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briefs

Meth suspect charged again

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

VAN LEAR — A prowler complaint netted one suspected methamphetamine offender with additional meth charges Friday.

Sgt. Tom Wyatt, of the Johnson County Sheriff's Department, responded to a prowler complaint in Van Lear at approximately 1:40 a.m., but found that the prowler had fled the area before he arrived to investigate.

A witness at the scene informed Wyatt that the prowlers looked "familiar" to him, gave a description of the prowlers and pointed in the direction that they were traveling.

After searching the area, Wyatt located James R. Bowling, 33, of Van Lear, walking along Possum Hollow road. He was carrying a bottle of "Liquid Fire," Wyatt claims.

Wyatt, recognizing Bowling from an arrest in an active meth lab where he was charged with methamphetamine manufacturing, searched Bowling and found several items used in meth manufacturing, including a pair of blue rubber gloves, a quantity of pseudoephedrine (in powder form), a quantity of red phosphorous, a bottle cap with tubing attached, two hypodermic needles and a razor blade.

Bowling now faces his second offense of attempting to manufacture methamphetamine.

He was previously arrested Jan. 17, at a Van

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Board weighs response to court decision

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Opportunities Unlimited was the scene for a special meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education on Thursday. The meeting was an opportunity for the board members to review the latest decision in a lawsuit that goes back to 1993 but has bounced around the court system for years.

The suit goes back to before the state

restructured the school system. The plaintiffs in the case are three former employees of the school system who were fired after an executive session meeting of the board back in 1993.

A decision has been made in the litigation which will see two of the men involved awarded a portion of the money they were seeking while the other, who is currently employed by the school system, will not be issued a settlement, having dropped out of the action.

Board member Mickey McGuire was not present at Thursday's meeting, as he was involved in the lawsuit at some stages and thus recused himself from the meeting. However, board attorney Mike Schmitt was on hand to go over the options available to board members who have decided to research the matter a little further before a two-week appeal deadline passes.

The situation was a grim reminder to the board of the mess that was inherited when the board was restructured. Schmitt

observed that there were between 70 and 80 pending legal matters when that happened and that this action makes is the only one of those in which the board is currently involved.

Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning lamented, "Every dollar spent in litigation is another dollar that can't go towards education."

Fanning noted that the board is anxious to get back to the real business of continu-

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photo by Tom Doty

The female driver of a Buick Skylark was taken to Highlands Regional Medical Center for treatment after, witnesses said, she pulled in front of a Chrysler SUV on North Lake Drive when exiting Kentucky Fried Chicken. An employee of Cash in Hand located across from KFC dialed 911 immediately.

Judge weighs if sentence too severe

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Galveston man who was sentenced to two consecutive 12-month stays in jail on charges of trafficking in marijuana challenged that sentence in district court Friday.

Attorney Lance Daniels, of Paintsville, appeared for the defendant, Joe Hall, and presented his motion to consolidate the sentences. Daniels cited a Kentucky Supreme Court decision, Hardy vs. the Commonwealth, in which the court ruled that misdemeanor sentences cannot run consecutively.

Judge James Allen responded that Hall had entered open pleas of guilt on two separate charges that stemmed from two

separate drug transactions. He informed Daniels that he would allow County Attorney Keith Bartley a chance to file a response and would reconvene the matter in two weeks.

Hall pleaded guilty to the charges after examining the videotaped evidence which recorded the drug deals. On the tape, one of his sons witnessed the transaction and his other children are seen on the tape; Hall is also shown to be wearing a t-shirt with the emblem of the national anti-drug coalition DARE embossed on it.

Bartley passionately argued for a stiff sentence for Hall and paid particular attention to the corruption of his children that was possible from witnessing

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Dealer charged with taking pills to jail

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Ligon resident who pleaded guilty to drug trafficking this week was socked with additional charges when he allegedly tried to sneak pills into the Floyd County Detention Center.

Jeremy L. Tackett, 19, was arrested at the jail Thursday by Deputy Mike Hall and charged with second-degree promoting contraband.

Hall alleges that Tackett hid two white Xanax pills in between a pair of white socks that he brought with him when he came to the jail.

Tackett pleaded guilty on March

28 to drug trafficking charges that stemmed from a November indictment.

He accepted a plea with the commonwealth attorney's office, which recommended a one-year sentence on a felony drug trafficking charge

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Detective pleads guilty to impersonating EPA agent

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Pike County private investigator pleaded guilty in federal court Thursday to misrepresenting himself as an Environmental Protection Agency employee.

According to court documents, Russell R. Pugh Jr. used an emblem and insignia of the EPA while working as an "investiga-

tive or other private detective," on May 24, 2004, "for the purpose of conveying and in a manner reasonably calculated to convey the false impression" that he represented a U.S. agency.

Represented by Louisville attorney Bart Adams, who was absent Thursday from U.S. District Court in Pikeville,

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Parents cited for leaving toddler alone

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A pretrial conference date of May 23 was set Thursday for a Prestonsburg couple who have been accused of leaving their 2-year-old home alone while

they went to the Prestonsburg Walmart and were arrested there for shoplifting and public intoxication charges.

Misty Ratliff, 22, and Jody Carroll, 27, appeared for their arraignment Thursday and held their heads down as Judge James Allen

chastised them for leaving their child unattended.

Ratliff, who is eight months pregnant, explained that a friend was supposed to watch their child but Allen pointed out that as a parent the

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Court to decide if shooting defendants will be tried together

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A hearing in circuit court Friday has put off until Wednesday a judgment on whether or not a West Virginia man and his sister will be tried together for the shooting of the sister's husband in Auxier last July.

The hearing began with Judge Danny P. Caudill giving both defendants, Michael Lester and Sheila Dotson, a chance to examine whether or not they wanted to

share the same defense counsel. Steve Owens, of Pikeville, had been engaged by both defendants and each was given a chance to change lawyers if they felt that a conflict of interest could arise in the case which accuses Lester of shooting his sister's husband Donald R. Dotson. Each agreed to retaining Owens.

The next motion involved consolidating the cases. Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor argued that the

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Pikeville attorney Steve Owens, left, argued for separate trials for his clients, who are accused of conspiring to kill a man in Auxier last summer.

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Odds and Ends

■ SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. — A rare, wayward goose was being treated at a Lake Tahoe wildlife center after spring snow storms forced it to take refuge in a most unlikely place — a ski resort.

Sierra-at-Tahoe employees discovered the lone Ross goose Sunday, miles from where the birds are usually found in the California Central Valley.

"I think he was on his way north and got a little off course, probably because of the storms," said Tom Millham of Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care.

The goose was cold and afraid of the near-blizzard conditions at the ski resort but wouldn't let anyone come near. After employees spent several minutes chasing the bird, it flew into a building and suffered what Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care operators said was a mild concussion.

Aaron Barnes, pub manager at Sierra-at-Tahoe, wrapped the goose up and took it to the South Shore wildlife care facility.

"We will build him up a little bit right now, give him some tender loving care and send him on his way as the storm passes," Millham said.

■ NORTHPORT, Ala. — Tacky turf, or a green dream? Hal Burleson's yard is getting mixed reviews from the neighbors.

Burleson convinced his wife, Margaret, that it would be a good idea to rip out the grass and replace it with artificial turf, the stuff found on football fields. He was tired of all the yard work and allergy flareups.

"At first, there were a lot of comments about it. Different people thought it was just crazy," Margaret Burleson said. "Some even went to City Hall to try to do something about it."

"But, after it was done, people would compliment it and tell us that it made sense."

The couple got the idea during visits to Las Vegas and Laughlin, Nev., where they saw plenty of homes with fake lawns.

Don Wheat has been laying rugs for 31 years, but this was his first order for truly outdoor carpet.

"I was definitely surprised they wanted to cover the whole yard — it's real unusual," Wheat said.

The Burlesons said the turf saves them on water and lawn care costs. The mower and edger have been replaced as tools for upkeep.

"We use a leaf blower, or sometimes a heavy duty vacuum cleaner," Hal Burleson said.

■ ROYAL OAK, Mich. — Wanda and Winky soon will be California-bound.

The Detroit Zoo's aging elephants could leave as early as Monday for the Performing Animal Welfare Society sanctuary, zoo Director Ron Kagan said Thursday.

"We'll try, and if it doesn't work, we'll try Tuesday. And if not, we'll try Wednesday," Kagan said.

Warm, dry weather has allowed elephant keepers to train the pair to become more comfortable with the retrofitted moving truck that will transport them. And the weather forecast for the 2,300-mile route to the sanctuary looks good for early next week, Kagan told the Detroit Free Press.

The elephants' toys, a cache of treats and much of their hay are already on their way to the sanctuary, he said.

The journey will not be without risks.

Both elephants have arthritis and foot sores that will be exacerbated by the long stretch of standing in a stationary position. The moving van has been altered to provide barriers Winky and Wanda can lean against to redistribute their weight.

And — without a doubt — Wanda, 46, and Winky, 51, will be burdened by the unfamiliar environment.

■ WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Talk about being creative in a pinch.

Six men aboard a Russian yacht used a cabin door to help steer the crippled vessel. It sailed — limped, really — into

New Zealand's Wellington Harbor on Friday after a month at sea with the makeshift rudder.

The crew of the *Apostol* Andrej was relieved to make land after battling high seas in the storm-tossed Southern Ocean on the disabled 50-foot yacht, skipper Nikolay Litau said.

Owned by a Moscow adventure club, the boat was going around Antarctica when it lost its rudder about 1,306 miles south of New Zealand on March 3, he said.

The crew decided to replace it with the cabin door and try to make their way toward New

Zealand, the nearest land.

The crew alerted Moscow's maritime rescue coordination center and it contacted New Zealand's Rescue Coordination Center, sparking several weeks of close communication between the boat, its owners, the rescue center and the Russian Embassy in New Zealand's capital, Wellington.

"Forty days at sea was a little difficult," Litau said.

Rescue center officer Mike Roberts described the crew's journey to New Zealand as a "fine piece of seamanship."

"They are obviously highly experienced people. They were

in an isolated place and coped very well in extremely difficult circumstances," he said.

On Friday the men were focused on their immediate plans — showers and lunch.

■ CENTRAL POINT, Ore. — A display of dinosaur dung is turning out to be the big draw at a local museum.

Frank Callahan, the past president of the Roxy Ann Gem & Mineral Society that owns and operates the Crater Rock Museum housing the fossilized feces, suggests it be labeled "coprolite."

"That's the polite way of say-

ing dinosaur dung," he said as he bent over to pick up a specimen.

With last week's revelation that scientists have recovered soft tissue from a 70-million-year-old fossilized bone of a *Tyrannosaurus rex* found in a sandstone formation in Montana, dinosaurs are back in the news.

