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### briefs

## Road work scheduled for Rt. 850

The Allen and Minnie Maintenance Garage Crews of Highway District 12 will combine forces next week to clean ditchlines on Route 850, including Pyramid Road and Hippo Road.

In addition, the Minnie Maintenance crew will patch potholes on Route 3379 on Friday, July 15, between mile points one and six.

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Highway District 12 maintains almost 312 miles of roadway in Floyd County.

## Highlands doesn't think strike likely

### Hospital, union currently in contract negotiations

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Rumors of a strike by maintenance, technical and clerical employees at Highlands Regional Medical Center may be just that, according to staff at the facility.

Despite the appearance of some workers carrying placards in front of the facility last week the hospital has indicated that everyone is just following protocols that the union calls for and that no one should assume that the hospital will not be able to reach an agreement with the workers.

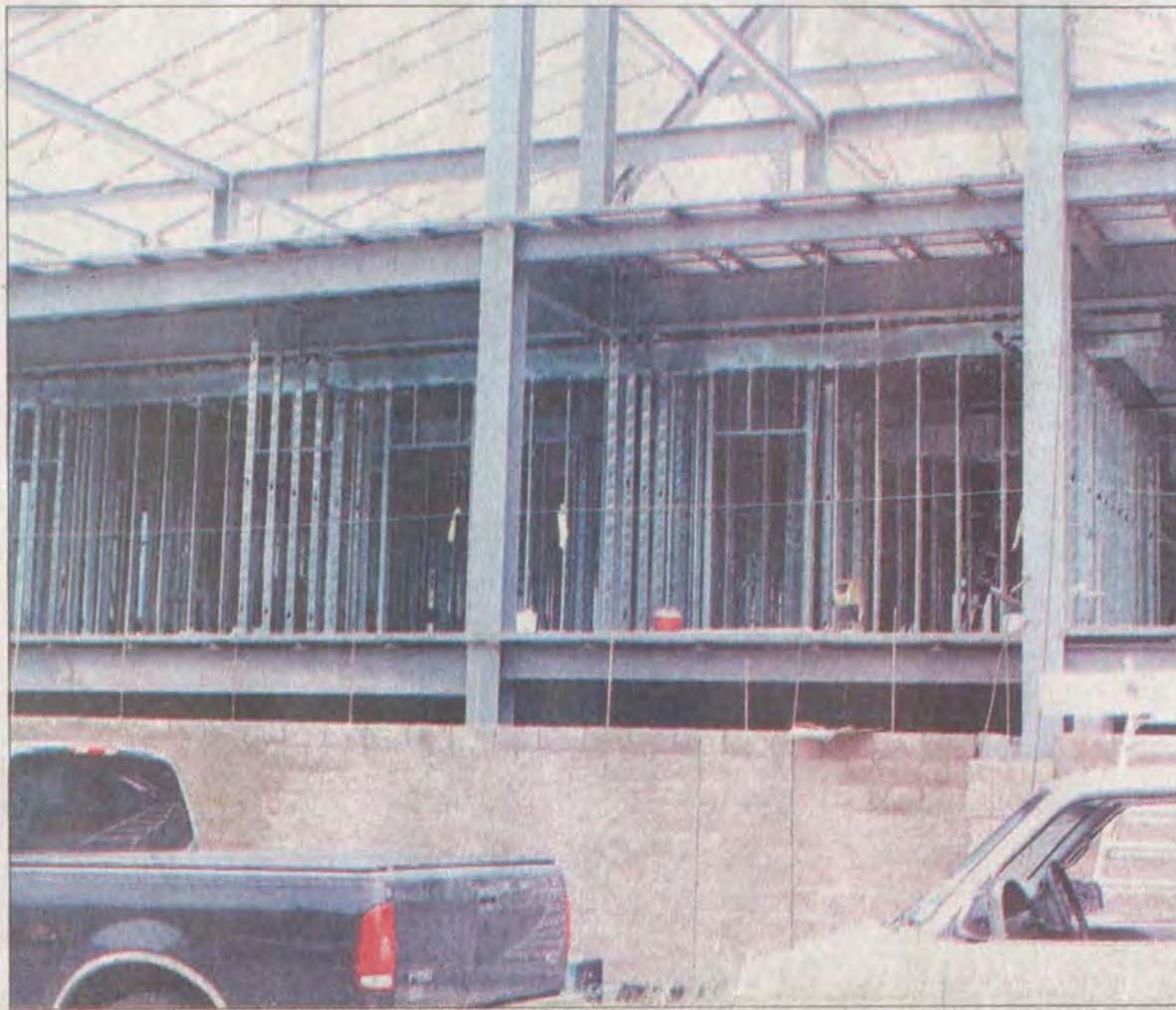
The union representing the workers has filed a notice that they intend to strike on July 17, but such a measure is considered routine during negotiations.

The hospital and the union have already been in negotiations since May 16.

The hospital is currently offering a

three-year contract, general wage increases of 2.5 percent, higher pay rates calculated upon experience, creation of a tax saver accounts so that employees can fund health care expenses on a pretax basis and continuation of an existing pension program.

"We hope to avoid a strike and we will work very hard to reach an agreement," said Highlands President Bud Warman.



The new Floyd County Board of Health building on White Street is beginning to take shape and should be completed by the fall.

photo by Tom Doty

## Woman pleads guilty second time around

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A woman who balked at the details of her guilty plea last week was back in circuit court Friday to say that she wanted to enter her guilty plea to charges of drug trafficking from a 2003 case.

Maria Lay Campbell, 38, had originally accepted a deal that asked her to testify against her boyfriend, John Paul Miller. But in court last week, she began crying during her plea and said that she was not comfortable with testifying against Miller. She was given a week to review her options and returned to court Friday saying she would accept the conditions of her plea.

The point was for all intents and purposes moot, as Miller had also entered a

guilty plea and took a five-year sentence for several drug trafficking charges stemming from the same case.

Judge John D. Caudill painstakingly reviewed the terms of Campbell's plea and pointed out that Miller could always elect to drop his plea and go to trial and that she would then be called upon to give testimony. Campbell indicated that she understood and was ready to enter her plea, which will give her three years to serve, though the sentence will be suspended and probated for three years.

Campbell had another request of the judge afterwards and inquired if she could visit Miller in prison. She indicated that the two had been a couple for eight years and that she was not

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## Initiative offers college degrees to Eastern Kentucky residents

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAZARD — An initiative to increase the number of people with college degrees appears to be growing in popularity among landlocked Appalachians who live hours from the nearest state universities.

Enrollment at the University Center of the Mountains, a fledgling program in a region known for low educational attainment, is expected to top 300 this fall and could reach 1,000 in the next five years, said Ron Daley, who heads the initiative.

Daley said only 8.6 percent of residents in the eight-county ser-

vice area have four-year degrees, making it one of the least-educated regions of the country.

"We have been left behind in getting bachelor's degrees because of a lack of access to state universities," he said. "The distances to state universities make it impossible for many people to attend."

Daley said the closest universities — Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky — require about four hours round-trip, which means only people who move from Hazard and adjacent counties can attend the main campuses.

That's why a group of Hazard-area leaders who had lobbied for years for the creation of a new public university settled instead

for the University Center of the Mountains. The center, conceived three years ago and started with a \$300,000 grant from the Appalachian

Regional Commission, provides offices and classrooms for state universities and private colleges to provide a full slate of classes for bachelor's degree programs in 15 areas of study, from business administration to social work.

"If we're going to improve the quality of life in the mountains, we've got to educate our people," said Mayor Bill Gorman of Hazard.

Gorman was one of the local

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## Pike driver robbed, forced to give thief a ride

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

A Goody man was robbed at gunpoint Thursday and was then forced to drive his assailant to West Virginia, where she got into another vehicle and fled the scene.

The incident occurred at 9:40 a.m. when the man, unidentified but described as elderly, was exiting the drive-thru section of the U.S. Bank at Goody.

A young woman armed with a handgun stopped the gentleman and demanded the money he had just withdrawn.

The woman then climbed into then vehicle and ordered the man to drive her to the Food City in Williamson, W.Va., where waiting car took her to an undisclosed location.

The incident is presently under investigation by Det. Eddie Crum and Trooper Marty Combs.

### 3 DAY FORECAST

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## Roberts among first to be honored in new program

Special to The Times

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher recently announced a new initiative to acknowledge young Kentuckians who, despite significant challenges in their lives, have created a record of academic and personal achievement.

Fletcher recognized the 73 students selected for this year's program

at a reception held at the Governor's Mansion June 6. The students honored represent high schools from across the state, including Adam Roberts of Betsy Layne High School.

Fletcher welcomed the scholars as members of the Governor's Scholars Program, where 1,140 scholars this year will gather for the program's

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Seventy-three students from around Kentucky, including Betsy Layne senior Adam Roberts, took part in the newly created Commonwealth Governor's Scholars program last month.

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# Odds and Ends

■ **FORT MYERS, Fla.** — A father and son are accused of stuffing envelopes — with more than \$200,000 in stolen stamps. Joseph Robert Baker, 51, and Matthew Robert Baker, 21, both of Fort Myers, were indicted Tuesday for the alleged thefts from June to November 2004. The men stole the stamps from post offices in Florida, Ohio and Kentucky to support their drug habits, Chief

Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas Malloy said. "They would go to the self-service areas of post offices, where there are no attendants," Malloy said. "They'd grab an express mail package, stuff as many stamps as they could in it and then rush out." Surveillance videos linked the men to the thefts, he said. The men's first court appearances have not yet been sched-

uled. ■ **GILBERT, Minn.** — "Whorehouse Days" are a bust in Gilbert. Organizers had big plans for their first festival this weekend, including a four-poster bed race, a beer mug-sliding contest and a showdown for best-dressed madam. But the City Council is refusing to rent out public buildings for the event.

Almost one-third of the city's businesses signed a petition against the event and dozens of residents protested at council meetings. "The City Council's acting like it's the Moral Majority or something," said lead organizer Bob Cap. "They really played a number on us." Organizers had promised all the events would have been rated G or PG. Gilbert's history actually includes a period when it was known as a place of saloons and prostitution, in the early years of the 20th century when mining and timber-cutting were in full swing. But Cap acknowledged the name was picked as a marketing tool. "We figured the shock value would cause some people to say, 'Hey, let's go check that out.'"

sitting in a folding chair in the first row of the right-field stands at Yankee Stadium during New York's 7-2 win over Cleveland on Thursday night when he stood up and muffed Alex Rodriguez's first-inning two-run homer. He then fumbled away Jason Giambi's solo shot in the second, which bounced out of right fielder Casey Blake's glove, off Marchese, and back onto the field. Blake then flipped the ball back into the stands, but over Marchese's head. "The first one, I was zoned in," Marchese said while talking to friends on his cell phone. "I had it locked. But the speed was faster than I thought. "It hit me right on the wrist," he said, showing his bruise. On Giambi's homer, Marchese's right pinky finger was cut by Blake's glove as Marchese reached for the ball. "The next time, I'll bring my glove," he said.

said she is simply enforcing the rules. "He has been informed that sooner or later he is going to have to conform," Merrill said. She said the decision was not based on customer complaints. Adams now wears a plain blue tie with the Postal Service logo while he helps customers mail letters and parcels. But he has more than 100 pieces of colorful neckwear on a display rack at home and still has a license plate on his truck that says "TIE GUY". "Maybe I need to change my license plate to X-TIEGUY," he said.

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, July 10, the 191st day of 2005. There are 174 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On July 10, 1940, during World War II, the 114-day Battle of Britain began as Nazi forces began attacking southern England by air.

On this date:

■ In 1850, Vice President Millard Fillmore assumed the presidency, following the death of President Taylor.

■ In 1890, Wyoming became the 44th state.

■ In 1919, President Wilson personally delivered the Treaty of Versailles to the Senate, and urged its ratification.

■ In 1925, the official news agency of the Soviet Union, TASS, was established.

■ In 1943, during World War II, U.S. and British forces invaded Sicily.

■ In 1951, armistice talks aimed at ending the Korean conflict began at Kaesong.

■ In 1962, the Telstar communications satellite was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

■ In 1973, the Bahamas became independent after three centuries of British colonial rule.

■ In 1985, bowing to pressure from irate customers, the Coca-Cola Co. said it would

resume selling old-formula Coke, while continuing to sell New Coke.

■ In 1991, Boris N. Yeltsin took the oath of office as the first elected president of the Russian republic.

**Ten years ago:** Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi was freed from almost six years of house arrest in Yangon, Myanmar. The defense opened its case at the O.J. Simpson murder trial in Los Angeles. President Clinton embraced mandatory ratings for TV programs and legislation to put parental-control chips in new sets.

**Five years ago:** Texas Gov. George W. Bush, facing a skeptical audience, told the NAACP convention in Baltimore that "the party of Lincoln has not always carried the mantle of Lincoln," and promised to work to improve relations. Israeli President Ezer Weizman resigned, effectively ending a seven-year term that turned sour when he was found to have acted improperly by accepting gifts while in office.

**One year ago:** President Bush said in his weekly radio address that legalizing gay marriage would redefine the most fundamental institution of civilization, and that a constitutional amendment was needed to protect traditional marriage.

**Today's Birthdays:** "Mr. Wizard" Don Herbert is 88. Eunice Kennedy Shriver is 84. Former boxer Jake LaMotta is 84. Writer-producer Earl Hamner Jr. is 82. Former New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins is 78. Actor William Smithers is 78. Broadway composer Jerry Herman is 72. Director Ivan Passer is 72. Actor Lawrence Pressman is 66. Singer Mavis Staples is 66. Actor Mills Watson is 65. Actor Robert Pine is 64. Rock musician Jerry Miller (Moby Grape) is 62. Tennis player Virginia Wade is 60. Actor Ron Glass is 60. Actress Sue Lyon is 59. Folk singer Arlo Guthrie is 58. Country-folk singer-songwriter Cheryl Wheeler is 54. Rock singer Neil Tennant (Pet Shop Boys) is 51. Banjo player Bela Fleck is 47. Country musician Shaw Wilson (BR549) is 45. Country singer-songwriter Ken Mellons is 40. Rock musician Peter DiStefano (Porno for Pyros) is 40. Country singer Gary LeVox (Rascal Flatts) is 35. Actress Sofia Vergara is 33. Actor Adrian Grenier is 29. Actor Thomas Ian Nicholas is 25. Singer-actress Jessica Simpson is 25.

