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briefs

Shock requests denied

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Six applicants for "shock probation" had their cases heard in circuit court Friday and each was denied.

Shock probation began as a tool to release first-time offenders early on the grounds the prison experience would scare them from committing crimes in the future. Over the years, however, it has become a standard attempt at getting out of a sentence early and finds people applying for the early release as a rule.

The first person to be heard Friday was Melinda Workman, who was sentenced to 10 years in prison for her part in the robbery of BB&T Bank in Prestonsburg, during which she pointed a gun at a teller.

It was Workman's second filing for shock probation but the filing was also later than allowed under law. Workman's first attempt at shock probation was denied after Judge John D. Caudill reviewed her application as well as a victim impact statement from the teller, who was robbed and later wrote that she left the bank two months after the robbery and still doesn't feel safe over two years later.

Another person who filed for early release was

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Father files complaint over shooting investigation

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

BANNER — The father of a man who was shot in March after entering a mobile home at Luv Mobile Home Sales in Ivel has filed a formal complaint against the detective heading the case.

Ronnie L. Dillion, of Banner, mailed a formal complaint against Kentucky State Police Det. Stewart Howard on June 17 to the KSP's Internal Affairs Section. He

alleges that Howard is not sufficiently investigating the death of his son.

Dillion's son, Ronald C. "Tom" Dillion, was shot after he entered the mobile home, where former Luv Mobile Home sales manager Michael Kirk was waiting with a 9 mm handgun.

Kirk, who has filed a wrongful termination suit against the company, told officials that he shot Dillion, who was allegedly breaking in to burglarize the trailer, in self-defense.

No charges have been filed against Kirk.

In the complaint, Dillion "strongly" disagrees with official accusations that his son was committing a burglary at the time of the shooting. Even if he entered with intentions to commit a crime, Dillion believes his son, according to state law, had not committed a crime after he was in the empty trailer.

Relying on a statement allegedly made to Dillion by Det. Howard, Dillion says

Kirk's version of the events that transpired the night his son was shot "just don't add up" because Kirk phoned 911 and told them that he had a burglar lying on the floor and then called back approximately three minutes later to report that he had shot the man. Statements Kirk made in the lawsuit, Dillion also alleges, are inconsistent.

Dillion said he discussed the shooting

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Workers with "The Great James H. Drew Exposition" worked on the carnival's most popular ride, the Pirate Ship, Friday. Manager Mike Daffuse said workers will start assembling rides at Archer Park on Monday. The rides must be okayed by state inspectors Tuesday before the carnival opens on Wednesday. The exposition, Daffuse said, has the best safety record in the country.

photo by Mary Music

Prestonsburg gearing up for Fourth of July celebration

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The city is gearing up for its annual Fourth of July Celebration.

"The Great James H. Drew Exposition" is already in town. Workers will begin setting up carnival rides this week.

The carnival, featuring the Pirate Ship, the Chainsaw and various other rides, will open at 5 p.m. on June 29 and run through July 4. Archer Park Director Ralph Little said there will be six adult rides and six youth rides this year, in addition to other games or entertainment featured.

Carnival hours this year begin at 5 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, and at 2 p.m., Saturday through Monday. Unlimited rides are available on opening night, and 2-for-1 ride specials are taking place Saturday, June 2.

The city teamed up with the

Convention and Visitor's Bureau to bring a \$15,000 fireworks display to Prestonsburg. This year, they also purchased a \$2,500 shot board to ensure a safer operations at the shoot off point.

Assistant Fire Chief Chuck Davis, who began planning the fireworks display last October, ordered specialty shells from Mel Rose Pyrotechnics in Taylorsville.

The city will blast off 244 four-inch shells, 115 five-inch shells, 45 eight-inch shells, and 33 10-inch shells. These specialty shells, which were used during last year's celebration, have twice the air time as other shells, Davis said. This year, Davis picked out a variety of colors and patterns that have not been previously seen in Prestonsburg.

"It's the best show in Eastern Kentucky," Davis said, pointing

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PFD offers fireworks safety tips

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Fire Department has issued a list of safety tips for enjoying fireworks for next weekend's Fourth of July celebrations.