While the nonprofit museum, which was founded in 1954, also has dinosaur eggs and dinosaur bones, its the "dino plops" that invariably bring a smile to visitors.

"The first thing adults do is smell it," he said. "Of course,

there is no smell."

■ CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — A man who is legally blind was naturally skeptical when he was told he scored a hole-in-one while at a local golf course.

"They've said it before," said Joel Ludvick, 78, of Cedar Rapids.

Only this time it was true. Ludvick aced the 168-yard No. 11 hole at Twin Pines golf course with a driver.

He had to rely on his three golfing partners to confirm the

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AN OPEN LETTER

DEAR MAYOR FANNIN:

Highlands Regional Medical Center feels compelled to respond to your misleading comments that appeared in the March 30th edition of *The Floyd County Times*.

It is time to stop misleading the Prestonsburg City Council members and the public. Several statements you have made are erroneous or at least shortsighted.

You stated, "We have a modern, quality health care facility, but now that we are asking those who run it to be a part of our community, they are not interested."

Let's be clear. Highlands was created and named to serve the regional community that includes Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin and Martin counties. That is the community HRMC serves. Highlands was never asked to be a part of the community you govern; rather we found out about your desire to annex Highlands when a first ordinance was read during a recent council meeting. Also, please understand the people who run Highlands are opposed to the annexation and so are the vast majority of employees at Highlands.

You stated, "The Public Service Commission does not franchise or set territorial boundaries for water companies. When annexation takes effect, HRMC would have water from Prestonsburg city utilities at a savings of over \$80,000 annually."

Mr. Mayor, our water bill last year was \$74,020.14. How are you saving the medical center \$80,000 annually? We don't believe the Public Service Commission will cede the right of Auxier Water Company to provide service to the Medical Center. If your interest is lowering our water bill, then lower your prices to Auxier Water. Please point out to the public and the council members that either way, Prestonsburg utilities will lose revenues. Does that mean more taxes for the people of Prestonsburg?

You stated, "HRMC claims to pay premium rates for sewer service. The truth is they pay the same rate as everyone outside the city limits."

Exactly, Mr. Mayor. That is what we meant by premium rate. Because Highlands is outside the city, we pay a premium rate. Last year we paid \$47,795.59 for sewage. You claim you are going to save the Medical Center over \$100,000 in water and sewer rates annually. Our total water and sewer for the last year was \$121,815.76. First, no one believes you can save the hospital anything. Second, this is \$100,000 out of the utilities revenue. Are you going to make this up by increasing the taxes on the people of Prestonsburg, or raise utility rates?

You stated, "The City of Prestonsburg does not contract with the county to provide fire suppression in the North Floyd Fire District."

Mr. Mayor, you signed a contract on May 6, 1997 on behalf of the City of Prestonsburg. Section 1 states, "the city agrees to furnish fire protection to the area covered by the North Floyd Fire Prevention District." Section 2 states, "North agrees to assign to the city 100% of tax revenues collected during the contract period, less any expenses that North may incur." Sounds like a contract Mr. Mayor, one that contributes \$80,000 to \$100,000 annually to city revenues. A complete copy of the contract is available at the Medical Center.

You stated, "HRMC is not beyond the five mile guideline for a class 4 fire insurance rating."

Mr. Mayor, have you provided the council and the residents of the City of Prestonsburg an appropriate impact study, outlining the impact the annexation would have on the fire protection rating of the city? It seems to us you have the responsibility to provide residents and businesses this information before you ask them to support any annexation. Their fire insurance rates may be negatively impacted by the loss of the class 4 rating. Also, increasing the operating costs for the city would have the impact of higher taxes for all those who live in the city. Mr. Mayor, if you have the study, produce it. You are a duly elected official and have an obligation to perform your due diligence. You also have the obligation to share it with the voting public.

You stated, "No law enforcement agency is 'back up' for a security company."

Will the city guarantee round the clock Prestonsburg Police coverage for the Medical Center? It is true our internal security force does not have police powers, however, they are trained to mitigate numerous incidents that would otherwise result in the need for local police involvement. Please do not denigrate the good work our security force performs at the Medical Center. Also, own up to the fact that extending the services of the Prestonsburg Police Department to cover the Medical Center has not been accounted for in your haste to capture some "easy tax revenues."

You stated, "Occupational tax is based on 1.5% of gross wages. If this was such a burden on employees, HRMC could offset the tax on employees with the money it will save on water and sewer."

Honestly, Mr. Mayor, we have already shown there will be no savings that can offset the occupational tax. It is unlikely Highlands would provide an offset to its employees for the additional tax; that only provides you with more tax revenues. Most employers don't fall for this tactic. If the occupation tax is imposed, it will hit many HRMC employees hard. Through market forces, wages will increase at Highlands and the burden of additional taxes will be passed on to the consumer in the form of higher health care costs.

But that is not the real issue. The real issue is why are you so desperate to pass this annexation? Your story and the numbers just don't add up. You have chosen to single out one employer in the area that is linked to the city by a questionable corridor annexation. You believe this will pass uncontested and provide the city with some extra revenue so you can dig the city out of its financial mess. Mr. Mayor, Highlands and its employees didn't cause the mess and you shouldn't look to anyone but yourself to clean it up. That is the real issue.

Finally, Mr. Mayor, have you informed your council of the likely legal costs of fighting this annexation battle? Do the taxpayers of the city really need their money used this way? The course you have chosen is tantamount to a hostile takeover, and unfortunately what usually results from a hostile takeover is expensive lawsuits.

We suggest that if you cannot sell the annexation with open and full disclosure of all the facts to the public then you should drop it until you can.

Sincerely,

KATHY RUBADO
Director of Marketing and Public Relations
Highlands Regional Medical Center



Meth

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Lear residence belonging to him and Lacy Hayden. Officers allegedly discovered a working meth lab in the home and arrested the couple along with Tammy Lynn Barker, 34, of Flatwoods Branch, and Jackie McCort, of Millers Creek.

All four suspects are charged with possession of methamphetamine precursors, complicity to manufacture meth, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, improper container for a prescription and possession of marijuana.

Bowling was transported to the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center, where he remains under a \$10,000 cash bond.

Wyatt continues the investigation with the assistance of Johnson County Sheriff Bill Witten.

Drugs

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against him, and a 12-month sentence on a misdemeanor trafficking charge. The sentences will run concurrently, the plea agreement says.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor said Friday that the latest charge against Tackett, a misdemeanor which will be handled in district court, is punishable by a maximum of 12 months in jail.

Tackett may face "potential" problems, Taylor said, if he pleads guilty to the promoting contraband charge while on probation for the other drug trafficking charges against him. Such a plea could cause a violation of that probation, Taylor said, and cause a revocation of his parole.

"It may be in his best interest to plead to the promoting contraband charge immediately," he said.

Tackett is scheduled to be sentenced for the two trafficking charges on May 6.

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Guilty

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Pugh, 60, entered a guilty plea to one count of misuse of names, words, emblems or insignia of a U.S. agency.

He was charged federally for the crime in February and filed a consent to proceed, without representation, before U.S. Magistrate Judge Peggy E. Patterson to plead to the misdemeanor charge on Friday.

Pugh to one year in prison and one year of supervised probation. He was also ordered to pay more than \$100,000 in penalty fines and to pay restitution in the case, if applicable.

Patrick H. Molloy, of the U.S. Attorney's office, prosecuted the case.

Parents

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ultimate responsibility for the fate of the child lies with its parents.

The two received a \$500 cash bond and are due back in court in May.

Major William Petry served the arrest warrants in the case at the Wal-Mart after responding to a call at the couple's residence where he discovered the abandoned child.

The couple will appear in court to answer to the charges of shoplifting and public intoxication on May 16 and have already posted a \$750 cash bond in that matter.

Board

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ing to improve area schools and feels that the board is on track for the commonwealth's plan to have all schools at proficiency level by 2014.

Board Chair Carol Stumbo talked about the change in atmosphere for the school system in Floyd County since 1993, saying, "In the past the schools were run with needs of the adults in mind and the focus is back on the students." She observed that the current school board is of one mind on its goals and said, "We want our schools to be excellent."

Schmitt also remarked on the changes and reported that the Department of Education once referred to the area school board as "a ship without a rudder."

Dr. Fanning is not sorry to see the case finally go off the radar, though he regretted that the incident will take money away from students.

"The children of Floyd County deserve every resource we can give them," Fanning said.

Shooting

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cases are connected too deeply to argue separately.

Owens countered that the commonwealth waited until a month before trial to add Dotson and that it involves adding new witnesses and evidence that he will not have time to properly examine before the trial, which is scheduled for later in the month. He also complained that one piece of evidence, contained on an audiotape, was faulty and played it for the court. The tape appeared speeded up and Owens said that it had happened before but didn't go so far as to accuse the prosecution of any wrongdoing.

Taylor retorted that he has never heard of such a complaint from Owens before and offered to get him another tape. Owens reported that other bits of audio evidence were in good condition and only one tape was faulty.

Owens reasoned that he was ready to proceed with Lester's trial but that Dotson's should be separate so he can prepare for it afterwards.

Taylor countered, "It all fits together. There's no way to separate out Dotson's case."

Owens also argued for a bond reduction for Dotson. He noted that she suffers from three major illnesses. He also said that she is not a flight risk.

Taylor disagreed, saying that Dotson called in late to work on the day she was arrested and said she was in Virginia dealing with a faulty U-Haul truck. She later called her work, Cato's Clothing, and said she was quitting her job. Taylor noted that she was acting like she was a flight risk at that time and still represents one.

Judge Caudill said that he will consider the motions and set another conference for Wednesday, when he intends to rule on the motions.

Sentence

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their father sell drugs.

"If they don't grow up to be drug dealers it'll be a miracle," Bartley said.

After Allen announced his sentence, Bartley noted, "Judge Allen did the best he could do in this case. We have punished a criminal and hopefully sent a message to his children."

Bishop named to post at MSU-P'Burg

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County woman has been named as the social work facilitator at the Prestonsburg Campus of Morehead State University.

Elizabeth Marie Bishop, a 1990 MSU graduate, moved to Floyd County from Los Angeles in 1983 after accepting a career as an adjunct instructor of MSU at Prestonsburg in 1996.

She was also previously employed at Highlands Regional Medical Center and provided counseling services at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center while completing her master's degree in social work.

She also worked for the Commonwealth Educational Opportunities Center, which assists adults who want to enter or return to college. During her eight years there, she instructed social work classes for MSU at Prestonsburg and for Big Sandy Community and Technical College campuses in Floyd and Pike counties.

