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briefs

Region spared by Ivan

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — The remnants of Hurricane Ivan drenched the mountains of Eastern Kentucky with one to five inches of rain, but did not cause the severe flooding that authorities feared if the storm had stalled over the region.

"We dodged the bullet," said Shawn Harley, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in Jackson. "We're getting a lot of rain out of this, but not as much as we could have gotten."

Authorities spent much of the week preparing for the worst. They practiced evacuation drills and warned residents to be ready when it appeared the heaviest rain from Ivan would linger in eastern Kentucky for two days, creating the potential for up to 12 inches of rain in some places.

"It's fortunate that the remains of Ivan that brought the rain to us will be moving on out this evening," Harley said.

Stacy Floden, spokeswoman for Kentucky Emergency Management, said lowland flooding was reported in some areas of eastern Kentucky. But two emergency shelters opened Friday went unused. A shelter in

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Today
 Sunny
High: 74 • Low: 54

Tomorrow
 Partly cloudy
High: 76 • Low: 56

Child sex abuse charge amended for plea

Tennessee man pleads guilty to misdemeanor abuse charge

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Lawrence Beck, 33, of Morristown, Tenn., was in circuit court Friday to enter a guilty plea in a case that found him accused, but not convicted, of sexually abusing a Floyd County minor.

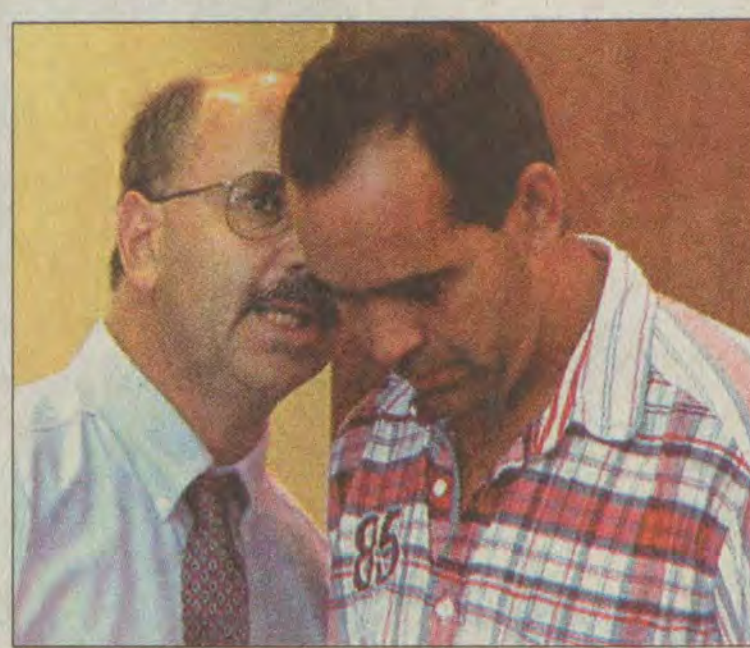
Beck pleaded guilty to an amended offense, third-degree criminal abuse, that brings the charge down to a misdemeanor with a maximum jail time of 12 months.

The plea was arranged so that the vic-

tim would be spared the ordeal of having to testify about the assault and is quite common in cases of child sexual assault.

Most rare in cases of child sexual assault is the opportunity to get a defendant to admit guilt. Leonard Martin, who was convicted by Floyd County jury this year for child sexual abuse, only admitted his guilt after receiving a 25-year maximum sentence. Martin later admitted to the crime in order to get the possibility of parole in 22 years. The only way Martin

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Lawrence Beck, right, conferred with his attorney, Ned Pillersdorf, before pleading guilty to an amended charge that will keep him from being tried for child sexual abuse.

photo by Tom Doty



photo by H. Allen Bolling

Although high water found its way into low-lying areas as the remnants of Hurricane Ivan drenched Appalachia, Floyd County was spared a repeat of the extensive flooding that struck Memorial Day weekend. This apartment complex was invaded by several feet of water during the May, but appeared safe from floodwaters this weekend. Meteorologists who originally predicted as much as a foot of rain backed away from those estimates heading into the weekend.

Parsons gets four months for drugs

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Bridget Parsons was formally sentenced on Friday in circuit court for drug trafficking in a controlled substance just one day after a Floyd County jury found her guilty of passing a school bus that was unloading children in a district court trial.



Parsons

Judge Danny Caudill accepted the Commonwealth's recommendation of four months to serve behind bars, with three years of probation. The sentence also includes drug evaluation and treatment for

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Downtown Martin merchants voice concerns about effects of redevelopment

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The regular meeting Friday of the Floyd County Fiscal Court turned into a discussion of the Martin Redevelopment Project, as the remnants of Hurricane Ivan drenched the new courthouse roof.

The discussion began after U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project head John Justice offered his quarterly report. Justice noted that funding for the project would be assured, even though the state

legislature has failed to approve a budget which would pass the appropriations bill needed to continue the project.

The discussion quickly moved to a meeting that was scheduled for Thursday night with business owners on Martin's Main Street, who are concerned about the digging for the project which they say will effectively close down their businesses as Main Street becomes a highway for trucks hauling dirt from the site. Justice noted that the Corps had met with several business leaders informally and has plans to buy them out.

Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens expressed that he was happy for the few getting offers but wondered why a more comprehensive and less expensive plan wasn't adopted that would clear up flood concerns for citizens in his district, which includes Lackey and Garrett.

Justice offered that he was only assigned to the Martin project and that a representative from the Corps could attend a future meeting and talk about long-term plans for the entire county.

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Drug defendant shows remorse, offers thanks

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A new trend may be rising in area crime if Friday's circuit court proceedings are any indication.

Two men who were being sentenced Friday actually made use of the opportunity to make a statement to the court and used that chance to apologize to their families, the court and the commonwealth's attorney.

Such accountability is rarely seen and one man was rewarded for his actions when his

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Odds and Ends

■ VOLUNTOWN, Conn. — Couples with cold feet can back out of a wedding in one step at a Connecticut church.

The Church of Christ sits atop Ekonk Hill Road, straddling the town line for Voluntown and Sterling. It's also on the New London County-Windham County border.

Couples have to ensure they're standing on the correct side of the building during the wedding ceremony so that they're in the town that issued their marriage license. Otherwise the marriage is not legally binding, the Rev. Ron Fleet said.

The boundary is determined by the middle divider in the center pews, and for years, young lovers have obeyed.

When Arlene Berchem married Paul Sweet in 1979, the Norwich Bulletin published a photograph of Sweet motioning to his wife to step over to the Sterling side so that their marriage would be proper.

■ CARLISLE, Pa. — A golfer plunked in the face by an errant ball was unable to convince a jury that the man who hit him was negligent for failing to yell "Fore!"

James A. Tomkins claimed fellow golfer George Long didn't yell the standard warning when he hit a wayward shot on the Cumberland Golf Course in 1999.

The ball hit Tomkins in the right eye, knocking him out of his golf cart.

Jurors deliberated two hours Tuesday before deciding that Long was not negligent.

Long, who claimed he did yell a warning, said golfers in Pennsylvania would be happy with the verdict.

"When you play golf, you

take a risk," he said.

Potential jurors were asked if they were golfers, and about half of those picked to hear the case said they were either casual or serious about the game.

■ GRAND ISLAND, Neb. — Spc. Matt Dubbs knew exactly what he wanted while on leave from his tour of duty in Iraq — to ride a combine at Husker Harvest Days.

Officials at the farm show fulfilled Dubbs' wish on Wednesday, and the Nebraska Army National Guard member rode in the cab of a combine during the field demonstrations.

Dubbs, 27, is an E-4 specialist for the 267th Ordnance Division. He heads back to Iraq at the end of the month.

Going to Husker Harvest Days was an annual event while growing up in Wood River, and Dubbs said he wanted to get up close to the green fields of Nebraska after spending months in the desert brown of Iraq.

"Where we are at is just so bleak, and it's nothing near what its like here at home," he said.

■ INDIO, Calif. — A blind couple is headed to court to resolve a dispute with their homeowner association about droppings left in the street by their guide dogs.

Dennis and Shirley Bartlett are aware of the pooper-scooper rules for their Desert Grove homeowner association, but said they sometimes miss droppings left by their dogs.

"You can't get everything all the time," Dennis Bartlett said.

The Bartletts filed a small claims suit against former association president Delmar Pierce, alleging harassment and prohibiting their guide dogs from doing what they were trained to

do — defecate in the street. The case is scheduled to be heard Sept. 22.

Pierce didn't want to discuss the case, noting he's only had one conversation with Bartlett.

"During that private conversation all I said was, 'We need to talk about your dogs and relieving themselves in the streets,'" he said, adding that Bartlett doesn't want to abide by the rules of the gated community.

Association attorney Margaret Wangler said the association never told the couple not to use the streets.

"The association's concern and the reason for getting in touch with the Bartletts was that they don't clean it up all the way and that's a health and safety concern to the board."

■ HARRISBURG, Pa. — A man has been fined and sentenced to probation for a hair-raising stunt that left a man bald.

Paul J. Goudy, 25, of Lemoyne, pleaded guilty Monday to snatching the hairpiece off the head of another man at a restaurant as part of a dare.

He was sentenced to 23 months' probation, fined \$500 and ordered to write a letter of apology.

The victim, Edward Floyd, was sitting in the Fisaga restaurant in Harrisburg on Jan. 1 when Goudy ripped the hairpiece off his head, taking with it a gold chain that hung from his neck, according to court documents.

"Don't these guys have anything better to do than to rob and humiliate someone for absolutely no reason in the world? It's just outrageous," said Floyd, 60, of Harrisburg. "I'm a nice guy. I don't bother anybody."

Goudy said another man, Matthew G. Flinchbaugh, 26, of Wormleysburg, had offered him \$100 to do it as a dare. Flinchbaugh is scheduled to be arraigned next month on charges of soliciting Goudy to steal the

hairpiece.

Flinchbaugh's lawyer, William Fetterhoff, said the prank was "an exercise in very poor judgment."

"It's the sort of prank that when you're on the other end — as Mr. Floyd was — it's not funny at all," he said.

■ MADISON, Wis. — A fraternity member has been busted for apparently finding a unique way to supplement his college income — fake parking tickets.

Prosecutors said Anthony R. Gallagher, 23, allegedly earned hundreds of dollars by putting fake parking tickets on cars and having duped owners send him their payments.

Investigators became aware of the scam in March 2003 after a victim tried to mail in a payment for a ticket but had it returned as non-deliverable, a criminal complaint said.

Prosecutors said the tickets were the exact copy of a parking ticket Gallagher received in February of last year, even down to the citation number.

Investigators were able to trace the citation number to Gallagher, who admitted placing several of the tickets on vehicles parked near the Acacia fraternity, police said.

Prosecutors said Gallagher established a post office box to receive payments for the \$40 tickets and had placed payments, amounting to hundreds of dollars, in a separate bank account.

■ GREENWOOD, Neb. — Talk about racing to the altar.

Matt Simmons was one of the stars Sunday at Nebraska Raceway Park, but not for his driving. Simmons, 29, got the attention of the crowd during intermission of the Outlaw Vintage Lites Racing Series, when he and fiancée Shannon Fulmer, 24, wed at the track.

The Davey couple had set two earlier wedding dates, but the traditional nuptials never

happened, Simmons said. So about two months ago, they decided they should just get married at the track.

That solution made sense, Simmons said, since most of his Sundays are spent racing his five-eighths scale replica of a 1932 Chevrolet coupe. Most of the couples' friends also are at the races on Sundays, he said.

The ceremony — flanked by three dwarf race cars, one with motor oil cans tied to its back bumper — even overshadowed Simmons' driving Sunday, which was hampered by engine troubles.

Simmons didn't seem to mind.

"I'm married. I'm happy," he said.

■ READING, Pa. — A motorist's bail was revoked when police said he had the daring to show up drunk to his preliminary hearing on drunken driving charges.

Emerson Moore Jr., 46, of

Caernarvon Township, was awaiting his hearing before Muhlenberg Township District Justice Dean R. Patton when Moore got into an argument with state police Trooper Roberto Soto, officials said.

Soto, who had arrested Moore in the drunken-driving case June 20, smelled alcohol on Moore's breath as the two stood in the hallway outside Patton's courtroom, officials said.

Moore, who had driven himself to court, had a blood-alcohol level of 0.10 percent, police said. The legal limit for driving in Pennsylvania is 0.08 percent.

Patton revoked Moore's bail and sent him to Berks County Prison on \$2,500 bail. He also will be cited for public drunkenness, he said.

"You don't show up drunk for a preliminary hearing, especially when it's a drunk-driving case," Patton said. "I asked him what he was thinking and he said, 'You told me I could drink at home.'"

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Today in History

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Today is Sunday, Sept. 19, the 263rd day of 2004. There are 103 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 19, 1777, during the Revolutionary War, American soldiers won the first Battle of Saratoga.

On this date:

■ In 1796, President Washington's farewell address was published.

■ In 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died of wounds inflicted by an assassin.

■ In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was arrested in New York and charged with the kidnap-murder of the Lindbergh infant.

■ In 1945, Nazi propagandist William Joyce, known as "Lord Haw-Haw," was sentenced to death by a British court.

■ In 1955, President Juan Peron of Argentina was ousted after a revolt by the army and navy.

■ In 1957, the United States conducted its first underground nuclear test, in the Nevada desert.

■ In 1959, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev reacted angrily during a visit to Los Angeles upon being told that, for security reasons, he wouldn't be allowed to visit Disneyland.

■ In 1960, Cuban leader Fidel Castro, in New York to visit the United Nations, angrily checked out of the Shelburne Hotel in a dispute with the management.

■ In 1984, Britain and China completed a draft agreement on transferring Hong Kong from British to Chinese rule by 1997.

■ In 1985, the Mexico City area was struck by the first of two devastating quakes that claimed some 6,000 lives.

Ten years ago: U.S. troops peacefully entered Haiti to enforce the return of exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Five years ago: German voters handed Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's governing Social Democrats a humiliating defeat in elections in the eastern state of Saxony, giving it just 11 percent of the votes.

One year ago: Former

Hurricane Isabel raced from Virginia to Canada, delivering far less rain than expected but leaving millions without power. Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's defense minister, Sultan Hashim Ahmad, surrendered to U.S. forces.

Today's Birthdays:

Author Roger Angell is 84. Rhythm and blues musician Billy Ward is 83. Former Defense Secretary Harold Brown is 77. Actress Rosemary Harris is 74. Actor Adam West is 74. Actor David McCallum is 71. Singer-songwriter Paul Williams is 64. Singer Bill Medley is 64. Singer Sylvia Tyson (Ian and Sylvia) is 64. Golfer Jane Blalock is 59. Singer David Bromberg is 59. Actor Randolph Mantooth is 59. Singer Freda Payne is 59. Rock singer-musician Lol Creme (10cc) is 57. Actor Jeremy Irons is 56. Actress Twiggy Lawson is 55. T.V. personality Joan Lunden is 54. Singer-producer Daniel Lanois is 53. Actor Scott Colomby is 52. Musician-producer Nile Rodgers is 52. Singer-actor Rex Smith is 49. Actor Kevin Hooks is 46. Actress Carolyn McCormick is 45. Country singer Jeff Bates is 41. Country singer Trisha Yearwood is 40. Actress-comedian Cheri Oteri is 39. News anchor Soledad O'Brien is 38. Rhythm and blues singer Espranza Griffin is 35. Actress Sanaa Lathan is 33. Rock singer A. Jay Popoff (Lit) is 31. Comedian Jimmy Fallon is 30. Rapper Eamon is 21. Actor Kevin Zegers is 20.

Thought for Today:

"There is no such thing as conversation. It is an illusion. There are intersecting monologues, that is all." — Dame Rebecca West, Irish-born novelist (1892-1983).

Tremor felt in southern Kentucky

MIDDLESBORO — A minor earthquake measuring 3.7 on the Richter scale was felt in several southeastern Kentucky counties early Friday afternoon, according to the National Geological Survey in Golden, Colo.

The tremor's epicenter was 45 miles west-southwest of Hazard or 25 miles north-northwest of Middlesboro, said geophysicist John Bellini.

"It's an area where there are lots of unknown faults," Bellini said.

Early reports of the 11:22 a.m. quake said it was felt in

Laurel, Knox, Knott and Whitley counties.

There were no reports of injuries or damage. The geological survey placed the epicenter of the quake near the Leslie County town of Helton in the Daniel Boone National Forest.

Ken Fugate of Keavy, about four miles south of London, said he heard and felt the rumble from the earthquake.

"At first, I thought it was thunder," he said. "It sounded like thunder, but it actually shook the chair I was in. I thought it might have been an explosion out on the interstate."