The department noted that no one should use certain fireworks, which include firecrackers and bottle rockets. The department reiterated that it is

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Planning for floodwall continues

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — One month after the fiscal court accepted recommendations for the Prestonsburg floodwall project, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers continues the study process.

Project Manager Tammy Conforti is stepping down from her lead position, leaving Steve O' Leary to head the project development team.

With support from the fiscal court, the Corps dismantled the project task force, made up of residents and leaders from Arnold Avenue, the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College, downtown businesses and the public utilities department, who helped keep the community involved in the planning process.

The Corps will continue to conduct monthly office hours on the first Tuesday of every month from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Courthouse Annex. Residents with questions or concerns are encouraged to visit Corps representatives.

The Corps expects to complete the project report for the Prestonsburg flood-

wall project by September, Conforti said Friday.

The Corps is currently completing the feasibility design of the wall and the draft of the main report, which includes an environmental impact statement. The project proposal will be scrutinized through an internal review process, then sent to the Corps' Cincinnati division before it is sent off for final approval by the Corps' headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The current "rough estimate" for the project is \$140 million. The floodwall will protect approximately 635 homes in Prestonsburg, the Corps says.

The proposed project begins around Goble Street in Prestonsburg and ends at the college campus. There will be no floodwall between Goble Street and Hughes Street, where an approximate two-and-one-half foot barrier will be constructed as a security measure. The floodwall will begin at Hughes Street, with a height of two-and-one-half feet and will rise in height to reach approximately seven feet as it extends down behind homes on Arnold Avenue, and eight

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It was a sold out performance. Vocalist and guitarist Charlie Gearheart of the Goose Creek Symphony Band said Friday's farewell performance at the Mountain Arts Center was an emotional time. Gearheart, who grew up in Goose Creek in Floyd County, says he will retire for a few months to do some fishing with his wife in the northwest. The country-rock group, which started in the 1970s, will complete their farewell tour in Virginia on July 4.

photo by Mary Music

Honeymoon may be over for methadone clinics in central Appalachia

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIDDLESBORO — Faced with increases in violent crime that came with widespread drug addiction, some of the hardest hit communities in central Appalachia wanted help so badly that they embraced even methadone clinics. No more.

Some 300 people, many carrying anti-methadone placards, protested outside Middlesboro City Hall last week, signaling what may be an end to the free pass the clinics have enjoyed in the mountain region since illegal trafficking in the painkiller OxyContin began wreaking havoc about five years ago.

Mac Bell, state narcotic authority administrator in the Kentucky Cabinet for

Health and Family Services, said the opposition to the Middlesboro clinic has been overwhelming.

"This is the first time in my history that we have had such a public outcry, and I've been doing this for 22 years," he said.

Dr. Ronald Dubin, a physician who leads a group involved in the Middlesboro fight, said a methadone clinic

would make the city a magnet for addicts from other parts of central Appalachia, including southwestern Virginia, which currently is under a state-imposed moratorium on new methadone clinics.

"The location is terrible," Dubin said. "It's the worst location in the city to put

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Odds and Ends

■ **JUNEAU, Alaska** — A homeless shelter here is looking for donations — as long as there is no bear involved.

The Glory Hole shelter has stopped serving donated bear meat after learning the state prohibits nonprofit groups from accepting wild game meats such as bear, fox and walrus.

"We didn't know that it is illegal," said Jetta Whittaker, executive director of the shelter.

For years, the Glory Hole accepted bear meat to supplement its meals for the homeless.

The meat went into many recipes, including burgers, casseroles and spaghetti.

But last year, Whittaker learned that serving it was contrary to rules set by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, which is worried about transmitting trichinosis.

This year, that has meant turning down five offers of bear meat.

"That was 250 pounds of ground meat I could use for spaghetti sauce," said Bob Thompson, operations manager

of the shelter. "We are protein-poor."

■ **MINNEAPOLIS** — It might not sound too strenuous, but some Minneapolis students are taking physical education courses online.

Jan Braaten, the district's lead teacher for physical education and health, said her staff was leery of the idea at first. "It's kind of an oxymoron to have online PE," she said.