The social work program is accredited by the Council of Social Work Education and is offered on MSU's main campus and the Prestonsburg MSU campus at BSCTC. It will also be offered in the spring at the MSU Ashland regional campus.

The program prepares graduates for entry-level practice with individuals, couples, families, groups, organization and communities. The curriculum covers the history and ethics of social work, biological, psychological, and social theories, research, law and social policy.

Students interested in enrolling in the program should have completed an associate

degree or the first 64 hours of undergraduate work, including general education requirements.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Bishop at the Post Secondary Education Building of BSCTC campus, MSU room 209, at (800) 648-5372, or locally at 886-3863. Inquiries will also be answered via email to e.bishop@moreheadstate.edu.



The Big Sandy Singers, a student performance group from Big Sandy Community and Technical College, entertained as part of the Fine Arts Extension Program Ceremony in Pikeville on Tuesday, March 29 at the Pike County Extension Agency. The group sang "Love Can Build a Bridge" at the end of the ceremony to commemorate the installation of the first Fine Arts Extension Program in the nation. Pikeville was chosen for the pilot program that will work to network music and visual artists and bring arts to Eastern Kentucky. Pictured are the singers with two of the keynote speakers for the evening. (Back, from left) David B. Adams, District Director of the UK Cooperative Extension Service, Frances Branham, James Eason, Troy Burchett, Samantha Horn, and Robert Shay, Dean of the UK College of Fine Arts. (Front, from left) Misty Collins, Amanda Stepp, Louanna Calhoun, and Laura Ford Hall, BSCTC Instructor and Director.

First class of Kentucky coalfield scholars graduates next month

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — An educational program that uses proceeds from coal mining to increase the number of first-generation college graduates in eastern Kentucky is beginning to pay off.

Twenty-five students from the coalfields who were among the first to be named Robinson Scholars will receive bachelor's degrees from the University of Kentucky in May.

Brad Goan, director of the Robinson Scholars Program, said one student from that first class graduated in December, and another will graduate in August, bringing the number who earn degrees by year's end to 27 out of the 162 students initially selected.

"I would deem it a success," Goan said. "Students recognize that they have really accomplished something. For our students, being the first in their families to graduate from college, overcoming a lot to do that, it is a considerable milestone for them."

The scholarship program serves students who will be the first in their families to go to college and who have demonstrated an academic potential but face roadblocks that could otherwise keep them from completing a four-year degree.

The educational program has gone a long way toward mending hard feelings between mountain residents and the mining industry, said Jessica Burke, 21, a member of that the first class of Robinson Scholars who will graduate with majors in political science and sociology.

"A lot of people in the region still have negative feelings about the mining industry, because it did damage to the environment and did damage to the economy when it pulled out," said Burke, who will attend law school in the fall. "I think it's important to people to see the industry giving back."

Students selected for the program receive academic and social support beginning in eighth grade to encourage them to graduate from high school and then to graduate from Kentucky. Revenues from coal mining in the Robinson Forest covers the costs of their scholarships.

The University of Kentucky's board of trustees approved a plan in 1991 to set aside coal and timber royalties from a 5,000-acre section of the Robinson Forest to support economic and community development efforts in Appalachian Kentucky, which has historically low rates of college attendance.

The first class of Robinson Scholars was selected in the spring of 1997. Since then, 480 students have been

selected for the program. Goan said about 65 members of the first class still are in college, working toward four-year degrees. Many, he said, earned two-year degrees from Kentucky community colleges.

Harold Mullis, a Lexington real estate developer who helped design the scholarship program while serving as a member of the E.O. Robinson Mountain Fund, said proceeds from mining and logging in the forest had to be used to benefit the people of eastern Kentucky. That was the wish of E.O. Robinson, the man who donated the property to the university in 1922.

Robinson gave the university more than 15,000 acres of forest land after it had been logged to the point that only small trees with no market value remained.

Burke said she believes the scholarships generated from the Robinson Forest will help improve not only the lives of the students who received them, but the overall mountain region.

"It's made a huge difference," she said. "And it's having a ripple effect. All my younger cousins are now excited about going to college."

Mullis said he's happy the first group of students are graduating.

"It's very gratifying," he said. "I'm very proud of what little I had to do with it."

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Case shows need for attention

The long and bitter legal struggle over efforts to end the life of Terri Schiavo should convince Kentucky lawmakers to review state laws that attempt to define the so-called right to die.

There is a real possibility that a case similar to Schiavo's could foil the courts in Kentucky. The state has a law on living wills, but ambiguity surrounds cases involving severely disabled patients who have not given an advance directive on their treatment.

During the recent legislative session, Rep. Tommy Thompson, D-Owensboro, attempted to clarify right-to-die issues by introducing a bill that would protect the lives of patients who do not have a living will and cannot make decisions for themselves. The bill seeks to assure that food and hydration will be provided for patients who haven't specified whether they wish to be sustained with a feeding tube.

Thompson told the Courier-Journal he filed the bill because he believes "the presumption of human nature is to err on the side of life."

That is the view held by President George W. Bush and members of Congress from both parties who supported emergency legislation requiring the federal courts to review the Schiavo case. The courts have upheld the position of Schiavo's husband, who has directed Terri's caregivers to withdraw her feeding tube. Michael Schiavo says his wife told him before she suffered a heart attack that left her brain-damaged that she did not want to be maintained on life support or partial life support.

However, Terri's parents and some of her friends say she would want to live rather than die a slow death from dehydration.

Terri Schiavo did not have a living will. She also didn't give a loved one or surrogate durable power of attorney to decide her treatment. Her case falls into a perplexing gray area filled with the moral and legal questions raised by the taking of a life - by, in effect, the effort by the courts to create a license to kill.

Rep. Thompson's bill would not provide certain answers to all the legal questions in a case like Terri Schiavo's. It would establish a "presumption" in state law in favor of life.

The bill languished in a House committee as lawmakers rushed to approve a budget and tax reform legislation. Referring to Thompson's bill, Rep. Tom Burch, the chairman of the House Health and Welfare Committee, told the Courier-Journal, "I think a person dying is a family matter, not a government matter."

Burch should understand that the deliberate taking of a life very much is a government matter. The protection of human life is a fundamental principle of the law.

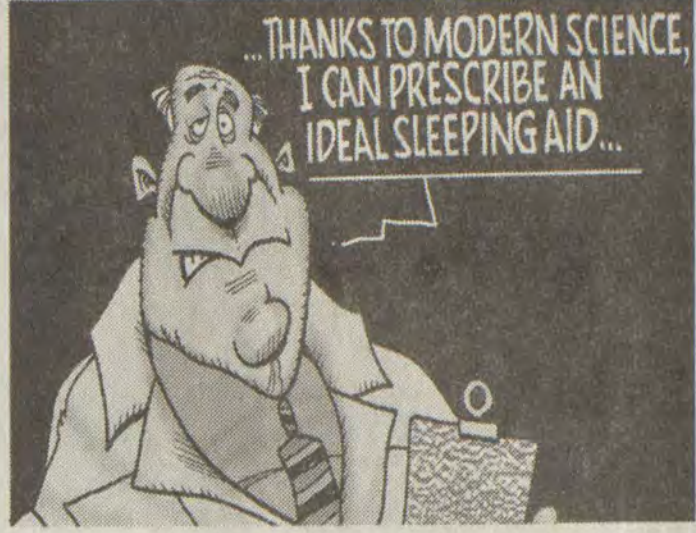
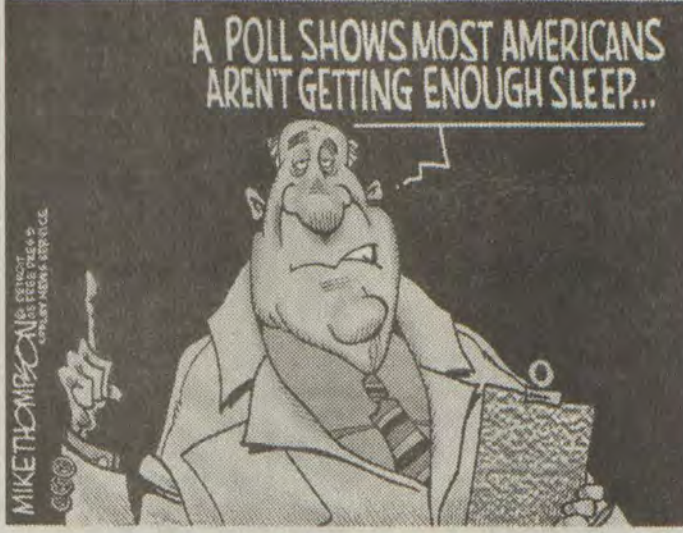
Many people on both sides of the political spectrum sincerely fear that the Schiavo case will send the nation down a slippery slope toward euthanasia for the severely disabled.

Kentucky lawmakers have a duty to ensure the law is as clear as possible in this morally sensitive area.

Some observers think that a 1993 state Supreme Court ruling established a presumption that patients will receive nutrition and water if they haven't expressed a preference. However, that case involved a woman who had communicated her wishes in conversations with family members. As the Schiavo case shows, bitter disputes can arise when there is no legal document that outlines a patient's wishes regarding life-prolonging treatment.

Patients have a right to refuse treatment, but in cases where the patient's choice has not been established, the law should protect life. This principle should guide Kentucky lawmakers in dealing with the profound implications of the right-to-die issue.

— The Paducah Sun



Rich Lowry Column

Quit the AARP

The debate over President Bush's proposed Social Security reform is spawning new pro- and anti-groups nearly every day. The latest is Conservative Republican Seniors Against Bush.

Actually, that's not a new group. But the moniker describes many seniors who voted for Bush and are members of the AARP. The AARP has 35 million members, more than the population of Australia or Canada. One survey shows that nearly 40 percent of them are self-identified conservatives.

This makes sense, since most people when they sign up for the AARP aren't thinking politics so much as "cheap stuff." The group offers discounts on everything from drugs to flowers to cruises. But the \$12.50 annual dues payments of conservative members happen to fund raucously unfair attacks on the central domestic-policy proposal of a president they overwhelm-

ingly support. But, hey — what are political principles compared with a 25 percent discount?

In attacking Bush's proposal, AARP defenders might say the group is only doing its job — standing up for the interests of its members. Nonsense. The Bush proposal wouldn't touch anyone 55 years or older, and thus leaves the vast majority of AARP members undisturbed. What the AARP is advocating for is not the financial well-being of its members so much as an ideological vision of an entitlement state that limits individual choice and emphasizes governmental dependence.