**Thought for Today:** "A concept is stronger than a fact." - Charlotte Perkins Gilman, American economist and feminist (1860-1935).

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Degrees

leaders who had been pushing for a public university in southeastern Kentucky. He said the University Center of the Mountains was the best possible alternative to an actual four-year institution.

Jay Box, president of Hazard Community and Technical College who helped to found the center, said he expects the number of degree programs to grow as enrollment increases. He said he expects many of the 3,800 students enrolled in the two-year college to take courses through the center.

"At full maturity, we'll see multiple universities offering multiple degrees," Box said.

Teresa Breeding of Hazard wanted a bachelor's degree to advance her career but she

said she couldn't afford to quit her job as a secretary and move closer to a four-year institution. The University Center of the Mountains resolved her dilemma.

"It's close to home," she said. "It gives me time to spend with my family."

Breeding is scheduled to graduate next year with a degree from Morehead State. She said it would have taken several more years taking one or two classes per semester at off-campus centers in Jackson and Prestonsburg.

Daley said census figures show the center is necessary. The percentage of people with bachelor's degrees in the eight-county area in 2000 lags far behind the state average of 17.1 percent and the

national average of 24.4 percent.

The percentage of high school graduates in the area increased from 45.3 percent to 57.1 percent between 1990 and 2000. Although still far short of the national average of 80.4 percent, Daley said the improvement has increased the number of potential college students in the area.

The University Center of the Mountains will give those potential students the opportunity to earn degrees that were previously unavailable.

"There was this huge, invisible wall keeping people from getting bachelor's degrees," Daley said. "The universities have agreed to tear down that wall."

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# Man pleads guilty to indecent exposure

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A 74-year-old Endicott man pleaded guilty to charges of exposing himself to a 3-year-old boy "from the front door of his home on July 4" in district court Friday.

Benjamin Boss entered the plea but will have to wait a week for formal sentencing while County Attorney Keith Bartley investigates the matter. Bartley asked for the extension on sentencing after Boss entered his plea, saying that there could be additional charges pending.

Sheriff John K. Blackburn investigated the case which led

to Boss's arrest after receiving a complaint from a neighbor who had videotaped Boss exposing himself to the youngster from across the street. The videotape allegedly shows boss dancing in his doorway clad only in a G-string and rubbing his groin region with a marital aide.

Sheriff Blackburn noted that the tape was compelling evidence which led to an arrest warrant.

Blackburn said that additional information came from Boss' wife, who told authorities that Boss had a history of such behavior.

Boss, however, does not have a criminal record in the state. He moved here from Ohio two

years ago and the sheriff's department is currently investigating his background there.

Judge James Allen issued an order in the case forbidding Boss from the Endicott and Buffalo areas and restricting him from contacting the victim and his family.

Blackburn pointed out that the crime of indecent exposure only carries a 90-day penalty but that his office takes all offenses seriously. He asked that anyone who has knowledge of similar crimes call his office and that anyone who knows of a sex offender who has failed to register with the commonwealth also call his department at (606) 886-6171.

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A fractured pelvis and brain injury required a year of hospitalization and rehabilitation. He began high school on crutches, adhering to a rigorous program of physical therapy.

Today he is active in only in his classes and community, but

he has also succeeded as an athlete in baseball and basketball.

The Commonwealth Governor's Scholars were chosen for the potential they have shown through overcoming adversity in their lives. Each Commonwealth Governor's Scholar is attending one of three Governor's Scholars Program campuses this summer at Bellarmine University, Centre College or Eastern Kentucky University.

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# Judge upholds Kentucky's lethal injection process, saying it is not cruel and unusual

by JOE BIESK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A state judge Friday upheld the use of lethal injection in Kentucky, saying it was not cruel and unusual punishment.

Franklin Circuit Judge Roger Crittenden said the method of execution should be changed to rule out one painful step. Officials for the state say they plan to challenge that part of the ruling on appeal.

"The execution protocol adopted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, with one exception, complies with the constitutional requirements against cruel and unusual punishment," Crittenden wrote.

The case was brought by condemned prisoners Thomas Clyde Bowling and Ralph Baze. They argued that Kentucky's process of administering the lethal cocktail to death row inmates violated the Kentucky and U.S. constitutions, which prohibit cruel and unusual punishment.

While upholding lethal injection, the judge said the state should not be allowed to administer the fatal drugs through an intravenous catheter stuck into the prisoner's jugular vein, in the neck, if no suitable veins can be found in the arms or legs.

He said it was unconstitutionally cruel and should be removed from the process.

Corrections Department attorney Jeff Middendorf said the agency would ask a higher court to allow the intravenous insertion into the neck as a "back-up" plan. Still, Middendorf said the overall ruling validated the state's lethal injection process.

"This is a win for the victims' families today who have

waited for years," Middendorf said. "And this is just one step closer to making sure that the lawful sentence in this commonwealth is carried out."

Public defender Ted Shouse said he was "encouraged by a lot of the language in the opinion" including Crittenden's removal of lethal injection through the neck as an option.

Attorneys were planning to be in court Tuesday morning to ask that Bowling's stay of execution be maintained and extended to Baze pending an appeal, Shouse said.

However, the Kentucky Supreme Court had previously issued Bowling a stay of execution which is set to expire in September. Assistant Attorney General David Smith said. Bowling had a separate challenge before the state's high court in which he claimed he was mentally retarded and could not be executed by the state. The court ruled in March that he was not mentally retarded, but extended his stay so he could pursue the matter through federal courts, Smith said.

Bowling was scheduled to be executed last November for killing Edward and Tina Earley and shooting their 2-year-old son outside the couple's Lexington dry-cleaning business in 1990. His execution was delayed pending the outcome of the challenges.

Baze was convicted of killing Powell County Sheriff Steve Bennett and a deputy Arthur Briscoe during an attempted arrest in 1992.

The state has executed one person by lethal injection, Eddie Lee Harper, in 1999.

Assistant Attorney General David Smith said the ruling moves both men toward their executions. Prosecutors in the attorney general's office will ask Gov. Ernie Fletcher for death warrants "at the appropriate time," Smith said.

"It's our position that both of these murderers have each been on death row for a long number of years and need to be executed as soon as the court system permits," Smith said.

However, Ed Monahan, executive director of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky, said no manner of executions are acceptable. Citizens could be equally protected by limiting punishments to life without parole, Monahan said in a prepared statement.

"There is no moral way for the state to kill," Monahan said. "Human life is sacred. The state has the means to ensure our safety without killing."

Plea

allowed to visit him at the jail.

Caudill said that he had no authority over the comings and goings at the jail and noted that the staff there was most likely keeping her out since she was supposed to offer testimony against him as part of her plea agreement. He

told her to simply explain the situation to the jail staff and they would most likely arrange for a visit.

Campbell then asked the judge if she could still marry Miller because of her being a convicted felon. Judge John Caudill noted that there had

been a similar situation in circuit court two years ago and said, "I am not ordering you to marry Mr. Miller." He went on to explain to Campbell that she was not a convicted felon yet and would not be till she was formally sentenced in August.

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Guest view

## Tort reform worth a look

As a physician, Kentucky Gov. Ernie Fletcher believes he knows what's ailing the state's medical system — malpractice insurance premiums and damage awards that are causing top doctors to flee the state. His prescription: A strong dose of medical liability reform to halt the departure of medical specialists.

While medical tort reform is no miracle cure, state lawmakers should give Fletcher's proposal serious consideration during their next session in January.

They also should look at what Ohio and many other states have done. In Ohio, a law that took effect in April 2003 restricts non-economic damages ("pain and suffering") to \$500,000. It's a hot issue nationwide — about 500 bills to reform medical tort laws have been submitted in 48 states so far this year, according to the National Council of State Legislatures.

Fletcher is proposing that lawmakers put an amendment on the November 2006 ballot that would allow them to cap awards for non-economic and punitive damages. He suggests caps of between \$250,000 and \$500,000.

No question, Kentucky has a problem. As Fletcher told the Northern Kentucky Medical Society early this week, specialists are either leaving the state or abandoning their specialties; 70 of Kentucky's 120 counties have no practicing obstetricians — a specialty that has been a magnet for malpractice suits nationwide. Past state policies on medical insurance helped bring this crisis.

But reformers work with a questionable set of assumptions: that jury awards in malpractice cases are out of control; that such awards drive up doctors' insurance premiums; and that limiting such awards will hold down insurance rates.

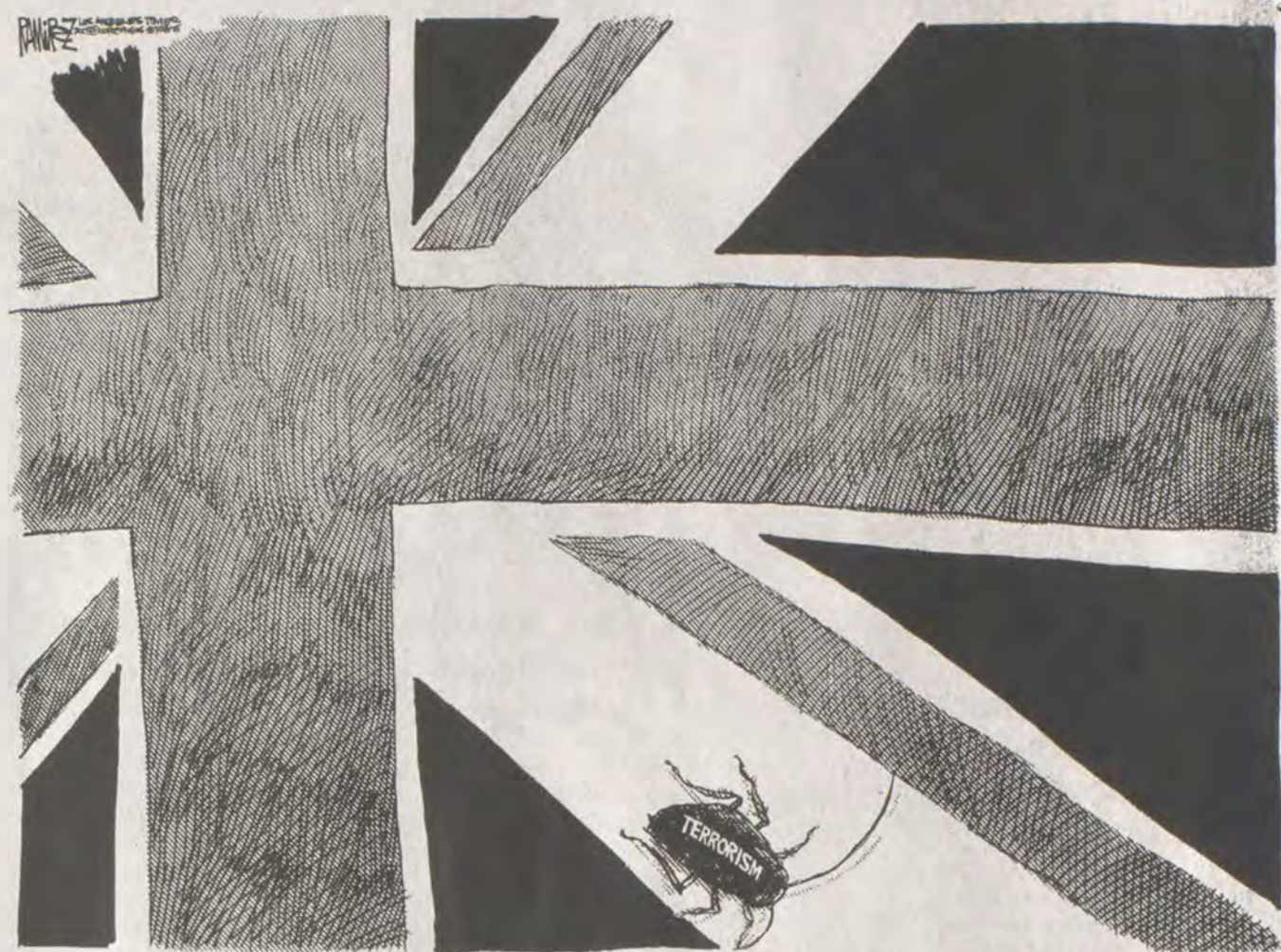
The data are decidedly mixed. Nationally, for example, malpractice payments by insurance firms (jury awards and settlements) grew 4 percent a year between 1991 and 2003, far below the rise in premiums, which hit 20 percent in 2002 alone. However, high-profile, multimillion-dollar awards, while still few in number, have become more frequent. Evidence of the caps' effect on slowing insurance rate rises is inconclusive.

One could argue that another issue Fletcher mentioned in his Northern Kentucky speech — getting Medicaid waivers from Washington to help reform that program's services — may be more important to improve the environment for health professionals in Kentucky.

Still, there is evidence that damage caps help — by influencing where physicians choose to practice. A recent study by federal researchers found that caps accounted for five additional doctors per 100,000 people within three years in states that enacted them. Another study concluded that the 27 states that cap damages had 2.2 percent more physicians per capita because of the caps. In states that adopted caps in the 1980s, the number of obstetricians has increased 40 percent since 1975; in states without caps, the increase has been only 8 percent.

Reform could help Kentucky by removing some of the risk of big-bucks awards that can devastate physicians' careers. Lawmakers ought to give it a shot.

— *The Kentucky Enquirer, Fort Mitchell*



## Rich Lowry Column Close Gitmo?

The retreat is on. Even Republican Sens. Chuck Hagel (Nebraska) and Mel Martinez (Florida) are scurrying along with the panicked pack calling on the U.S. to close its detention facility at Guantanamo Bay.

Democratic Sen. Joseph Biden (Delaware) has been a leader of what should be loosely called the "Release Suspected Terrorists Now!" caucus. Biden says everyone should be let go from Gitmo — except, in a crucial caveat, "Those we have reason to keep, keep." Ah, there's the rub.