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Free time reduced, abuse allegations increased before riot

The Associated Press

BEATTYVILLE — A doubling of the population with prisoners from 1,000 miles away, cuts in privileges and reduced time to visit with friends and family are some of the reasons observers cite for a riot at the privately run Lee Adjustment Center this week.

But Corrections Corporation of America, which runs the prison for the Kentucky Corrections Department, does not believe those factors explain the riot in which inmates set two buildings on fire, spokeswoman Louise Chickering said Thursday.

"There is no justification for the destruction those inmates did," she said.

Barry Kade, a Vermont lawyer and a member of the Alliance for Prison Justice, an advocacy group that works to improve conditions for Vermont inmates, said he has received an increasing number of complaints from Vermont inmates sent to Kentucky this year to relieve prison crowding in Vermont.

Of the nine inmates who officials said started the fires, five were from Kentucky and four from Vermont.

"Usually when there's a prison riot it occurs after months or years of intolerable conditions," Kade said.

The increasingly common practice of states sending inmates to private prisons in other states has exacerbated problems, said some outside observers.

"It's very clear that shipping prisoners far from their families is not good criminal justice policy," said Peter Wagner, assistant director of Prison Policy Initiative, a non profit policy and research group in Massachusetts.

Ray Flum, director of inmate classification for the Vermont Department of Corrections, said the state has been sending prisoners to publicly run prisons out of state for a number of years. But its contract with Corrections Corporation is its first with a private corporation.

"Are we surprised that something like this happened and we're involved in it? Yes we are," Flum said. "In the six or seven years we've been doing business like this out of state it's the first time this has happened."

Corrections Corporation also experienced riots in July at prisons it runs in Colorado and Mississippi — both of which house out-of-state inmates.

Chickering said the company doesn't believe adding prisoners from another state was the cause of the uprisings.

"We have had out-of-state inmates at numerous facilities

for many years without incident," she said.

But others say a concentration of inmates hundreds of miles from friends and family can lead to problems at prisons.

"I think this latest uprising fits into this general pattern of unhappiness by prisoners who have been transported out of state," said Paul Wright, editor of Prison Legal News, a Vermont-based magazine about the prison industry.

Vermont inmates at Beattyville complained to Kade that visits from friends and family — who must drive about 1,000 miles to Kentucky — were cut to two hours a week. Free time on the yard was cut and some inmates alleged they were mistreated through physical abuse or by being put into isolation without having committed any violation, he said.

Chickering said free time was restricted as a security mea-

sure around the time the Vermont inmates arrived at the prison.

"We think it makes sense as a management philosophy," she said.

Chickering said prisoners had adequate space at the facility originally built to house 500 inmates. Before taking in additional inmates from Vermont, the company built a 256-bed unit and added 60 bunks in existing dormitories at the prison, bringing the capacity to 816. At the time of Tuesday night's riot, the prison held 803 inmates.

Kentucky Corrections Commissioner John Rees — a former Corrections Corporation official — said Thursday that the facility was not crowded.

"That just hasn't been an issue," he said.

Chickering said staff increased from 165 to 211 after the population increased by 300

Concerns

A real estate representative from the Corps spoke up as well and noted that the government is buying property at the going rates and not overspending.

"When this project first got started, I raised the same question and requested a full flood study of Floyd County," said Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson. "Has there been any

progress on that?"

Justice repeated that he was just the project manager for Martin, but that a hydrologist could attend the next meeting and talk about the needs for the county. He also said, of the Martin project, that "with any construction job, there will be some impacts on the community."

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Plea

could get the earlier parole would be if he entered a program for sexual predators which one can only enter if they admit that they are an adult who preys on children.

Beck will be formally sentenced Nov. 19 and will be out on bond until then since the amended charge makes his crime a misdemeanor. Beck has no plea deal

in place and could be awarded the maximum sentence of one year.

Judge Danny Caudill asked Beck if he had committed the crime and Beck asserted that he did.

Should Beck get the maximum sentence, he will serve it all since there is no opportunity for parole for misdemeanor convictions.

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Sentence

Parsons. "Let me make this clear to you," Judge Danny Caudill told Parsons. "There is at least a chance you might change the course of your life. I am not a social worker. If you wind up back here, all I can do is send you to prison."

Parsons may find herself out of prison in three months if her sentence from district court is allowed to run concurrently with her traffic violation. Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Marcum, however, wants to see her 60-day sentence from the school bus incident tacked on to her existing sentence consecutively and wants that charge to stand out and be served on its own.

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Ivan

Menifee County closed at 3 p.m., and another at West Carter Elementary School had no occupants Friday, officials said.

"We're going to continue to evaluate throughout the day, but as of right now there is some flooding in Eastern Kentucky but nothing like we could have gotten."

Officials did declare a local state of emergency in five coun-

ties: Whitley, Owsley, Menifee, Bath and Laurel.

In Pike County, authorities spent the week planning for a weather disaster, identifying potential shelters and evacuation routes.

"We were told to prepare for the worst and hope for the best," said Pike County Emergency Management Director Doug Tackett. "Seems to be turning

out for the best."

Tackett said if the rainfall originally forecast had arrived, the region would have suffered from considerable river flooding.

"It looked really grim for a while," he said. "We still anticipate some minor flooding in low-lying areas, possibly some road closings in areas prone to high water."

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Remorse

sentence, which could have been 10 years, was reduced to six years in prison and two years on probation.

David Francis was entering an open plea to charges that he sold OxyContin to an informant two years ago. He turned out to have \$3,000 worth of the drug on him at the time of the arrest. The pills sold for a \$100 at that time and now fetch about \$120 on the street.

After selling to an informant at Highlands Plaza, Francis exited the vehicle and was surrounded by three area policemen. He

didn't comply quickly with their demands to put up his hands, probably out of confusion, and came very close to getting injured

In court his attorney, Ned Pillersdorf, was quick to point out that Francis had no criminal record and was not a big-time drug dealer.

Francis, however, went further.

"I apologize," Francis said. "A good thing happened here. I might be dead if I wasn't forced to change my lifestyle. Thank you."

Judge Danny Caudill thanked Francis for his candor

"Mr. Francis, I have not given you the [maximum sentence], though I think this is a serious crime," Caudill said. "You've taken some responsibility and I'll be honest with you, that's probably why I haven't given you the maximum sentence."


Francis was one of six people sentenced for drug trafficking convictions Friday and the only drug offender to admit any wrongdoing and apologize for the pain he caused his family.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Medicare surprise

Forty million elderly Americans got a nasty surprise this month when the Bush administration announced that their Medicare premiums will rise by a record 17 percent next year, to \$78.20 per month. Democrats were quick — too quick — to blame the White House for what is a very complicated development. But the announcement does show that the president's promise to make Medicare work better for senior citizens has been mostly hollow after four years.

Setting politics aside, there are many reasons for the sobering jump in Medicare premiums. Medical costs are rising at a scary pace — ask any employer or consumer who buys health insurance — and Congress has backed off from many of the cost-containment measures it imposed on Medicare in the late 1990s. And it's worth remembering that Medicare remains a bargain: Taxpayers pick up 75 percent of the Part B premium, which covers physician services and outpatient care.

Nevertheless, the bad news on premiums is one more sign that the Bush administration has botched health care policy in general and Medicare reform in particular. The administration's key cost-control strategy for Medicare was to introduce competition from private managed-care companies, which were supposed to deliver more benefits at lower cost. Yet the president's massive Medicare legislation last year included billions of dollars in additional payments to lure private insurance companies into the Medicare market, and White House officials admitted last week that fully 15 percent of the new premium increase reflects those extra payments to private health plans. It's a curious strategy to rely on private-sector insurers to drive down Medicare costs, then pay them extra money to join the program. Medicare's premium increases throughout the 1990s were routinely smaller than this year's increase because the Clinton administration used Medicare's huge buying power to hold down costs, a strategy that this administration explicitly rejected.

Medicare's financial problems are hugely complicated and certainly predate George W. Bush's arrival in Washington. And yet the premium episode is just one more sign of how badly the White House has mismanaged and miscalculated health-care policy for the elderly. It let insurance lobbyists and drug manufacturers write key provisions of last year's massive Medicare Modernization Act, deliberately and egregiously concealed the bill's true cost until Congress had passed it into law, and then embarked on an expensive campaign to convince America's elderly that the law has done them a huge favor. Now that the bills are coming due, elderly voters know better.

— *The Minneapolis Star Tribune*



Rich Lowry Column

The war on obstetrics

It wasn't long ago that the obstetrician was celebrated in American culture as the reassuring professional who did the work necessary to produce that joyous first wail of a newborn. Now obstetricians are filling a different role — the target of medical liability suits.

Amazingly enough, we have created a legal system that disadvantages people who deliver babies. These aren't tax evaders, corrupt polluters or any other bogeymen you can conjure up. Obstetricians make the unlikely of anti-heroes, but they are nonetheless portrayed that way every day in America's courtrooms and, as a consequence, collectively punished for, essentially, their interest in women's health and babies.

The lawsuit-driven crisis in obstetrics has prompted the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists to make

tort reform its highest legislative priority. The issue deserves all the more scrutiny given that the Democratic ticket features a candidate, John Edwards, who made the fortune that funded his political career partly by suing obstetricians. The Democratic Party has, more firmly than ever, aligned itself with the vultures feasting on obstetrics.

Entering the field is now basically signing up to be sued. On average, OB-GYNs have 2.6 claims filed against them during their careers. No wonder one in seven members of the ACOG has stopped practicing obstetrics. With insurance premiums in some states hitting more than \$100,000 a year, it's a profession that doesn't pay.

Many of the lawsuits are over children with neurological damage such as cerebral palsy. The theory often is that a doctor's negligence during childbirth kept the baby from getting enough oxygen. Edwards successfully sold this theory to juries. It is problematic at best.

A recent ACOG study concluded that less than 10 percent of cases of neurological impairment were caused by events during labor, and even in most of those cases the problems were not preventable. Deliveries by Caesarian section have increased from 6 percent in 1970 to 26 percent today — to make it harder for a trial lawyer to argue that a C-section would have prevented a baby's disability. But a study last year found that cases of cerebral palsy had remained steady despite the increase in C-sections.

Of course, there are instances of real medical malpractice, which should be compensated. But it cannot be the case, as the pattern of lawsuits now suggests, that nearly every obstetrician in America is incompetent and negligent.

The lawyers who game this system are simply scoundrels. Not just in how they coax millions out of the American health care system, but in how they play on the understandable emotions of heartbroken and scared parents, telling them an alluring lie: that no tragedy in this life is unpreventable, that nothing goes wrong without it being someone's fault, a fault that can be precisely calibrated and paid out in a settlement or jury award.

America should make itself safe again for doctors who deliver babies.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.



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— beyond the beltway —

The Republican convention in perspective

by DONALD KAUL

Few things in life are perfect, but I thought that the Republican National Convention was perfectly dreadful — mean-spirited, sneering, mendacious.

I know, I know, you'd expect me to say that, given my well-documented disdain for President Bush, but I swear that I had decided that I would view the convention with an open mind, objectively.

And, objectively speaking, it was pathetic, a demonstration of how small-time Mr. Bush and his cohorts really are.

They dredged up Zell (for zealot) Miller — a Democrat who seems to have made a detour into insanity on his way to de facto Republicanism — to give the keynote, KEYNOTE, address. What's the matter, was Ann Coulter busy?

Then, although they made a genuflection to the so-called "moderate wing" of the Republican Party with John McCain, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Rudy Giuliani, they spent most of their time pillorying John Kerry and mischaracterizing his record.

Dick Cheney's speech was bad enough — after all, we've learned to expect that from Mr. Charm School — but the president's speech was a dismal exercise in self-indulgence. What wasn't a rerun of his convention speech of four years ago, the same empty promises intact, was

Kerry-bashing on the level of juvenile playground taunts.

Mr. Bush keeps telling us he's a war president. Then why doesn't he act like one? War presidents, the ones who are remembered fondly by history, strive for a note of national unity when seeking reelection.

There was hardly a suggestion of that in his speech. The entire Bush campaign seems intent on convincing the American people that Democrats are traitors and cowards.

I think the problem is that the Republicans were in the minority for so long that they can't adjust to being the party in power. The only game they know is divide and conquer and they play it for keeps.

Conversely, the Democrats were in power for so long that they can't adjust to being the opposition party. That's why their attack dogs all have rubber teeth.

But if you had any doubt as to what the Republican Party is about, its platform should have cleared it up. A Constitutional amendment banning abortion. The privatization of Social Security. The denial of the right of same-sex marriage. An expansion of tax cuts for the rich. A further dissolution of the wall between church and state. In other words, more of the same.

I thought the funniest line in the platform was: "The president's leadership has achieved successes once deemed impossible to realize in so short a time."

Here is the situation when the president took over the helm of state four years ago: We were at peace. We had a growing budget surplus. We were universally respected as leaders of the Western world.

Four years later, we are involved in two wars and counting, our budget deficit is approaching \$400 billion a year and we are so universally disliked that our Secretary of State couldn't attend the Olympics for fear of causing a riot.

It is the war against Iraq that is Bush's signal achievement, however. We went into Iraq to depose Saddam Hussein and

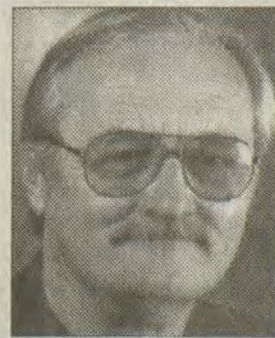
his Baathist Party and free the oppressed of that country. We got rid of Saddam but at present we are using Saddam's former generals and Baathist troops to put down an insurrection led by the same oppressed people we went in to free — and who have substituted us for Saddam in their hatred.

We "turned over power" to a former buddy of Saddam in the dark of night as our viceroy sneaked out of town like a thief to avoid trouble. After a year-and-a-half of war we still don't control the central section of the country, despite the fact we have 130,000 troops there.

The platform's right. That success does seem impossible to have been realized in so short a time. But with successes like that, you don't need failure.

Still, it was a fun convention, particularly if you happen to be a fan of the Nuremberg rallies.

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 him at donald.kaul2@verizon.net.



Minister's Moment: Staying connected to the Vine

by FATHER BOB DAMRON
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There was a man who was facing a birthday, one of the "big-0" birthdays, and he was feeling mighty nervous about his life as he was getting older. So he went to his pastor to talk with him about his concerns.

"What have you done in your life?" asked the pastor. "What are you especially proud of?"

"Well," said the man, "I've read and gone through the Bible seven times."

"Very good," replied the pastor, "but how much of the Bible has gone through you?"

It is a good question for all of us. Jesus tells us in the Gospel of John (John 15:5) — I am the vine and you are the branches." Just think how close that connection

is: a vine shares everything it has with the branch and gives the branch everything it needs. All the branch has to do is stay connected to the vine and use all the nutrients, water and food the vine is sending for life, in order to produce fruit.

That's the way our relationship with Jesus is supposed to work. That's how connected to Him we are supposed to be. He is the vine, and we are the branches. We receive life from Him. It is from Jesus — the vine — that we receive all that is needed to live a full life, to bear fruit as a Christian.

If we are connected to the Lord, we will see the world, other people and the events of our lives as the Lord sees them. As branches of the one, true vine, we will see everyone and every-

thing as gifts from God. We will look upon God's creation not as something to be manipulated, but as something to be taken care of and shared with all. We are stewards of creation, of God's gifts.

If we are connected to the Lord, we — the branches — will see others as children of God. We will treat others as God treats them. We will see others not as strangers, but as our brothers and sisters in God's family. We will look upon other people as someone created in God's image, in need of our compassion and love.

If we are connected to the Lord, we will value that which is important to God. The priorities of our lives will be determined by God. What God values as necessary to life will determine the actions and the decisions in our lives. Love, forgiveness, compassion, respect, justice, peace and humility will become the driving force and energy of our

lives. These will be the priorities of our lives. The branches receive life from the vine.

Yes, He is the vine, and we are the branches. It is He who gives us life. If we are connected to him, if we follow in the footsteps of Christ, then we will think, act and live as He. The branches will become as the vine, that when someone looks at our lives, they should not see us, but should see Christ. If we are connected to Christ, we have life.

If we are not connected to Christ, we will wither and die. If we do not see as Christ sees, if we do not value the virtues of Christ, then our lives will be filled with uneasiness, loneliness, emptiness and confusion.

How do we build a happy life? There is only one way: by connecting with trusting hearts to the only one who can give us life. We survive by rooting our hearts deeply in the Lord, by not cutting

ourselves off from the Lord. We will not be immune to pain or trouble, but it will guarantee that no trouble will ever overwhelm us and no difficulty, however grave, will ever have the power to take away our joy or our peace. We are the branches, and He is the vine.