This is the only reason a seniors organization would go to such lengths to oppose personal savings accounts. By opposing the accounts and proposing other fixes to the system — such as tax increases and benefit reductions — the AARP is essentially doing nothing to protect its current members at the same time it hurts its future members.

What the organization has done brilliantly is to leverage its status as a popular conduit of cheap services and goods for seniors

— from which it makes countless millions in royalties — into credibility and power as a liberal lobbying group. The AARP has such a strong brand that it can demagogically attack Bush's proposed Social Security reform as "Social Insecurity" (oh, what clever wordsmiths at the AARP) with more street cred than other shrill liberal outfits such as MoveOn.org.

But the AARP is not going unchallenged. A new conservative seniors group called USA Next is ripping into the AARP, riding a wave of publicity from its (rather ham-fisted) attack on the AARP on the issue of gay marriage (an AARP affiliate in Ohio opposed an anti-gay marriage constitutional amendment in the state). USA Next (www.usanext.org) is making its case not just on political grounds, but with a dagger aimed at the heart of the AARP's appeal — cheaper discounts on travel!

Discounts aside, the imperative for Republican seniors who support Bush's reform should be clear: Because Bush's second term — at risk in the fight over Social Security — is important; because individual choice is superior to governmental dependence; because hypocritical and dishonest advocacy should be shunned, not subsidized with membership dues — quit the AARP.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



beyond the Beltway

Life is sacred, but only for fetuses and brain-dead

by DONALD KAUL

The death of one's child is surely the cruellest loss a parent can suffer. So when Terri Schiavo's mother went before the Florida legislature and said: "Please, senators, for the love of God, I'm begging you, don't let my daughter die of thirst,"

your heart went out to her. Who can blame the family for refusing, against all evidence, to accept the fact of Ms. Schiavo's death? I'm sure that those who loved her took some comfort in the breathing effigy of her former self that she had become and were reluctant to let that frail comfort slip away. They have my sympathy.

But not my support. The crucial question here is not what the family wanted, but what Ms.

Schiavo would have wished for herself. Her family says she wouldn't have wanted to die. Her husband, on the other hand, says his wife told him she wouldn't want to live if she fell into a vegetative state. That sounds more reasonable to me.

This is why: Despite the last-second claims of religiously motivated doctors to the contrary, Terri Schiavo was already dead. Her EEG was flat, meaning that there was no electrical activity coming from her brain, which has suffered a massive shrinkage. What reasonable person among us would wish to spend the rest of life like that, a laboratory preparation, unable to walk, talk, read or laugh, unable to enjoy even the simple pleasures of food and drink? Who would want to pauperize his or her family and drain their emotional energy as he or she hung on to a meaningless flicker of life, month after month, year after year? If that's your idea of life, count me out.

Name me one braying evangelist or barking politician — all of whom dressed themselves in the cloak of virtue as they argued for "the sanctity of human life" — who would choose to exist as Ms. Schiavo did, rather than accept a quiet, peaceful end.

Much has been made of the fact that she left no living will, nothing that expressly stated her wishes that she not be kept alive by artificial means if utterly incapacitated.

Of course she didn't. She was young and young people don't think that way. They assume they have plenty of time to contemplate the end of their lives. Sometimes they do. Ms. Schiavo didn't.

In any case, they have things upside-down. Why assume that a lack of specific instructions means that a person wants

to be kept "alive" by any means necessary? It makes far more sense to assume that if they'd wanted to endure "a persistent vegetative state" they'd have left instructions to provide for it.

Have you ever heard of anyone doing that, leaving a will that said: "Please keep me alive, no matter if I lose all consciousness and am unable to feed myself or understand what's happening to me or feel joy or grief or sorrow or pity or pride. So long as you can stick a tube in me and inflate my lungs and feed me through a needle, I want to live."

Fat chance you'll see Bill Frist, the quack politician who leads the U.S. Senate, or his pious, vote-grubbing colleagues in the House, Dennis Hastert and Tom DeLay, making a commitment like that.

These are the chosen leaders of a party that thinks so much of the sanctity of life that it has put a lid on stem cell research that might save and enrich lives now blighted by a variety of vicious diseases, that has cut into Medicaid funds in order to fund tax cuts enjoyed mainly by its wealthy patrons, that has voted repeatedly to excuse corporate polluters from restraints that might have saved lives of ordinary people.

Theirs is sanctity of life that apparently begins with conception and ends with birth, only to begin again after a brain death that robs life of all flavor, all meaning. Between those two extremes, you're on your own, sanctity-of-life-wise.

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Faith Extra

Groups in 10 states share about half of federal funds available under Bush's 'faith-based initiative'

by NEDRA PICKLER
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WASHINGTON — Religious charities in 10 states and the District of Columbia got about half of the \$2 billion in taxpayer money available to groups deemed 'faith-based' by the White House in 2004, according to figures the White House provided Thursday to The Associated Press.

About one-quarter of the money awarded under President Bush's initiative went to international groups, while organizations in the other 40 states and three U.S. territories shared the remaining funds.

Bush planned to announce the figures on Friday after visiting children who have par-

ents in prison and who participate in religious charities.

Since taking office in 2001, Bush has pushed to give religious groups equal footing with nonsectarian groups in competing for federal contracts.

The president says religious organizations often do a better job of serving the poor and meeting other social needs. Unable to win passage of legislation to accomplish his goal, Bush has bypassed Congress and made more taxpayer money available to such groups through executive orders and regulations.

Civil libertarians fear the government will wind up paying for worship, eroding the constitutional separation between church and state.

The White House does not

distribute funds directly to religious charities and there is no fund or amount set aside for those groups.

Instead, these groups compete with secular organizations that also are bidding for grants from federal agencies.

The vast majority of the international grants came from the U.S. Agency for International Development and went to charities working in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Haiti and other developing nations.

"It's a competitive process," said Jim Towey, who directs the initiative for Bush.

According to the White House figures, about one-quarter of the grants to religious groups went to New York, Illinois, California and the District of Columbia; each

received more than \$100 million.

The other states with large totals were Maryland, Florida, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Texas, Georgia and Ohio.

The two states at the bottom of the rankings — Rhode Island and Vermont — each got less than \$100,000, but they are two of the country's smallest states.

Towey said state figures can be misleading because they can be driven up by one large grant. He also said some state and local governments still discriminate against religious groups and that Bush wants that to change.

"It's too early to declare victory on that," Towey said.

Bush has urged Congress to pass a law that would allow religious groups to consider religion when making employment decisions while not jeopardizing their federal contracts. The president says the charities are effective because of the shared values and religious identity of their volunteers and employees. Critics say hiring and firing based on religion is discrimination.

Towey said the overall increase in grants to religious groups shows progress. The

White House said \$1.17 billion went to faith-based organizations in 2003.

An AP examination of the 2003 grants showed that dollars went to some programs where prayer and spiritual guidance are central. Also getting money were organizations that do not consider themselves religious at all. Many of these groups had secular missions; some were surprised to find their names on the White House's list of faith-based groups.

Towey said some groups that did not want to be on the list were removed this year.

Sacred Winds choir has openings

HAZARD — The Sacred Winds Ensemble announces openings for the Sacred Winds Ensemble Children's Choir. The choir, to be featured on the 2005 Summer Concert Series, will perform David Holsinger's setting of "Jesus Loves Me."

To participate, each member must be between the ages of 4 and 12; attend the two rehearsals at Bowman Methodist Church (701 High Street, Hazard) from 7 to 8

p.m. on May 24 and May 26; and attend the dress rehearsal with the Sacred Winds Ensemble on Saturday, June 4, from 11 a.m. to noon at the First Federal Center, Hazard Community and Technical College.

There are no financial obligations, but members are required to have a sponsor/chaperone at every rehearsal. The enrollment deadline is April 11.

For additional information, please contact Kathy Ivey by telephone at (606) 436-4721, or by e-mail at kivey@hazard.k12.ky.us.

The Sacred Winds Ensemble will present their ninth annual Summer Concert on Sunday, June 5. The concert will begin at 2:30 p.m. at The First Federal Center on the campus of the Hazard Community and Technical College. Admission is free and all are invited.

Odds

feat. "A big fluke, it's just one of those things," Ludvick said.

He's been an avid golfer for years and this is his second hole-in-one. It's his first since he lost most of his vision because of macular degeneration.

Ludvick, who tees up his own ball, said although the ace was special, it's no different from other golfers.

"It's funny how golf goes," he said. "Most of the time I have a heck of a time getting on the green. It's a fun game."

■ MIDDLEBORO, Mass. — Why did the seal cross the road?

A young harp seal native to the Canadian Arctic found its way to this landlocked suburban town Tuesday and waddled around on land before being rescued.

The seal swam about 30 miles up the Taunton River and two of its flood-swollen tributaries before setting out onto dry land, said marine biologist Belinda Rubinstein of the New England Aquarium.

It crossed a road before being spotted around 6:30 a.m. by a homeowner, who called police. The aquarium dispatched a team of scientists and volunteers to corral the seal and return it to safety.

Rubinstein, an expert on harp seals, said they are plentiful in the Arctic and often pass through New England waters on their winter migration. Still, it is unusual for any seal to make its way so far inland.

"It was a long, long way away from ocean," Rubinstein said.

Scientists were hoping to send the 34-pound seal, nicknamed Squirt, to the University of New England's marine science center in Biddeford, Maine.

■ OSLO, Norway — Norwegians claim they are just about born with skis on their feet, but injury statistics from the Easter weekend suggest they need more practice.

So many Norwegian snow lovers broke bones over the Easter holiday that one hospital ran short of plaster for casts, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

The Norwegian Red Cross on Tuesday said it assisted 1,230 people, mostly skiers, in the mountains during the holiday, an increase of more than 60 percent from Easter 2004.

Ole Gladsoe of the Red Cross said Easter can be the first and only ski trip of the

season for many, with neither the skiers or their skis being up to it.

"One should not take off down an alpine slope without practice," he said at the start of the break.

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Obituaries

Jimmy (Dickie) Stumbo

Jimmy (Dickie) Stumbo, 50, of Price, died Wednesday, March 30, 2005, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare emergency room.

Born January 26, 1955, in Martin, he was the son of Cecil and Mertie Moore Stumbo of Price.

In addition to his parents, survivors include three sons: Brian Stumbo (wife, Kristy) of Price, Keith Stumbo (wife, Michelle) of Hager Hill, and Scottie Stumbo (girlfriend, Paula Curtis) of Price; three grandchildren: John David Stumbo, Dalton Alan Stumbo, and Hollie LaShae Stumbo; four brothers: Mike Stumbo (Karen) of Prestonsburg, Randy Stumbo (Lynn) of Cynthia, Ricky Stumbo (Rhonda) of Price, and Mark Stumbo (Earlene) of Crittenden; a sister, Paula Lewis (Jim) of Dacula, Georgia; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 2, at 11 a.m., at the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, at Price, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the family cemetery, (Cherokee Road), at Price, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church, with nightly services at 7 p.m.