We captured more than 10,000 people in Afghanistan. Roughly 750 ended up at Gitmo — exactly because we had reason to keep them. The number now is down to 500, as cases are constantly reviewed. Unfortunately, the release process isn't perfect. Two former detainees were killed in fighting in Afghanistan last year, and another was picked up in a raid on a terrorist training camp.

Where is Biden suggesting we "keep" all the Gitmo detainees we have now? If there wasn't Gitmo, they would have to be held somewhere very like Gitmo — unless Biden wants to move them to a penitentiary in his home state of Delaware and afford them rights of American criminal defendants.

Which would effectively mean releasing them. Without Miranda warnings and all the rest of it, Gitmo defendants would very likely escape criminal charges on procedural grounds. Indeed, under our legal system, they would have reason to sue the U.S. government for unlawful imprisonment. In the Gitmo panic, the U.S. is taking a step toward becoming the first country in world history to prove itself incapable of the elemental act of self-defense of simply detaining its enemies.

The close-Gitmo crowd says Gitmo has bad PR. "It's become an icon for bad stories," says Martinez. Of course it has — because people lie about it. Amnesty International calls it a "gulag." The foreign press makes up lurid tales about it.

Newsweek falsely reports that Gitmo guards flushed a Quran down the toilet. Martinez himself would be an icon for bad stories if international organizations and the press spread falsehoods about him.

The U.S. has nothing to be ashamed of. As Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., has pointed out, on a recent Sunday detainees were served orange-glazed chicken, steamed peas and mushrooms, and rice pilaf for dinner — better fare than many U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Detainees are issued Qurans and surgical masks in which to hang the holy books in their cells to keep them off the ground.

The call to prayer goes out five times a day, and detainees are instructed how to face toward Mecca. Guards are forbidden from walking in certain areas during prayer time, because the squeaking of their shoes might distract the detainees. They get excellent medical care. One released detainee had records showing he got psychological counseling for "life circumstances issues."

The administration should defend the facility there unabashedly. It should make Democrats explain how to fight a war on terror without detaining enemy fighters, and work to stem the panic, rather than surrendering to it.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

### The Rich Lowry column



## — beyond the beltway

### Maybe five commandments are enough

by DONALD KAUL

The Supreme Court took up the problem of the Ten Commandments in two cases last week and, as usual, it was like watching a kitten play with a ball of barbed wire. In one case, the Court ruled that it was wrong for a couple of Kentucky courthouses to display the Commandments because that constituted the promotion of religious beliefs.

In the other it said it was OK for Texas to have a monument engraved with the Commandments on the Statehouse lawn because it was merely one of nearly 40 patriotic and historical markers on the grounds and as such was more educational than religious.

Go figure. Actually, four Justices voted for the Commandment display both times and four voted against but the ninth Justice, Stephen Breyer, split his vote, giving us the inconsistent result.

I don't know what the deal is with Breyer but I think he should make up his mind. Displaying the Commandments on public property is either a violation of the establishment clause of the First Amendment or it isn't. Personally, I think it's a violation. You can't argue that the

Commandments don't constitute a religious document (as some proponents of displaying it do). The First Commandment is something like "I am the Lord God and thou shall have no other Gods before me," for crying out loud. That's not religious?

I thought Justice Antonin Scalia's reasoning on the matter was more interesting, if not persuasive. He argued that the concept of God is embedded in the very fabric of American public life, starting with the Declaration of Independence and running through the tradition of starting sessions of Congress with a prayer. God is not only on our side, He's on our money, in our Pledge of Allegiance and in most presidential speeches.

It is ridiculous then, in Scalia's eyes, to pretend we are a religiously neutral nation. We should stop making believe and allow public

expression of our religious heritage, so long as we stop short of proselytizing. That's a defensible position but it didn't convince me. I'm a tough sell. I would be happier if Congress did not start the day with a prayer; all it does is add another layer of hypocrisy to an institution already weighed down with it.

I would also like to see the word taken off money, out of the Pledge of Allegiance and I live for the day when we have a president who doesn't end his speeches with "God Bless America." I don't expect to live long enough to see it, but still, you have to have hope.

However, my hair is not on fire about the issue. It would not bend me out of shape to see the

Commandments posted in courthouses throughout the land. Certainly the Commandments comprise the most ecumenical religious document imaginable. Its divine origin and the wisdom of its content are accepted not only by Catholics, Protestants and Jews, but by Muslims (although Muslims think the infidels got the details wrong).

Admittedly, you're going to tick off some non-believers. So what? We're used to being ticked off.

But if you truly want to be inoffensive to everybody, I do have a suggestion. Edit the Commandments. Pare them down to, say, five, the non-religious ones. Thou shall not kill, commit adultery, steal, bear false witness or covet thy neighbor's goods (including his wife). This takes out the religious stuff and the one about honoring one's parents (who may be in the courthouse on a charge of child abuse, after all).

There's your solution. Solomon couldn't have done it better, if I do say so myself.

There is one final irony in the Texas case that should be noted. The idea for putting the Ten Commandments monuments in Texas (and in scores of places throughout the country) came from none other than Cecil B. DeMille, Hollywood's answer to Mammon. He did it to hustle his 1956 movie, "The Ten Commandments" starring Charlton Heston.

Perfect.

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

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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

James B. "Jimmy" Burchett, 66, of Sarasota, Florida, a native of Prestonsburg, formerly of Water Gap, died Sunday, July 3, at Doctor's Hospital, in Sarasota. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Hale Burchett. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Logan Cheyanne Paige Barnett, 7 week old daughter of Shawn Michael and Heather Marie New Barnett, of Minnie, died Saturday, July 2, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mary Elizabeth "Boo" George, 69, of Belleville, Michigan, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, July 3, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 7, under the direction of Stark Funeral Service.

Gary R. Halbert, of Sebring, Florida, a native of Martin, died June 17, 2005, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Sandra "Sandee" Halbert. Funeral services were conducted July 9, under the direction of Morris Funeral Chapel and Miller's Funeral Home.

Sharon K. Scott Meadows, 49, of Charleston, West Virginia, formerly of Floyd County, died Monday, July 4, at C.A.M.C. Memorial Division Hospital, in Charleston. She is survived by her husband, Eddie Meadows. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Shawn Alan Newsome, 30, of Teaberry, died Monday, July 4, at Muskie Lodge, in Menifee County. Funeral services were

conducted Thursday, July 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Wade "Sugar" Osborne, 58, of McDowell, died Saturday, July 2, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Wayne Wendell Ratliff, 68, of Allen, died Friday, July 1, at Cabell Huntington Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Sonja Fay Ousley Ratliff. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lucian Rice, 67, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, June 29, at King Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland.

Jack Joseph Scott, 68, of Hamilton, Ohio, formerly of Martin, died Tuesday, June 28, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Wilcox Scott. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 2, under the direction of Webb Noonan Funeral Home.

Cora Ratliff Slone, 83, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, July 3, at San Antonio, Texas. Her ashes were buried at the Neeley Family Cemetery, in Floyd County.

### JOHNSON COUNTY

Bobby Dean Daniels, 67, of Hager Hill, died Friday, June 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Nora Houston Daniels. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 26, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Francis Dawson Simpson, 87, of Springfield, Ohio, formerly of Johnson County, died Thursday, June 30, at the Masonic Home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday,

July 2, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Katherine Meadows, 89, of Wittenville, died Wednesday, June 29, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 3, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Mike Hunt, 52, of Debord, died Saturday, July 2, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Charlene Maynard Hunt. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 4, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Phyllis Jean Pigg Justice, 71, of Paintsville, died Thursday, June 30, at Community Hospice Care Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 2, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Joseph Tackett, 22, of Hinesville, Georgia, a native of Johnson County, died Thursday, June 23, in Baghdad, Iraq. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie Bryan Tackett. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 1, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

### KNOTT COUNTY

Linda Mae Blair Calhoun, 62, of Hindman, died Friday, July 1, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Russell Calhoun. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

### MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Anna Cole, 64, of Salyersville, died Sunday, July 3, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 6, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Larry "Claxton" Flynt, 85, of Salyersville, died Friday, July 1, at Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 6, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

### MARTIN COUNTY

Nolda Porter Fraley, 78, of Huron, Ohio, formerly of Debord, died Saturday, June 25, at Admirals Nursing and Rehabilitation Home, in Huron. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 30, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

### PIKE COUNTY

Ralph Douglas Anderson, 76, of Raccoon, died Sunday, July 3, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Hester Emalee McCoy Anderson. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 6, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Elijah Blankenship, 80, of Phelps, formerly of Paw Paw, died Sunday, July 3, at South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 6, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

Ernest "Ducky" Childers, 70, of Hellier, died Sunday, July 3, at Mountain View Health Care Center, in Elkhorn City. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 6, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

William Frank Church, 59, of Hardy, died Monday, July 4, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, in Williamson, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Betsy Jane Winfree Church. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 7, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Edward Coleman, 74, of Coal Run Village, Pikeville, died Friday, July 1, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Magdalene Spears Coleman. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 4, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Cecil E. Compton, 82, of Kimper, died Friday, July 1, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Learly Phillips Compton. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 4, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Nicky Daryl Elkins, 32, of Elkhorn City, died Sunday, July 3, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 6, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Jerry Dean Farley, 58, of South Williamson, died Thursday, June 30, at the Ohio State University Medical Center, in Columbus, Ohio. Private services were conducted Sunday, July 3, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

James Kerry Fuller, 77, of Wellington, formerly of Feds Creek, died Tuesday, July 5, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 7, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Leigh Ann Jackson Goble, 28, of Pikeville, died Saturday, July 2, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Gordon Lee Goble Jr. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 4, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Frank M. Morris, 74, of Pikeville, died Thursday, June 16, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 8, under the direction of J. W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Patricia Gale Hopkins Holbrooks, 46, of Lookout, died Saturday, July 2, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 6, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Lonnie McGinnis "Muley" Maynard, 64, of Majestic, died Sunday, July 3, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 7, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Billy Gene Phillips, 43, of Pikeville, died Friday, July 1, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 4, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Frank Johnson, 74, of Dorton Creek Road, died Sunday, July 3, at his residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 7, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Mary Robinson, 67, of Greasy Creek, died Wednesday, June 29, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 2, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Chris Anthony Taylor, 42, of Wolfpit Branch Road, died Thursday, June 16, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Teresa Taylor. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 19, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Robert L. "Bob" Wright, 72, of Justiceville, died Monday, July 4, at the Veterans Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 8, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

## Odds

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Ought to be a Law" contest.

Stevenson submitted a bill to the House Transportation Committee in June that would require drivers to keep their dogs' heads inside the vehicle at all times. Stevenson also wants animals restrained, either with some kind of modified seat belt or in a crate or carrier box.

"I never did like dogs sticking their heads out the window," said McCann, one of more than 500 students from his legislative district who proposed laws. "Maybe a sign might have been too close to the road and they'd get hit. Maybe they'd jump out the window on a highway."

Stevenson said the bill will protect "not only human lives, but pet lives. I think it's going to be a great idea because it's going to cut down on driver distractions."

STOUGHTON, Wis. — Ruth Stewart celebrated her 100th birthday by doing something she always wanted to try: Taking a ride on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

"If I were 20 years younger, I would buy one," said the retired music teacher. "I think they're just beautiful, but I never could afford it."

Richard Ireland, 62, of Deerfield, gave Stewart a three-mile ride through downtown Stoughton after being contacted by Stewart's nieces and nephews. They wanted their aunt to realize her years-long dream of riding a Harley.

Ireland drove her from her condominium to the Vennevol Clubhouse, where nearly 100 family members, friends, and Mayor Helen Johnson waited to celebrate with her.

Her top speed Monday on the back of the Harley was 33 mph and she wanted to go faster.

"It could have been a lot faster," she said. "Next time, when he comes back, I'll go 50. That will be fun."

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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.

Nothing to gripe about. Nothing to crow about. Which means mighty little to write about.

LAKESIDE BEAUTY

We may have said this before—if so, we repeat: One of the prettiest drives in all eastern Kentucky is along the mountainside road overlooking Dewey Lake from Hager Gap to the dam. Add to this a lakeside drive all the way to Stratton Branch, and a good, strong guardrail all the way, and all who love the beauty of water, sky and woods could go necking. We hastily add, rubbernecking..



Norman Allen

Seriously, this could be one of the greatest attractions in eastern Kentucky, or any other part of Kentucky.

NOW AND THEN

Watched a boy this morning walking stifflegged, his six-shooters at his hips, the holsters strapped to his legs in the best Western fashion. Maybe it's because it's that time of year when country roads are deep in dust—anyhow, the boy reminded me of the days when boys walked, also armed, but with wooden, hand-made weapons; walked stifflegged, to make their feet splat into the dust and cause it to squirt up between their toes..It was a delightful sensation, except on those occasions when a cocklebur lay where the old foot came down.

DIAGNOSIS

Laziness, it says here, is the esthetic love of physical calm. Which recalls the anecdote I came across, the other night.

"Give it to me straight, in plain English, doc," the "patient" said. "I can take it—tell me, what's wrong with me."

Doc complied. He looked the man over and said. "The only thing that's wrong with you, sir, is plain laziness."

"O.K. doc," the "sufferer" said. "Now give me a scientific name for it, so I can go home and tell the wife."

B'RRER BEAR

The Dewey Lake area has a newcomer—a bear, no less. For some time now we've been hearing of some strange animal that has been walloping the daylight

(See ALLEN, page seven)



Mrs. Mabel Jean LeMaster looks on as Floyd County Deputy Judge-Executive Brett Davis reads a proclamation naming Sunday, June 26, 2005 as "Mabel Jean LeMaster Day" in recognition of her lifetime of service to her community and fellow man.

Years of willing service honored by Rebekah Lodge

Mrs. Mabel Jean LeMaster gives 65 years to organization

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

Longtime Prestonsburg resident, Mabel Jean LeMaster, was recently honored by members of Rebekah Lodge No. 31 for her 65 years of service to the organization. Local residents, family members, city and county officials, along with a multitude of friends and neighbors were in attendance for the special event.