But Braaten and others who developed the class are proud of

their creation and say it's drawing interest from around the state and beyond. Online physical education is being offered this summer as well.

Online learning offers a way for busy students to shoehorn the state-required academic courses and the electives they want into their schedules.

The course begins and ends with face-to-face meetings between student and teacher.

Those sessions include testing components of fitness such as strength, flexibility and endurance. Students also are provided with a heart monitor and record its readings and how hard they perceive they're working, along with other workout notes, in an activity journal. They e-mail their work for each weekly unit to teachers.

"It's sort of counterintuitive," concedes Judy McQuade, mother of student Chris Ransom. "Snick, snicker — do I just click my mouse?"

■ **ST. GEORGE, S.C.** — A woman wants access to St. George's accounting books, and she plans to sit at Town Hall until she gets it.

"I was a bra-burning, liberal, woman's lib advocate in the '60s," said Ann Atkins, who is protesting the town's reluctance to open its records after an audit showed thousands of dollars were missing.

The State Law Enforcement Division has been investigating the missing money for about a year. No one has said exactly how much is missing.

"I want indictments," said Atkins, who started her sit-in Monday. "They have taken my money."

St. George Mayor David Sojourner was not available to comment Tuesday. He has said the apparent misappropriation of funds will warrant changes in how the town conducts business.

Atkins, who dons a "Don't Tread On Me" flag as she rests on a small mattress in the hallway during office hours, alleges

that the town has done nothing to correct several deficiencies outlined in a recent audit.

"I've tried to be real ladylike and I've tried Southern gentility, but it hasn't worked," she said.

■ **ROSEBURG, Ore.** — Gemini, the two-headed kitten born this month, is no more.

Owner Lee Bluetear said she didn't know what caused the death of the unusual creature, which died Thursday in the town of Glide, but she said the kitten appeared very tired and did not want to eat.

The story and photo of Gemini was distributed worldwide. "I couldn't believe how much interest there really was," Bluetear said.

Veterinarians initially gave Gemini a meager chance of one long life, let alone nine. Gemini was born with two mouths, two tongues, two noses and four eyes.

Bluetear, 40, said things looked good at first. Gemini initially appeared strong and was drinking milk.

"Everybody is totally amazed that this thing exists," Bluetear said at the time.

■ **NORTH OLMSTED, Ohio** — Paul Kramer took the slow lane to get to his niece's wedding.

Kramer, who lives in Southern California, hopped onto his bicycle on April 12 and pulled into his brother's driveway here on Tuesday — 71 days and 4,250 miles later.

"This is the end of the trail," said Kramer, 61, removing a rearview mirror attached to his glasses. "I'm a little sweaty."

Kramer traveled with about 60 pounds of equipment — a stove, gas bottle, tent, spare inner tubes and bicycle repair tools.

He rode 60 to 65 miles a day and allowed so much time that he arrived ahead of schedule. So he went on to Pittsburgh to visit relatives, then doubled back for Saturday's wedding.

"I took the long way around," he said. "The weather was so nice."

Kramer didn't carry a cell phone because there would be no way to charge it. He sometimes stopped at public libraries to send an e-mail message home.

Kramer plans to pedal home in a few weeks. He says the scenery is worth the effort.

"You are part of the environment," he said. "You are with the birds and animals."

■ **FLOMATON, Ala.** — Edmond Knowles started out saving pennies in a 5-gallon can. Thirty-eight years later, he was storing them in four 55-gallon drums and three 20-gallon drums.

The result? Nearly 1.4 pennies million in all.

Knowles, who runs a gas station in this small Alabama town on the Florida line, cashed them in Wednesday, pocketing \$13,804.59 after they were counted at a bank.

"It's just something that happened," he said. "I started so long ago that I don't even remember why."

He got some help along the way from customers at Ed's Service Station.

"Customers would come by and say: 'Ed, throw these in your drum,'" he said.

Coinstar Inc., a company that maintains coin-counting machines in banks and supermarkets, said Knowles' 1,380,459 pennies breaks the record of 1,048,013 held by Eugene J. Sukie of Barberton, Ohio.