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FLOYD COUNTY

Truman Akers, 78, of Bevinville, died Monday, March 21, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mildred Carleen George Branham, 76, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, March 29, at King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 2, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Elva Case, 60, of Campton, a Honaker native, died Sunday, February 27, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Laura Bolen Case. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 2, under the direction of Porter and Son Funeral Directors, Campton.

Everett "Hoe Handle" Crisp, 53, of Martin, died Sunday, March 27, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Daniel Kevin Hatfield, 28, of Hi Hat, died Friday, March 25, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital emergency room. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bert Donathan Jr., 70, of Wellington, formerly of Floyd County, died Monday, March 28, at St. Claire Regional Medical Center, in Morehead. He is survived by his wife, Roberta Newsome Donathan. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bethel Mae Johnson Hall, 70, of Hi Hat, died Tuesday, March 22, at McDowell ARH. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Jeffrey Ray Johnson, 36, of Buckingham, died Wednesday, March 30, at the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Roy S. Martin, 81, of Garrett, died Thursday, March 24, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Caulene Buckner Martin. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 27, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Melissa Ann Meade, 47, of Harold, died Thursday, March 24, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Nannie "Nan" Newman, 89, of Grethel, died Friday, March 25, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 28, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Vernon "Mickey" Osborne, 71, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, March 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Katie Fields Osborne. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 2, under the direction of Scobee Funeral Home.

Ronald Scott, 51, of Somerset, a Floyd County native, died Tuesday, March 29, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lonnie Gene Shepherd, 23, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, March 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Katherine Stratton, 97, of Dayton, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Wednesday, March 23, at Heartland of Miamisburg, Miamisburg, Ohio. Funeral services were held Monday, March 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Jerry Neil Tackett, 48, of Beaver, died Saturday, March 26, at St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Deborah Light Tackett. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mike Wireman, 37, of Hueysville, died Saturday, March 26, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 30, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

James Oliver Caldwell, 93, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, March 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Verona Patrick Caldwell. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 26, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Augustine Cantrell, 67, of Lookout, died Thursday, March 24, at her home. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 27, under the direction of the Bailey Funeral Home.

Elizabeth "Beth" B. Cresap, 81, of Pikeville, died Thursday, March 24, at Pikeville Medical Center. The family had a private memorial service. Burial was in the Johnson Memorial Park under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Larry G. "Sonny" Daugherty, 66, of Phelps, died Wednesday, March 23, at South Williamson ARH Hospital. Funeral services were held Friday, March 25, under the direction of the Phelps Funeral Service.

Sammie Lee Worrix Daugherty, 46, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, March 29, at U.K. Medical Center in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Richard Allen Daugherty. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 2, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Eula Mae Davis, 81, of Winter Haven, Florida, a Pikeville native, died Tuesday, March 29. Burial will take place at the Rolling Hills Cemetery in Winter Haven, Florida, under the direction of the Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Jimmy Fannin, 65, of Toler, died Friday, March 25, in Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 30, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Amos Johnson, 78, of Belleville, Michigan, a Virgie native, died Tuesday, March 22, at his home. He is survived by his wife Sarah Johnson. Funeral services were held March 25, under the direction of the Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

Farris Mullins, 84, of LaGrange, died Wednesday, March 30, at the Baptist Hospital North East. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 31, in under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

Anthony Derrick Mullins, 27, of Pikeville, died Friday, March 25, at his home. Funeral services were held Monday, March 28, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

Conley Mullins, 75, of Virgie, died Saturday, March 26, at the Parkview Nursing and Rehab Center. Funeral services, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

Anthony Derrick Mullins, 27, of Pikeville, died Friday, March 25, at his home. Funeral services were held Monday, March 28, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

Shane Patrick Newsome, 37, of Shelbiana, died Thursday, March 24. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Newsome. Funeral services were held Monday, March 28, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Keney Clifford Presley, 70, of Louisa, formerly of Feds Creek, died Sunday, March 27, at the King's Daughters Hospital in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Mea Coleman Presley. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 31, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Lora Bell Robinette, 90, of Virgie, died Tuesday, March 29, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, April 1, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

George David Robinson, 74, of Slaters Branch, died Monday, March 28, at Appalachian Regional Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility. Funeral services were held Friday, April 1, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Faye Phillips Rowe, 82, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, March 29, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Friday, April 1, under the direction of the Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Mary Ruth Smallwood, 75, of Hellier, died Wednesday, March 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Arthur Smallwood. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 26, under the direction of the Bailey Funeral Home.

Howard Lee Tackett, 78, of Belcher, died Thursday, March 24, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Ratliff Tackett. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 26, under the direction of the Bailey Funeral Home.

Madonna Francisco Trimble, 78, of Lexington, died Monday, March 28, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Friday, April 1, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

Elster "Dude" Varney, 81, of Belfry, died Monday, March 28, 2005 at the South Williamson ARH. He is survived by wife Logene (Noe) Varney. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 31, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Gladys Wassell, 82, of Stone, died Saturday, March 26, at her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 29, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

James Edward Adkins, 36, of Paintsville, died Sunday, March 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 24, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Steven Dwight Breeding, 24, of Paintsville, died Thursday, March 17, at the V.A. Medical Center in Lexington. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 20, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

Margaret Ann Daniels, 62, of Nippa, died Saturday, March 26, at her residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 30, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

William Roger "Bill Dooly" Hensley Jr., 38, of Hager Hill, died Friday, March 25, at his residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 29, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Vongia Lynn Ramey, 56, of Tampa, Florida, formerly of Flat Gap, died Thursday, March 24, at Life Path Hospice House in Sun City, Florida. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 29, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Eleanor R. Salyers, 79, of Dayton, Ohio, died Saturday, March 26. Burial was Thursday, March 31, at the Johnson County Memorial Cemetery, at Staffordsville. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 30, under the direction of Newcomer Funeral Home in Dayton, Ohio.

Orbin C. Spradlin, 79, of Hager Hill, died Monday, March 28, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Martha Jean Spradlin. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 30, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

Emma Jean Tackett, 75, of Thealka, died Friday, March 25, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, March 28, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

Olive Stone Conley, 85, of Hindman, died Sunday, March 20, at Appalchian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 23, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Home.

Shirley Lucinda Hall Likens, 68, of Vest, died Sunday, March 27, at Hazard ARH. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

David Dwayne Mosley, 40, of Carrie, died Monday, March 21, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Polly Napier, 79, of Carrie, died Tuesday, March 22, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 27, under the direction of Hindman

Funeral Services.

Inez Short Stone, 85, of Raven, died Tuesday, March 22, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 26, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Jamie Wicker, 31, of Topmost, died Monday, March 28, following an auto accident on U.S. 23 South, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Cleo Hall Woods, 88, of Hippo, formerly of Hindman, died Tuesday, March 22, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 26, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Hazel Louise Compton, 54, of Louisa, died Sunday, March 27, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. She is survived by her husband, Ben F. Compton. Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Lena Myrtle Erwin, 81, of Louisa, died Monday, March 28, at Three Rivers Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 31, under the direction of the Young Funeral Home.

Monnie Mae Sparks, 89, of Blaine, died Monday, March 28, at Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 29, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

Julie Smith Bowens, 72, of Borderland, West Virginia, a Martin County native, died Saturday, March 19, at A.R.H. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 22, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Harold Edmond Dalton, 68, of Inez, died Saturday, March

26, at Cabell Huntington Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Juanita Dalton. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 29, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Lucy Endicott Perry, 92, of Inez, died at Pine Meadows Nursing Home, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 15, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Alma Stacy, 66, of Inez, died Wednesday, March 23, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 26, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Gertrude "Pauline" Bowling, 68, of Salyersville, died Friday, March 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 28, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Peggy Claudetta Price, 26, of Royalton, died Monday, March 21, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 25, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Emogene Barnett Sturgill, 74, of Salyersville, died Sunday, March 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 29, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Elmer Thompson, 82, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, March 23, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 26, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

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UK President: Athletics can bolster academics

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – Athletics and academics can feed from one another.

The University of Kentucky's athletics program is one of only 40 in the nation that is financially self-sufficient – a status that is allowing UK to become a national leader in using athletic resources to fund academic needs.

In a position paper about the role

athletics can play in enhancing academics, UK President Lee T. Todd Jr. said UK Athletics recently agreed to give the university \$1 million annually for 10 years for non-athletic, academic scholarships.

In addition, as a result of the recent \$80.5 million multimedia rights deal between UK and Host Communications, UK Athletics is contributing \$1.36 million to help fund five new scholarships for the Singletary Scholars program.

The program represents the most prestigious undergraduate scholarship at the university because it covers tuition, room and board, and includes a stipend. Because of financial constraints, the scholarship program had not been expanded in 20 years.

"UK has become a national leader in using athletic resources to fund academic needs," Todd says in the most recent edition of "Issues, Ideas and Ideas" http://www.uky.edu/President/III/athletics_success.pdf "UK Athletics has been a tremendous steward in supporting programs that attract the best and

brightest to the university."

The athletics program at UK is one of only 40 out of 117 NCAA, Division I programs that is truly financially self-sufficient, according to a recent study by Daniel L. Fulks, an accounting professor at Transylvania University.

Moreover, because of the athletics program's success and popularity, UK received more than \$1.5 million in free, premium media advertising during basketball and football games – a forum that allows the university to tout its academic programs. Institutional spots and a special program – "UK At The Half"

– also appear on the radio network covering UK football and basketball games, an advertising value of nearly \$300,000.