So there is the goal of our lives — to remain connected

always to the Vine. It is a task that is never finished, the daily task of being connected to Jesus each day and placing our hearts in the One who has our names written in the palm of His hand. May we always be joined to the Lord; may we be branches of the Vine that bear much fruit of love, compassion, forgiveness and peace.



Regional

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JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Gladys Marie Holbrook Castle, 76, of Hager Hill, died Thursday, September 9. She is survived by her husband, Herbert Castle Jr. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 13, under the direction of Childers Funeral Home.

■ Debbie Sue Caudill, 48, of Sitka, died Friday, September 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 13, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Janet Sue Clifton, 58, of Wabash, Indiana, a Johnson County native, died Friday, September 10, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Billy E. Clifton. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 14, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ David Phillip Estep, 66, of Tucson, Arizona, a Johnson County native, died Sunday, August 22. He is survived by his wife, Rita Rich Estep. Funeral services were conducted at Cold Springs Church. Burial was in the Sheridan Estep Cemetery.

■ Maxie McCarty, 73, of Oil Springs, died Saturday, September 11, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 14, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Olga McKenzie, 81, of West Van Lear, died Friday, September 10, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 12, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Ann Murray, 83, of Paintsville, died Saturday, September 11, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 14, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Vera Helen Jasper Nelson, 83, of Lexington, a Van Lear native, died Saturday, September 4, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 11, under the direction of Kerr Brothers Funeral Home.

■ Ralph Picklesimer, 80, of Oil Springs, died Saturday, September 11, at St. Mary's Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Mary Cochran Picklesimer. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 14, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Brenda Kaye Brown Gibson, 45, of Salyersville, died Friday, September 3, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. She is survived by her husband, Timmy Gibson. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 7, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Sally Lou Caudill Howard, 66, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, September 1, at the Saint Joseph East Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 4, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

■ Thelma H. Power, 76, of Lexington, a Magoffin County native, died Sunday, September 5, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Walter H. Power. Funeral services were

conducted Wednesday, September 8, under the direction of Kerr Brothers Funeral Home.

■ Joe Kenneth Prater, 75, of Richmond Dale, Ohio, a Magoffin County native, died Saturday, September 4, at Adena Regional Medical Center, Chillicothe, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Conda Jo Prater. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 7, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Anna Shepherd Tressler, 48, of Salyersville, died Thursday, September 2, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Rod "Bugman" Tressler. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 5, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Shirley "Sue" Anderson, 59, of Phyllis, died Saturday, September 11, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Harold Gene Anderson. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 14, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

■ Champion Chaney, 79, of Raccoon, died Saturday, September 11, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Earmelene Layne Chaney. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 15, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

■ Peggy Lou Mitchum Chapman, 54, of Freeburn, died Saturday, September 11, at the Hospice Care Center, Ashland. She is survived by her husband, John R. Chapman. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 15, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Fayne Williams Hughes, 96, of Middletown, Ohio, formerly of Pikeville, died Friday, September 10, at Garden Manor Retirement Village. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 14, under the direction of Wilson-Schramm-Spaulling Funeral Home.

■ Beatrice Phillips, 79, of Caledonia, Ohio, a native of Majestic, died Wednesday, September 8, at the Maplewood Nursing Center, Marion, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 11, under the direction of Timson Allen & Melroy Funeral Home.

■ Vickie Lynn Bloomfield Ratliff, 49, of Regina, died Friday, September 10, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 13, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Evelyn Dixie Scott Runyon, 73, of Delray Beach, Florida, a Pike County native, died Saturday, September 11, at Boynton Manor Care, Boynton Beach, Florida. She is survived by her husband, Hassell Runyon. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 15, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Dalen Sizemore, of Louisville, died Friday, September 10. He is survived by his wife, Chrissie Mueller Sizemore, formerly of Pikeville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 15, under the direction of Highlands Funeral Home.

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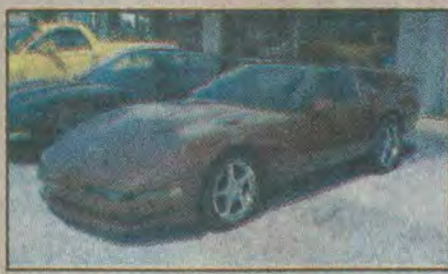
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FLOYD COUNTY

■ Genevieve Ball, 66, of Lorain, Ohio, died Thursday, September 2, in the Medical Intensive Care Unit of Community Health Partners Hospital and Surgical Center, West Lorain, following injuries sustained after an automobile accident on August 4. She is survived by her husband, Glen G. Ball. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 4, under the direction of the Walter A. Frey Funeral Home.

■ Morris Stephen Bilter, 55, of Banner, died Sunday, September 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Bilter. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 16, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

■ Howard R. (Tim) Conley, 66, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, September 16, at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Eunice Martin Fraley, 98, of Wayland, died Tuesday, September 14, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ James "Bub" Gayheart, 57, of Willard, Ohio, formerly of McDowell, died Sunday, September 12, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Pat S. Gayheart. Funeral services were conducted Thursday,

September 16, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Faye Hall, 83, of Harold, died Saturday, September 11, at Heritage Hall Nursing Home, in Grundy, Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Juanita Hall, 58, of Galveston, died Wednesday, September 8, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 11, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Nannie Hunter, 93, of Martin, died Monday, September 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Den Hunter, 64, of Harold, died Monday, September 13, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Virgie Hurt, 77, of Weeksbury, died Saturday, September 11, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Richard R. Jervis, 25, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, September 13, following an accident on Route 3384, Corn Fork Road. He is survived by his wife, Sheri Barnett Jervis. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 16, under

the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Phillip Marty Johnson, 27, of Nicholasville, formerly of Wheelwright, died Saturday, September 11, in Melbourne, Florida. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Dale Edward Maggard, 51, of Middlesboro, died Thursday, September 16, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 18, under the direction of West Funeral Home.

■ Connie W. Sammons, 57, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, September 15. She is survived by her husband, John D. Sammons. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 17, under the direc-

tion of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Kenneth Dale Scott, 45, of Denver, died Monday, August 30, from injuries incurred in a work related accident that occurred on Salyers Branch (Salt Lick), Hueysville. He is survived by his wife, Debbie Barnes Scott. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Franklin Neil Stanfield, 27, of Mulberry, Florida, formerly of Floyd County, died Tuesday, September 7, the result of an auto accident, in Lakeland, Florida. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

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Obituaries

Burgis (Goody) Cook

Burgis (Goody) Cook, 88, of Minnie, died Friday, September 17, 2004, at her residence.

Born December 1, 1915, in Knott County, she was the daughter of the late Willard and Florence Gibson Mullins. She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Beaver Regular Baptist Church, at Minnie.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Shade Cook.

Survivors include four sons: Winford Cook of David, Danny Cook of Ligon, and Earl Cook and Larry Cook, both of McDowell; three daughters: Sonja Chaffins of McDowell, Debbie Goble of Wayland, and Vedis Burke of Bevinville; one brother, Herman Mullins of Hi Hat; 22 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sons: Teddy Cook and James (Dickie) Cook; one daughter, Thelma Hicks; four brothers: Dewey Mullins, Leonard Mullins, Glennis Mullins, and Burnis Mullins; and five sisters: Bertha Little, Annie Johnson, Dorothy Lee Caudill, Hattie Stickrod and Edna (Sweetie) Meade.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, September 19, at 11 a.m., at the Old Beaver Regular Baptist Church, at Minnie, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Newman Cemetery, at Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation, at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Dale Edward Maggard

Dale Edward Maggard, 51, of Middlesboro, passed away, Thursday, September 16, 2004, at his residence.

Born June 26, 1953, in Pikeville, he was a son of the late Johnny and Ada McCoy Maggard. He was a former machinist for Danly Machines of Chicago, Illinois, and was of the Full Gospel faith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, William Eldean Maggard.

He is survived by his brothers: Donnie (Eleanor) Maggard of Johns Creek, Samuel (Donna) Maggard of Garden Village, Darrell (Becky) Maggard of Johns Creek, and Bruce Maggard of Pikeville; sisters: Phyllis Holloway of Pikeville, Betty (Delmon) Shortt of Broadview, Illinois, Linda (Smitty) Bevins of Garden Village, Janet (Johnny) Green of Sylvester, West Virginia, and Kandi (Donnie) Hall of Island Creek; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted 1 p.m., Saturday, September 18, at the West Funeral Home Chapel in Justiceville, with Pastor Earl T. Mills officiating.

Burial was in the Annie E. Young Cemetery, Chloe Creek.

Visitation was at the funeral home, with special services being held at 7 p.m.

Arrangements were under the direction of the West Funeral Home, Justiceville. (Paid obituary)

Albert Whitaker

Albert Whitaker, age 90, of East Point, passed away, Wednesday, September 15, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, following an extended illness.

He was born April 16, 1914, in Magoffin County, the son of Caleb Whitaker and Zella Rice Whitaker, both deceased.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Griffith Whitaker; a step-daughter, Glenna Combs; a step-son, Terry Cesco; several cousins, including: Josephine Whitaker and Johnny Whitaker of East Point; and special friends: Mary Ann and Buford Sturgill, of Sturgill, Funeral Home, Wise, Virginia.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, September 18, by minister Richard Kelley at Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Burial was at the Whitaker Cemetery, at East Point.

Arrangements were entrusted to Carter Funeral Home

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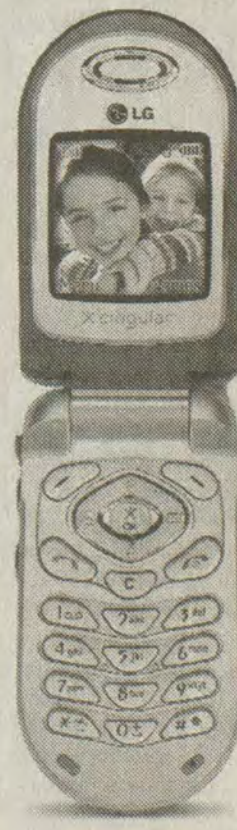


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Castle finishes second season of pro ball

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — When Heath Castle graduated from Johnson Central High School his first stop at the collegiate level was a junior college, Saint Catherine College. After a two-year stay at Saint Catherine, Castle lived a lifelong dream, pitching in the Southeastern Conference and playing at the University of Kentucky. A three-sport star in high school, Castle excelled in football, basketball and base-

ball. And he had his grand moments in each sport, even hitting the shot in 2000 that eventually sent the Johnson Central boys' basketball team to the Sweet Sixteen. He was one of the state's top receivers on the high school gridiron, but baseball was his top priority and he just recently finished up his second season of professional baseball, playing for the Battle Creek Yankees.

In college, Castle pitched at Kentucky under the watchful eye of longtime coach Keith Madison, who has since retired.

Castle was drafted in the 16th Round of

the 2003 Major League Baseball Draft, taken by the New York Yankees, professional baseball's most storied franchise. His first stop on the curvy, long road that is Minor League Baseball was in Staten Island, N.Y. In a stint with the Staten Island Yankees, Castle posted a 2-2 record with a 6.75 ERA. This past season, Castle moved on to Battle Creek, Mich., home of a Class-A team, and saw work in 42 of the club's 139 games. The Johnson County native pitched 62 innings, allowing 42 hits and 34 runs, 16 of which were earned. Castle post-

ed a 1-1 record and recorded one save while posting a 5.63 ERA, down over one point from his first professional season.

Battle Creek dropped a heartbreaking extra-inning, 11-inning game 7-4 to the Dayton Dragons Monday, Sept. 6. The loss ended the Yankees' run for the final playoff spot. The Yankees needed a win and a Fort Wayne loss to qualify.

Castle didn't see action in the final game of the season, but did pitch against



Heath Castle

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Clark ranked in national rankings

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — Three University of Louisville men's tennis players have earned spots in the September 10 Preseason Intercollegiate Tennis Association Rankings. The doubles team of Jeremy Clark and Slavko Radman are No. 46, while Damar Johnson is No. 96 in singles.



Jeremy Clark

Clark, a junior from Stanville, who before moving into the college ranks, starred at Prestonsburg High School, teamed with former Cardinal Matt Mayer for a 20-6 record in the 2004 season. As Louisville's top doubles team, they were ranked as high as No. 18 in the ITA rankings.

Radman, a sophomore transfer from South Carolina State will join the team as a newcomer. As a freshman, the Kastel Stari, Croatia native, helped lead South Carolina State to the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

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Williams sisters, Kournikova headed to Rupp

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Sisters Venus and Serena Williams, winners of multiple Grand Slam singles titles, and former Wimbledon semifinalist Anna Kournikova are slated to participate in the second Lexus Tennis Challenge this fall at Lexington's Rupp Arena. The event is set for Sunday, Nov. 21 at 2 p.m. EST and will benefit the Tubby Smith Foundation and the OWL Foundation, which was established by Oracene Price, the mother of Venus and Serena Williams, in an effort to address the learning needs of academically at-risk youth.

"We are thrilled to be coming to Kentucky to work with the Tubby Smith Foundation," Venus Williams said. "We understand that Coach

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photos by Jamie Howell

The Prestonsburg defense swarmed in on an Ashland ballcarrier. Both the Blackcat offensive and defensive units stepped up on different occasions in Friday night's game.

Blackcats get historic win over Ashland

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — With the horrible weather that invaded the Eastern Kentucky area on Friday, it was anyone's guess how the Prestonsburg-Ashland game would unfold.

After a stormy four quarters of football, it would be the Blackcats that would walk away with a 27-21 win over the Tomcats.

For the first time in school history, Prestonsburg (3-1) defeated an Ashland team that had beaten Class 4A George Rogers Clark in the previous week. Ashland would get on the board first on a 12-yard touchdown run from Tyler Reliford with 2:50 left in the first quarter. Prestonsburg fought back and tied the score at 7-7 on a three-yard touchdown run from Trevor Compton with 4:45 left in the first half. Seth Moore tacked on the extra point to even the game at 7-7. After the Blackcat defense held Ashland on three plays late in the half, Blackcat Coach John DeRossett decided to go after the Ashland punter. With the Tomcats pinned deep in their own territory, the Blackcat defense blocked the Ashland punt and took possession at the Tomcat 12-yard line with only :28 left in the first half.

It took Prestonsburg only two plays to hit pay dirt on a seven-yard touchdown run from Joe Blackburn and after a failed conversion attempt, Prestonsburg led 13-7 at the half. Blackburn continued to run the football like a man on a mission as the senior tailback piled



The Ashland defense caught up with Joe Blackburn Friday night. Blackburn, a senior, helped to lead the Prestonsburg offense.

up 178 yards on 21 carries on the night.

Prestonsburg looked to be pulling away in the third quarter after Trevor Compton hooked up with John Mark Stephens on a 55-yard touchdown pass at the 4:42 mark of the third quarter, but Matt Thomas would return the ensuing kickoff 90 yards for an Ashland touchdown and the Tomcats would cut the lead to 19-14 after three quarters of play. Prestonsburg would give the ball back to Ashland two plays later on an interception by

(See BLACKCATS, page four)

Allen Central upends Sheldon Clark, 2-0

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — The Allen Central High School volleyball team earned its eighth victory of the season and Coach Larry Maynard's 99th career win with a 2-0 sweep of Sheldon Clark on Thursday at J.E. Campbell Arena. Junior Yumekia Hunter led the Rebels with five kills on .313 hitting as Allen Central as a team hit .289 on the night.

Junior Brandi Meade also played well for Allen Central, putting down four kills. Courtney Martin recorded three kills and Alesia Hall added one.

Hall had the best match of her high school career as she set up the offense 25 times and assisted with seven kills without an error. Amanda Mills set up six bangers without an error and Hunter earned one assist.

Allen Central had more confidence in its serving game, getting 84 percent of its serves in play in 49 attempts and landing 11 aces. Mills set the

pace with four aces in 14 attempts and got 93 percent of her serves in. Meade and Hunter each added two aces, while Hall, Tiffany Owens and Brittany Hodge recorded one ace apiece without any serving errors.

Hunter led the defense with 20 digs and 2 blocks on the night. Mills returned 18 attempts and Meade prevented 13 Sheldon Clark points. Looking more like the defensive specialist she was, Hall dug up eight and Owens returned eight.

The Rebels looked much more relaxed and played their game in the win over Sheldon Clark.

"This was a big confidence builder for our girls," Maynard said. "We needed this win to get us in the proper mindset and back on the winning track."

Allen Central is scheduled to return to action Monday at 6 p.m. against visiting Phelps, a team ranked fifth in the latest 15th Region poll.

SFHS 2, JCHS 0

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — South Floyd went on the road Tuesday night and defeated region foe Johnson Central 2-0 (25-23, 25-21). Johnson Central, playing its third straight home match, came into the event with momentum, but ultimately had its two-game home winning streak snapped.

