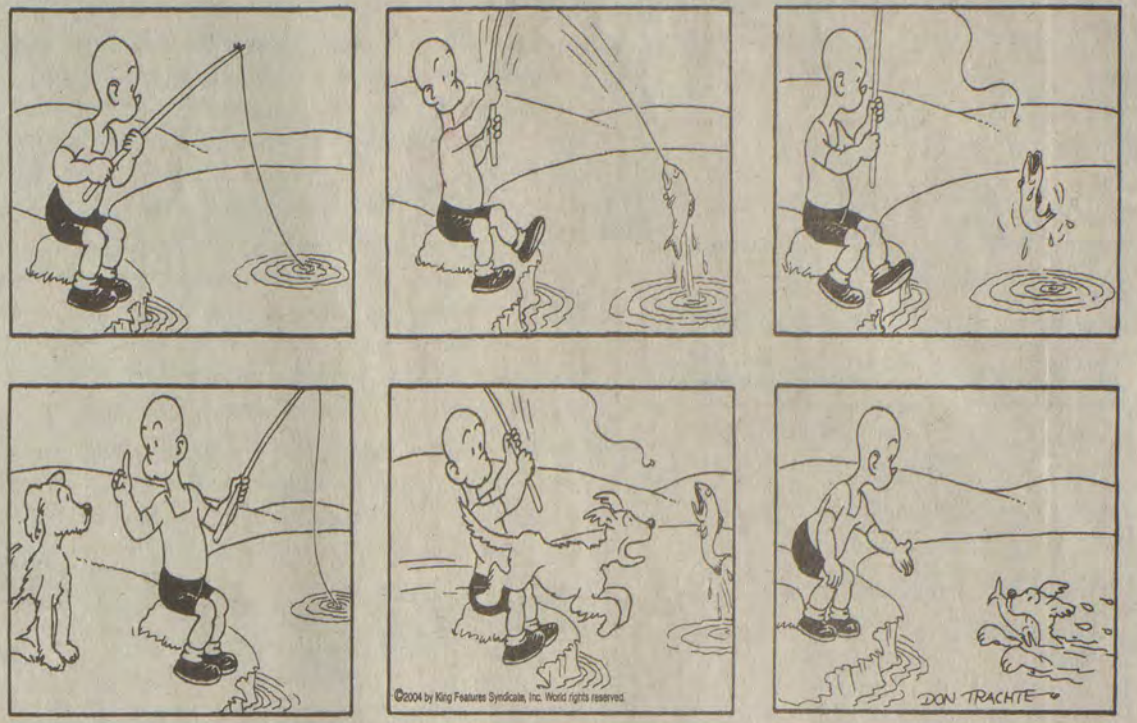
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Sleeve is shorter. 3. Bow is missing. 4. Hat is added. 5. Cap is added. 6. Bat is added. 7. Shift is shorter.

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                    | 1 Beauty spot              | 63 Smidgen                    | 117 Finished first           | 129 Trite                | 54 Actor                     | 98 Expanded                   |
| 2 Relative of PDQ                | 64 "Heaven's —" ('80 film) | 118 Mary of "Sons and Lovers" | 130 Start to cry?            | 55 Actor                 | 99 Formerly                  | 101 Hibachi residue           |
| 3 Wattle's partner               | 65 Distress                | 119 Blaise                    | 120 Provoke                  | 60 — lazuli              | 57 Abhorrence                | 102 Shady spot                |
| 4 Grating                        | 66 Philosopher             | 121 Deadly septet             | 121 Theater district         | 61 Celery serving        | 58 Hilo hello                | 103 "O Sole —"                |
| 5 Schipa solo                    | 67 Actor O'Shea            | 122 Three Sisters             | 122 Actor from Pennsylvania? | 62 Russian revolutionary | 67 Vane dir.                 | 104 Taj Mahal, for one        |
| 6 One of "The Three Sisters"     | 21 Kind of roof            | 22 Pianist from Maine?        | 135 Poet Sidney              | 70 Get side-tracked      | 71 Cotton clump              | 105 "Eight is —"              |
| 7 Kind of roof                   | 23 Pearl harbor?           | 24 Assert                     | 136 Depend (on)              | 72 Dennis the Menace     | 32 Anthropologist            | 106 Murcia mister             |
| 8 Lascivious look                | 25 Leather-worker's tool   | 26 "Cat (winter wheels)"      | 137 What have you            | 73 "Why don't we?"       | 33 "The Way of Love"         | 107 L'—, c'est moi!           |
| 9 Cover                          | 27 Nineveh native          | 28 Tibia                      | 138 Anita Loos comedy        | 74 Express               | 34 Rucker Van Halen          | 108 Notion                    |
| 10 Talk-show host from Colorado? | 29 Miami's county          | 30 Railroad dep.              | 139 Orthodontists' org.      | 75 Etrange               | 35 Hammett hound             | 81 Cathedral feature          |
| 11 Cover                         | 31 Sign of sainthood       | 32 Parent                     | 140 Sign of sainthood        | 76 Opposite of aweater   | 36 "The Bristol —" ('61 hit) | 82 Comedian Mandel            |
| 12 Sundial numeral               | 33 "True Grit"             | 34 Singer from Arkansas?      | 101 Sign of sainthood        | 77 Opposite of aweater   | 37 "The Buffalo —"           | 83 Chad and Jeremy song, e.g. |
| 13 Kim of "True Grit"            | 35 Singer from Arkansas?   | 36 Hamlet's home              | 102 Drummer                  | 78 Opposite of aweater   | 38 Cheesecake choice         | 84 Jerky toy?                 |
| 14 Singer from Arkansas?         | 37 Hamlet's home           | 38 "There's —"                | 103 Drummer                  | 79 Opposite of aweater   | 39 Cheesecake choice         | 85 Jerky toy?                 |
| 15 Hamlet's home                 | 38 "There's —"             | 39 "There's —"                | 104 Drummer                  | 80 Opposite of aweater   | 40 Cheesecake choice         | 86 Jerky toy?                 |