Mrs. LeMaster, known by many as "Miss Mabel Jean," a title honoring the 20 years she spent teaching kindergarten students, said to those in attendance that she considered it a great privilege to be honored thusly. "I am truly grateful and honored to each of you," she said.

During the ceremonial events, which took place on Sunday, June 26, Mrs. LeMaster received proclamations from both Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin and Floyd County Deputy Judge-Executive Brett Davis. Both proclamations honored Mrs. LeMaster by proclaiming the day as "Mabel Jean LeMaster Day" in the local area.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher also joined in the ceremonial activities by sending

along a personal note of congratulations to Mrs. LeMaster for her lifetime of service to others. He also sent official letters of honor bestowing upon her the prestigious title of "Kentucky Colonel."

Mrs. LeMaster was initiated into the Rebekah Lodge No. 31 as a young woman of 19 years. During the following 65 years, she provided the organization with loyal service, accepting the positions of Vice Grand, Noble Grand, Past Noble Grand, District President, Assembly Inside Guardian, Assembly Page, Assembly Marshall, Assembly Warden, Assembly Vice President, Assembly President, and Secretary, a position she has held from 1955 to the present day. Additionally, Mrs. LeMaster was honored as "Rebekah of the Year" in 1977.

The Rebekah Lodge is a service orientated organization that came into existence as an honorary degree conferred upon the wives and daughters of members of The Independent Order of Odd Fellows, founded on September 20, 1851, in

Baltimore, Maryland. The adoption of the Rebekah Degree was granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States (Sovereign Grand Lodge).

Though the organization was first established on an honorary basis, it soon became apparent that the work of its members was deserving of a separate recognition. In 1868, the Grand Lodge of the United States passed a resolution authorizing the institution of the Rebekah Degree Lodges by Grand Lodge bodies. Since this time, "the Rebekahs," as they are commonly informally referred to, have worked diligently to make the world a better

(See LEMASTER, page seven)



Some mementos of Mrs. LeMaster's years of service to the Rebekah Lodge.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Programmed to Kill'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Here's one that you'll find in the old release section and probably renting for a dollar. Make no mistake, this is a dumb movie but it does provide a few chuckles and some action set pieces which are imaginative if not always convincing.

The story begins with the CIA hiring a mercenary to take down a terrorist cell. Apparently Rambo is unavailable so they settle for Eric. Turns out Eric is a pretty bland tough guy who heads a small group of equally dull guys who are all proficient with automatic weapons.



Tom Doty
Staff Writer

They proceed to the Middle East and attack the terrorists at their hide-out. The plan goes well and all of the bad guys perish in the ensuing slaughter except for the bad guy's moll Sumeria (played by bodybuilder/dancer/actress Sandhal Bergman, who played the female lead in "Conan"). Though Sumeria is left alive, her wounds in the battle leave her brain dead. Said condition turns out to be an open invitation to the CIA to hand her over to their egghead department, which promptly converts Sumeria into a killer cyborg.

The new Sumeria, or "Action Barbie" as one character puts it, is sent straight from the assembly line to her first mission in Lebanon. The mission turns out to be of the search-and-destroy variety and pits her against other branches of her terrorist group. Sumeria performs her duties with gusto but a chink in the plan is exposed when she wipes out all of her old cronies.

The scientists, it turns out, neglected to program her beyond the mission. Sumeria decides to come back to the States and sets out to destroy all of the scientists that tinkered with her. Pretty soon she is back in L.A. and kicking scientist butt like they defaulted on her warranty.

Meanwhile, Eric the mercenary gets wind of what's going on and takes on it himself to take Sumeria down. Eric is not the most likable of tough-guy characters, and scenes of him back home show that he is insensitive to his wife, yells at his son and has a profound dislike for underpaid security guards (he takes time out during a car chase sequence to kill three guards, even though they have lost his trail and pose no threat to him).

It all culminates in a wild smack-down in which Eric employs a bulldozer to take down Sumeria while she wields a mean bazooka.

Total nonsense here but a lot of fun and it'll only cost you a dollar or two to rent this one for five days.

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Of thee we sing

by JENNIFER OLIVER

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL OF AMERICA"

"Hey, Jennifer!" someone hissed. "Get up!" Looking up from my doll, I saw that other kids on the playground had dropped what they were doing and froze. Quickly, I rose to full height, clapped my right hand over my heart, and froze like the others, straining to hear the high-pitched trumpet signal the end of the day. Somewhere on our base the United States flag was being lowered, folded with solemn precision, then carried away in a clipped march.

When the last note trailed off, I tried rubbing the goose bumps off my forearms. What little I could hear of the melancholy horn had an effect

on me.

Such was a small part of the life of an army brat.

At Saturday matinees, I savored the luxury of a candy bar and soda while waiting for the curtains to swish open. As soon as the screen was revealed, all of us army brats rustled to our feet, palms flat against hearts, and in respectful silence watched a series of patriotic scenes flash across the screen, timed to the rhythm of our national anthem. The last scene of our nation's flag rippling in slow motion burned in my mind as the anthem closed with a rousing flourish.

When I was 16, I sat in an off-base public movie theater for the first time. When the lights dimmed, I watched the curtains with anticipation

as they parted, then stood up, hand over heart.

"What are you doing, Jenn?" my date asked, yanking on my shirt sleeve.

Scanning the darkness, I saw that I was standing alone — and blocking someone's view. Public theaters, I discovered, did not cater to the national anthem.

"Uh ... I need to go to the bathroom," I mumbled, before escaping to the lobby to nurse my chagrin.

Years later, I married a patriotic man, an Eagle Scout whose tender handling of our flag on Independence Day always brought tears to my eyes. He's never served in any branch of the military, much less been raised in a military family. But scouting ingrained a love of our country in him, and every morning in his school's homeroom he pledged allegiance to the flag.

Living outside the city limits granted us license

to shoot off fireworks every Fourth of July. Two years ago, we injected a new family tradition to enhance the celebration. After the last rocket flared, my husband and I broke out singing: "O, say can you see by the dawn's early light ..."

We sang to our kids, who sat open-mouthed in lawn chairs. We sang to the star-studded sky, to wildlife, to neighbors within hearing distance. We sang "The Star-Spangled Banner," high notes and all. We figured by the time our four kids were old enough to appreciate the words, we would have six times the joy of singing those wonderful words at the tail end of our street.

This summer, our oldest will know how to count all 50 stars on our flag. Before he even dons a scouting uniform, he will be well-versed in the

(See SOUP, page seven)





## Jim Davidson

# The beginning of a great day

Do you ever have flashbacks? This is to say that your current thoughts provide the catalyst for your memory to flash back to some event or experience that happened months or even years before. We see this all the time in the news, or maybe even in person, where soldiers return from the horrors of war and the recurring mental images are so vivid and real that they cause deep emotional and psychological pain.

When I began to think about today's column, I had a flashback that happened over 30 years ago. While this flashback was certainly not as dramatic as those from the battlefield, it was nevertheless real to me.

Sometime after 1970, my

former business partner, the late Bob Gannaway, and I took his grandson Randy on a trout fishing trip up to the White River in north Arkansas. We stayed in a motel in Mountain



View and early the next morning, as we were getting set to leave for the boat dock, Randy said to his grandfather, "Grandpa, it's your attitude early in the morning that makes a difference about your day." Randy was so right, and some thoughts along this line are what I want to share with you, but thinking about this caused my mind to flash back to the time when we were in the boat catching trout.

The limit was six, which meant we could have a total of 18 in the boat. We were catching so many fish and having such a great time that we lost count, but only for a little while. About this time the game warden pulled alongside our boat and wanted to count our fish. Would you believe we had 19, one over the limit? Since there were two licensed fishermen in the boat, this meant we both got a ticket. I told the game warden that I had caught the extra fish, hoping I would be the only one who got a ticket. When I made that comment, Randy said, "Did not." Anyway, it was a good lesson that cost each one of us \$28, and that was a long time ago. No telling what the amount of the fine is today.

Randy's comment, "It's your attitude early in the morning that makes a difference about your day," is certainly

something we would do well to think about. A while back a friend sent me a short piece by an unknown author that really hits the nail on the head in this regard. It begins, "I woke up early today, excited over all that I get to do before the clock strikes midnight. I have many responsibilities to fulfill today. My first and most important job is to choose what kind of day I am going to have." As I said, I hope you will give some real thought to your early morning attitude, because it's much more important than the old joke we have all heard. When someone asked this fellow, "Did you get up with a grouchy this morning?" He said, "No, I let her sleep." Sorry about that!

We really do have a choice, so please consider this from a first-person perspective, and that first person is you. "Today I can complain because the weather is rainy or — I can be thankful that the grass is getting watered for free. Today I can feel sad that I don't have

more money or — I can be glad that my finances encourage me to plan my purchases wisely and guide me away from waste. Today I can grumble about my health or — I can rejoice that I am alive. Today I can lament over all that my parents didn't give me when I was growing up or — I can feel grateful that they allowed me to be born. Today I can cry because roses have thorns — or I can celebrate that roses have thorns.

Today I can mourn my lack of friends or — I can excitedly embark upon a quest to discover new relationships. Today I can whine because I have to go to work or — I can shout for joy because I have a job to do. Today I can complain because I have difficult things to do or — eagerly open my mind and fill it with rich new tidbits of knowledge. Today I can murmur dejectedly because I have to do housework or — I can appreciate that I have a place to call home. Today stretches ahead of me, waiting to be

shaped. And here I am, the sculptor who gets to do the shaping. (That's a terrific thought!) What today will be like is up to me. I get to choose what kind of day I will have. Hope you have a GREAT DAY — unless (of course) you have other plans."

While it's not original, there is an old saying that would be appropriate to share with you here. It's your attitude and not your aptitude that will determine your altitude. In life, about 85 percent of our success is determined by our attitude and only 15 percent is determined by our skill and knowledge. If you are having serious problems just now, why not examine your attitude. It's true. It's your attitude early in the morning that makes a difference about your day.

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# A passing question

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

Help! My wife will either kill me or divorce me based on your answer to the following question. I prefer to think that I am a law-abiding citizen, so if the speed limit is 45, I do 45. Usually, this goes on for only a few minutes before I am severely tailgated (less than one car length). The company I work for suggests in its safe-driving course to slow down and allow them to pass. Also, they say to never speed up; it only encourages them to get closer. My wife says to ignore them and just go a little faster than the speed limit. So, my question: Should I pick out my own casket now, or just start collecting the tickets until my license is pulled? Please use a name like Sam or Joe instead of my real name. Thanks! — Neal

RAY: Wow, Sam or Joe, you're in a tight spot. You have to choose between your wife and the law. I know what I'd say: "Sorry, officer!"

TOM: Actually, you are absolutely entitled to drive at the speed limit, Neal. Those jerks who are tailgating you are the ones who are breaking the law. If there was an accident and they crashed into you, they'd be 100 percent responsible, no matter what the cause.

RAY: And assuming you're in the right-hand lane — where you're supposed to be when you're not passing — it's their job to pass you, and leave you alone. You are under absolutely no obligation to speed up or slow down for them. And they have no right to intimidate you.

TOM: So, if it makes you feel any better, you can go to divorce court feeling smug and superior, because you're 100 percent in the right, Neal.

RAY: However, if you're tooling along in the left lane, you're in the wrong. That lane is only for passing, and if someone pulls up behind you in the left lane, you need to get out of the way immediately — because you shouldn't even be there in the first place unless you're in the process of passing someone.

TOM: So that solves your legal difficulties, Neal. And I can help you with your marital difficulties, too. When your wife divorces you over this, give me a call. I've got a wonderful cardboard refrigerator box you can live in. It was the settlement from my first divorce.

## This guy is full of hot air

Dear Tom and Ray:

My neighbor warms up his diesel F250 pickup truck every morning for 20 minutes. He says he is "protecting" his investment, as he just got a new \$5,000 engine. I say he is killing his neighbors. I can't find anything on the Net about warming up a diesel engine in San Francisco. I've only seen suggestions that you warm up a car in really cold climates. What's up with this? — Sue

TOM: Has he made an offer on your house yet? I think he's trying to smoke you out, Sue.

RAY: There's absolutely no good mechanical reason for him to warm up his truck like that. It shouldn't need to be warmed up at all in that climate. Ever. It's certainly not doing the

engine any good.

TOM: All he's doing is wasting fuel and getting himself uninvited to the hot-tub party you're having Saturday night with 24 of your sorority sisters. Mention that the next time you see him, and see if the light goes on.

## The Scion is a great car for first-time owners

Dear Tom and Ray:

I am 25 years old and buying a car for the first time in my life, and I live in a city. I am trying to decide if it would be better to buy a new Scion xA or a Certified Pre-Owned Volkswagen Beetle. I have no experience in fixing cars or knowing how to identify a good used car, so buying a random used car from somebody intimidates me, and could be costly. I have heard good things about VW's Certified Pre-Owned program, though. The purchase price of the Scion xA is within my budget, but as with any new model, I'm concerned about what long-term problems it might have. I like the design and handling of both cars equally. Which would be the better buy? — Melissa

RAY: I'd lean toward the Scion for you, Melissa.

TOM: The key, to me, is that you have no experience owning a car, and therefore you want something as simple and trouble-free as possible.

RAY: You can't get much more trouble-free than Toyota, which makes the Scion. We drove the xA and loved it. It's a perfect little car for a city. It's economical, fun to drive and even pretty versatile. It's got four doors, plus you can open the hatchback and fold down the rear seats, and move your stinky futon sofa every September for the next few years until you settle down.

TOM: The main advantage of the Volkswagen is that it's undoubtedly a safer car in an accident, being 500 pounds heavier and generally more substantial. However, VW has had a poor reliability record over the past half-dozen years. And buying a used one means you're almost certainly going to have to deal with fixing stuff.

RAY: Whereas the Scion is not only more reliable, but it's brand-new and comes with a new-car warranty. So you're all set for the next three years — actually, five years, on the major engine components.

TOM: Our one requirement is that you get the optional side air bags and side-curtain air bags, Melissa. Unfortunately, they don't come standard on the Scion, and your parents wrote to us and made us promise to insist. But with that addition, the xA should be everything you need.