Leslie Holbrook had one kill for the visiting Raiders. Holbrook was eight-of-10 on serves with one ace, 13 assists, four digs and five saves. She now has 96 assists. Katie Cook went seven-of-eight on serves with three kills, two aces, five digs and three saves. Megan Castle was also seven-of-eight on serves with one ace, 11 digs

and one save. Candice Hall had three kills, four serves, four assists, six digs, two aces and three saves.

Sabrina Reid, who has returned to the court following an injury suffered earlier in the season, recorded nine kills. She now has 50 kills on the season. Reid was two-of-two on serves with 10 digs, one assist and one save. Kayla Hall went 11-for-12 serving with 12 digs, two saves and one assist. Tab Tackett registered five kills, four digs, three saves and one assist. Pam Walker was three-of-four on serves.

South Floyd returned to the court yesterday, hosting the South Floyd Volleyball Classic. Results from the volleyball tournament were unavailable at press time and will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Adams blanks South Floyd 42-0

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — A rainy night in Prestonsburg turned out to be just what the doctor ordered for the Adams Middle School football team. Adams took control early as Seth Setser scampered 45 yards for a Blackcat touchdown on the game's third play from scrimmage. The Blackcats dominated, routing the visiting Raiders 42-0. After stopping South Floyd on three plays, Austin McKinney returned a Raider punt 50 yards to put Adams further in front, 14-0.

A tough Blackcat defense held South Floyd to only 40

yards of offense on the night as Adams improved to 4-0 on the season. Allen Craynon hit paydirt on a 60-yard touchdown run late in the second quarter and followed that up with a 65-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter. Austin Gayheart's two point conversion run put Adams in front 36-0.

On Tuesday evening, Adams defeated Warfield by a final of 18-6. The Adams defense held Warfield to under 50 yards of total offense in the win. Adams will return to action Monday night at Allen Central. The Floyd County postseason grid will take place on Sept. 30 with game times still to be determined.

Betsy Layne beats Paintsville, stays undefeated on the year

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — Betsy Layne recorded its 10th win of the season Thursday night when it went on the road and defeated 15th Region rival Paintsville 2-0 (25-23, 25-17). In the first game, Betsy Layne encountered its toughest set to date, escaping with a 25-23 victory.

Betsy Layne, coached by Christina Crase, has yet to drop a game. Betsy Layne stands undefeated on the season, boasting a perfect 10-0.

A defending district champion, Betsy Layne has games left in the month of September and the first week of October before beginning post-sea-

son play. The top-ranked Floyd County team has notched wins over Phelps, Paintsville, Pike County Central, Pikeville, Allen Central, South Floyd and Prestonsburg. Betsy Layne is also a perfect 3-0 in Floyd County Conference play, having a single win each over in-county competition Allen Central, South Floyd and Prestonsburg.

Crase is in her first season as head coach of the Betsy Layne High volleyball team. She inherited a talented defending district championship team coached last season by Harold Tackett. Betsy Layne is led by a host of talented players including senior Kristal Daniels, also a top returning player for the Betsy Layne girls' basketball team.



photo by Jamie Howell

Seth Setser (48) gained yards for Adams against the South Floyd defense. Setser played a huge role in Adams' win over the visiting Raiders.



photo by Jamie Howell
The Prestonsburg High volleyball team will be back in play Saturday, taking part in the South Floyd Volleyball Classic. Other teams scheduled to play in the tournament include host South Floyd, Cordia, Buckhorn, Shelby Valley and Fleming-Neon.

Prestonsburg shows signs of steady improvement

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Once a dominant volleyball team in Floyd County, Prestonsburg High School hasn't fielded its strongest teams in recent memory each of the past three seasons. But that doesn't mean Prestonsburg won't have plenty of life to it come postseason time. Prestonsburg, coached by Jackie Day Crisp, entered play in this weekend's South Floyd Volleyball Classic with a 3-7 record. The Blackcat volleyball team has earned wins over Paintsville (2-0 - 26-24, 25-22), Lawrence County (2-0 - 25-14, 25-19) and Magoffin County (2-1 - 25-22, 12-25, 26-24).

Prestonsburg very easily could have gotten the season started with a perfect 3-0 record. The season began for Prestonsburg with a close 1-2 loss to Phelps, a team now ranked fifth in the 15th Region.

After the loss to Phelps, Prestonsburg bounced back nicely, winning its next two matches, tilts against Paintsville and Magoffin County. After winning two matches in a row, Prestonsburg slid, dropping five straight contests before rebounding to beat Magoffin County. Thursday night, Prestonsburg fell to Floyd County Conference frontrunner Betsy Layne, losing 0-2 (12-25, 11-25). Prestonsburg will next be back in action Monday night, playing on the road at previous early-season foe Lawrence County. After that, following matches against Phelps and Lawrence County, Prestonsburg will hit the road and travel to Harrison County Saturday, Sept. 25 to take part in the Lexington Ice Center Classic. The Blackcat volleyball team is scheduled to finish out its season with dates against Sheldon Clark, Pike County Central and Paintsville.

H.S. VOLLEYBALL SCOREBOARD

Thursday's matches

Allen Central 2, Sheldon Clark 0 (25-19, 25-20)
Ashland Blazer 2, Boyd County 0 (25-16, 26-24)
Belfry 2, Pike County Central 0 (25-15, 25-11)
Betsy Layne 2, Paintsville 0 (25-23, 25-17)
Clay County 2, Knox Central 0 (25-13, 25-7)
Estill County 2, George Rogers Clark 1 (25-22, 25-23, 25-19)
Evarts 2, Harlan 0 (26-24, 25-17)
Fleming County 2, Lewis County 0 (25-22, 26-24)
Greenup County 2, East Carter 1 (25-23, 25-21, 25-18)
Monticello 2, Lynn Camp 1 (25-11, 25-21, 25-19)
Morgan County 2, West Carter 1 (25-18, 25-12, 25-21)
Owsley County 2, Jackson County 0 (25-21, 25-19)
Pulaski County 2, Rockcastle County 0 (25-12, 25-9)
Pulaski Southwestern 2, Garrard County 0 (25-15, 25-10)
Russell 2, Raceland 0 (25-20, 25-9)
South Floyd 2, Johnson Central 0 (25-23, 25-21)
South Laurel 2, McCreary Central 0 (25-21, 25-15)
Whitesburg 2, Breathitt County 0 (25-12, 25-12)
Whitley County 2, Barbourville 0 (25-12, 25-8)

AC volleyball boast impressive numbers

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — Several Allen Central High volleyball players are amassing impressive numbers.

Yumekia Hunter leads Allen Central with 72 kills, a .252 attack average, and a .139 kill average. The team has a .252 attack average and a .020 kill average following Thursday night's win over Sheldon Clark.

Amanda Mills leads the team in offensive sets and assists with 80, a .972 setting percentage, and a .245 assist percentage. The team has a .941 setting percentage and a .178 assist per-

centage.

Brandi Meade has the ace lead with 50 on a .832 serving percentage and a .263 ace to serve ratio. Brittany Hodge has 27 aces with a .974 serving percentage and a .233 ace-to-serve ratio and Mills has 30 aces with a .921 serving percentage and a .182 ace to serve ratio. Hunter has 26 aces with a .828 serving percentage and a .224 ace to serve ratio.

Hunter leads the team in defense with 356 recorded digs and 17 blocks. She is followed closely by Meade, who has 330 digs and no blocks.

Participation in high school athletics at an all-time high

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — For the 15th consecutive year, the number of students participating in high school athletics has increased, setting an all-time high for participation.

Based on figures from the 50 state high school athletic/activity associations, plus the District of Columbia, that are members of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), participation for the 2003-04 school year rose by 58,456 students, to 6,903,552, according to the 2003-04 High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS. This marked the sixth consecutive year that a record was established for participation in high school athletics.

The survey shows that more than half of all total enrolled high school students compete in athletics, 53.3 percent. This percentage of high school students participating in sports is higher than that of years past.

For example, this year's participation rate shows a 1.6 percent increase over the 1994-95 participation percentage figure of 51.7 percent, a 5.1 percent increase over the 1989-90 figure of 48.2 percent, and 6.6 percent increase over the 1984-85 and 1980-81 (the first year for which student enrollment data is available) figures of 46.7 percent.

"We are extremely pleased to have set a participation record for the 15th consecutive year and to have well over half of all enrolled students competing in high school athletics," said NFHS Executive Director Robert F. Kanaby. "The fact that there are

nearly seven million high school sports participants in our nation's high schools speaks volumes to the popularity of interscholastic sports and to how much these sports mean to our country's youth."

Participation numbers for both boys and girls increased. Boys athletics experienced the greater increase, going up 49,515 participants, while girls participation increased 8,941. The boys' total of 4,038,253 is the fourth-highest overall, and highest since 1977-78, the last time boys participation surpassed the four million mark. The girls' total of 2,865,299 sets an all-time high for female participation.

The biggest gaining sport among girls was soccer, which saw an increase of 7,582 participants. This brought the number of total participants to 309,032, making it the fifth-most popular girls program. Following soccer was tennis, which had an increase of 4,948 participants, and fast pitch softball with 4,556 more participants. Swimming and diving saw an increase of 3,097 more participants than last year, followed by an increase of 2,927 in the sport of cross country. Outdoor track and field, the second-most popular female sport, saw an increase of 2,720 participants, bringing its total participation number to 418,322.

Bowling had the greatest increase in number of schools, as an additional 291 schools offered the sport last year. Lacrosse was offered in 200 more schools and soccer was picked up by 191 schools.

Eleven-player football registered the largest increase among boys sports, adding 9,540 participants, while tennis added

8,094. Outdoor track and field (6,774) and cross country (4,595) also experienced significant gains in male participation.

As for sponsorship, bowling enjoyed the largest increase for the second straight year, with 196 new programs. Swimming and diving was second with an increase of 170 schools, followed by soccer with 116.

Basketball remained the most popular sport for girls with 457,986 participants, followed by outdoor track and field (418,322), volleyball (396,322), fast pitch softball (362,468), soccer (309,032), tennis (167,758), cross country (166,287), swimming and diving (144,565), competitive spirit squads (89,443) and golf (63,173).

On the boys' side, 11-player football again is the most popular sport with 1,032,682 participants, followed by basketball (544,811), outdoor track and field (504,801), baseball (457,146), soccer (349,785), wrestling (238,700), cross country (196,428), golf (163,341), tennis (152,938) and swimming and diving (96,562).

Texas remained the state with the most participants with 754,828. It is followed by California (652,333), New York (336,987), Illinois (324,433), Ohio (303,505), Michigan (302,648), Pennsylvania (261,049), New Jersey (228,842), Minnesota (220,788) and Florida (212,760).

The participation survey has been compiled since 1971 by the NFHS through numbers it receives from its member associations. The complete 2003-04 Participation Survey will be available soon on the NFHS Web site.

BLHS boys' basketball slate features early-season events

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — In less than one month, high school basketball teams — both boys and girls — across the state can begin practice in preparation for the 2004-05 season. Coaches are busy finalizing schedules for the upcoming season. Locally, Betsy Layne head coach Brent Rose have put together another competitive schedule that again, like in past seasons, features a mix of tournaments and games versus both 15th Region and non-15th Region opponents.

Betsy Layne took eventual 58th District runner-up

Allen Central to the wire last season, before ending what was an up-and-down campaign. Faced with the task of replacing seniors Brandon Hall, Jordan Kidd and Brent Newsome, Rose and his staff will welcome back a team led by senior Preston Simon.

During the 2004-05 season, the month of December will feature for the Bobcats two tournaments and a one-day event. Betsy Layne, which is scheduled to open the season on the road at Magoffin County Tuesday, Nov. 30, will play in the Warrior Classic against Cawood, a team from Harlan County, Saturday, Dec. 11. After the East Ridge date, Belfry will remain on the road later in the month, playing in the

Appalachian Wireless Mountain Schoolboy Classic just before Christmas and the renewed and second-year running Jenny Wiley Invitational just after Christmas.

Other non-15th Region opponents set for Betsy Layne during the upcoming season include Jackson City (14th Region), Greenup County (16th Region) and June Buchanan (14th Region).

The Bobcats finished last season 11-17. Betsy Layne is the defending Appalachian Wireless Mountain Schoolboy Classic Champion. The Bobcats won last season's tournament, beating host Belfry in the championship game.

South Floyd finalizes boys' hoops schedule

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

HI HAT — Another season of high school basketball is quickly approaching and with the new season will come some coaching changes. South Floyd will be one of several teams with a new head coach in 2004 that being Barry Hall. Henry Webb stepped down as the head man at South Floyd at the end of last season, and Hall will take over with a talented group of Raiders returning. Three starters return for Hall led by senior forward Burnett Little. The 6-4 senior averaged 15.3 points per game last season.

South Floyd also returns Steven Stanley and junior guard Ryan Johnson. Hall also inherits a strong supporting cast with the return of Mason Hall, Wes

Hall and Ethan Johnson, all of whom gained valuable experience last season.

Several South Floyd players gained valuable playing time last season.

South Floyd will take on some of the best teams in the state as well as the Oak Hill Academy Red team during the upcoming season. South Floyd will travel to Lexington Bryan Station High School to participate in the Bryan Station Holiday Classic. The Raiders will also take part in the Jenny Wiley Invitational tournament at Prestonsburg on Dec. 27. South Floyd will entertain the defending 15th Region champion East Ridge Warriors on Jan. 21. South Floyd enjoyed a successful summer season as the Raiders finished in the Top 16 at the AAU State Tournament.

Paintsville boys to return to S. Carolina

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — At one time a fixture in some of the South's top prep boys' basketball tournaments, Paintsville High will again go back on the road during the 2004-05 season, traveling to picturesque Hilton Head, S.C. for the Seahawk Holiday Invitational.

Two Floyd County products set to begin prep careers for Paintsville are Landon Slone and Jeremy Pack, both graduates of Martin's Mountain Christian Academy. Slone and Pack join a Paintsville team that includes returning freshmen J.D. VanHoose and Blake Bundy, both of whom started last season as eighth-graders,

and sophomore Daniel Pugh, who started last season as a freshman. Slone and Pack spent the summer playing in various summer games and camps.

Before playing in the South Carolina tournament, Paintsville will play a mix of early season competition, including a game against Harlan on Dec. 11 to be played as part of the Warrior Classic at East Ridge High School. Beginning on Dec. 27, Paintsville will host the second annual Paintsville Tiger Hoops Classic.

This year's 15th Region All "A" Classic is set to get underway the week of Jan. 25, 2005.

Paintsville is a perennial contender for the All "A" crown. In the final regular-season game of the season, Paintsville is slated to host Tug Valley, W.Va.

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Smith's foundation supports the same goals as the OWL Foundation.

"I have been a tremendous fan of the Williams sisters since they burst onto the tennis scene, so this is a terrific opportunity to be involved with their charity here in the Lexington community," Smith said. "It was such a great crowd and atmosphere last year when Andy Roddick played at Rupp, and I know this event will be even more exciting."

Venus Williams will take on Kournikova in a singles match, and Serena Williams will join an additional WTA Tour player in a doubles match. A youth tennis clinic at the Lexington Tennis Club and the Night Owl Party at the Hyatt Regency Lexington will precede the festivities on Saturday, Nov. 20. The Night Owl Party features a reception, dinner, auction and a special

performance by an R&B star. "This is one of our family's favorite weekends," Serena Williams said. "It's great to be able to play tennis and raise money for educational programs, which is a priority for us."

Tickets are available now at all TicketMaster locations, via telephone at (859) 281-6644 or at the Rupp Arena box office by calling 850/233-3535, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tickets are priced from \$20 to \$75. To inquire about courtside boxes or invitations to the Night Owl Party, call 859/335-8361 ext. 111.

The first Lexus Tennis Classic presented last December at Rupp Arena featured U.S. Open Champion Andy Roddick, James Blake and twins Bob and Mike Bryan. The exhibition attracted over 4,000 attendees.

Duck blind drawings set for Barkley, Barren and Green River Lake WMAs

FRANKFORT — Dates are now set for the duck blind drawings for Lake Barkley, Barren River Lake and Green River Lake Wildlife Management Areas (WMA). Those waterfowl hunters interested in participating in the duck blind drawing must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid hunting license and the Kentucky and Federal waterfowl permits to be eligible.

The Lake Barkley duck blind drawing is Monday at 8 a.m. Central time in the Lake Barkley Corps of Engineers office at Barkley dam off U.S. 62 near Lake City.

The Green River Lake WMA duck blind drawing is Saturday at the Green River Lake Corps of Engineers office off Hwy. 55 approximately seven miles south of Campbellsville. Registration is 8 a.m. Eastern time with the drawing at 10 a.m.