| 16 There's —                     | 39 "There's —"             | 40 "There's —"                | 105 Drummer                  | 81 Opposite of aweater   | 41 Cheesecake choice         | 87 Jerky toy?                 |
| 17 There's —                     | 40 "There's —"             | 41 "There's —"                | 106 Drummer                  | 82 Opposite of aweater   | 42 Cheesecake choice         | 88 Jerky toy?                 |
| 18 There's —                     | 41 "There's —"             | 42 "There's —"                | 107 Drummer                  | 83 Opposite of aweater   | 43 Cheesecake choice         | 89 Jerky toy?                 |
| 19 There's —                     | 42 "There's —"             | 43 "There's —"                | 108 Drummer                  | 84 Opposite of aweater   | 44 Cheesecake choice         | 90 Jerky toy?                 |
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| 44 There's —                     | 67 "There's —"             | 68 "There's —"                | 133 Drummer                  | 109 Opposite of aweater  | 69 Cheesecake choice         | 115 Jerky toy?                |
| 45 There's —                     | 68 "There's —"             | 69 "There's —"                | 134 Drummer                  | 110 Opposite of aweater  | 70 Cheesecake choice         | 116 Jerky toy?                |
| 46 There's —                     | 69 "There's —"             | 70 "There's —"                | 135 Drummer                  | 111 Opposite of aweater  | 71 Cheesecake choice         | 117 Jerky toy?                |
| 47 There's —                     | 70 "There's —"             | 71 "There's —"                | 136 Drummer                  | 112 Opposite of aweater  | 72 Cheesecake choice         | 118 Jerky toy?                |
| 48 There's —                     | 71 "There's —"             | 72 "There's —"                | 137 Drummer                  | 113 Opposite of aweater  | 73 Cheesecake choice         | 119 Jerky toy?                |
| 49 There's —                     | 72 "There's —"             | 73 "There's —"                | 138 Drummer                  | 114 Opposite of aweater  | 74 Cheesecake choice         | 120 Jerky toy?                |
| 50 There's —                     | 73 "There's —"             | 74 "There's —"                | 139 Drummer                  | 115 Opposite of aweater  | 75 Cheesecake choice         | 121 Jerky toy?                |
| 51 There's —                     | 74 "There's —"             | 75 "There's —"                | 140 Drummer                  | 116 Opposite of aweater  | 76 Cheesecake choice         | 122 Jerky toy?                |
| 52 There's —                     | 75 "There's —"             | 76 "There's —"                | 141 Drummer                  | 117 Opposite of aweater  | 77 Cheesecake choice         | 123 Jerky toy?                |
| 53 There's —                     | 76 "There's —"             | 77 "There's —"                | 142 Drummer                  | 118 Opposite of aweater  | 78 Cheesecake choice         | 124 Jerky toy?                |
| 54 There's —                     | 77 "There's —"             | 78 "There's —"                | 143 Drummer                  | 119 Opposite of aweater  | 79 Cheesecake choice         | 125 Jerky toy?                |
| 55 There's —                     | 78 "There's —"             | 79 "There's —"                | 144 Drummer                  | 120 Opposite of aweater  | 80 Cheesecake choice         | 126 Jerky toy?                |

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