*Bumps and potholes do more than merely annoy drivers. Find out what, and how you can ease the pain, by ordering Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Ten Ways You May Be Ruining Your Car Without Even Knowing It!" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Ruin, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.*

Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or e-mail them by visiting the Car Talk Web site at [www.cartalk.com](http://www.cartalk.com).



## Ky. School of Craft NorthStar is up and running

The North Star is the only star in the night sky that doesn't move. It is constant and unwavering. Travelers have used it for centuries as a point of reference—mapping their successful journeys. A new program at the Kentucky School of Craft is aimed at providing talented high school students with just such a point of reference—the true nature of professional design and studio work.

This new design program at the Kentucky School of Craft is currently underway with full classes in both wood/furniture design and jewelry/metals.

Students will mount an exhibition of their work complete with an opening reception scheduled for Saturday, July 9 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Kentucky School of Craft. This is the last day of the program and parents, as well as the public, are encouraged to attend.

The School of Craft is hosting four Visiting Artists as well as Nancy Atcher, Director of Product Development for the Kentucky Craft Marketing Program. Participants will enjoy two other highlights from the region — they will attend a performance of the Kentucky Opry at the Mountain Arts Center and will participate in a Challenger mission.

Here's a breakdown of the participants: the Wood/Furniture Design has four men and four women; the jewelry/metals has nine women; four men. The out-of-state participants include: three young ladies from Springfield, Missouri; a young lady from Cobden, Illinois; a young lady from Columbia, South Carolina; a young man from Springfield, Virginia (just outside D.C.). The Kentucky participants include: four from Lexington; three from Hazard; three from Newport; one from Irvine; one from Burgin; one from Grayson; one from Covington; one from Jackson.

## LeMaster

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place through service to others, the bonds of friendship, love for their fellow man and by holding their members to high standards of citizenship, honesty, and personal responsibility.

"We pride ourselves on our high standards and seek out the most exemplary members of our community for membership," said Beverly Hackworth, herself a longtime member of Rebekah Lodge No. 31. "Mabel is one of our very finest," she went on to say.

Mrs. LeMaster is the widow of Thomas R. LeMaster, with which she raised a family of three daughters who, in turn, blessed them with four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She has been a member of the First United Methodist Church,

Prestonsburg, for over 40 years. She is also an active member of the Eastern Star fellowship organization.

One of her proudest achievements was that of being granted the honor of choosing the yearly theme for the Rebekah Lodge during her stint as president. The theme she chose, as president, was "Happiness through Service to Others," symbolized by the emblems the Holy Bible and the "Bluebird of Happiness."

The Times is honored to feature Mrs. Mabel Jean LeMaster as one who serves others with a happy heart and willing hands.

Editor's Note: Special thanks to Kimberly Little Frasure for the photos and information used in this article.



## Lagoon

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The cast tries hard, except for Robert Ginty as Eric. This guy appears to have passed with honors from the Peter Fonda school of non-acting. Ginty would have probably fared better as the robot.

Bergman is appropriately icy as the cyborg and handles the action bits with finesse. Her powers are never fully explained so it comes as a surprise when she uses a pay phone to kill one guy long distance by emitting a sonic scream (telemarketers, take note). The best bit comes when Sumeria nonchalantly glues her arm back on after it inconveniently falls off during a fight. It may not rival "The Terminator," but it does offer a better looking villain.

Best line: "What if Yogi Bear kills the president? You can't worry about stuff like that." 1987, rated R.

## Allen

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out of dogs, in the vicinity of Calf Creek, and now from Camp Shawnee, near German, comes an authentic report that a bear, that will scale between 250 and 300 pounds, has been a visitor there.

Bruin may be a nuisance, and he isn't exactly the sort of visitor one would welcome into camp, but we think he should be protected. One of the prime attractions to tourists in the Great Smoky Mountains area, is the bears that are often seen along the highway.

Temperamental? Remember, it's more temper than mental.

## Soup

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etiquette of handling our nation's flag — like making sure it never touches the ground and that the sun never sets on it.

Not long ago, I was on post late when I happened to glance at some soldiers standing stock-still, their gaze locked onto the horizon. Out of habit born of pride, I stood with my hand over my heart as faint notes spirited me back to my roots.

There they were again. Goose bumps.

I shivered, knowing it was more than just the song that filled my heart.

It was my country. Sweet land of liberty. Of thee we sing.



# Faith Extra

## Minister's Moment

### America needs Kentucky's faith

by PASTOR STEVE PESCOSOLIDO

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

I don't know about you, but I am proud of Kentucky for standing up for the Ten Commandments. Even though the Supreme Court ruled that these displays "promote religion" and must be taken down, I am glad that our people pushed this case all the way to the national top. I wasn't raised in Kentucky but have lived here for many years. In this state I have found many people with a genuine heart relationship with Christ. By heart relationship I mean when people truly know the Savior through daily communication with Him and obedience to Him. They also know by experience His forgiveness and His love. There is something markedly different about a person who is warm with God's love. This kind of person truly 'promotes religion'. And not any religion, but the way of coming to God, the Father, through Jesus Christ, His Son.

Do other states have folks like this? I'm sure they do. But only Texas and Kentucky were found in the end to take the battle for God's Word to the Supreme Court. What the Court has now ruled is that America is not a Christian nation. If we cannot display the commandments of our God in the places of public legal judgment, then

we are not a Christian nation. We thus become a nation ruled by human law, human decision and human commandments. This, of course, is rebellion against God and His law.

There is nothing new under the sun. Eve was deceived by the serpent into thinking that if she ate the forbidden fruit, she would be like god. (Genesis 3:5) How we humans like to be god. The problem is that we have no idea how to be god nor do we have the power to be god. Jim Carey illustrated this well in the movie, Bruce Almighty. The only thing that comes when people try to take God's place is trouble and punishment.

So now that the Supreme Court has put religion, specifically Christianity, out of the courtroom, what do we do? We look up. We ask God for instructions. The truth is that He sees all this from above. For Proverbs 5:21 says, "For a man's ways are in full view of the LORD" (NIV). God is fully aware of what the Supreme Court has done, why they did it and what influences were at work in their action. We can't change this decision that shows great disrespect to God, but we can continue to be a state that looks to God, listens to God and obeys God. Sure we have our problems, but we have many, many people who truly know God. We have what America needs — folks with true, heart Christianity!

## Obituaries

### Daniel Arnold Lowe

Daniel Arnold Lowe, passed away suddenly on Friday, June 24, 2005 in Athens, Ohio. He collapsed at the Ohio University Convocation Center while playing basketball with friends from the University's athletic program, where he was employed by the

Athletic Department as the promotion coordinator for OU Sports. He was 24. Dan was born on August 25, 1980 in Louisville, Kentucky and moved to Canal Fulton, Ohio as



an infant. In 1999, Dan graduated from Northwest High School, where he participated in many activities including academic challenge and basketball. He was chosen as "Mr. Northwest" by the high school administration.

Dan enrolled in Ohio University's Scripps School of Journalism in the fall of 1999. Always an avid sports fan and an endless repository of sports-related statistics and information, he focused on sports journalism. Known as D-Lo by his friends, his enthusiasm for sports and for Ohio University was never ending. He was the first member and leader of the O-Zone student section for athletic fan support. His enthusiasm for Ohio University made him known as "Ohio's No. 1 Fan" and was always conspicuous with his 6' 9" height.

Dan was very active in Ohio University's chapter of Campus Crusade for Christ. He worked at the Crusade headquarters in Orlando, Florida during one of his summers. During his senior year of college, he led the group's Thursday night meetings, called "180" for 180 degrees, which typically drew hundreds of students to a large University lecture hall for singing, a lecture, and fellow-

ship. Dan and Crusade friends formed a Christian hip-hop group known as "EP" for "Eternal Perspective". The group wrote and performed their own spiritual music around campus and at other events, and recorded a CD of four of their original numbers.

After graduating, Dan became Promotions Coordinator for the Ohio University Athletic Department. Dan was proud of all Ohio University Athletics and in particular, the University's 2004-05 MAC

Championship basketball team and its participation in the NCAA Tournament. From his earliest days, Dan was full of energy and possessed an independent and occasionally mischievous spirit. He enjoyed life and cared deeply for his many friends. Dan threw himself into what he loved, with enthusiasm and generosity towards others. He will be missed.

Dan is survived by his parents, A. Burgess and Margaret Knight Lowe of Canal Fulton, Ohio; his sister, Jessica Kelly Lowe of Charleston, West Virginia; his grandmother, Alma Reffett Lowe of Eastern, Kentucky; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by an infant brother, Benjamin Thomas Lowe; grandfathers Thomas Knight, Estil Bryan, and Arnold Lowe; and grandmother Dolores Van Hoose Knight Bryan.

Services were held in Canal Fulton, Ohio with interment at Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, Kentucky. Donations may be made to: Campus Crusade for Christ, 100 Lake Hart Drive., Dept. 2400, Orlando, Florida 32832, Please Place "Ohio U-Dan Lowe" on any donation.

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## BASEBALL IN ITS PUREST FORM



photos by Steve LeMaster

Little League baseball was the talk of many this past week. The District 7 Tournament continued in Paintsville this weekend. Above: Jarredd Jarrell, a member of the Harold-Allen-Prater 9-10-year-old team was greeted by coaches and teammates during players introductions prior to the start of Monday's game. Below: Cody Chaffin (right) and Trey Stapleton (left), both members of the Prestonsburg 9-10-year-old squad, took turns at bat during a game.



## 40 more drivers ready to test for AllState 400 at the Brickyard

## SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

INDIANAPOLIS — Testing for the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard began this week at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, but the real rush hours will take place July 11-12 and July 18-19.

A total of 40 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series drivers are scheduled to test on those four days, with 23 on track Monday, July 11 and Tuesday, July 12 and 17 turning laps Monday, July 18 and Tuesday, July 19.

Testing will take place from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (local time) each day, with a lunch break from noon-1 p.m. Fans can watch testing free of charge

in the South Terrace grandstands, located inside the track between Turns 1 and 2.

All drivers are testing in preparation for the 12th Allstate 400 at the Brickyard on Sunday, Aug. 7 at the Speedway.

The large number of drivers testing at IMS contrasts with the opening week of testing. Four drivers — reigning series champion Kurt Busch, rookie sensation Carl Edwards, 1997 Allstate 400 at the Brickyard winner Ricky Rudd and 2001 pole winner Jimmy Spencer — tested July 5, with just Busch and Rudd returning July 6.

Busch was the fastest driver during that two-day test, posting a top

lap of 180.208 mph in the No. 97 Crown Royal Ford.

Speeds should be higher over the next two weeks, unless there's a drastic change in weather, due to the improved track conditions created by increased traffic.

Two past Allstate 400 at the Brickyard champions, 2000 winner Bobby Labonte and 2003 winner Kevin Harvick, will test July 11-12. Two more past race champions, 1996 and 1999 winner Dale Jarrett and 2002 winner Bill Elliott, will test July 18-19.

Four-time race winner Jeff Gordon will turn laps July 19 as he begins his quest to become the first

five-time winner of a major event at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Indiana native and 2002 series champion Tony Stewart will join Gordon testing only July 19.

Series standout Dale Earnhardt Jr., originally scheduled to test July 11-12, instead will turn laps July 18-19 along with Dale Earnhardt, Inc. teammate and reigning NASCAR Busch Series champion Martin Truex Jr.

Among the other drivers testing July 18-19 are former USAC standout and 2004 NEXTEL Cup Series Rookie of the Year Kasey Kahne, two-time series champion Terry Labonte, former USAC standout Mike Bliss and Indiana native Tony Raines.



photo by H. Allen Bolling

University of Kentucky sharpshooter Patrick Sparks could be taking his game global in the weeks to come.

## Sparks to compete for spot on World University Games team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky rising senior Patrick Sparks will be among 13 players competing for a spot on the USA Basketball World University Games Team during the organizations tryouts July 28-August 4 in Colorado Springs, Colo. The Trials and training camp will be utilized to select the USA squad that will compete in the World University Games that are being held Aug. 11-22 in Izmir, Turkey. Athlete selections were made by the USA Basketball Men's Collegiate Committee, chaired by Syracuse University (N.Y.) head coach Jim Boeheim.

Joining Sparks at the trials are 2004-05 All-Americans Shelden Williams (Duke / Forrest Park, Okla.) and Craig Smith (Boston College / Los Angeles, Calif.). Others competing include Greg Brunner (Iowa / Charles City, Iowa); Randy Foye (Villanova / Newark, N.J.); Mike Gansey (West Virginia / Olmsted Falls, Ohio); Vincent Grier (Minnesota / Charlotte, N.C.); Matt Haryasz (Stanford / Page, Ariz.); Chris Hernandez (Stanford / Fresno, Calif.); Eric Hicks (Cincinnati / Greensboro, N.C.); Jeff Horner (Iowa / Mason City, Iowa); Gerry McNamara (Syracuse / Scranton, Pa.) and Brendan Winters (Davidson / Denver, Colo.).

In addition to the 13 above-listed athletes, players competing in the 2005 USA Basketball U21 World Championship Team Trials (July 21-23) who are not selected for the team are eligible to participate in the 2005 USA World University Games Team Trials. Kentucky rising sophomore Rajon Rondo is among those competing for a spot on the U21 team. A traveling roster of 12 players will be finalized on July 31 before the team enjoys four days of training in Colorado. The group departs for Turkey on Aug. 5.

Sparks started all 34 games for Kentucky as a junior in 2004-05 after sitting out the

(See SPARKS, page two)

## U of L men will face Cincinnati, Connecticut and Villanova twice each

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville's first men's basketball season in the BIG EAST Conference will include a challenging slate of 16 games, including two games each against Cincinnati, Connecticut and Villanova.

Louisville's home conference opponents will include Cincinnati, DePaul, Marquette, Notre Dame, Pittsburgh, USF, Connecticut and Villanova. The Cardinals' eight league road games will be at Cincinnati, Providence, Rutgers, St. John's, Syracuse, Connecticut, Villanova and West Virginia. U of L will not face league members Georgetown or Seton Hall in its initial season in the BIG EAST Conference.