The Barren River Lake duck blind drawing is Oct. 2, 2004 at the Barren River Lake Corps of Engineers office at Barren River Lake dam off Hwy. 252.

Registration is at 7 a.m. Central time with the drawing at 9 a.m.

For more information regarding these blind drawings, call 1-800-858-1549.

Barnhart, Todd defend Kentucky football coaches, program

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky president Lee Todd and athletic director Mitch Barnhart offered a spirited defense of second-year coach Rich Brooks on Wednesday, 10 days after a humbling shutout loss at Louisville.

Speaking during a meeting of the UK Athletic Association Board of Directors, Todd said that NCAA-imposed scholarship limitations have handicapped the ability of Brooks and his staff to build a competitive program, especially this season. The NCAA also placed the program on three years' probation.

Todd asked the board, and fans, for patience as Brooks tries to rebuild the program.

The Wildcats looked outclassed in a 28-0 loss to the archrival Cardinals on Sept. 5 and since then, Todd and Barnhart have felt backlash from fans and some in the media. Todd said he understands the frustration, but that those who know about how NCAA probation works should have been aware that 2004 could be a difficult season for Kentucky.

"They don't put you on probation to help you,"

Todd said.

The NCAA imposed its penalties in January 2002, stripping the program of 19 scholarships because of recruiting violations committed under former coach Hal Mumme. The probation included a one-year bowl ban, which cost Kentucky a bowl bid in 2002, when it finished 7-5.

Before the 2003 season, Brooks replaced Guy Morriss, Mumme's successor. Brooks has said since he became the coach that the scholarship limitations have dramatically affected Kentucky's depth. Barnhart said after the meeting that of the 10 offensive linemen currently on initial scholarship, seven are in their first two years of eligibility. A walk-on, Matt McCutchan, is starting at center for Kentucky.

"You can look at the numbers and the numbers don't lie," said Barnhart, who said Kentucky has 63 players from the last four classes who received initial scholarships upon signing with Kentucky.

"That's not much greater than a (NCAA Division) I-AA football program," he said. "We're competing against teams that have 85. Those things are difficult to overcome. We've got young people who are trying really hard to get better, and

they are young people."

Indiana, a team which Kentucky has defeated in eight of the past nine seasons, will visit on Saturday with a 2-0 record that includes a road win over then-No. 24 Oregon. Barnhart said he is tired of hearing about how important the game is to Kentucky's season.

"That puts an incredible pressure on our kids, and it's not fair to them," he said. "What I want them to do is to be able to walk through an 11-game journey and just be able to go through it semi-normally. Every game is not make-or-break, and everybody wants to do that to these kids. That's not right."

"I want to be very patient, because this program did not get this way overnight and it will not get out of it overnight. This is the time for consistency and focus, not in terms of people living on the edge and extremes."

Also Wednesday:

— Todd addressed an issue involving the university's imminent decision to award its athletics media rights. The Lexington Herald-Leader reported Wednesday that Rick Thompson, an associate athletic director who serves on the com-

mittee that will choose the winning company, previously worked for two companies that were invited to bid — Learfield Communications and ESPN.

The university's ethics committee will decide if Thompson, who no longer has a financial interest in either company, should continue to serve on the bid-selection committee. Todd said he is comfortable with that arrangement.

"We have that ethics committee in place to do just those things," Todd said. "They've got the full authority to look at these situations in any way they want to."

— The board approved changes in the university's system for determining K-Fund points, which are used to determine the level of season tickets that can be purchased for Kentucky football and men's basketball games.

Now, 50 points will be awarded to university fellows — a title given to those who have donated at least \$10,000 to the school for non-athletic purposes; 20 points per ticket will be awarded to suite holders at Commonwealth Stadium; and three points will be awarded for referrals of \$1,000 donations to the school.

National Football League At A Glance

All Times EDT AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	31	24
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	10	13
Miami	0	1	0	.000	7	17
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	13	10
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	17	7
Houston	0	1	0	.000	20	27
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	24	27
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	20	3
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	24	21
Baltimore	0	1	0	.000	3	20
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	24	31
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	34	24
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	27	20
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	24	34
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	21	24

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	31	17
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	16	10
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	17	35
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	17	31
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	21	19
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	14	24
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	7	21
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	10	16
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	20	16
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	24	14
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	35	17
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	16	20
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	17	10
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	21	7
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	10	17
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	19	21

Sunday's Games

Houston at Detroit, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Wash. at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Denver at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Tenn., 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Tampa Bay, 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Buffalo at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
New England at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Miami at Cincinnati, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 26

Arizona at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Miami, 1 p.m.
Houston at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Green Bay at Indianapolis, 4:15 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Oakland, 8:30 p.m.
IDLE: Buffalo, Carolina, New England, N.Y. Jets

Monday's Game

Minnesota at Philadelphia, 9 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 27

Dallas at Washington, 9 p.m.

Bengals sign backup center

CINCINNATI — Center Jerry Fontenot agreed to a one-year contract Thursday with the Cincinnati Bengals, whose offensive line has already been sapped by injuries.

The Bengals put rookie cornerback Greg Brooks on injured reserve to open a roster spot. Brooks, a sixth-round pick from Southern Mississippi, has a hamstring injury.

Center Rich Braham is expected to play Sunday night against the Miami Dolphins

even though he is not fully recovered from arthroscopic knee surgery. Left guard Eric Steinbach also is limited by elbow surgery.

Larry Moore, who is a backup center and guard, is sidelined with a knee injury, leaving the Bengals short-handed.

Fontenot is in his 16th season. He started every game for New Orleans from 1999-2003. The Saints released him on Sept. 5.

Fontenot also played for the Chicago Bears from 1989-96.

—The Associated Press

More troubles await Dolphins tonight

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Ricky Charley, Frances Ivan. Since the end of last season, the Miami Dolphins have gotten to know trouble on a first-name basis.

More awaits this weekend in Cincinnati. Carson, Chad. Rudi. And yes, even what's left of Ivan.

When will it all end? "We've had so many things happen to us, we're just kind of expecting it," linebacker Zach Thomas said. "It goes on and on, the trouble we've had."

"You've got to look past all of that. If you win, it squashes all of that. If you lose, they keep bringing it up."

A loss on Sunday night against the Cincinnati Bengals (0-1) would turn the talk toward history. Miami hasn't opened a season 0-2 since 1988, the last time it had a losing season.

Think that might come up a few times? "To go 0-2 — that hasn't happened around here in a long time," cornerback Sam Madison said. "And I don't see it happening any time soon."

These Dolphins might be up to it. They've already set a franchise standard for turmoil and tribulation.

It started over the winter, when Dan Marino decided to join the front office and bring glory back to the franchise. Twenty-two days later, he quit.

Cornerstone running back Ricky Williams left a week before training camp, leaving more misery behind.

Then the hurricanes blew in.

Nine players stayed behind when the Dolphins played their final preseason game in New Orleans with Hurricane Frances —

the successor to Charley — bearing down on Florida.

The season opener against Tennessee was moved up a day to avoid any entanglements with Ivan. The weather was fine last Saturday, but the Dolphins were not — a team record-tying 14 penalties and a half-time quarterback switch to A.J. Feeley.

"We've had some issues," coach Dave Wannstedt said, in a huge understatement. "All teams have their share during the course of the season. It just seems like ours have all come kind of three days after the last."

The two main issues Sunday will be whether Feeley can hold his own in his first start and whether anybody can run the ball for more than a yard or two at a time.

The Dolphins gave up a second-round pick for Feeley, who got a five-year, \$18 million contract but watched Jay Fiedler start last Saturday against Tennessee. Two first-half interceptions prompted the abrupt switch to Feeley, who finished off the 17-7 loss.

"It's just an exciting time," said Feeley, who hasn't started since he was a backup with Philadelphia in 2002. "It's what you ask for as a player, a chance to get to play. That's what I've been given here."

He hasn't been given much to work with. The Dolphins' running game averaged only 3.3 yards per carry — a number that won't get many wins. Lamar Gordon, acquired in a trade the week before the opener, had only 32 yards on 12 carries.

And, if things don't go so well, Wannstedt might consider switching quarterbacks again.

"I don't know," Feeley said, when asked about the importance of settling on one passer. "I really can't answer your question."

It's a tough one. I guess the past would show that the one-quarterback system works."

The angst and indecision sound awfully familiar in Cincinnati, where the Bengals are trying to pull out of their 13-year rut. Carson Palmer's performance in his first NFL start provided the latest evidence that things are finally headed in the right direction.

The Bengals have a few, uh, issues of their own, of course. The defense was bulldozed during a 31-24 loss to the Jets. Rudi Johnson had a fumble returned for a touchdown. And injuries highlighted the lack of depth at vital positions.

They can't afford to have their ninth 0-2 start since 1991.

"I don't want to say this is a must-win, but it's needed," receiver Chad Johnson said. "The importance of this game is, No. 1, winning, and No. 2, showing everybody why we're back on (Sunday night). We want to show the whole world that we're not the same Bengals. You can't make fun of us no more."

That distinction is fast reverting to the Dolphins, who are becoming the team that can't seem to get out of its own way or disaster's path.

The Dolphins missed Ivan, which slowed and stayed offshore last weekend. Its remnants were blowing into the Cincinnati area as the Dolphins packed for the trip north.

Worse, another one-name threat — Jeanne — was lurking out over open water, providing one more distraction as the players left home.

"You worry about your families when you're out of town, and then you have to (change) your schedule and doing that can be distracting," Thomas said.

So far, it's the story of their season.

Browns' Green hopes to have outrun problems of past

by TOM WITHERS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEREA, Ohio — William Green had two options: run out of bounds and settle for a good gain, or fight for extra yardage and perhaps a first down.

On a simple swing pass last Sunday against Baltimore, the Cleveland running back made a decision that epitomized his attempt to come back from a series of personal problems.

Green elected to stay on the field — one he never wants to leave again.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time a back will get hit like that on the sideline and just kind of step out," said Browns left guard Paul Zukauskas. "But he made a negative into a positive, and that's what he's been doing."

For months now, Green has been trying to make the right decisions in his life and career. Last year, both were a mess.

He was suspended last season for failing the league's substance-abuse policy and missed the final eight games. In addition, Green served a three-day jail sentence for a DUI conviction, went through alcohol rehab and was involved in a domestic incident in which he was stabbed by the mother of his two daughters.

So Sunday's opener against the Ravens was much more than just his first game since Oct. 18. It was another beginning for Green, a former Boston College star whose parents both died of AIDS when he was growing up.

"It was a good feeling just to get back out there," Green said. "But I really don't think about

that (past) stuff. I think about it like, 'OK this is my job, this what I got to go do.' I'm not looking back into the past. I'm looking forward."

Starting in place of the injured Lee Suggs, Green rushed for 65 yards on 22 carries and made four receptions for 27 more yards in Cleveland's surprising 20-3 win.

Green's numbers weren't flashy, but that hardly mattered. He was back doing what he does best, making linebackers miss with a hip swivel, powering through defensive linemen or stiff-arming oncoming cornerbacks.

His return has inspired teammates, who have never wavered in their support of the 24-year-old.

"You can't help but respect a guy like that, a guy who has a lot

of pressure on his shoulders and he comes in and holds his head up every day," said linebacker Andra Davis. "He answers questions with actions. He takes the criticism that fans and opposing teams deliver, and he goes on about his business."

With the Browns clinging to a 10-3 lead in the third quarter on Sunday, Green's determination on a 2nd-and-7 play helped keep a crucial drive alive.

Swinging out of the backfield, Green caught a pass from Jeff Garcia and made three Baltimore defenders grab at air.

He was nearly knocked onto the Ravens' sideline, but Green kept his balance, backpedaled and staggered for more yardage and a crucial first down.

"That was big," Davis said.

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Castle

Dayton back on Sunday, Sept. 5, in what was the next to last game of the season. In his final game of the season, Castle pitched one inning and didn't allow any runs while also striking out a batter.

The loss in the season finale snapped Battle Creek's string of seven consecutive playoff appearances. Fort Wayne and West Michigan joined South Bend and Lansing in the Eastern Division playoffs.

The Yankees ended the second half of the season with a 38-32 record and an overall work-sheet of 71-68.

Castle most likely won't be returning to Battle Creek next season. That's because the Yankees have moved the team

The Charleston RiverDogs of the South Atlantic League are the Yankees' new low-A affiliate, taking over the Battle Creek franchise's spot.

"While we enjoyed our time

in the Midwest League and in Battle Creek, we're happy to get back to the South Atlantic League, and we're particularly happy to be in Charleston," said Mark Newman, the Yankees' senior VP of baseball operations.

"It's a first-class franchise, a first-class facility and a first-class city. We are partnering with one of the best minor-league franchises in existence. I think it's going to be great for our players to play in that atmos-

phere, and we're excited about it."

The Yankees were in the South Atlantic League at Greensboro (N.C.) before moving to Battle Creek the past two seasons.

As in previous off-seasons, Castle will put himself through off-season workouts in preparation for the next season which is now the 2005 campaign as he continues to climb his way up the professional baseball ladder.

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Green

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"He made three linebackers miss, including Ray Lewis. We were cheering on the bench. We all loved to see that."

Garcia wasn't surprised. Since signing as a free agent in Cleveland, he has been impressed with Green's drive to stay sober and focused on football and family.

"He has had to overcome some tremendous difficulties in life," Garcia said. "What I've seen in him is not reflective of some of the decisions he has made."

Garcia can relate to Green's personal problems. In March, Garcia pleaded guilty to a DUI charge, was sentenced to a work-release program and had some driving privileges taken away.

"It's just like me, I don't feel good about some of the decisions I've made, because they are not reflective of who I am," Garcia said. "He is some-

one who wants to get out on the field, prove people wrong and show he can still play the position."

Following Sunday's win, Green was visited in the locker room by Hall of Fame running back Jim Brown, in town as part of a celebration of the Browns' 1964 NFL championship team.

"I'm proud of you," Brown said, grabbing Green's hand.

Green smiled at the praise, words he had longed to hear again. After the recent disorder in Green's life, it's a feeling he and his teammates cherish.

"The situation he went through made him stronger," Davis said. "We always talk, our daughters were born on the same day and before the game we're always talking that we have another mouth to feed. That we have to go out and make it happen."

KDFWR to launch scholarship program with Kentucky State University

FRANKFORT - The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) has assembled a \$50,000 annual scholarship program for students wishing to pursue degrees in law enforcement or the biological sciences at Kentucky State University.

The scholarship program provides up to \$15,000 per student for tuition, supplies, books, fees, room and board for those selected. In return, graduates agree to become KDFWR employees.

"This program will benefit students and the Department of Fish and Wildlife equally," said Kentucky Commerce Cabinet Secretary Jim Host. "This is a great way for Kentucky to keep from losing its best students to other states."

"This innovative program has the potential to become one of our best recruitment tools ever," said KDFWR Commissioner Tom Bennett. "Kentucky has one of the best fish and wildlife agencies in the country. This scholarship program can only make us better."

The program will provide up to \$10,000 annually for in-state students or \$15,000 for non-residents. Applicants must have already completed 30 semester hours with an accumulated grade point average of at least 2.8.

Scholarships shall not exceed six consecutive semesters.

Successful applicants must maintain full-time student status, a 2.8 GPA, and a curriculum major in criminal justice or biology. They must also sign an agreement to work for the department immediately upon graduation for a period of time equaling one year of work for each year of funded scholarship.

"I am very excited about this relationship between the Department of Fish and Wildlife and Kentucky State University," said Dr. Mary Weathers of the University's Department of Academic Affairs. "This is the first time that there have been scholarships available to students majoring in criminal justice."

For more information regarding this opportunity, contact the KDFWR, Commissioner's Office, 1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, Ky. 40601; phone (800) 858-1549.-30-

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The East Kentucky Youth Soccer Association began its fall season last weekend. Play in the league continues this fall. Teams from Floyd and several other Eastern Kentucky counties including Johnson, Martin, Pike, Knott, Letcher, Perry and Breathitt field soccer teams.