Coinstar spokesman George White said the company's research and U.S. Census data indicate that coins worth more than \$10 billion are sitting idle in American homes. White said the amount collected by Knowles is about the same amount that passes through a person's hands over the years.

"Ed just took the time to

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, June 26, the 177th day of 2005. There are 188 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 26, 1945, the charter of the United Nations was signed by 50 countries in San Francisco.

On this date:
■ In 1870, the first section of Atlantic City, New Jersey's Boardwalk was opened to the public.

■ In 1900, a commission that included Dr. Walter Reed began the fight against the deadly disease yellow fever.

■ In 1917, the first troops of the American Expeditionary Force arrived in France during World War I.

■ In 1925, Charlie Chaplin's classic comedy "The Gold Rush" premiered at Grauman's Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood.

■ In 1944, the Republican national convention opened in Chicago with a keynote speech by California Gov. Earl Warren.

■ In 1959, President Eisenhower joined Britain's Queen Elizabeth II in ceremonies officially opening the St. Lawrence Seaway.

■ In 1963, President Kennedy visited West Berlin, where he made his famous dec-

laration: "Ich bin ein Berliner" (I am a Berliner).

■ In 1968, Chief U.S. Justice Earl Warren announced his intention to resign.

■ In 1977, 42 people were killed when a fire sent toxic smoke pouring through the Maury County Jail in Columbia, Tenn.

■ In 2003, Strom Thurmond, the longest-serving senator in U.S. history, died in Edgefield, S.C., at age 100.

Ten years ago: Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak escaped an attempt on his life in Ethiopia. The Supreme Court ruled, 6-to-3, that public schools can require drug tests for its athletes. President Clinton observed the 50th anniversary of the United Nations at the site of its birth in San Francisco.

Five years ago: Rival scientific teams completed the first rough map of the human genetic code after a ten-year race. The Supreme Court gave new power to its landmark Miranda decision of 1966, ruling police still must warn the people they arrest of their "right to remain silent" when questioned.

One year ago: President Bush won support from the 25-nation European Union for an initial agreement to help train Iraq's armed forces. A memorial

service was held in Egg Harbor Township, N.J., for Paul M. Johnson Jr., an engineer slain by kidnappers in Saudi Arabia.

Today's Birthdays:
Actress Eleanor Parker is 83. Jazz musician-film composer Dave Grusin is 71. Actor Josef Sommer is 71. Singer Billy Davis Jr. (The Fifth Dimension) is 65. Rock singer Georgie Fame is 62. Actor Clive Francis is 59. Actor Robert Davi is 51. Singer-musician Mick Jones is 50. Actor Gedde Watanabe is 50. Rock singer Chris Isaak is 49. Rock singer Patty Smyth is 48. Singer Terri Nunn (Berlin) is 44. Actor Mark McKinney is 43. Rock singer Harriet Wheeler (The Sundays) is 42. Rock musician Colin Greenwood (Radiohead) is 36. Actor Sean Hayes is 35. Actor Matt Letscher is 35. Actor Chris O'Donnell is 35. Country singer Gretchen Wilson is 31. Actor-musician Jason Schwartzman is 25. Actress Kaitlin Cullum is 19.

Thought for Today:
"When I was a young man I vowed never to marry until I found the ideal woman. Well, I found her — but, alas, she was waiting for the perfect man." — Robert Schuman, French statesman (1886-1963).

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out that Prestonsburg is one of the few cities that still shoots fireworks by hand. Most cities purchase prepackaged box fireworks, he said.

The celebration is a citywide effort this year, with assistance from the public works, city police, fire and landscaping departments.

"We're celebrating our country's freedom, our independence," Davis said. "Since 9-11, I believe it's one of our most important holidays."

The city obtains a state fire marshal's permit each year and

is fully insured to host the fireworks display. Davis is a licensed pyrotechnician. Those participating at the shoot off point undergo annual training sessions. They will participate in a four-hour fire drill Monday night, Davis said.

Davis said the city extends special thanks to Prestonsburg residents Martin Darby, of Statewide Press, and Chris Darby, of Prestonsburg Tire and Auto, who have granted the city permission to use their property to shoot off the fireworks on July 4.

Tips

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illegal to use fireworks which emit flames, explode or fly.