"We've got to have an unbelievable summer and fall as a team to prepare for such a difficult conference schedule," said U of L Coach Rick Pitino. "It's certainly the most challenging conference schedule I've ever faced as a coach."

Two of the Cards' three league opponents it faces twice this season — Connecticut (No. 5) and Villanova (No. 10) — are pre-season top ten picks by CBS Sportsline, with West Virginia (15th) and Syracuse (21st) also among the the web site's top 25. Twelve of the Cards' 16 league games will be against teams that reached either the NCAA Tournament or NIT last season.

U of L's non-conference schedule is incomplete. A completed schedule, including dates and times for the BIG EAST games, is expected in early September.



## Sparks

2003-04 season as a transfer from Western Kentucky. He is the only Southeastern Conference player attending the tryouts.

Sparks averaged 11.0 ppg and 3.6 apg last season and was a second-team All-SEC selection.

Villanova coach Jay Wright

has been named the head coach for the World University Games team and will be assisted by VCU's Jeff Capel and Manhattan's Bobby Gonzalez.

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## Wal-Mart, FLW Outdoors announce major expansion, new Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Series

### SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MINNEAPOLIS — Wal-Mart FLW Outdoors, the world's leading tournament organization, announced Thursday the launch of a new \$1.1 million kingfish series to complement the wildly successful \$1.7 million Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Tour, which filled its 100 boat fields within 48 hours of its introduction earlier this year. The new Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Series is the third salt-water tournament circuit introduced by FLW Outdoors in less than 12 months. It is yet another sign of the incredible demand for the organization's high-profile, lucrative events.

Debuting in 2006 as a qualifying circuit for the Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Tour, the new Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Series will feature five divisions: North Carolina, South Carolina/Georgia, Florida — East Coast, Florida — West Coast and Mississippi/Louisiana/Texas. Each division will feature three \$100,000 qualifying events.

The tournaments will be one-day, Saturday events, and each team will be allowed to weigh one kingfish. The team with the heaviest kingfish will win as much as \$30,000 in each event, with cash awards going to the top 20 teams.

Charlie Evans, president and CEO of FLW Outdoors, stated, "The new Wal-Mart FLW

Kingfish Series will help satisfy the overwhelming demand for professionally operated weekend kingfish tournaments.

"The new Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Series will allow kingfish anglers everywhere to compete in lucrative, one-day events," Evans said. "Our goal is to do for competitive king-fishing what we have done for professional bass and walleye fishing. We want to meet existing demand and help grow the sport through high-profile, family-oriented competition."

Each tournament will feature a field of 100 boats with priority entry for Seaswirl, Hydra-Sports and Wellcraft boat owners. In the 15 qualifying events, the winner is guaranteed \$12,000 in cash, based on a full field. Additionally, a contingency bonus of \$9,000 in cash will be offered from Seaswirl, Hydra-Sports and Wellcraft as the series' official boat sponsors. Additionally, Yamaha will offer a \$9,000 cash bonus if the winner owns and uses Yamaha engines in the tournament for a total top award of \$30,000. Guaranteed cash and contingency bonuses will be offered through 20th place in each qualifying event. Entry fees for each event are \$500 per team.

The top 20 teams in each division at the end of the season will qualify for the three-day, no-entry-fee \$300,000 Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Series

Championship, where the full field of 100 boats will compete on days one and two and the top five teams will advance to day three. The top five teams in each division at the end of the season will also qualify to fish in the Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Tour in 2007.

Named after the legendary founder of Ranger Boats, Forrest L. Wood, Wal-Mart FLW Outdoors administers the Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Tour and seven additional national tournament circuits offering combined purses in excess of \$30 million through 214 events in 2005. The 27-year-old organization is the purveyor of America's largest and most prestigious fishing tournaments, including the Wal-Mart FLW Tour, EverStart Series, Wal-Mart Bass Fishing League, Wal-Mart Texas Tournament Trail, Wal-Mart FLW Walleye Tour, Wal-Mart FLW Walleye League, Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Tour and Wal-Mart FLW Redfish Series.

Wal-Mart serves as the title sponsor of FLW Outdoors as it has since 1997. For more information about Wal-Mart FLW Outdoors and its tournament programs, browse [FLWOutdoors.com](http://FLWOutdoors.com) or call 270/252-1000.

Additional information on the Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Series payouts and tournament locations will be announced in the near future.

## Elkhorn Creek tops for stream smallmouth, paddling

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FRANKFORT — Rocky and riffled Elkhorn Creek in Franklin County holds a rare pair of superlatives.

The clear flowing water is widely accepted as being Kentucky's premier small-mouth bass fishing stream, and it's thought to be the most recreationally paddled stream by canoeists and kayakers in the commonwealth.

The two popular pursuits fit hand in glove on the Elkhorn. The exceptional smallmouth bass fishing is an extra attraction for many of the canoeists, and canoeing, in turn, provides fishermen with the best access to the winding stream.

"The Elkhorn has got a lot of quality fish," said Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources fisheries biologist Jeff Ross. "A good smallmouth there is a 17- or 18-inch, but we've shocked up fish to 20 inches, between four and five pounds, and that's a really good stream bass."

Smallmouth flourish in the Elkhorn under a "slot limit" that allows fishermen to keep bass shorter than 12 inches and larger than 16 inches, although no more than two bass larger than 16 inches can be included in the angler's daily creel limit of six bass.

The protected slot range includes many productive spawning fish that keep the population of smallmouth

abundant while offering catch-and-release fishing as they remain in the 12- to 16-inch range, and assure more adult fish survive to reach that 16-inch-plus class.

It almost works too well.

"There are lots of little smallmouth, and we'd actually like to see more fishermen keep more fish under 12 inches," Ross said. "They can keep more of the short bass and it holds the numbers down and helps the growth rate for the larger fish."

Access to the stream is possible for walk-in anglers in a few places, but best link to the fishing is by canoe, Ross said. And the easiest paddling exposure on the stream is through Canoe Kentucky, the only commercial outfitter for canoe and kayak rentals and hauls on the Elkhorn.

The stream from the Forks of the Elkhorn — where North and South Forks converge — to the confluence with the Kentucky River is paddling water throughout the summer. Temper that with recent droughty conditions that have had the level unusually low, mandating some forced instances of stepping out of the canoe to ease the craft over too-shallow rocky shoals.

The lower Elkhorn, offered in floats of six or 12 miles, is usually fairly swift with swirling shoals that generate Class I+ water on the standard international scale of paddlers' difficulty. It's suitable for

beginning canoeists, yet lively enough to be interesting travel.

Upstream, however, Canoe Kentucky offers spring and early summer paddling that is infinitely more hairy. Depending on water level, there are Class II and III rapids more appropriate for intermediate or advanced paddlers.

Yet, for those who seek water milder than wild, the lower sections are far more plied, especially suitable for those combining paddling with smallmouth bass fishing.

To make the most of the fishing opportunity, biologist Ross recommends light spinning tackle with 6-pound line with which to toss typical smallmouth offerings: small soft plastic lures such as grubs, craws and finesse worms on light jig heads, downsized crankbaits mimicking crawfish or minnows, or small spinners.

"Livebait like large minnows or hellgrammites — you can find them by turning over rocks — work really well, too," Ross said.

Smallmouth remain on duty all summer, but the best fishing, particularly during the heat of summer and low water period, is to be had by timing trips early in the morning and late in the evening, Ross recommends.

"While it's hot and the water is low and clear, they definitely feed better early and late in the day," he said.

On the Net  
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## Women play in Louisville football league

by BRIAN T. KEHL  
THE NEWS-ENTERPRISE

ELIZABETHTOWN — Lisa Santiago is a basketball player. She normally plays in a league at Fort Knox, but was upset when it was canceled this year.

She found an alternative, though, that may raise some eyebrows.

Santiago is now a football player. She doesn't get paid yet, but that day will come soon enough, she said. Just finding a team and putting on a helmet was a start.

Santiago said her friends saw an ad for tryouts.

"I went out just to see," she said. "I didn't know they had even been playing. I tried out — did a few drills."

Santiago is now a member of the National Women's Football Association's Kentucky Karma. The team, whose jerseys are light blue and purple, play home games at North Oldham High School in Goshen, north of Louisville. More than 60 women are on the roster.

The league is five years old, and according to Elizabethtown resident and receivers coach Rob Golsby, the rules are the same as regular football.

"Everything is pretty much the same," he said. "It's similar to the NFL."

There are 37 teams overall, and in their first full season, the Karma finished with a 5-3

record, tied for seventh place in their division and one win away from the playoffs.

"The whole season went so fast," said Central Hardin High School graduate Valerie Skillman. "It was such a new experience."

Skillman, who just graduated from Spalding University and is looking forward to medical school next year, is no stranger to athletics. She played soccer for St. Catharine College and Spalding, and has two stepbrothers she used to play football with in the back yard.

She has wanted to play football since she was four, she said. She got her chance this year, starting at center. Still, football was an adjustment from her days on the soccer field.

"I had to try to not avoid contact," she said.

The physicality was an adjustment for Santiago, an outside linebacker, as well.

"The first day I hit I couldn't go to work the next day," she said. "I was laying on the bed with the phone by my head. It got easier after that. My body had to get used to being jarred like that."

Santiago has four sons and four brothers, so she was no stranger to some of the finer points of the game. She soon caught on to the rough play.

"I'm going to play again," she said. "It just does something

to you. You feel like you have power. I'm a hitter. I do the hitting. Defense is different. Offense can only push. It's an adrenaline rush."

Skillman said the games had other benefits, especially during the school year.

"It was a release from the stress of school," she said. She plans to play next year if she has time.

The team has received a good response from the community. Some teams currently pay their players; for the Karma, they must all find their own sponsors. Her residence hall at school sponsored Skillman. She was impressed with the support not only from school, but from the fans.

"It really surprised me," she said. "I pulled up (before a game), and the crowd was already there. People were in the parking lot tailgating. I was pretty overwhelmed."

Tryouts start again in October, and Golsby, for one, is looking forward to them. The women learned the game this year through hard work, he said, and it is definitely a league worth watching.

"It grew into them," he said. "They had a desire to do it. They had the will to come out every practice, three times a week and games on Saturday night. Once they put the helmets on and everything you won't even recognize them as women."

## Deceased Steelers fan laid out at funeral home on recliner in front of TV, beer at

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — James Henry Smith was a zealous Pittsburgh Steelers fan in life, and even death could not keep him from his favorite spot: in a recliner, in front of a TV showing his beloved team in action.

Smith, 55, of Pittsburgh, died of prostate cancer Thursday. Because his death wasn't unexpected, his family was able to plan for an unusual viewing Tuesday night.

The Samuel E. Coston Funeral Home erected a small stage in a viewing room, and arranged furniture on it much as it was in Smith's home on game day Sundays.

Smith's body was on the recliner, his feet crossed and a remote in his hand. He wore black and gold silk pajamas, slippers and a robe. A pack of cigarettes and a beer were at his side, while a high-definition TV played a continuous loop of Steelers highlights.

"I couldn't stop crying after looking at the Steeler blanket in his lap," said his sister, MaryAnn Nails, 58. "He loved football and nobody did (anything) until the game went off. It was just like he was at home."

Longtime friend Mary Jones called the viewing "a celebration."

"I saw it and I couldn't even cry," she said. "People will see him the way he was."

Smith's burial plans were more traditional — he'll be laid to rest in a casket.

## Blackcat football program announces physicals, grade school camp

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg High School football program will conduct physicals for players who'll suit up and play during

the 2005 season on Sunday, July 17.

The PHS football program, led by head coach John DeRossett, has scheduled its annual grade

school camp for Saturday, July 30. The camp will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each camper will receive a free jersey and lunch.

## FLOYD COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

photo by Jamie Howell  
Golfers battled the rain Thursday morning as the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce held its annual golf tournament. Alliance Corporation finished first in the Chamber event.



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# IOC drops baseball, softball from 2012 program

by STEPHEN WILSON  
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SINGAPORE — Baseball and softball weren't big hits among International Olympic Committee members.

Both American-invented sports were dropped Friday from the program for the 2012 Olympics in London — the first events cut from the Summer Games in 69 years. The IOC couldn't agree on their replacements.

Each of the 28 existing sports was put to a secret vote by the IOC, and baseball and softball failed to receive a majority required to stay on the program. The other 26 sports made the cut.

The IOC then voted from a waiting list of five sports: golf, rugby, squash, karate and roller sports. Squash and karate won the ballots, but then were rejected in final confirmation votes.

Requiring a two-thirds approval for inclusion on the program, squash was rejected 63-39 and karate 63-38.

It was a stunning conclusion to a long, complex voting procedure.

and means that 26 sports will be contested at the London Games.

"I would like to thank you very much because this was a very, very important day for the International Olympic Committee," IOC president Jacques Rogge said. "You have taken important decisions — and this was a very democratic process."

Baseball and softball, which will remain on the program for the 2008 Beijing Games, are the first sports eliminated from the Olympics since polo in 1936.

"I feel like somebody who has been thrown out — it's certainly not a good feeling," said Aldo Notari, the Italian president of the international baseball federation. "I don't think the IOC members know our sport deeply enough. But we'll continue to survive. We're looking ahead to Beijing and putting on a good show."

Baseball, which became a medal sport in 1992, has been vulnerable because of the performance-enhancing drugs problem in the United States and top major league players don't play in the Olympics. Softball, a

women's medal sport since 1996 that the U.S. has won all three times, has been in danger because of a perceived lack of global appeal and participation.

IOC president Jacques Rogge said the two sports would be eligible to win their way back onto the Olympic program for 2016.

The absence of major league stars from the Olympics is a big issue for the IOC, which wants the world's top athletes from all sports in the games.

"The lack of the MLB players — I think people have looked and said, 'Well, all right, if there's to be a change, that seems to be the logic of it,'" British IOC member Craig Reedie said.

Baseball's steroid problem in the United States was cited as another factor. While Major League Baseball has toughened its drug-testing programs, they still fall far short of Olympic standards.

"Problems with doping in U.S. baseball probably cost the sport dearly," Australian IOC member John Coates said.

Several IOC members also

cited high stadium costs associated with both sports, saying baseball and softball venues have little post-games use in some host cities.