KHSAA NOTEBOOK

Sites posted for golf regional tournament

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - Boys' & girls' regional golf tournament sites and managers have been posted on the Kentucky High School Athletic Association website. Regional tournaments are scheduled for Sat., 25 through Tues., Sept. 28. The Leachman Buick/GMC - KHSAA State Golf Championships are scheduled for the following week in Bowling Green. The girls' tournament will be Oct. 5-6 at the Bowling Green Country Club. The boys' tournament will be Oct. 7-8 at the Indian Hills Country Club. State Championship Round 1 tee times will be posted on the Association website on Friday,

Oct. 1. The draw for the 2004 KHSAA State Volleyball Tournament is set. The event is scheduled for Oct. 29-30 and will be played at the Frankfort Convention Center. New to the tournament this year is a "one court" schedule of the event. Previous tournaments used a "two court" set-up for Friday's first round and Saturday morning's quarterfinals. Following are the first round region vs. region match-ups:

Friday, Oct. 29
 Region 14 Winner vs. Region 2 Winner, 1 p.m.;
 Region 16 Winner vs. Region 1 Winner, 2 p.m.;
 Region 13 Winner vs. Region 7 Winner, 3 p.m.;

Region 3 Winner vs. Region 10 Winner, 4 p.m.;
 Region 15 Winner vs. Region 12 Winner, 5 p.m.;
 Region 5 Winner vs. Region 9 Winner, 6 p.m.;
 Region 11 Winner vs. Region 8 Winner, 7 p.m.;
 Region 4 Winner vs. Region 6 Winner, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 30
 Quarterfinals at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.; semifinals at 2 and 3 p.m.; championship at 8 p.m.

The complete tournament bracket has been posted on the KHSAA website. To view, log on to the following at www.khsaa.org/volleyball/2004/2004statebracket.pdf.



photo by Jamie Howell

Allen Craynon looked to get loose against South Floyd Thursday night as Adams played host to the Raiders.

Smarty Jones' half-brother brings \$850,000 at Keeneland sale

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - A half-brother to 2004 Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Smarty Jones brought a top price of \$850,000 during Thursday's fourth session of Keeneland's September Yearling Sale.

Buzz Chace, as agent, bought the bay colt by Elusive Quality out of First Glimmer, by Glitterman, from Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent. Elusive Quality is the sire of Smarty Jones.

B. Wayne Hughes paid the

second highest price of the day, \$800,000, for a bay filly by Touch Gold out of graded stakes winner Arches of Gold, by Strike Gold.

Threave Main Stud, as agent, consigned the half-sister to stakes-placed American Brass. Winner of the 1997 Belmont Stakes, Touch Gold is the sire of graded stakes winners Composure, Midas Eyes and Region of Merit.

During Thursday's session, 273 horses sold for \$37,175,000, an average of \$136,172 and a median of

\$100,000. During the corresponding session last year, 252 horses brought \$31,809,500, an average of \$126,228 and a median of \$90,000.

Through four days of the 14-day auction, 898 horses have been sold for \$231,743,000, an average of \$258,066 and a median of \$150,000. At this point in the sale last year, 856 horses had been sold for \$198,223,500. The average was \$231,570, and the median was \$140,000.

The sale resumed Saturday and will continue through Sept. 27.

Blackcats

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Ben Robinette and the Tomcats would take over at the Prestonsburg 30-yard line.

Ashland quarterback Drew McDavid would dive in from one yard out to give the Tomcats a 21-19 lead with 11:54 left in the football game. However, Prestonsburg would not be denied on this night.

Ashland looked to be in command late until Brandon Peters stripped the ball from Reliford at the Tomcat 30-yard line to give the Blackcats hope with 6:00 left on the clock. After two big plays from the Prestonsburg offense, Joe Blackburn capped the drive on a two-yard scamper and the two-point conversion run from Compton gave the Blackcats a 27-21 win.

Several Prestonsburg defensive players came up with big nights led by junior Tyler Hamilton and senior Jeremy Carr. Brenton Hamilton came through with several key runs on the night and Billy Joe Hicks was active on the defensive side of the ball for Prestonsburg throughout the night. Ashland (3-2) will now face

another tough challenge, hitting the road next Friday night, traveling to take on Ironton, Ohio. Prestonsburg will return to the gridiron next Friday night,

hosting Sheldon Clark, another Class 2A, District Eight rival. Homecoming will also be observed.

Clark

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title and an NCAA tournament berth. He compiled a 19-2 record at No. 1 doubles and earned All-MEAC first team honors.

Johnson, a sophomore from Ocho Rios, Jamaica, was 21-10 overall as a freshman. He compiled an 18-10 dual match record, playing mostly at No. 3 for the Cardinals. Johnson also earned All-Conference USA

third team honors.

"To be nationally ranked in doubles and singles is a great compliment to the team and an indicator that we have a very competitive program," said U of L head coach Rex Ecarma. "At this point, the national rankings are voted on by coaches from all around the country. It seems that they think highly of what is

going on in the U of L tennis program. Another wonderful aspect is that two of the three ranked sophomores in C-USA are Louisville Cardinals."

U of L finished the 2003-04 season with a 19-9 record and an NCAA regional appearance. The Cardinals were No. 40 in the final ITA rankings.

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No clear favorite in championship chase

by JENNA FRYER
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jeff Gordon thinks there are flaws in NASCAR's new championship format and Ryan Newman still loathes the entire system.

Too bad for both of them.

The final 10-race chase begins this weekend at New Hampshire, and the champion at the end will need a decent strategy, experience and a whole lot of luck.

NASCAR's first Chase for the Nextel Cup starts as a dead-heat, with just 45 points separating first-place Gordon from 10th-place Newman. The standings can be jumbled in a single race.

"Everybody is in the same boat now. It's just who gets to be a survivor," Newman said. Any little thing can take you out — any person, a little debris, bad luck. I don't think it's right."

Newman has consistently been NASCAR's biggest critic of the system, which was adopted this season after almost 25 years of a format that rewarded consistency.

Under the new structure, one bad race, broken part or accident can instantly eliminate a driver from contention.

That's what Gordon doesn't like.

Because the 10 eligible drivers will compete against the entire 43-car field, under the same scoring system used for every race, Gordon is concerned about how other drivers can affect the chase.

For example, Jimmy Spencer caused a wreck last weekend that heavily damaged Jimmie Johnson's car. Spencer is not a contender; Johnson is, and he ended up finishing 36th in the race and earning just 60 points for the event.

Should that happen in the chase, he'll almost

certainly be eliminated from title contention.

"I could go from leading the points right now and very easily finish 10th in these standings," Gordon said, "and I don't know if anybody in that position would think that's really fair."

"I wish we were on our own point system ... where it didn't matter where you finished as long as you finished behind guys that you were racing in the points, then you basically got the points right behind them."

But there's no changing it now, and the race is wide open.

Aside from Gordon and Newman, the rest of the field includes Johnson, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Tony Stewart, Matt Kenseth, Elliott Sadler, Kurt Busch, Mark Martin and Jeremy Mayfield.

The Las Vegas oddsmakers list Gordon as the 9-5 favorite. With four series titles already, Gordon has the most experience in racing for a championship.

He leads the series this year in poles (6) and wins (5) and is a streaky driver. When he gets hot, he's capable of putting together a series of wins.

Behind him is Johnson, who was the most dominant driver for much of the season. With a huge lead in the points in August, his team began to experiment a little bit and it backfired: Johnson had three DNFs in August that raised questions about his durability.

Plus, he likely won't be able to turn to Gordon for help over the next two months. His friend, mentor and teammate will likely be keeping his secrets to himself, leaving Johnson to figure out how to win a championship on his own.

Johnson is more concerned with staying out of trouble.

"I think we have a great chance, but with this new format, I think Lady Luck is going to have to

be on your side to do it," he said. "I think one DNF and you're out of luck."

Earnhardt starts in third, chasing his first series championship. His father won seven titles under the old format, but Junior is a long way away from that level.

His Dale Earnhardt Inc. team lags behind the rest of the competition in many areas, particularly engineering, and went through a slump this season where they had a difficult time correcting problems. Occasional team infighting also makes NASCAR's most popular driver an iffy bet to win the title.

But Earnhardt has snapped his slump and feels confident about his chances.

"If you look back over the last three or four years, we finish better at the end of the season," he said. "I feel pretty good about it. I think we're going to a couple of tracks we run good at."

Stewart, the 2002 series champion, also runs well at the end of the year and has victories on seven of the final 10 tracks. Two more wins might be enough for the title.

Kenseth, who bored everyone last year en route to his first championship, could use the same consistent strategy to win in the new system. His tendency to score top 10 finishes, not pushing too hard for the victory and avoiding trouble that costs him valuable points, could give him a string of solid finishes that would give him the title.

Sadler is the darkhorse behind a much-improved Robert Yates racing team. He hasn't been out of the top 10 in the standings all year and has two victories.

Racing in the best equipment of his career and with an experienced crew chief in Todd Parrott, he's capable of stunning everyone and sneaking away with the title.

"I can't wait to get the playoffs started. I think we have a great chance to win the championship," he said.

Busch is also a darkhorse based on his ability to put red-hot streaks together. He won three of the final five races of the 2002 season, and could run the tables that way again.

Martin, his Roush Racing teammate, is the clear sentimental favorite.

He's got four runner-up championship finishes and four thirds, but zero titles. At 45 years old, he's told car owner Jack Roush that 2005 will likely be his final season.

After using a strong second-half push to become eligible for the chase, Martin can relax and focus on the title.

"We've been under intense pressure," Martin said. "We've performed at the top of our game with near zero margin for error. Now we can go out and just run our race and hopefully win this championship."

Mayfield is a longshot, even though he raced his way in by winning his first event in more than four years to vault five spots in the standings.

But he can't be counted out with car owner Ray Evernham on his side. Evernham won three titles as Gordon's crew chief.

Rounding out the contenders is Newman, who barely squeaked in. Although he's the longshot at 15-1 odds in Las Vegas, Newman led the series with eight victories and 11 poles last year.

The final 10 races will be, chronologically, at New Hampshire (one mile); Dover, Del. (one mile); Talladega, Ala. (2.66-miles, with restrictor plates); Kansas City (1.5 miles); Charlotte (1.5 miles); Martinsville, Va. (1/2 mile); Atlanta (1.5 miles); Phoenix (one mile); Darlington, S.C. (1.366 miles) and Homestead-Miami (1.5 miles).

Late Model racers making plans for Bristol's Food City 150 presented by Frito Lay

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Bristol Motor Speedway will play host to more than 100 late model racers on Saturday night at the new \$50,000 Food City 150 Late Model Race, presented by Frito Lay.

Thirty cars will start the UARA-Stars Late Model Stock 150-lap feature race Saturday night. Six qualifying heat races will be open to up to 144 weekly late model racers whose cars fit the UARA-Stars rules.

The September late model weekend marks the first time Bristol Motor Speedway has hosted weekly grassroots racers and their fans since the dirt races of 2000 and 2001. This time, however, the program plays host to paved track racers.

In addition, the program will include a 30-lap "Thunder Roadster" feature and the 30-lap Aaron's Pro Challenge feature.

"While the dirt track experiment at Bristol did not prove practical for us," said BMS President Jeff Byrd, "it demonstrated that grassroots racing

has a place on the high banks of Bristol. The fans and competitors want to see their local favorites compete here, and we want to provide a special event that can grow into an annual classic."

Teams will qualify at noon Saturday, with the quickest two cars making up the front row for that night's 150-lap feature. Up to 144 more cars will then line up for six 20-lap qualifying heat races at 7 p.m. The top four finishers from each heat will advance to the feature. Four UARA-Stars provisional starters will make up the rest of the field.

UARA will conduct safety and technical inspection on Thursday with all practice taking place in 20-car sessions on Friday.

Tickets will be on sale now and competitors' entry blanks are now available.

Anyone entering the infield when race cars are present in the infield must have a pit pass and abide by dress code. Anyone under 18 must have a parent or guardian sign a "minor's release," and no one under 16 allowed in the pits.



Lonesome Pine Raceway track champion Steve Blackburn is could be a Dodge NASCAR Dodge Weekly Racing Series Atlantic Division Champion. The championship could be officially announced this week. Blackburn entered this weekend as the division leader.

Strange-acting raccoon usually has canine distemper

by STEVE VANTRESE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — The occasional raccoon that behaves oddly around people produces a couple of ill-founded reactions.

A raccoon may appear friendly, showing no fear toward humans, and that behavior has been greeted by people warning to the animal, often giving it food.

That's a bad move, because the seeming cordiality of the raccoon may be a symptom of disease, said Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources biologist Will Carlisle.

"Any time you see a raccoon that has lost its fear of humans, that's a signal that something is wrong," Carlisle said. "We discourage feeding raccoons for any reason. They'll become nuisances and will keep returning to homes, but it's an especially bad idea to feed one behaving abnormally."

Raccoons that make the jump to "problem animals" often are those that have been given food or get incidental access to food from outside pets' bowls or unsecured garbage.

A raccoon "acting funny" may be sick, and any effort to feed or help such an animal could result in direct contact

with the source of the unknown illness — always a bad idea, Carlisle said.

An opposite human reaction to unusual raccoon behavior is fear that the strangely acting animal is infected with rabies. Most of those fears are unjustified, Carlisle said.

"We can't tell people not to be concerned with possible rabies cases, but we haven't seen raccoon-strain rabies in Kentucky," Carlisle said.

It is possible for the strain to show up in the state and there is a chance of Kentucky raccoons contracting other strains of rabies, but chances for any sick raccoon being rabid are slim, Carlisle said.

"Most sick raccoons have canine distemper," he said. "If we know of nothing else of a raccoon other than it is behaving abnormally and we're unable to obtain the animal, we can make a tentative assumption that it has canine distemper."

Canine distemper, commonly seen in raccoons, foxes and skunks, can be fatal to the animals but does not cross to humans, Carlisle said. It can trouble human households by infecting family pets, such as dogs, which are vulnerable.

Kentucky wildlife managers are monitoring for rabies in some eastern counties adjacent to states where it has been detected. It still hasn't appeared in Kentucky, and across most of the state, rabies remains a rather low probability.

"We can't say rabies won't appear, but most sick animals

that are reported turn out to have canine distemper," Carlisle said.

Symptoms of the two diseases are similar. Both can affect behavior, making stricken animals seem oblivious or even friendly to people. Only in cases of "furious" variety rabies do animals tend to attack other animals or humans.

Common canine distemper signs are animals having runny eyes and nose, crusty foot pads and diarrhea.

Both rabies and canine distemper can eventually send animals into tremors, convulsions and death.

Raccoons that aren't sick from either disease commonly carry a variety of internal parasites, including round worms in their gastric system and in their droppings that can infect humans — another good reason to avoid contact with the animals, Carlisle said.

Hunters and trappers who take raccoons are in have no particular higher risk if they minimize direct contact and practice good sanitation, washing hands thoroughly with soap and water after necessary handling of carcasses, Carlisle said.

In far eastern counties, wildlife managers want to know about "funny acting animals" as they monitor for potential rabies cases, but across most of the state, a sick raccoon is not a major concern.

But what to do if a friendly or obviously ill raccoon shows up?

"Just leave it alone," Carlisle said. "And don't try to nurse it back to health."

Time change may end Gordon's Indy-Charlotte commute

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The days of doing double duty for the Indianapolis 500 and the Coca-Cola 600 may be over.

Robby Gordon, who competes full time in stock cars now, has run both races the same day the last four years, but that almost certainly won't be possible now that Indianapolis has moved the start of the IRL race back an hour from 11 a.m. ET to

noon in hopes of attracting a larger television audience.

The time schedule was already tight — and carefully orchestrated — and taking an hour away would likely keep drivers from making it back to Lowe's Motor Speedway in North Carolina before the Coca-Cola 600.

And being on time is imperative for NASCAR drivers. Missing the start means they get no points for the race.

Gordon knew Indy was dis-

cussing moving the start time, and said earlier this year he steadfastly opposed it.

"That would prevent me, or any other NASCAR driver, from coming back," he said in May. "I hope that doesn't happen because I honestly believe the fans enjoy seeing us take on the unbelievable challenge that is the Indianapolis 500."

Gordon, Tony Stewart and John Andretti are the only three drivers to attempt the double.

Mountaineer jockeys mulling strike

by ERIK SCHELZIG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Jockeys at Mountaineer Race Track in Chester are considering sitting out Friday's races to protest insurance and safety standards in the aftermath of one rider's paralyzation, guild officials said.

About 35 jockeys who regularly ride at Mountaineer were slated to meet with guild officials Friday, said Albert Fiss, vice president of the Monrovia, Calif.-based Jockeys' Guild.

"They are obviously very upset that Gary Birzer is not being taken care of by the race track, by the owner or by the trainer," Fiss said.

Birzer, 28, was paralyzed in a July 20 racing accident at the track. His spinal cord was severed when his horse tripped and

another horse fell on top of him. He is now struggling with how to pay for rehabilitative services.

Since the accident, Delegate Joe DeLong, D-Hancock, has been trying to help the Weirton resident obtain Medicaid coverage. Acute rehabilitation services are not covered by Medicaid for anyone over the age of 21 in West Virginia as they are in neighboring Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Most jockeys are considered independent contractors and are not offered health insurance by race tracks.

"It's a blanket indictment against the state for accepting tax revenues from the industry without taking care to ensure the jockeys are given proper coverage," Fiss said.