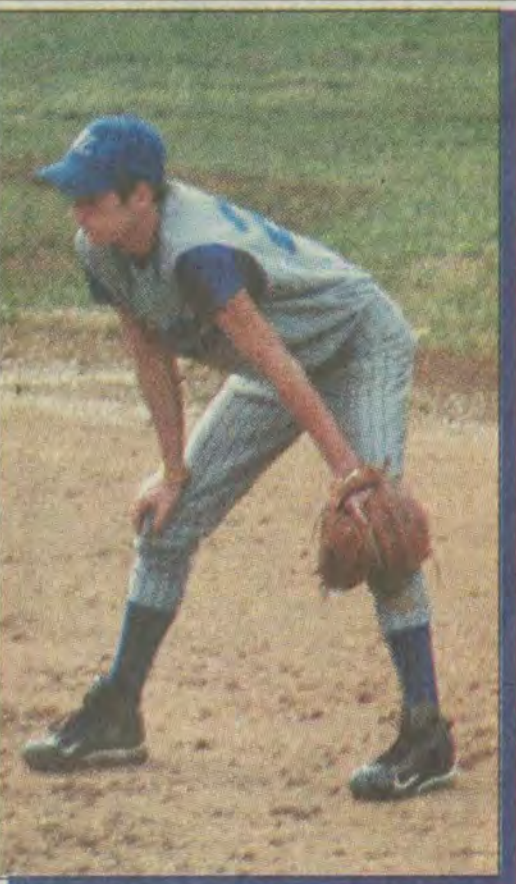
UK Athletics also is using one of its major advertising partners – CHA Health – to sponsor the academic program, Class of Kentucky. The program spotlights outstanding high school sophomores throughout the state. UK monitors the students' progress as part of an effort to keep the state's best and brightest in Kentucky when they choose

(See **ACADEMICS**, page two)

Bobcats, Belfry split doubleheader



Betsy Layne senior Shawn Hamilton dealt up an offering to a Belfry batter Thursday evening during the first of two games pitting the Bobcats against the host Pirates. Betsy Layne won the first game and Belfry finished out in the nightcap.



Hamilton pitches Betsy Layne to win in first game

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY – Senior Shawn Hamilton is somewhat of a newcomer to the Betsy Layne High School baseball program. After not playing baseball last season, Hamilton has come on strong during a senior season that has already featured many highlights. On Thursday evening, Hamilton took the mound in the first of two games against Belfry and pitched the Bobcats to a win. Behind Hamilton's strong pitching performance, Betsy Layne played its way to a 17-5 win over the Pirates. It took the Bobcats just six innings to claim the victory in the opener.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Belfry returned the favor, though, beating Betsy Layne 12-1. Betsy Layne head coach Frank Martin decided to give some younger players the opportunity to play in the second contest against the Pirates.

Belfry jumped out to a quick lead in the second game and held Betsy Layne back en route to a 12-1 win.

In the first contest, Hamilton got great support from his teammates playing in behind him as the Bobcats recorded 17 defensive outs.

"We had a real good first game," said Martin. "Overall, playing the two games was good for us. In the first game, the defense worked real well behind Shawn Hamilton. The defense was also solid in the second game. We were able to go out and get our win in that first game. We hit the ball in the first game and they hit the ball in the second game. That's just how it was. The way it worked out, it was good for both teams."

In the first game, once Betsy Layne's offense got going, it remained strong. The Bobcats got offensive production from several different play-

(See **BOBCATS**, page two)

Schlieper takes Spring 50 race at Florence Speedway

TIMES STAFF REPORT

UNION – Dan Schlieper led every lap in a dominating performance on Saturday night, March 26 at the Florence Speedway as the 34-year-old Sullivan, Wis. driver won his first career O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series event, winning the \$5,000 to win "Spring 50" Late Model race.

Schlieper became the 18th different driver in the last 24 O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series races to win a series race for the four year old sanctioning body as he became a two-time "Spring 50" winner in his career. Schlieper was aboard the Miller Brothers Coal, Hawkeye Trucking, Uncle Buck, VP Racing Fuels, Hoosier Tires, All-Star Performance, Pro Power Engines, C.J. Rayburn Monte Carlo. Finishing second behind Schlieper was 13th-starting Scott James of Lawrenceburg, Ind., in the Powell Motorsports/Dargie Race Engines/Rocket Grand Prix. Third place was 17th-starting Matt Miller of Waterville, Ohio, in the McCullough Industries/Russell Baker Engines/Rocket Grand Prix. Mike Marlar of Winfield, Tenn., was fourth in the PBM Performance Products/Central Painting/C.J. Rayburn Monte Carlo with Darrell Lanigan of Union, completing the top-five in the Lanigan Autosports/Gottarace.com/Rocket Ford Taurus. A total of 64 Late Models were on hand for the 29th annual running of the event.

Both Miller Brothers Coal and Hawkeye Trucking are based in Knott County.

Schlieper would start from the pole alongside fellow front row starter, Greg Johnson. When the green came out to start the race Johnson headed into turn one the race leader, but coming off of turn number two Schlieper would find the low groove to his liking as he would go by Johnson for the lead. Schlieper would then start to distance himself from the battle for second that was now going on between Johnson and R.J. Conley. Conley would move past Johnson for second on the second lap with Darrell Lanigan in four followed by John Gill. Lanigan would then start to pressure Johnson for third taking him for position on lap three. With the action going on for second Schlieper was ever so slowly pulling away from the tight pack of cars racing for second. Lanigan then would quickly get up to and challenge Conley for second. They would race side by side around



Dan Schlieper

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Early youth turkey season promising

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT – "I think it shows that the hearts of sportsmen and women in Kentucky are in the right place, and that is, putting our young people first when it comes to learning the value of wildlife, and the immense enjoyment it provides."

Those comments come from Jim Lane, state fish and wildlife department's lead wild turkey biologist, in reference to the upcoming early youth turkey hunting season this weekend throughout the commonwealth. This weekend, youngsters 15 and under will have the first opportunity in the spring turkey woods, ahead of the adults, and Lane hopes many will find a chance to give turkey hunting a try.

"The fish and wildlife commission has specifically designed Kentucky's turkey season to give younger hunters the best odds of being successful," said Lane.

"Turkey's are pretty tough to get, but the first encounter is the best to

catch them off guard."

"This early season is such a good chance for an experienced adult hunter to teach a kid, and spend time watching a youngster develop interest and skill."

"I really hope every young person who has an interest will have an adult mentor who will make the effort to nurture that interest and open a whole new world of outdoor enjoyment to that kid," said Lane.

The spring turkey season limit is two male turkeys, or turkeys with visible beards. Hunters 15 and under, who are eligible to hunt the youth weekend season, must be accompanied by an adult. Unless license exempt, a youth hunter must have a junior hunting license and spring turkey permit. Adults can not carry firearms or other hunting equipment (bows, crossbows, etc.) during this season.

Hunters are also reminded that the possession or use of electronic turkey calls are prohibited. Only hand- or mouth-operated calls are allowed.

Tips for taking a youngster turkey

hunting include using a shotgun designed to fit a youth hunter. Hunting from a blind helps minimize the chances of being spotted by a tom turkey when it gets close. Decoys may also be a good idea, to help keep the gobbler's attention focused somewhere other than where you're sitting, and to help younger hunters judge distance. Shots beyond 40 yards are risky, but a tom that comes into a group of hen decoys at 25 yards is easily in range.

Keep the youngster warm and dry, and make sure he or she gets a good night's sleep the evening before. Take frequent breaks from sitting still, as much as you can, when birds are not in the vicinity. Have something for them to snack on to keep them occupied when birds get quiet.

Once a turkey is taken, the hunter must fill out the back of the hunting license on what's called a hunter harvest log. Look at a license or permit and become familiar with the hunter log, and go over it with your young hunter before going afield. There

will be much excitement after the trigger is pulled, for both hunter and "guide", but it is important someone remembers to mark the log before the turkey is picked up and transported.

Teaching youngsters how to hunt is a good thing. Teaching them to become sportsmen and sportswomen, who hunt legally and ethically, is a fantastic thing – the responsible thing. Few other "gifts" to kids interested in wildlife-related, outdoor sports will be more reward-

(See **TURKEY**, page two)

HUNTING REMINDER:

All hunters are required to fill out a hunter harvest log for any turkey taken. Hunters must keep log information for any turkey taken in their possession whenever they are in the field hunting.

Early spring best time for big bass on Kentucky's state-owned lakes

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT – After months of muddy yards that make a mess of your shoes and wool sweaters that highlight curves you don't want to show off, the first spring days above 60 degrees are a liberation for thousands of bass anglers in Kentucky. It is time to hit the smaller lakes for some large pre-spawn largemouth bass.

Once the water temperatures climb a few degrees from their wintertime lows, bass start to move out of their deep winter lairs and begin feeding, especially large females. Big female largemouth must eat heartily to promote egg development for the coming spawn.

The best time to catch trophy bass is when they move shallow in spring. Large fish are notorious loners for most of the year and hide in deep water or in the densest, most impenetrable cover they can find. After they move out of the winter sanctuary to the shallows, the bass are hungry, active and available to lures.

Water in small lakes warms a little earlier in

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Bobcats

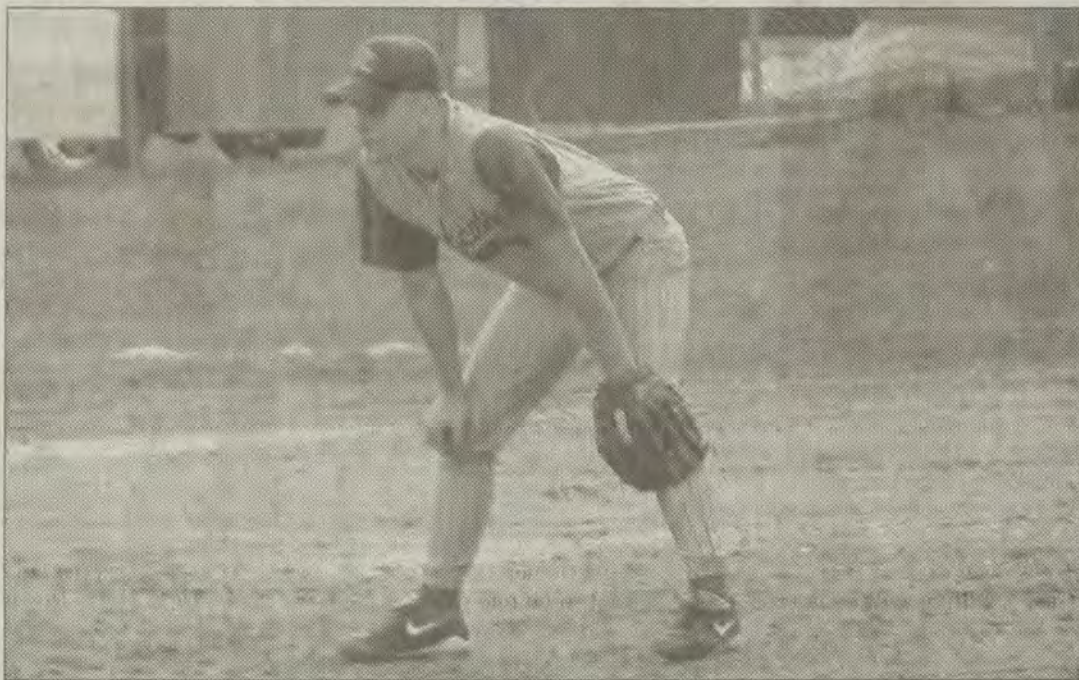
ers. Hamilton helped his cause, hitting three singles and a home run. Jordan Case, another Betsy Layne senior, also collected four hits, including a home run and double to go along with a pair of singles. Junior Brandon Thacker had two doubles and two singles, while Brandon Combs and Brandon Kidd each had a double apiece.