"I think they've made a big, big mistake," said Tommy Lasorda, the former Dodgers manager who guided the U.S. team to the gold medal in the 2000 Sydney Games. "Baseball is played by all countries now, and softball, too. I think that's really going to hurt the Olympics. I don't want to knock the other sports, but I think this is a big mistake. I am very disappointed."

Don Porter, the American president of the international softball federation, was devastated by the vote.

"We thought that we had a lot of support," he said. "The members told us we were getting support, but obviously we weren't."

Porter said the decision goes back to Mexico City in 2002 when Rogge tried — but failed — to get baseball, softball and modern pentathlon removed.

"It took them three years and

now they got us out," he said. "I just think the IOC wanted some opportunity to introduce several new sports ... and in order to do that, they had to remove a couple of sports and that's what they did today."

Porter noted that modern pentathlon, which has been on the program since the first modern games in 1896, had tradition and European support on its side.

"Europe has strong voting power in the IOC," he said. "They worked hard, they did the right thing to get enough to stay in."

The IOC executive board was to meet later Friday to decide which of the five sports from the waiting list to recommend for 2012. No more than two can be added in keeping with the IOC's ceiling of 28 sports. A two-thirds majority of the full assembly is required for initial acceptance as an Olympic sport, followed by a simple majority vote for inclusion on the 2012 program.

With two team sports having been voted out, rugby appeared to have a strong chance of being voted in. The sport is proposing

rugby Sevens, an abbreviated and less prestigious version of the established 15-a-side game. The sport is popular in Britain, and London has an 80,000-capacity rugby stadium at Twickenham.

The IOC kept Friday's voting figures secret. Not even the IOC members or sports federations were given the totals. The secrecy was requested by the international federations in order to avoid any ranking or embarrassment for any sports which just barely made the cut.

Rogge said an independent official was sending the results by sealed envelope to an IOC notary in Lausanne, Switzerland. Rogge will only open the envelope in the case of a voting dispute.

Senior Canadian member Dick Pound harshly criticized the secrecy, saying it undermined the IOC's moves for openness.

"What kind of message does the IOC send when there is complete secrecy on an issue that is important to the world?" Pound said.

## The Olympic stakes are raised yet again

by JIM LITKE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Someone left London a lethal reminder:

The timing of the coordinated terrorist attacks that killed dozens and wounded hundreds of others just one day after the city was awarded the 2012 Summer Games, may have been coincidental. More likely, as British Prime Minister Tony Blair said, they were designed to coincide with the G-8 summit opening in Scotland. Or, as terrorism experts speculated, to further weaken his nation's alliance with U.S. forces in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The sad truth is that it hardly matters. Either way, the stakes for staging a safe and successful Olympics that are still seven years off have been raised immeasurably yet again.

Just being in the running to host the games can move any city to the top of a list of potential targets.

"It wasn't an attack against the games," International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge said.

But in the next breath, he acknowledged the bigger picture: "Cities like London, Paris, New York all face these kind of risks," Rogge said, "and remember what happened in Moscow and Madrid. There are no safe havens."

Almost from inception, though, and even for most of the last century since their revival, the Olympics were designed to be just that: a safe haven.

Games were staged during conflicts in ancient Greece and the athletes were granted safe passage to compete. The modern Olympics were postponed twice during world wars, but judged important enough to

resume once the familiar rhythms of life no longer sounded or seemed so dangerous.

And twice since, the world's resolve has been tested: first when a handful of Palestinian terrorists slaughtered 11 innocent Israeli athletes at the Munich Games in 1972; and again when a twisted ideologue left a pipe bomb in an unattended satchel in a downtown park at the Atlanta Games in 1996.

Each time, the games were up and running within hours. Because freedom means choosing between priorities, debate raged over whether resuming the games was about defiance or diversion. The answer has always been the same — both.

Americans were reminded of that lesson in the aftermath of 9/11, when the flash and pop of our grandest sporting events disappeared for a few days, but the high school games in small stadiums and pickup contests on scruffy baseball diamonds and basketball courts went on. That's where London finds itself today, where Madrid and Moscow — both made the short list of 2012 bid cities — found themselves in the wake of recent terrorist attacks.

And so it hardly makes sense to even talk about pulling together something as spectacular and as daunting as the Olympics, especially an event that is seven years down the road. Not while emergency workers are sifting through the rubble for survivors at four sites, and not until Londoners become comfortable once more with the most mundane details of daily life.

All sporting events scheduled for London on Thursday were called off, and celebrations to welcome the return of the city's successful bid delegation canceled. IOC spokes-

woman Giselle Davies issued a statement expressing the committee's "full confidence in the London authorities in securing the event," and left it at that.

And yet, despite all the other more pressing concerns weighing on his leadership, Blair vowed as much before returning to London.

"Whatever they do," he said, "it is our determination that they will never succeed in destroying what we hold dear in this country and in other civilized nations throughout the world."

The rest of those nations are nervously watching, a few others wearily shaking their heads. The modern Olympics have always been make-or-break financial propositions for cities. Now, the tab for security in recent years almost certainly guarantees red numbers on the final balance sheet.

Montreal won't retire its debt from 30 years ago until next year. Sydney is still paying its bills from five years ago. Athens could be paying off last summer's binge — security costs alone were \$1.4 billion — for twice that long.

At the moment, debt no longer seems like the most intimidating hurdle in London's path. Simply carrying on as if everything were normal will test Londoners' courage and resolve as resolutely as anything that has happened since World War II. They have already cleared the first of those hurdles.

"Look," tour guide Michael Cahill said, "loads of people are walking down the streets. It's Great Britain — not called 'Great' for nothing."

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## Olympic celebrations turn to horror as blasts hit London

by ROBERT MILLWARD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Overnight, the newest Olympic city went from triumph to triage.

London was hit by a series of explosions that rocked its subway and tore open a packed double-decker bus during morning rush hour, leaving at least 40 people dead and more than 350 wounded.

The mayhem came a day after the English capital celebrated its big victory in the vote for the 2012 Games. A shaken Prime Minister Tony Blair called the attacks "barbaric."

The jubilant scenes in Trafalgar Square on Wednesday following the Olympic decision contrasted with the looks of horror on the faces of casualties and witnesses after three explosions ripped through underground stations and one struck a bus in quick succession.

A day earlier, London had won the right to stage its first Olympics since 1948. Led by two-time Olympic gold medalist Sebastian Coe, the English capital beat longtime favorite Paris in the vote by the International Olympic Committee in Singapore.

"It wasn't an attack against the games," IOC president Jacques Rogge said. "Cities like London, Paris, New York all

face these kind of risks, and remember what happened in Moscow and Madrid. There are no safe havens."

When Londoners awoke Thursday to start the seven years of planning and construction, they were instead hit by the news of explosions in central London. The buoyant mood changed dramatically as people came to terms with the blasts.

"This was not a terrorist attack against the mighty or the powerful, it is not aimed at presidents or prime ministers, it was aimed at ordinary working-class Londoners," London Mayor Ken Livingstone said from Singapore before heading home.

Jubilant in the British camp in Singapore quickly turned to distress.

"It's terribly unfortunate in terms of timing," said Keith Mills, chief executive of London's bid team. "And clearly, our celebrations as a result of yesterday will have to be put on hold. Our thoughts go out to the families who've been effected. I hope that the security forces can get to the bottom of this quickly."

Coe called the violence a "despicable terrorist attack."

IOC spokeswoman Giselle Davies stressed the decision to award the games to London was not in question. London beat Paris, New York, Madrid and Moscow.

"From what we understand, this is not at all related to the Olympic Games," Davies said in Singapore. "We have full confidence in the London authorities in securing the event."

British Olympics Minister Tessa Jowell said celebrations planned to coincide with the return of the London 2012 delegation would be canceled. She declined further comment.

The explosions occurred while leaders of the G-8 summit, which included Blair, President Bush and six other leaders, was about to begin in Scotland. Blair said he would leave the summit at Gleneagles to return to London.

"Whatever they do, it is our determination that they will never succeed in destroying what we hold dear in this country and in other civilized nations throughout the world," Blair said.

Sports events scheduled in London for Thursday were called off, but a one-day international cricket match between England and Australia in Leeds and the Scottish Open golf tournament in Luss went ahead.

Formula One's British Grand Prix will proceed as scheduled, with qualifying starting Saturday and the race Sunday at Silverstone. The course is in central England, about an hour's drive north of London.

## Truck crew chief fined for Kansas violation

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR announced Thursday that a penalty has been issued to a NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series crew chief resulting from a rule violation during pre-qual-

ifying inspection at Kansas Speedway on July 1.

Glenn Funderburk, crew chief for the No. 12 Toyota driven by Robert Huffman, was fined \$500 for violating Sections 12-4-A (actions detrimental to stock car racing) and 12-4-Q,

any determination by NASCAR officials that the truck, truck parts, components and/or equipment used the event do not conform to NASCAR rules. The truck was determined to have an unapproved filler panel installed at the rear of the cab.

## For now, it's horses, not housing, at Hollywood Park

by BETH HARRIS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Horses, not housing, are in Hollywood Park's immediate future.

Racing will continue for at least another three years at the historic track after its pending sale to a Northern California real estate company.

The news drew mixed reactions Thursday from fans, track employees and the people who put on the races.

Bettors like T.J. Jackson were happy to learn racing will continue for now. The 49-year-old Los Angeles resident visits "as often as possible," mostly because he lives nearby.

"It's a bad idea if they close it," he said while handicapping the next race. "This is like a staple for L.A. The track has a lot of history. I grew up coming here, jumping the fence when I was 10."

But Pam Caviness had been hopeful the track would close, so she could end the daily crosstown commute between her home near Santa Anita racetrack and Hollywood Park, which are about 30 miles apart.

"There's a lot of us who work here who aren't happy," said the 37-year-old Caviness, who exercises horses in the morning and leads them to the starting gate in the afternoon.

"Inglewood, not too many people live in this area. It's not exactly pleasant," she said, referring to the track's urban setting.

In the deal announced Wednesday, Hollywood Park will be purchased for \$260 million by Bay Meadows Land Co., a real estate company that also owns Bay Meadows racetrack in Northern California.

Terry Fancher, president of BMLC, made the rounds Thursday to assure employees their jobs were safe for at least

three more years. But Fancher made it clear the new owners want help from the state Legislature in the form of slots or video lottery terminals to keep captive bettors at the track.

If that doesn't happen, he warned the track could be torn down and replaced by commercial and real estate development after 2008.

A new housing tract is already being built near the entrance to Hollywood Park's stable gate.

No doubt Fancher noticed the sparse attendance Thursday. A few thousand people rattled around the sprawling grandstand, sipping beers, eating and placing bets.

The eight-race card provided clues about why the track has fallen on hard times.

The first five races featured seven horses or less; most fans favor large fields that increase the odds.

And most of the races were designated for cheap claiming horses or those that hadn't won their first race.

The rich stakes races for the best horses are run on weekends.

"You take away the stakes, and it looks like Bay Meadows or something," Hall of Fame trainer Bobby Frankel told The Associated Press recently.

Frankel moved 22 horses to Kentucky's Churchill Downs and New York's Belmont and Saratoga tracks this spring, leaving him 40 at his longtime Hollywood Park base.

"I had to get out of there with a lot of horses because I could never get to run," he said.

Frankel complained that he had a hard time picking the best spots to run his horses because sometimes races he had targeted would get changed when there weren't enough horses to fill the field.

"You can't be training, train-

ing, training horses and not run because you break them down, so if they have to let three or four-horse fields go, let them go," he said.

Trainer Bob Baffert keeps his barn across town at Santa Anita, and vans horses over to Hollywood Park when they're scheduled to race.

"Hollywood Park has lost its luster in the last few years, just the area," he said before the sale. "We need some kind of help to get the horses out there."

Ron Ellis was happy Hollywood will be open for a while because he uses it as a training track when live racing is going on at Santa Anita.

But he agrees with Hollywood's incoming owners that changes need to be made to sustain racing in California.

"We're in a decline. The jockeys are leaving because our field sizes are small enough that they just don't get to ride enough," Ellis said recently.

"It doesn't look like we're going to get slots for a while, which seems to be a boost to all the tracks that have gotten them. We just have to put a better product out on the track for people to bet on. They just don't like betting on five and six-horse fields."

Dick Warren was around to see Hollywood Park's heyday, when movie stars and millionaires were regular visitors.

"Louis B. Mayer used to bring his stable out here. I don't mean horses, I mean actors," he said. "Everybody that was anybody that owned horses was out here."

Now, in his 57th year at the track where Seabiscuit and Citation ran, Warren oversees a quiet section of the third floor clubhouse.

"Look at the place," he said, gesturing toward the empty seats. "They need people here. The off-track and home betting has taken people away from the track and that's a shame."



# Giants 5, Reds 1

by JANIE McCAULEY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Mike Matheny has always prided himself on being one of the best defensive catchers in the game. He doesn't mind a big hit now and then, too.

Matheny hit a three-run homer and an RBI double and Brett Tomko won in his return to the rotation, leading the San Francisco Giants to a 5-1 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Thursday night.

Matheny connected for his ninth homer on a 3-2 pitch in the fifth, a shot into the left-field seats that established a career high for home runs in a season for the player who manager Felipe Alou considers "the best defensive catcher I've ever had."

"It's been nice to come through with some big hits," Matheny said. "That's what I like to say I can contribute to this team. I'm still batting like .237 and I could have a lot more consistent at-bats. ... I'm not going to be Barry Bonds."

His four RBIs matched a career high, which he's done nine times and twice this season. The 34-year-old Matheny shares the National League lead for homers by a catcher with Chicago's Michael Barrett, and leads all major leaguers at the position with 42 RBIs.

And what a time to be playing well — he will be presented with his Gold Glove award from Cardinals manager Tony La Russa on Friday before Matheny faces his former team.

"I told the Giants they could just set it in my locker and I'd be just as gratified," said Matheny, who noted he didn't have a hit all of batting practice before the game. "As a defensive-minded catcher, that's the ultimate compliment."

Ken Griffey Jr. doubled, singled and scored a run and Joe Randa had an RBI triple for the Reds, who needed a win for their first road series victory this season.