The department's statement also includes a little-known fact that "sparklers" cause the most injuries.

"Sparklers can burn at very high temperatures in excess of 1,800 degrees," said State Fire Marshal Al Mitchell. "Even after the sparkler has burned out, the wire can remain hot enough to cause severe burns or ignite clothing and other flammable materials."

The department's tips for safe use of fireworks include:

- Always use an outside area away from buildings and clear of dry weeds, grass and other vegetation. Keep a bucket of water nearby for emergencies and for pouring on fireworks that don't go off.

- Never allow children to use fireworks without close, sober adult supervision. Do not allow running or horseplay while using fireworks.

- Never light fireworks while standing in a doorway or

leaning out a window.

- Do not approach or try to relight fireworks that don't go off. Douse and soak them water before throwing them away instead.

- Place fireworks on the ground for lighting and never set them off in a container, especially glass.

- Never allow fireworks to come in contact with articles of clothing or a combustible liquid.

- Never throw or kick lit fireworks.

- Never use or supervise the use of fireworks after consuming alcohol.

- Don't point fireworks at other people.

Mitchell said the idea is to have a safe holiday and that the incidence of injuries due to fireworks have gone down in the last few years.

"We hope Kentuckians continue this trend of practicing fireworks safely," Mitchell said. "We want Kentuckians to spend the Fourth of July at the picnic, not the emergency room."

Complaint

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with Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson and that Nelson said that Tom Dillion was not advancing toward Kirk, as noted in the civil suit.

"The coroner stated that he had positive proof and confirmed by the pathology report that my son was not advancing toward Kirk and all the indications were that he was trying to get away from Kirk," Dillion wrote.

When questioned about the statement Friday, Nelson said, "It was never discussed in that manner. I am not at liberty at this point to discuss this with Mr. Dillion or any other public entity

until it is handed over to the grand jury. After that, I'd be glad to sit down and talk with him, the whole family, if need be."

Nelson said all of his reports regarding the shooting are now complete and that he will contact Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner next week to see when he's ready to review them.

In the complaint, Dillion, a former KSP trooper, claims that Howard has not returned at least 10 of his e-mails and several phone calls he's made pertaining to the investigation.

"I've spoken to the commonwealth's attorney and the coroner several times and they have advised me that Det. Howard hasn't even called them about this case," Dillion wrote. "A reasonable person would know that this case is not being investigated. There has never been a KSP unit come to notify any of my son's family of his death. A complete stranger came to my house to inform me that my son had been shot and killed."

"I'll be the first person to admit that my son was no angel.

He has had some minor charges on his record, but never any violence. He has never been a violent person. He certainly didn't deserve to be murdered and to let the man that murdered him walk free because a state police detective didn't like him or just don't want to do his job or whatever the reason is."

The complaint was written about a week after family and friends of "Tom" Dillion gathered in protest on the Justice Center steps in Prestonsburg.

Attempts to contact Det. Howard regarding the accusations were unsuccessful Friday.

Denied

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Charles Crittendon, who only has three months to go on the sentence he received after pleading guilty to selling drugs.

Testimony was heard from Crittendon's mother, wife and a neighbor. They testified that his sentence has been hard on the family's finances and that his mother is dying of lung disease. His neighbor recounted watching Crittendon grow up and lamented that his wife and three children are having a rough time.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor objected to the motion, saying that Crittendon's mother had been diagnosed four years before the charges and that the three children were all in the picture when Crittendon chose to sell drugs.

Judge Caudill offered Crittendon an early release with five more years of probation, but Crittendon wasn't interested and chose to finish out his three months.

Corps

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feet as it nears the high school. The floodwall will end between the college and the sewage treatment plant at an approximate 11-foot height, officials said.

Approximately 14 structures — including three residential homes — along the river bank will be acquired during the project. Attorney General Greg Stumbo's Prestonsburg office will be acquired and replaced by a ponding area, one of two to be located within the city limits.

The project proposal also includes a new interior drainage system for the city.

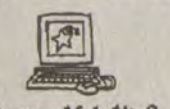
Officials said that structural

work could be implemented within five years. Nonstructural work, such as raising buildings outside of floodplain and acquiring property outside of the protected area, could begin in three years.