With the two games combined, Martin was able to get each of his players an at-bat. Senior Steven Conn took the mound for Betsy Layne (2-1) in the second game. He pitched well, despite the loss. "Belfry has a really good team," Martin added. "I was impressed by a lot of what they did in the two games."

Senior Nathan Lafferty, another new face in the Betsy Layne baseball program, collected two hits in the second game. The Bobcats beat East Ridge 16-6 in a season-opener played Tuesday evening. Betsy Layne will return to the diamond Tuesday evening when it plays host to rival Allen Central in what will be a crucial early-season Floyd County Conference matchup.

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... BLHS BASEBALL



Defending 58th District champ Betsy Layne boasts a 2-1 record entering Tuesday's Floyd County Conference game against rival Allen Central. Patrick Stapleton (pictured playing the field) and Derek Case (pictured both on the basepaths and at the plate) contributed Thursday in Betsy Layne's 17-5 win over Belfry.



Turkey

ing to them, or you. All turkeys taken in Kentucky must also be reported by phone by midnight of the day the bird is harvested. The process is simple and free. Call 1-800-245-4263 and answer the questions asked by the automated system. Social-security

numbers will be needed. It takes about five minutes. At the end of the call, the hunter is given a confirmation number that shows he or she complied with the check-in requirement. Hunters are to keep the confirmation number with them, written on the back of the license,

throughout the season. According to Lane, Kentucky turkey hunters can expect a good season and good availability of birds this year. Kentucky's statewide flock is approximately 230,000 with birds residing in every county of the commonwealth.

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again to be the dominant driver in the race as the brief challenge by Lanigan and James would prove to be for naught as again he pulled away from everyone. James would slip to third after the restart, but regained his momentum and got back around Lanigan on lap 38. With 10 laps to go Schlieper would see James pick up the pace again, but James could not get close enough in the final laps to provide a challenge to Schlieper for the win. Schlieper would flash across the finish line the winner for second time in his career in the "Spring 50" race at Florence Speedway. His first win came in the year 2000. James would finish in second with Miller grabbing third from Marlar in the last five laps of the race with Lanigan completing the top five.

The rest of the top ten finishers were John Gill, Michael England, Mike Jewell, Eddie Carrier, Jr. and Steve Landrum. In preliminary events Mike Jewell was the Racing Optics Fast Qualifier for the 64 entrants with a lap of 16.226 seconds. The VP Racin' Makin' Power Heat Race Winners were John Gill, Dan Schlieper, R.J. Conley, Darrell Lanigan, Greg Johnson and Timmy Yeager. The B-Main victors were Jerry Rice and Donnie Moran.

The next O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series event will be on Saturday Night, April 23 at the Paducah International Raceway in Paducah. For more information, go online to www.paducahinternationalraceway.com and www.naradirtcar.com and click on the Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar icon.

Race Summary

O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Presented by Arizona Sport Shirts Saturday Night, March 26

Florence Speedway, Union Racing Optics Fast Qualifier: Mike Jewell 16.226 VP Racin' Makin' Power Heat No. 1: John Gill, Mike Marlar, Scott James, Mike Jewell, Tim Dohm, Tyrel Todd, Rod Conley, Rusty Schlenk, Tim Tungate, Sidney Sprague, Arnie Fields

VP Racin' Makin' Power Heat No. 2: Dan Schlieper, Wayne Chinn, Steve Landrum, Jerry Rice, Chris Combs, Jesse James Lay, Ben Adkins, Spensor Watson, Jeff Raisor, Mike Hawley, Hillard Miller VP Racin' Makin' Power Heat No. 3: R.J. Conley, Bob Lanter, Aaron Hatton, Tony

Traficant, Marc Kurth, Michael Bradley, Jordan Bland, Larry Pickelheimer, Jr., Shannon Reed, Jeff Alsip, Robert Fletcher VP Racin' Makin' Power Heat No. 4: Darrell Lanigan, Steve Casebolt, Jr., Johnny Wheeler, Roger Williams, Steve Barnett, Duane Chamberlain, Dusty Moore, Jason Montgomery, Chuckie May, Doug Smith

VP Racin' Makin' Power Heat No. 5: Greg Johnson, Eddie Carrier, Jr., Matt Miller, Donnie Moran, Whitney McQueary, Randy Korte, Bryan Barber, Eric Myers, Shannon Thornsberry, Devin Sebree

VP Racin' Makin' Power Heat No. 6: Timmy Yeager, Michael England, Blake Chinn, Rick Combs, Dave Kirker, Bobby Wolter, Jr., Randy King, Alan Haycraft, Chad Smith, Jeep VanWormer

First O'Reilly Auto Parts B-Main: Jerry Rice, Mike Jewell, Jesse James Lay, Rod Conley, Chris Combs, Spensor Watson, Rusty Schlenk, Ben Adkins, Marc Kurth, Jeff Alsip, Shannon Reed, Jordan Bland, Sidney Sprague, Larry Pickelheimer, Jr., Tim Dohm, Hillard Miller, Michael Bradley, Tim Tungate, Tyrel Todd, Tony Traficant, Jeff Raisor, Mike Hawley

Second O'Reilly Auto Parts B-Main: Donnie Moran, Roger Williams, Steve Barnett, Duane Chamberlain, Rick Combs, Randy Korte, Whitney McQueary, Bryan Barber, Dave Kirker, Eric Myers, Jason Montgomery, Dusty Moore, Chuckie May, Doug Smith, Shannon Thornsberry, Bobby Wolter, Jr., Devin Sebree

"Spring 50" Lucas Oil A-Main Finish: Dan Schlieper, Scott James, Matt Miller, Mike Marlar, Darrell Lanigan, John Gill, Michael England, Mike Jewell, Eddie Carrier, Jr., Steve Landrum, Greg Johnson, R.J. Conley, Jerry Rice, Wayne Chinn, Donnie Moran, Bob Lanter, Johnny Wheeler, Spensor Watson, Blake Chinn, Aaron Hatton, Steve Casebolt, Jr., Timmy Yeager, Roger Williams, Tyrel Todd

Race Statistics: Entries: 64 Lap Leaders: Dan Schlieper 1-50 Cautions: 4 Red Flags: 1 O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Provisionals: Tyrel Todd and Spensor Watson PPM Racing Products Hard Charger of the Race: Matt Miller: advanced 14 positions (started 17th and finished third).

Bass

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spring than in reservoirs composed of tens of thousands of acres of water. So often, smaller lakes, along with farm ponds, are the best to target for the first good chance at big, pre-spawn bass.

In western Kentucky, Lake Malone is a perennial producer of large bass. Some anglers find the lake difficult to fish because it is steep-sided and deep. However, in spring, target small tributaries, coves and any area where warmer rainwater enters the lake. A black and blue jig and pig combination worked along the bottom in these areas draws strikes. Weed beds are also excellent springtime areas to work with a lipless crankbait, plastic worm or a soft plastic jerkbait. There is a good population of 3- to 5-pound largemouth bass in Lake Malone with potential for a bass over seven pounds.

In south central Kentucky, little 36-acre Spurlington Lake northeast of Campbellsville is an overlooked largemouth bass

lake. Spurlington Lake holds a sizeable population of 12-to-15-inch bass with the occasional trophy over 20 inches. The numbers of fish in the 8-to-12-inch range indicate the good fishing should continue in the future. Work the edge of weedbeds along the shore in spring with watermelon and red flake grubs.

In Central Kentucky, Guist Creek Lake annually surrenders trophy bass. The lake has great numbers of bass from 12 to 19 inches along with trophies over 6 pounds. The lake receives a lot of fishing pressure because of its proximity to Louisville and this can make the fishing tough, but bass anglers on the lake need to get away from the bank. Landing your lure where the boat is located if you were casting to the bank would separate you from a lot of anglers on Guist Creek Lake. The coves and cuts near the dam are excellent trophy areas in spring as are the mud flats found on the out-

side bends of the lake.

Kincaid Lake in northeastern Kentucky is another consistent producer of big bass, but like Guist Creek Lake, Kincaid is a difficult lake to fish. Kincaid Lake has a great number of bass between 15 and 20 inches long with good trophy fish potential. Embayments on the north shore with woody structure hold good bass at this time of the year. As the water warms in spring, the emerging weedbeds hold bass in Kincaid Lake.

In Eastern Kentucky, Pan Bowl Lake across Highway 15 from Jackson is one of the most overlooked bass lakes in Kentucky. Pan Bowl Lake has abundant weedbeds, treetops and brush that hold spring bass. The lake holds good numbers of bass from 15 to 20 inches long and the occasional fish over 21 inches. A lightweight purple straight tailed worm worked over the weedbeds and treetops provokes strikes on Pan Bowl Lake.

Academics

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a college or university. Students in the program are featured in 30-second television spots on TV stations across the state to help drive home the message "that academics and leadership are vital to the state's success," Todd said. Class of Kentucky participants also are invited to UK's campus each summer for a day-long visit and are recognized at a home football game in

the fall. Football and basketball games also are being used as a platform to recognize academic superstars, who excel in the classroom and research labs. Todd said that since the fall of 2001, some of UK's academic elite have been recognized at breaks during home basketball and football games. "By leveraging our athletic

prowess to help market, recognize and fund our academic initiatives," Todd said, "we can ultimately fulfill the university's most prominent mission of enhancing our academic programs." "Issues, Ideas and Ideologies" by UK President Todd is a periodic position paper about issues of importance to UK and the state of Kentucky.

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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.

First, it was the atom bomb, next the hydrogen, and now scientists threaten us with instant whiskey. One of our acquaintances remarked that instant, is too slow for him.

ME AND CAL

This week the editor of this newspaper has indited another editorial on unemployment and other aspects of the eastern Kentucky situation. And he now wonders why he did. He wonders what effect, what good, what anything editorials or other comment on a situation such as this have or do.



Norman Allen

Muling such matters, one gets himself mentally into much the same condition of a pup chasing his tail. You wind up exhausted, deciding you can't do anything about it, and saying, "Aw, what's the use? It's there, it will be there the next time I look, and, besides, if I catch it, I can't do much with it."

So much of the comment we read and hear, including mine, has all the shocking originality of Calvin Coolidge's when he gave forth with this sage observation: "When more and more people are thrown out of work, unemployment results."