The Mountaineer jockeys hoping to call attention to the issue are meeting with a guild

attorney to learn about the possible consequences of not riding Friday.

"Unfortunately, Mountaineer Race Track has demonstrated historically that they do not put up with what they would call insubordination," Fiss said.

A spokeswoman for the track did not return a phone message left Thursday night.

Birzer, who was being treated at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, is in the process of being transferred to a facility in Charleston, Fiss said.

Birzer's wife declined to comment about her husband's condition or the potential jockeys' strike.

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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.

Now, if those other Reds will only have the luck the Cincinnati boys have run into, things will begin to look up, and the Podunk Puddle-Jumpers can win the world series for all I care. (Note: Now that I have made that statement, don't bet against Cincy.)

AND THAT'S HOW IT WAS (MAYBE)

I have finally succumbed to a temptation of long standing. I propose to explain, a la Allan M. Trout, the origin of a certain expression.

■■■

It began with an idle query from Jimmy Goble, who wondered if Trout could explain the origin of the expression. "Drunk as a b'iled owl." I had thought to write Trout about this weighty matter, but now have finally decided to have at it myself, and this is my version of the matter, till a better comes along:

Years ago, this fellow had set himself up in business, the business being a moonshine still. He kept a generous supply of the finished product on hand while the next batch was brewing, and so was never lonely as his friends rallied around of nights, looking for a few free drinks.

One night, while the mash was boiling, the whole passel of them indulged a little too much. Among them was an owl-like-looking, old gent on whose nose, the drunker he got, the lower his spectacles slipped.

Suddenly there was a swoosh through the treetops, and an owl shook the gang from their torper, as it made a three-point landing in the boiling pot. The owner of the outfit was more concerned about the incident than somewhat, yelled for help as he searched in vain for fork, ladle, anything with which to fish out the visitor.

Finally, he succeeded in extricating the owl from the pot, then in drunken mood attempted to stand the bird upright. When he held it by the neck, the legs wobbled and collapsed; when he held the wings, the head fell forward. The b'iling hadn't done this particular owl any good.

Just at this moment the little guy with the sliding spectacles roused himself, staggered to his feet and came forward to see about the commotion. But his legs folded on him. He sat down rather heavily, and his head fell limply onto his chest.

And so—you guessed it! Somebody in the crowd took a peek at the owl, then back to the little guy, and remarked, "He's drunk as a b'iled owl."

(After that one, Trout can have

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M E E T L O N D O N



The Houses of Parliament, sitting elegantly along the River Thames (pronounced "Tims").

photos by Mary Music

Mind the gap

by MARY MUSIC
 STAFF WRITER

There's something about the beauty of this place that I don't rightly understand. It has something to do with the way people walk nonchalantly down the streets in the early morning with their dogs or their briefcases in tow. It has something to do with the emphasis residents here place on planting flowers in their coves. It's the parks, the glorious parks, where families gather to play croquet or soccer, or where friends sit in circles on the grass drinking wine and laughing. It's the architecture of the buildings, the details that outline an art born centuries ago by men and women who knew a world so far away from what we, as Americans, truly comprehend.

London is positively beautiful.

The capital of the United Kingdom, it spans a whopping 620 square miles and houses approximately 7 million people, in addition to millions of tourists who flock here every year. It is home to Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben, the London Eye, London Bridge, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre and a long list of famous churches, museums, theaters, shops and, of course, pubs, where Londoners go to relieve themselves of their weary days.

Some believe that the ultimate London experience can be found in those pubs, which line the streets with colorful music and drinks of all sorts. Drinking in London is a particular privilege, one accepted and considered a rite of passage at the age of 18, one that encompasses everyday life for those living here. I didn't know I was American until I walked onto campus

for the first time and saw a chalkboard sign in the quad that read "Bar Open." My surprise hinged against the thought that American students just couldn't discipline themselves enough to drink ale at lunchtime and maintain their studies. It's completely amazing.

Because of its diverse culture, walking the streets in London is like taking a gastronomic world tour. People, both residents and tourists, represent every imaginable country and language. It's astounding, especially to me, this little country girl from a place where diversity is barely brewing, and it makes this experience all the more rewarding. There is a string of embassies representing countries like Israel, Lebanon, Russia, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands Thailand, and Morocco, just in our borough.

The other day, I found myself in a conversation with a black child. A little girl, who looked to be about 11, wearing a red shirt and jeans, was waiting for a ride home from school at the Tube station, a mode of transportation resembling a subway called the Underground. She was alone and had probably been riding the tube home on her own for a number of years. During that conversation — and, yes, I'll admit, she helped with directions to my destination — it came to my mind to remind the child that she was so lucky to have such a huge realm of possibility at her doorstep here in London.

She smiled. "Are you an American?" she asked, shaking her head with an "a-ha" when I gave the affirmative. It was an interesting interlude. She, tied to all of this, is enthusiastic about traveling to New York in the

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AUTHOR'S NOTE: As a Pikeville College student, I obtained a scholarship through the Appalachian College Association to attend a semester of classes at Imperial College, one of the three top colleges in England. The program, geared by International Enrichment Inc., and the Private College Consortium for International Studies, sent more than 70 students from Appalachia and the Midwest here this semester to digest UK's culture, history and magnificent beauty. Centuries ago, London was thought to be the place where Americans came to get "educated." It is also the birthplace of the America we know today. I love it here.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Ticks'

by TOM DOTY
 STAFF WRITER

Now that summer is officially over, the bugs are going away. For those of you who will miss them we recommend this movie. It's also a good movie to watch if you have bug infestation problems because there is no way that they can be as bad as the events depicted in this flick. Sociologists call that "downward social comparison." It's just a fancy way of saying we always feel better when we see folks that have it worse.

Clint Howard (Ron's brother who also starred on "Gentle Ben" many years ago) plays a pot grower who is experimenting with herbal steroids (everybody needs a hobby). Of course a valve on one of the lab kegs springs a leak and begins spraying the enhanced herbs onto the floor of the hut, where it is scarfed up by some garden variety wood ticks. Before the opening credits can even roll you get a drug-enhanced tick orgy that leaves the surrounding woods with engorged egg sacks hanging from every other tree. Each sack is chockful of mutated giant tick eggs that are just aching to hatch.



Tom Doty
 Staff Writer

Into this festering situation comes a bus load of inner city kids who are being forced to take a weekend camping trip after earning the maximum number of detention slips at their respective schools. Each one is there to overcome discipline problems by learning the value of teamwork. It's sorta like a cross between "Outward Bound" and "Team Building" exercises.

Another challenge for the kids is that their adult supervisors (played by Peter Scolarj and Rosalind Davenport) keep sending them off to explore the woods while they explore each other. Now if this sounds like a recipe for disaster then you have an idea of where all of this is heading.

Soon enough, everyone is knee-deep in giant bugs, homicidal drug farmers and raging forest fires. These elements all lead to a Spam-in-a-can situation which finds everyone stuck in a cabin while the ticks try to break in. Here the adolescent characters show that they already know a lot about teamwork as they come up with a plan to dump the dopers, kick ticks and save the forest.

This movie works because director Tony Randell ("Hellraiser 2") is confident enough to base his film on the notion that teenagers are not only ruled by hormones and are actually capable of using their brains. He also employs ample humor between scares and makes sure that the bug special effects gets the lions share of the budget. There is also a nod to 1950s giant bug films that is achieved by having an obnoxious scientist

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Saved by the lady in red

by ROSALIE P. GRIFFIN
 "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE FISHERMAN'S SOUL"

During a family fishing trip in the 1970s, I realized that my mother was no ordinary mom. It also became apparent that she had a profound appreciation for the environment.

We'd found a likely place to try our luck for trout — a broad stream trailing down from the Cascade Mountains in Oregon's Three Sisters area. Fallen trees lying just beneath the surface of the water proved a challenge even for my father's precise casting.

I was 13, and as the eldest, I was able to fish on my own; but for my 12-year-old sister and our

mom, Dad did everything but hold their rods. My younger sister and brother's job was toting the net and tackle box.

Between my father and me, we'd caught three good-size browns and were thinking of moving upstream. Then Mom suddenly jerked up and started reeling. The line went taut when her fish swam beneath a submerged log in midstream. It appeared that the weight of the fish wouldn't allow the line to slip free. Patiently, Mom continued to yank and work the line as the fish jumped tantalizingly beyond the log. Realizing this wasn't going to work, she dipped under and over Dad's and my sister's lines to get to where she could just reel straight in. But, flipping and flail-

ing, that dratted fish stayed hung up. Several times Dad offered to cut her line, but Mom wouldn't allow it. Instead, she became more determined.

Then, as we gaped at Mother in astonishment, she started stripping off her jeans, shirt, shoes and socks until she stood there in the fanciest fire-engine red lace bra and panties I could have ever imagined a woman would wear, especially MY MOTHER!

Immediately, without even a quick toe-test, she dove straight into the ice-cold water. Submerging a moment later by the log, she freed her line, and, with the line clenched between her teeth and dragging the fish, she swam quickly back to the stream bank. Dad was there with his sweatshirt to cover her as she came shivering out of the water. Though we kids

knew we probably should have felt embarrassed, instead we were proud and delighted with our amazing mother.

Later, Mom explained that she'd gone into the cold water not simply to catch a fish, but because she couldn't bear to let that poor fish die.

Afterward, I never again saw my mother in quite the same way. After all, I didn't know of another mom who would go to such lengths to save a 6-inch, small fry trout from drowning.



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Jim Davidson

And you think I talk funny!

There is an old saying that goes, "You can take the girl out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the girl."

Several years ago, I got to know a fellow public speaker by the name of Franklin McGee, who lives down in Anniston, Ala. He often tells the story of the young lady from his neck of the woods, who graduated from college and went to work in the New York office of the French National Airlines. After a short time it became obvious that her accent and use of the King's English was going to be a major distraction for many of the airline's patrons.

At this point, a very conscientious young supervisor took it upon himself to teach her how to

develop a more refined manner of speaking. His first task was to train her how to properly answer the telephone. He taught her to say, "Air France, may I help you?" He even suggested that she put a little more French into the title and say, "A R R — FRONCE, may I help you?"

This young supervisor thought he was doing good until the next day when the telephone rang and he heard her pick it up and say, "ARR-FRONCE, may I hep ya?"

As I have said before, one of the great joys I have in writing and marketing this column is that I get to talk with people all across the nation. In the past several years I have talked with

many different newspaper people in every state in this great country. It's interesting to hear and detect the different accents, like the Southern drawl down in Georgia, Mississippi and to some degree in the Carolinas. To be sure, the Cajun people in South Louisiana talk differently, as do the people up in Boston and the New England area. You can go from the Ozarks, to Texas, to the Midwestern states like Montana, Kansas and Nebraska, and you will find that the majority of these people all have a different accent, as well. The same is true when you talk with people out on the west coast in the states of California, Oregon and Washington.

If you have me tuned in, you are probably saying, "It's not just the accents but the words, expressions and colloquial sayings are different, too." I'm sure you know that much of the strength of America comes from

our diversity. In fact, the Latin phrase "e pluribus unum" found on the Great Seal of the United States means "from many, one."

To illustrate what I am saying, I thought I might share some Texas Style Vocabulary that was sent to me by Dr. Karen Robbins, who lives in Belton, Texas. First I will give a saying and then, if necessary, explain what it means.

1. "As welcome as a skunk at a party." No explanation necessary.
2. "Tighter than the bark on a tree." Means not very generous.
3. "Big hat, no cattle." This means all talk and no brains.
4. "We've howdied but we ain't shook yet." This means we have made a brief acquaintance, but we have not been formally introduced.
5. "He thinks the sun came up just to hear him crow." This means he has a pretty high opinion of himself.

6. "It's so dry the trees are bribin' the dogs." This means we could use a little rain around here.

7. "Just because a chicken has wings doesn't mean it can fly." This means that appearances can be deceptive.

8. "This ain't my first rodeo." This means that I have been around for a while.

9. "The dogs kept him under the porch." This means that he is not the most handsome of men.

10. "They ate supper before they said grace." This means they are living in sin.

11. "As full of wind as a corn-eating horse." This means he or she is rather prone to boasting.

12. "You can put your boots in the oven but that don't make them biscuits." This means that you can say whatever you want about something, but that doesn't change what it is.

13. "We're in tall cotton." This means that things are going well.

Since I have a little space left, I have something else you might enjoy called "The Ten

Commandments in Cajun." This is yet another example of how people talk differently in other parts of the country.

No. 1. God is number one and das' all.

No. 2. Don't pray to nuttin' or nobody jus' God.

No. 3. Don't cuss nobody, 'specially da Good Lawd.

No. 4. When it be Sunday, pass yo'self by God's House.

No. 5. Yo mama an' yo daddy dun did it all — lissen to dem.

No. 6. Killin' duck an' fish, das' OK; people, no!

No. 7. God done give you a wife — sleep wit' jus' her.

No. 8. Don't take nobody's boat, or nuttin' else.

No. 9. Don't go wantin' somebody's stuff.

No. 10. Stop lyin', yo tongue gonna fall out yo mouf!

Thanks!! Das All. Roger over and out. Sayonara. Adios. Adieu. Goodbye.

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Allen

these knotty problems.)

This fellow was doing what he was best at—bragging. "This car of mine," he declared, "will do 150 miles an hour, and stop on a dime."

"Then what happens after that?" inquired an unimpressed listener.

RIGHT AUTHOR, WRONG TITLE

Lest Mrs. Town Hall think I've flipped and haven't discovered it, I hasten to amend my statement in this column last week to the effect that she had been kind enough to give me a copy of Mrs. Southworth's "Self-Raised." It wasn't that particular vol-

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ume, even if I did have my mind so firmly fixed on it that I said it was. It was "The Changed Bride."

I'm reading it, and I still say the Southworth gal could write a good story, even if the style is a bit stilted according to modern standards.

THE FUGITIVE

If you see me toddling off down the street, glancing back over my shoulder every few steps, don't look for the posse in pursuit. I am not being hounded—just dogged. Those hurried glances to the rear are to see if I have managed to slip away from my shadow, the Dalmatian.

Lagoon

character show up at the halfway point. Such movies always employed these types to explain arcane facts about the giant species in question. Here you get a lecture on ticks that includes obscure facts. Here the audience learns that ticks employ a neurotoxin so that their victims can't feel them leeching off their blood supply. A little artistic license is also employed here to include a hallucinogenic side effect that makes the victims see things. This leads to a patented inability of victims to warn others and also means that the wounded are next to useless.

There are also some good performances on view here. Seth Green (before he made it big in "Austin

Powers") is particularly good as a put-upon teen who's dad once abandoned him in the mountains and so is particularly vulnerable in this setting. Peter Scolaro seems to happy just to be back in men's clothes as the guidance counselor on the trip (Scolaro got his start in the 1980s sitcom "Bosom Buddies" where he and Tom Hanks dressed in drag to afford a cheaper rent at a women's co-op). Amy Dolenz (daughter of ex-Monkey Mickey Dolenz, and appropriately the voice of Arthur on "The Tick" cartoon) is also on hand as Scolaro's resentful daughter.

Best Line: "Bugs don't use guns. Somebody shot him." 1993, rated R.

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PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BEST SELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Trace" by Patricia Cornwell (Putnam)
2. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
3. "Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell" by Susanna Clarke (Bloomsbury)
4. "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom (Hyperion)
5. "The Rule of Four" by Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason (Dial)
6. "Skinny Dip" by Carl Hiaasen (Knopf)
7. "Murder List" by Julie Garwood (Ballantine)
8. "Tanequil: High Druid of Shannara" by Terry Brooks (Del Rey)
9. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Atria)
10. "Sammy's Hill" by Kristin Gore (Miramax)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "Unfit for Command: Swift Boat Veterans Speak Out Against John Kerry" by John E. O'Neill, Jerome R. Corsi (Regnery)
2. "The South Beach Diet" by Arthur Agatston (Rodale Press)
3. "American Soldier" by Gen. Tommy Franks with Malcolm McConnell (ReganBooks)
4. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)
5. "My Life" by Bill Clinton (Knopf)
6. "Bushworld: Enter at Your Own Risk" by Maureen Dowd (Putnam)
7. "Confessions of an Heiress: A Tongue-in-Chic Peek Behind the Pose" by Paris Hilton (Fireside)
8. "Eats, Shoots & Leaves" by Lynne Truss (Gotham)
9. "Skywriting: A Life Out of the Blue" by Jane Pauley (Random House)
10. "Trajectory: How America's Friends and Foes are Secretly Arming Our Enemies" by Bill Gertz (Crown Forum)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
2. "Blow Fly" by Patricia Cornwell (Berkley) (F-P)
3. "Split Second" by David Baldacci (Warner Vision)
4. "Deception Point" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
5. "The Notebook" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)
6. "The Rocky Road to Romance" by Janet Evanovich (HarperTorch)
7. "Digital Fortress" by Dan Brown (St. Martin's Press)
8. "Blacklist" by Sara Paretsky (Signet)
9. "Hot Blooded" by Christine Feehan, Maggie Shayne, Emma Holly & Angela Knight (Jove)
10. "Fatal Tide" by Iris Johansen (Bantam)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "The 9/11 Commission Report" (Norton)
2. "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon (Vintage)
3. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin)
4. "The South Beach Diet Good Fats/Good Carbs Guide" by Arthur Agatston, M.D. (Rodale)
5. "The Wedding" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)
6. "Reading Lolita in Tehran" by Azar Nafisi (Random House)
7. "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead)
8. "The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri (Houghton/Mifflin)
9. "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger (Harcourt/Harvest)
10. "The Lovely Bones" by Alice Sebold, (Back Bay Books)



Mallory Ratliff, of Elkhorn City is this year's recipient of the Community Awareness Reaching Everyone (CARE) club scholarship. The CARE Club sponsors this scholarship to any Big Sandy Community and Technical College student who has chosen Human Services as a major. Pictured, left to right, Melissa Stumbo, CARE member, Jimmy McCoy, past president, Mallory Ratliff, recipient; and Beverly K. Martin, counselor.