The floodwall project is a Section 202 project. Section 202 legislation was enacted after the 1977 flood, which caused approximately \$198 million in damages along the Levisa Fork basin.

More information about the project can be found online at www.lrh.usace.army.mil, under the "current events" section.

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up a methadone clinic — one block from a Catholic school, three blocks from a public elementary school, and right in the middle of a shopping area."

A dose of liquid methadone once a day helps addicts escape their cravings for illegal drugs and avoid withdrawal symptoms. Although patients do not get high when they use the drug properly, they do become dependent on it.

Clients pay about \$85 a week for methadone, drug screening and counseling at the clinics. One OxyContin pill purchased on the black market can cost that much.

For some communities, methadone was a welcome alternative to OxyContin, which drug addicts crushed and snorted or mixed with water and injected to get the same kind of euphoric high that heroin brings, thus its nickname heroine of the hills.

In the past five years, clinics opened without opposition in five eastern Kentucky towns and seven West Virginia towns.

When used for treatment of addiction, methadone can be dispensed only in the special clinics.

Ed Ohlinger, regional director for outpatient services in Virginia for CRC Health, said some rural residents have to drive up to four hours round trip to get methadone because their communities don't want such clinics.

Residents in Abingdon, Va.,

were successful in a fight to keep a methadone clinic out of their town, and community and political leaders in Dryden, Va., now are battling a proposed clinic there. Residents in Roanoke, Va., and Wheeling, W.Va., fought unsuccessfully to keep clinics out.

"I think with many people there's still misunderstanding," said Merritt Moore, adult treatment coordinator in the West Virginia Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. "They don't understand the effectiveness of the treatment."

Virginia has about 20 methadone clinics, three of which are in the mountainous western part of the state in Cedar Bluff, Galax and Roanoke. Denise Clayborn, a consultant to Virginia's state drug-abuse program, said the moratorium on new clinics will remain in place until a review is completed to determine if regulations on methadone clinics are adequate.

The number of methadone clinics have grown nationwide from 775 to 1,100 over the past 12 years, according to the American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence in New York. The number of people being treated has grown from 115,000 to 205,000 over the same period.

Dubin said he believes some clinics have opened without opposition because residents didn't know about them until it was too late. He is lobbying for

a state law that would bar methadone clinics from opening within a mile of a school or day-care center and would require the state to publish notices in newspapers in communities where methadone clinics are proposed.

Barbara Smith, co-owner of the proposed Middlesboro clinic, said it could initially serve up to 120 clients who would drive in each day to swallow a liquid dose of methadone. She said these will be people who are trying to kick their addictions, not drug-crazed criminals who are a danger to the community.

"The misinformation has escalated into something totally out of hand," she said. "We're trying to get facts out to the people."

The fact is, Smith said, the clinic is needed to help treat addicts in the Middlesboro area. Amanda Turner, 26, said she has to drive more than two hours roundtrip from Middlesboro to a clinic in Corbin each morning to get a dose of methadone.

Sherry Turner, the young addict's mother, is one of the strongest supporters of the clinic, and she has been trying to persuade others to drop the opposition.

"Methadone seems to be the only thing helping my daughter," she said. "I would prefer her not to have take anything, but I'd rather her have methadone than be out here trying to get drugs off the streets."

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Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society.
— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Drugs in the digital age

The Internet revolutionized the way the world does business. Unfortunately, it also seems to have revolutionized the way drug dealers do business. A series of reports in this week's editions of The Sun has shown how disturbingly easy it is for anybody to get prescription narcotics from online pharmacies. A minimal telephone consultation from a physician's assistant and old medical records were all it took for one online pharmacy to send 90 high-strength painkillers to a Sun reporter recently. One former drug dealer recounted how easy it was for her to get multiple shipments of narcotics shipped straight to her door, which were then put out on the streets, netting her hundreds of thousands of dollars.