MAJORITY OPINION

I've always been just a mite suspicious of those who say they can accurately judge character by handwriting. Now not one, but three individuals have told me they have a pretty good idea about me, not by eyeing my handwriting but by reading, in cold type, some of the stuff I write. And I am not going to argue with them, singly or collectively. All three agreed I must be just a little on the lazy side.

ON DULLES

Well, we armchair diplomats who had the international situation all solved, months ago, will have to look for us a new whipping boy. Secretary Dulles has been forced by the inexorable in roads of cancer to resign.

While his successor is being named, and while we get ready to

(See **THIS TOWN**, page seven)



Coffee House performance by Zoe Speaks to be held in Hazard, April 14

Great reviews keep appearing of the upcoming Coffee House Performance of Zoe Speaks. Zoe Speaks is Carla Gover and Mitch Barrett, a husband/wife duo from Eastern Kentucky. As the Louisville Courier Journal stated, "A smile must warm the Appalachian homeland each time Mitch Barrett and Carla Gover share their music and stories of the culture they hold dear."

"Charming, moving, and very Appalachian" is how *Dirty Linen Magazine* describes the duo. And *Bluegrass Unlimited Magazine* says, "Though Carla's music is hard to pigeonhole, it contains many of the best elements of traditional Appalachian music, including purity, intensity, integrity, and vivid imagery."

Their performances, which include original and traditional music, mountain tales and Appalachian clogging, demonstrate the integrity and beauty of

the Appalachian culture. Their music incorporates a variety of influences, but the Appalachian sounds of their childhoods provide a touchstone to which they return many times in both the crafting of their songs and the interpretation of traditional music in their performances. Mitch performs on guitar and a lap dulcimer which he made himself. His voice would set him apart even if he couldn't write world class songs. Carla brings to the duo her straight-on, mountain voice, rhythm guitar, clawhammer banjo and dancing feet.

The show is being brought to the First Federal Center by the Greater Hazard Area Performing Arts Series on Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students (ages 6 to 18) and kids under age five are admitted free.

Mitch and Carla are full-time performers who tour in select regions nationally, and have graced the stages

of hundreds of schools, festivals and arts centers. Their original songs from the core of each performance, and traditional stories, songs, and dances live up the set. The show materials includes introspective to humorous to energetic and appeals to all ages.

Series grand benefactors are: Citizens Bank and Trust Company in Jackson, Hazard Clinic/Jackson Clinic, Kiwanis Club of Hazard and Perry Distributors Inc.

Event sponsors are: Dr. and Mrs. Jay K. Box, Appalachian Regional Healthcare and Hazard Rotary Club.

Partial funding has been provided by Kentucky Arts Council, a state agency in the Commerce Cabinet, with support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information, call Tammy Duff 487-3067 or Sandy Campbell 487-3070 or 800-246-7521 exts. 73067 or 73070.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Evilspeak'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

DVD continues to mine older films for new releases and this one is a winner. This film was heavily cut for its limited theatrical release in America but this restored version retains all of the gross out special effects that were included in the print that was exhibited internationally.

The story follows a sad sack student with the unfortunate handle of Stanley Coopersmith at an exclusive military school. The boy has been recently orphaned and was deposited at the school when a new directive forced the institution to accept several students who qualify for government assistance. This irks the staff at the exclusive institution to no end and they all feel free to take out their frustrations on Coopersmith. The other students are no bargain either and mercilessly torture Stanley like he spit on their salami.



Tom Doty
Staff Writer

Coopersmith is punished for blowing an important soccer match and has to clean out the basement of the school's rectory. There he finds a crypt of artifacts that were gathered by a 16th century satanist named Esteban.

Turns out Esteban was exiled from Spain for professing that the world is so full of evil that it must be a reflection of the true nature of man. This leads Esteban to write a tome detailing how one can summon demons to do Satan's work. It doesn't take much of a push to get Stanley over to the dark side and start deciphering the book's spells on the school's computer.

The day of the big game just happens to coincide with Stanley's satanic coming out ritual and results in one of the most graphic finales ever filmed. This is definitely a male version of "Carrie" with a smaller budget that it compensates for with a game cast and some truly ghoulish imagery.

What makes this work is a great sense of mayhem in which anything can happen. This is best illustrated by a sequence in which a pampered secretary steals Stanley's book of spells because it is adorned with antique jewels. Taking the book however upsets Esteban, who gets it back by sending a herd of satanic hogs to the woman's house.

This is a 1980s horror movie so there is also an obligatory shower scene, but it gets downright surreal when the hogs of hell attack and treat the bathtub like a trough full of truffles. Suffice to say it's one of the best "woman gets eaten by satanic swine" scenes ever filmed.

Stanley's final revenge is also

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I dare you!

by APRIL KEMP

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE COLLEGE SOUL"

On the first day of my second year at California State University at Sacramento, I saw the most gorgeous guy! He was standing alone in line at the cafeteria and looked out of place. Turning to my friends, I said, "I have to meet him!"

Challenging my spontaneity, my friends reached into their purses and came up with money for a bet. They then dared me to run up to him, pretend that I knew him and convince him that he knew me. Smiling, I turned and was off to meet the cutie pie.

"Dan, Dan!" I yelled as I ran up to him. "How are you? How's your mom?" He just stood there

looking at me. I could tell that he was shy. I liked him immediately.

"I'm not Dan," he said, looking a little confused.

"Sure you are!" I countered. "You lived in Sierra Hall last year, third floor! You were Bob's roommate."

"No, I lived off campus last year," this sweet man replied, still not getting it. I turned and started to leave, and he began asking me a series of questions: "Do I know you from my mom's allergy clinic?" (I hate shots.) "Were you in the parrot class I took last summer?" (I like birds only slightly more than shots.) "Do you eat at Taco Bell? I work there." (Never.)

"Well," he said, "I know I'm not Dan, and I didn't live in Sierra Hall." He reached out his

hand to mine. "My name is Tim, and I'm pleased to meet you anyway."

He invited me to his fraternity party that night. I composed myself and informed him that I did not go to fraternity parties. But as I watched him walk away, I had second thoughts. That afternoon, I took the money that I'd won from the bet and bought a black miniskirt. I was going to my first fraternity party.

When I arrived there, I was a little nervous. Would he be there? When I got to the front steps of the frat house, I looked up and saw Tim sitting at the top. He looked at me and smiled.

"I was hoping you would come. I've been waiting for you." I sat down next to him, and we started talking. We talked all that night — and for the next three nights — until dawn. Four months later, he asked me to marry him. Four years later, we tied the knot. This year, we celebrated the 15th anniversary of the day we met.

Some nights when we are snuggled together, I'm reminded that I found my soul mate on a dare.

Now and then, my husband asks, "Am I Dan or Tim tonight?" Having a special place in my heart for both of them, I always laugh and reply, "You decide!"



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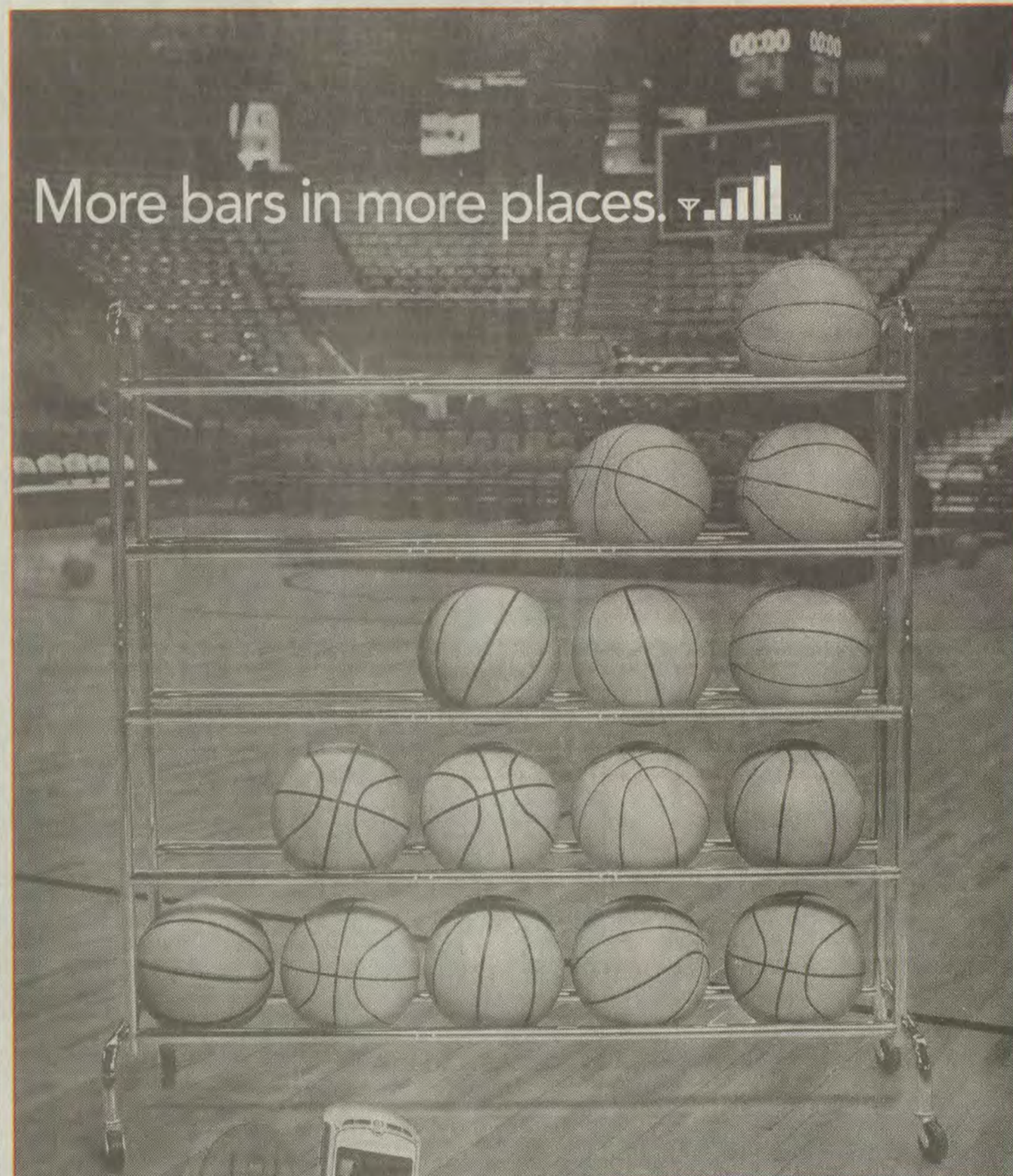
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