Tomko (6-10), who has 10 losses in the first half for the

first time in his career, was briefly demoted to the bullpen and missed his last turn. But the Giants needed him to start considering the struggles of Jeff Fassero and Kirk Rueter, who was removed from the rotation Wednesday.

Tomko left in the sixth after loading the bases with no outs. Jason Christiansen immediately struck out Adam Dunn, then Scott Munter entered and got Wily Mo Pena on a foul popout to first before shortstop Omar Vizquel leaped to make a pretty stop of a line drive by Javier Valentin.

Vizquel smiled in delight and Tomko pumped both fists in the dugout.

"If anything, it let my arm get a little bit of a rest," Tomko said of the bullpen stint. "Mentally, I was fine. I went out there and pitched. I tried to go full tilt from pitch one. I ran out of gas in the sixth."

The right-hander broke into the big leagues with the Reds in 1997, pitching for them until '99. This was his first win over Cincinnati since Aug. 30, 2003, while with the Cardinals. He gave up one run and six hits in five innings, struck out four and walked two.

Aaron Harang (4-8) out-pitched Tomko until Matheny's home run. But Harang's career-worst losing streak reached six — the longest by a Reds pitcher this season — after he went 3-0 in May. His last victory came May 30 at Houston, a span of seven starts.

"I left a slider up to Matheny," he said. "I faced him when he was with the Cardinals and he seems more locked in now."

The right-hander got through the first three innings on 35 pitches. He allowed two earned runs and four hits, struck out eight and walked one. He wasn't helped by the fact the Reds were 1-for-7 with runners in scoring position and stranded nine baserunners.

"Aaron made one bad pitch, and Matheny hit it out," Reds interim manager Jerry Narron said. "But if he keeps pitching the way he is, he'll get some

wins. Our problem has been not coming through with runners in scoring position."

San Francisco played without starting second baseman Ray Durham for the second straight game. He was a late scratch Wednesday after straining his left wrist in batting practice. He was available Thursday as a pinch-hitter or late-inning defensive replacement.

Notes: LaTroy Hawkins pitched a perfect eighth, his first 1-2-3 inning since his debut for the Giants on May 29 after being traded from the Cubs. "We got the man back," Giants skipper Felipe Alou said. ... Matheny hit eight homers in both 1996 and 2003. ... Injured Giants closer Armando Benitez, recovering from surgery to reattach two torn hamstring tendons to the pelvis, threw off a mound for the first time since his May 3 operation. He also did some light jogging, another sign of progress. He hopes to pitch this season. ... The Giants plan to call up RHP Brad Hennessey from Triple-A Fresno to start Saturday against St. Louis. The club hasn't decided on a corresponding move.

**Luis Lopez has surgery on hamstring**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Infielder Luis Lopez had surgery Thursday on his torn right hamstring, ending his season with the Cincinnati Reds.

Lopez, 34, tore his hamstring while running out a double on June 19 against Atlanta. The injury initially was thought to be just a strain, but medical tests found the tear.

Dr. Timothy Kremchek repaired the hamstring during a two-hour operation Thursday. He expects Lopez to start running in four months.

The Reds called up Lopez from the minors on May 20 as a backup infielder. He hit .222 in 17 games.

# Legends trip up Lakewood

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LEXINGTON — The Lexington Legends defeated Lakewood 8-1 on Thursday night. The win was the fifth straight against the BlueClaws in 2005. Bryan Triplett led the way with three hits.

The Legends broke from the gate quickly thanks to Drew Sutton's lead off homer. J. R. Towles, Hunter Pence and Ole Sheldon followed with singles. Sheldon's hit scored Towles. Pence scored on a ground out by Luke Barganier to make it 3-0.

The Legends tacked on three more runs in the third inning. Two came on Bryan Triplett second home run of the season. Beau Torbert scored from third base on Clint McGill's two-out bunt single.

Lexington added a run in the fifth inning. Triplett singled and stole second base and scored on Luke Barganier's single to right.

The BlueClaws got on the board with a run in the top of the sixth inning. Brad Harman doubled in Jesus Merchan. The Legends ended the scoring with a run on Ole Sheldon's third hit.

Juan Gutierrez (5-2) picked up his fifth straight winning decision. The right-hander worked seven innings, allowing a run on seven hits. Paul Estrada closed out the game with two perfect innings.

The win improved the Legends record to 49-35 and to 7-7 in the second half. Lexington remains four games back of first place Delmarva.

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Milwaukee at Atlanta, 1:05 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs at Florida, 1:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.  
Washington at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers at Houston, 2:05 p.m.  
San Diego at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Arizona, 4:40 p.m.  
St. Louis at San Francisco, 8:05 p.m.

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TODAY'S GAMES

Cleveland at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.  
Boston at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.  
Toronto at Texas, 2:05 p.m.  
Minnesota at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.  
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 2:15 p.m.  
Oakland at Chicago White Sox, 3:05 p.m.  
Seattle at L.A. Angels, 4:05 p.m.

# Podsednik, Oswalt win Internet fan voting for final All-Star spots

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Speedy outfielder Scott Podsednik of the Chicago White Sox and Astros pitcher Roy Oswalt earned the final spots on the All-Star teams in Internet fan voting completed Wednesday.

In a surprise finish, the unheralded Podsednik edged popular Yankees captain Derek Jeter for the 32nd roster spot on the American League squad. With Podsednik's teammates campaigning for him, the major league leader in stolen bases also beat out Minnesota center fielder Torii Hunter, New York outfielder Hideki Matsui and Tampa Bay outfielder Carl Crawford.

"I really don't have the vocabulary to describe what these last three days have been like for me," Podsednik said. "With the success that we're having as a team, to now have the opportunity to play in the All-Star game with three of my teammates, it's going to be a special couple days."

Acquired from Milwaukee last December in a trade that involved fellow All-Star Carlos Lee, Podsednik is batting .286 with 46 runs as the leadoff hitter for the White Sox, who have the best record in baseball.

He and Oswalt each made the

All-Star team for the first time.

"I clicked on the enter button a few times. I'm not going to lie to you," Podsednik said.

Oswalt is 11-7 with a 2.44 ERA after beating the Padres 4-1 Monday. He topped four other NL pitchers in the voting: San Diego's Trevor Hoffman, Arizona's Brandon Webb, and Philadelphia's Billy Wagner and Brett Myers — the first time fans had a chance to elect a pitcher to the All-Star game since 1934.

"I think that's the best way. If they get to pick the position players, they ought to get to pick the pitchers, too," Oswalt said.

Astros general manager Tim Lincecum said he voted online for Oswalt "a lot." The right-hander got a standing ovation and tipped his cap when his selection was announced during Wednesday night's home game against San Diego.

"It's great. It's the first one I've had and it means a lot. It's something I've wanted to do," said Oswalt, who plans to bring plenty of family members to Detroit. "It's a big deal."

The White Sox also made a strong push for Podsednik the past few days. They had a laptop in the dugout before Tuesday's game for players to cast their votes. Employees wore shirts and pins encouraging fans to vote for

Podsednik, and the organization ran announcements at the stadium and during broadcasts.

His victory also was announced during a home game Wednesday night, bringing a roar from the crowd.

"I got jittery hearing the ovation," Podsednik said. "And I understand that the support I got from the fans of Chicago, this organization, my teammates, my friends and family — that's what made it possible. I have a lot of thank yous to extend."

He joins Chicago first baseman Paul Konerko and pitchers Mark Buehrle and Jon Garland on the AL All-Star team. The last time the White Sox had four All-Stars was 1975, when Bucky Dent, Rich Gossage, Jim Kaat and Jorge Orta were selected.

"It's a great feeling," Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen said. "What happened today at the ballpark was great. It shows me what kind of players we have, what kind of fans we have. I think this kid deserves to be there. The first one is always exciting."

There were 14.8 million votes cast online. Podsednik got 3,965,473, and Oswalt got 2,652,549. Totals for the other players were not released.

The All-Star game will be played Tuesday night at Comerica Park.

# Jones, Francoeur lead Braves past Cubs

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ATLANTA — Andruw Jones hit his major league-leading 27th homer and rookie Jeff Francoeur added a three-run shot in a six-run eighth inning as the Atlanta Braves beat Chicago 9-4 Thursday night to sweep a doubleheader and extend the Cubs' worst losing streak in three years.

The Braves won the opener of the day-night setup 6-0.

Chicago's eight-game slide is its worst since dropping nine in a row from May 8-18, 2002.

The Cubs blew a 4-3 lead when Jones' two-run shot chased reliever Roberto Novoa (2-2). Francoeur, called up from Double-A Mississippi earlier in the day, homered off Glendon Rusch for his first career hit.

John Foster (2-1) pitched a scoreless eighth in relief of John Smoltz as the Braves won for the 16th time in 21 games.

Horacio Ramirez pitched his first career shutout, and the Braves chased Mark Prior in the fifth inning of the opener. Julio Franco hit a three-run homer in a five-run fifth for the Braves.

Left-hander Ramirez (8-5) pitched the third complete game of his career, allowing three singles and a walk. Prior (5-3) gave up seven hits, six runs, four walks and struck out five before being replaced after

4 2-3 innings.

Mets 3, Nationals 2, 11 innings

WASHINGTON — New York's Mike Piazza drove in the go-ahead run in the 11th inning, and the Nationals lost a series at home for the first time since April.

Heath Bell (1-3) pitched two innings for his first major league victory, and Braden Looper got his 20th save.

Piazza went 3-for-5 with two RBIs, including the run-scoring single off Luis Ayala (7-5) that gave the Mets three of four games. The Nationals had won nine straight series at home.

Washington took a 2-1 lead in the third on Jose Vidro's two-run double off Kris Benson.

Marlins 11, Brewers 3

MIAMI — Carlos Delgado hit a pinch-hit grand slam to cap Florida's six-run fifth inning.

Delgado's 10th career slam helped the Marlins split the four-game series against Milwaukee. Brian Moehler (4-6) allowed three runs and four hits in five innings.

Four of Florida's runs in the fifth off Victor Santos (2-9) were unearned because of an error by first baseman Lyle Overbay. Delgado homered off reliever Ricky Bottalico after a 41-minute rain delay.

Rockies 8, Dodgers 5

DENVER — Colorado's Todd Helton broke the franchise record for home runs with a shot to the upper deck at Coors Field, then broke a tie an inning later with a three-run homer.

Helton's 259th homer put him one ahead of former Rocky Larry Walker and cut what had been a 5-0 deficit to 5-3 in the sixth. In the seventh, Helton went deep off Franquelis Osoria to make it 8-5.

Mike DeJean (4-1) pitched a scoreless inning, and Brian Fuentes got his 11th save. Giovanni Carrara (6-3) lost in relief of Los Angeles starter Derek Lowe.

Pirates 2, Phillies 1

PITTSBURGH — Rookie left-hander Zach Duke pitched seven shutout innings for his first major league victory and Humberto Cota hit a two-run homer for the Pirates.

With Duke making his second consecutive impressive start since being called up from the minors last week, the Pirates split the four-game series. The Phillies dropped their 15th in 22 games and haven't won any of their last seven series.

Duke (1-0) allowed five extra-base hits among the six he gave up, but repeatedly got big outs while stranding seven runners and beating Brett Myers (6-5). Jose Mesa picked up his 21st save.

RBI single in the seventh. Louisville reliever Randy Keisler (5-2) earned the win, despite allowing two runs on four hits in just two innings of work.

Durham reliever Rob Bell (1-1) took the loss, yielding two runs on four hits in two innings of work.

# Louisville 5, Durham 3

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LOUISVILLE — Pedro Swann hit a solo homer and cracked an RBI single to lead the Louisville Bats to a 5-3 win over Durham on Thursday night in the International League.

Chris Denorfia, Austin

Keams and A.J. Zapp each had RBI singles for Louisville.

Darnell McDonald homered in the first inning for the Bats. Keams and Swann had RBI singles in the bottom of the first to give the Bats the lead.

The game was tied 3-3 when Swann led off the sixth inning with a homer. Zapp added an



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**570- Mobile Homes**

**TRAILER FOR SALE:** 2002 Oakwood 16 x 80. Excellent condition. Must be moved. \$25,000 or best offer. 874-5548.

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**630-Houses**

**HOUSE FOR RENT:** 622 N Arnold Ave, Prestonsburg. 3 BR, 2 full BA, LR, DR, & K. W/D hook-up. CH/A. Rent: \$575 month plus utilities. Deposit and Lease required. No Pets. 886-6460.

**HOUSE FOR RENT:** 3 BR, equipped kitchen. Downtown Prestonsburg. Must

have references. During day call 886-0825. After 5:00 call 886-2944.

**HOUSE FOR RENT:** 1 BR, 1 BA, hardwood floors, fire place, 2 car garage, & large laundry room in Prestonsburg \$500 a month \$500 deposit. Call 704-824-2034.

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**640- Land/Lots**

**COMMERCIAL VACANT LOT FOR LEASE:** 150 ft road frontage on Lake Road in Prestonsburg. \$300 month. Call Mike or Sue at 704-824-2034.

**TRAILER LOTS FOR RENT:** 3 minutes from Highlands Regional. 5 minute from Porter School. Contact 614-876-4516 or 606-886-3959.

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**650- Mobile Homes**

**MH FOR RENT:** 2 BR 1 BA All appliancs W/D included. \$400 month. \$100 deposit. 886-1958

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- \* Barn access 3 stalls 606-434-7507
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**LEGALS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that William Harris has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, proposing to raise a residential structure above the 100 year Floodplain. The proposed site is located on Clark Drive, left off of Ky. route 114, approximately 2.2 miles west of the intersection of Ky. Route 114 and U.S. 23, on the south side of Middle Creek, at latitude 37°39'17.6" N, and longitude 82°49'25.7" W. Any comments or objections concern-

ing this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Ky. 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

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Sealed bids will be accepted by the Floyd County Fiscal Court, until Friday July 22nd, 2005, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., for the following:  
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Regular/Special Fiscal Court meeting on Friday July 22nd, 2005, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. Floyd Fiscal Court has the right to accept and/or reject all bids

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