Appalachia

near future. She considers America as the land of possibility and found my comments quite unbelievable. It just goes to show that people are the same all over the world.

The students in this program are living in flats, or apartments, in Knaresborough, the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. The residences here are architecturally magnificent, with iron gates outlining particular residences and various carvings decorating their stone walls, windows and stoops. We walk each day to school, passing through several distinguished blocks of residences and businesses beautifully decorated with flowers and shrubs.

Londoners in this part of town take pride in where they live. Because terrorists have previously used trash cans to set off bombs, there aren't many located on the sidewalks here. Strangely enough, though, the only trash problem I have seen on the streets are in the tourist designated places, where garbage is piled anywhere and everywhere on particularly busy days.

We have visited many places while staying here in London. We have taken excursions to Buckingham Palace, St. Paul's Cathedral, Hampton Court, Windsor Castle, Warwick and Stratford-Upon-Avon, where poet and playwright William Shakespeare was born and died. He was buried in the Holy Trinity Church, where his bones remain now. We have also seen Shakespearean plays at three theaters and have visited several museums both on our own and with the group.

Thus far, one of the most interesting things I have seen in London is the fact that people here are more laid back with their time. People in America are strongly tied to their mortgages and bills, so much in fact, that they forget to enjoy their life. Most people, or most of those that I have met, live to work in America. Here, the people seem much

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British Dictionary

Loo — toilet
Right — the American equivalent to a pause in a sentence like "well" or "okay"
Ring — to call someone on a blower (telephone)
Bloke — a male
Knickers — female panties
Lolly — money
Fag — cigarette
Lift — elevator

Crisps — potato chips
Chips — french fries
Biscuits — cookies
Scones — biscuits
"Mind the gap"— tube station warning to watch the gap between the train and platform when exiting
Pound — money (a coin) equivalent to about \$1.85 in America

more about working to live. They enjoy their days and their moments. They go to pubs and parks and theaters. They walk, ride their bicycles or even their ponies into town. And their sense of humor, trickled with a bit of English snobbery, is outrageously enjoyable.

British people are definitely more outgoing than Americans. Sex and the human anatomy are considered beautiful parts of nature in this place where anything (yes, anything) goes. Men and women alike wear tiny little outfits on the warmer days, without worry or a second guess. No one, except tourists, would think twice if you wore your knickers on the street. Advertisements display half-naked people, particularly women, in newspapers and on bill-

boards. The British personality is also strongly displayed on their merchandise. Our Surgeon General warns that smoking could cause this or that in tiny letters on the sides of the pack. Here, cigarette packs are printed front and back with bold letters, "SMOKING KILLS" or "SMOKING CAUSES IMPOTENCE." How great is that!

During the next several weeks, I'll be bringing you stories of the people and places here in England and surrounding countries. There is absolutely no way I can share all the wondrous things I have seen and will see, but I'll certainly try to bring you the best and the worst of what I make of it. Until next time, cheerio!

Please, keep 'em coming!

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

Sunday Comics

Amber Waves



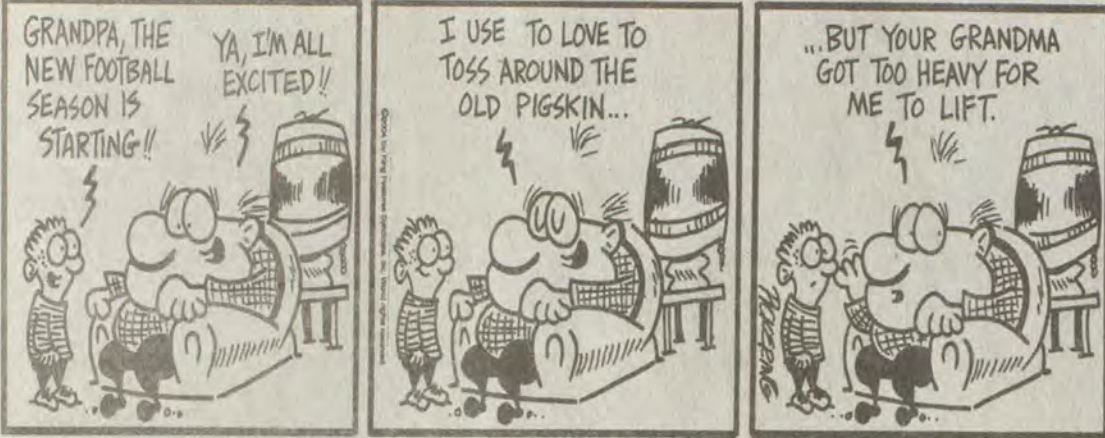
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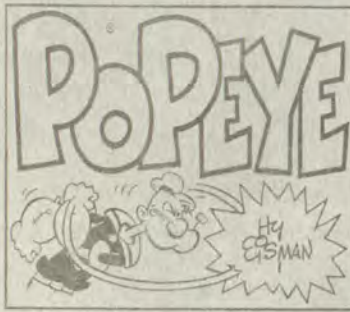


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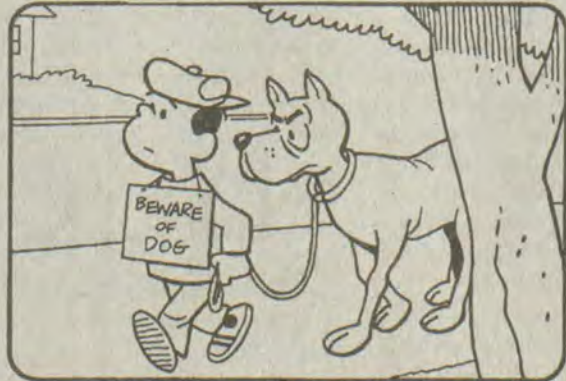
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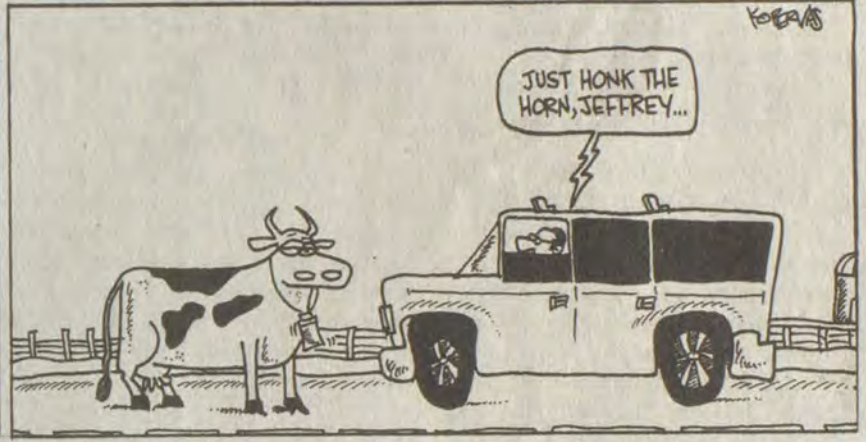
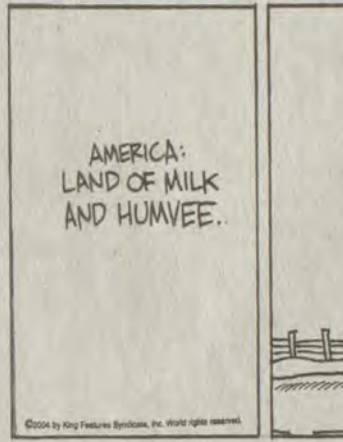
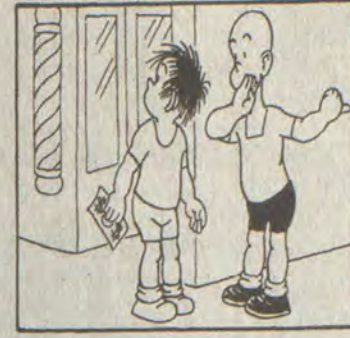
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Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A2



Super Crossword TITLED TITLES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Actor
 - 5 Amonasro's daughter
 - 9 Tracking tool
 - 14 Looked like Lothario?
 - 19 Sore
 - 20 Hose problem
 - 21 Lissome
 - 22 Uccello or Veronese
 - 23 Eugene O'Neill drama
 - 26 Hangs tinsel
 - 27 British astronomer
 - 28 Cipher
 - 29 Baby shark
 - 31 Manumit
 - 32 Ike's domain
 - 34 Norm de crime?
 - 38 More delicate
 - 40 "Rawhide" and "Gunsmoke"
 - 45 - Flynn Boyle
 - 46 Hoffmann creation
 - 47 "Ab -" (from the start)
 - 48 Sock spot
 - 50 Bar supply
 - 51 George Hamilton's ex
 - 55 Roger Miller tune
 - 59 Joseph Conrad novel
 - 61 Steep slope
 - 62 With 25 Down, successful
 - 63 Steeple part
 - 65 "Stroker -" ('83 film)
 - 66 Musical chords
 - 69 Skip
 - 72 Rock's - Leppard
 - 73 Spouses no more
 - 74 C.S. Forester book
 - 78 Certain orchestra
 - 81 Baseball stat
 - 82 Ward of "Sisters"
 - 83 Rang
 - 86 Castilian cry
 - 87 Actress Burke
 - 89 Item in a lock
 - 91 Exodus figure
 - 93 Stevie Wonder song
 - 95 Hal Foster comic strip
 - 100 Ponchielli's "Dance of the -"
 - 101 Hightailed it
 - 102 Belfry sound
 - 103 Hog's honey
 - 104 "How sweet -!"
 - 107 React to an allergen
 - 109 "Madame Bovary" author
 - 112 Pepsin or lipase
 - 114 Operetta composer
 - 116 Vane dir.
 - 117 Schwanzenegger's birthplace
 - 118 Dino, to the Flintstones
 - 120 Catherine - Jones
 - 123 Damocles' dangler
 - 127 " - Gay"
 - 129 Phoebe Cates film
 - 134 Microwave feature
 - 135 Chilling
 - 136 Tombstone lawyer
 - 137 Harvest
 - 138 Earthquake
 - 139 Patriot Silas
 - 140 Tare's relative
 - 141 Rochester's missis
 - 1 A hole near the sole
 - 5 Bit part in "Cleopatra?"
 - 6 Singer Foxx
 - 7 Venture
 - 8 Where Athenians assembled
 - 9 Scott's "The - Quartet"
 - 10 Past
 - 11 Clamor
 - 12 Evelyn's brother
 - 13 Upshot
 - 14 Select, with "for"
 - 15 20th President
 - 16 Chateau valley
 - 17 Glue guy
 - 18 Health measure?
 - 24 Dole (out)
 - 25 See
 - 62 Across feature
 - 33 "Carmina Burana" composer
 - 35 Shakespearean villain
 - 36 Schipa solo
 - 37 Tuneful Tommy
 - 39 Irish county
 - 40 Yan's pans
 - 41 Dislodge
 - 42 Submarine finder
 - 43 " - again!"
 - 44 Manhattan district
 - 49 High-toned guy?
 - 52 Sophoclean tragedy
 - 53 Pleasant
 - 54 Mingo's portrayer
 - 56 Southern staple
 - 57 Colorful fish
 - 58 Harold of "Ghostbusters"
 - 59 Capt's subordinate
 - 60 Gluck's " - ed Euridice"
 - 64 Bogus Bach
 - 67 Jacobi of "I, Claudius"
 - 68 Black
 - 70 Cola cooler
 - 71 Raptor feature
 - 73 Chou -
 - 75 In good shape
 - 76 Civil Rights org.
 - 77 Israeli airline
 - 78 Ritz
 - 79 Hodgepodge
 - 80 Lima's land
 - 84 Work on a crossword?
 - 85 Patron
 - 87 Fresh from the trail
 - 88 Taxing time?
 - 90 Scuba site
 - 92 Package abbr.
 - 94 Pours gently
 - 96 Figure of interest?
 - 97 Move like molasses
 - 98 Kilmer or Bisoglio
 - 99 Word of woe
 - 105 Mischief-maker
 - 106 Tricked
 - 108 Mist
 - 110 "Back in the -" ('68 song)
 - 111 "Watch out!"
 - 112 Cartoonist
 - 113 Campbell or Judd
 - 115 Alarm button
 - 117 Understands
 - 119 "Lemon -" ('65 hit)
 - 121 Obsolete title
 - 122 Lot size
 - 124 Carry out orders
 - 125 Circus sound
 - 126 Water-proofing material
 - 128 Shrug part
 - 130 Private pension
 - 131 Palindromic diarist
 - 132 Artichoke heart?
 - 133 Intelligent

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Part time employee for office/clerical computer skills a must experience in Windows, send resume to P.O. Box 2363 Pikeville, Ky 41501

Sales Representative wanted, Top dollar, benefits available, 401 K after 6 months, no phone calls please Apply in person at John Gray Pontic Buick GMC, Paintsville, Ky.

Wright Lumber Co is taking applications for the following position: sales clerk must be neat in appearance apply in person at the Martin location no phone calls

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Help wanted Female to stay with elderly lady with Alzheimer's in Martin area. Will discuss hours and pay. If interested call 606-886-9246 or 606-886-8737

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For lease Commercial property 1,400 sq. feet, 2 baths on Francis court, beside court house in Prestonsburg, \$500.00 per month plus utilities call 606-886-6362

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 636-5032, RENEWAL #4

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Hall & Jones Coal Company, General Delivery, Route 122, Bevinville, KY 41606, has filed for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 2.5 miles south of McDowell in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 0.93 surface acres and will underlie 382.00 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 382.93 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile east from KY 1929's junction with Ned Fork Road and located 0.01 mile southwest of Ned Fork. The latitude is 37 degrees 25 minutes 28 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 41 minutes 52 seconds. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7-

1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Andy Mitchell. The operation will underlie land owned by Andy Mitchell, Della Vance, James Jones, Richard Moore, Ira Lee Jones, Charles Page, Levi Blankenship, Carl Bentley, Orbin Moore, Orville Hamilton, Hazard Collins, Opal Moore, Barzell Brown, Sam Hamilton, Arizona Martin, and Jeff Henson. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601-4321.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 636-5033, RENEWAL #4

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that J.C. & P. Coal Corporation, General Delivery, Route 122, Bevinville, KY 41606, has filed for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 2.2 miles east of East McDowell in Floyd county. The proposed operation will disturb 1.08 surface acres and will underlie 582.30 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 583.38 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.1 mile south from KY 1929's junction with Ned Fork Road and located 0.1 mile south of Fransure Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees 25 minutes 20 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 42 minutes 24 seconds. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Della Vance. The operation will underlie land owned by Della Vance, Wade Frasure, Rex Frasure, Boone Frasure, Hazard Collins, Helen Gayheart, Ottis Frazier, Wade Frazier, Eugene Frazier, Edd Mosley, Mike Kinney, Ray Hall, Bobby Holson, Moses Frazier, Jeff Henson, Sam Hamilton, Barrell Brown, Opal Moore, Orville Hamilton, Orbin Moore, Carl Bentley, Levi Blankenship, Charles Page, Ira Lee Jones, Kilhard Moore, and James Jones. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of Ned Fork Road. The operation will not involve the relocation of the public road. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of

Permits, 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601-4321

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Fletcher Gayheart, Jr., 187 Gayheart Lane, Eastern, Ky. 41622, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill on the floodplain. The property is located on the right fork of Beaver Creek, south of Ky. Rt. 80, at a point 1,000 feet west of its junction with Ky. Rt. 550. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to Kentucky Division of Water, Water

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