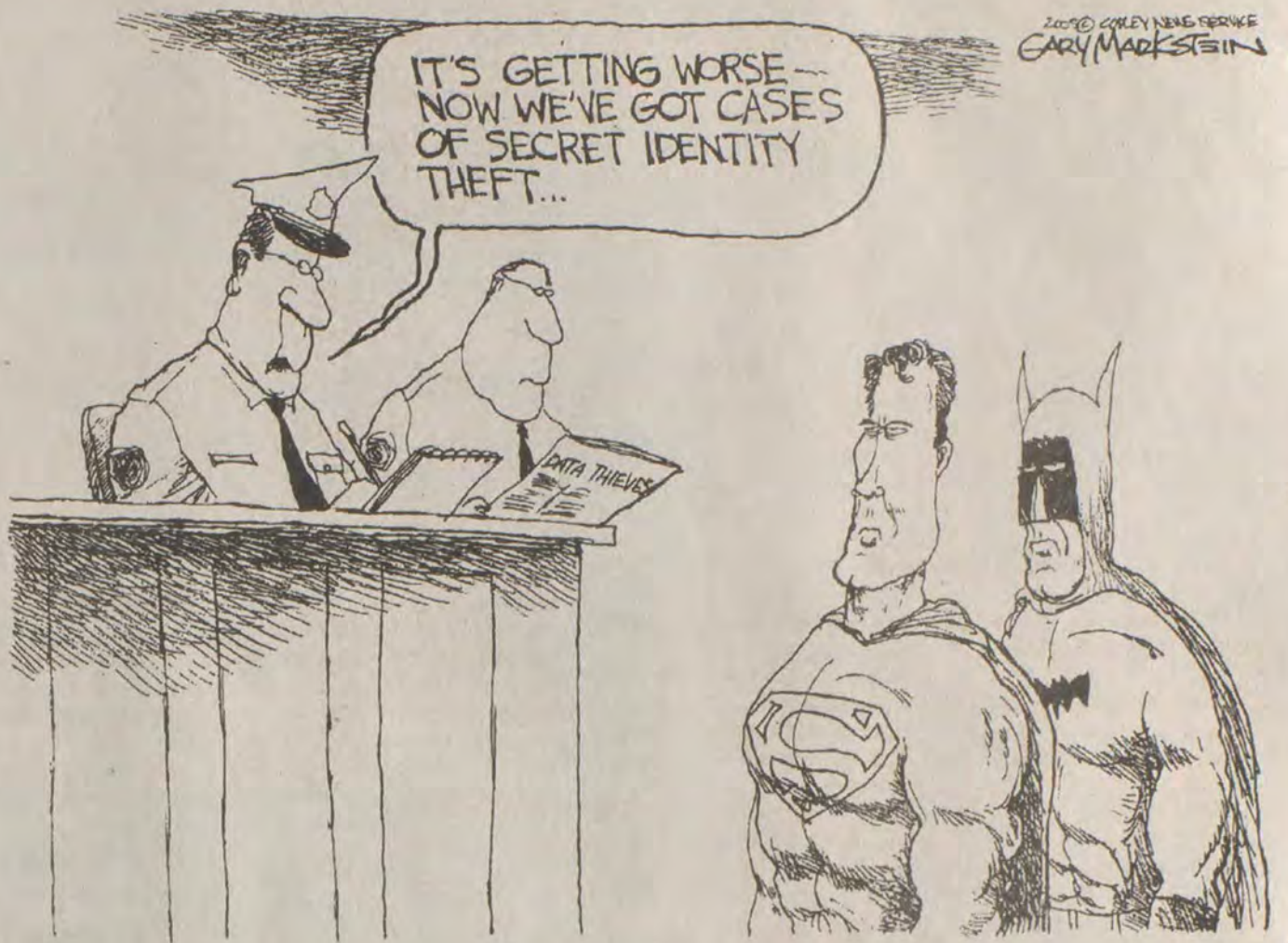
While being able to purchase an Optimus Prime cookie jar at midnight from the comfort of your couch on an online auction site may be harmless fun, being able to buy hundreds of prescription painkillers without seeing a doctor face to face is just wrong.

Requiring doctors to see patients in person before prescribing powerful and addictive narcotics should be mandatory. Although some prescription mills still would allow patients to have whatever drug they want without a valid medical reason, those doctors are in the minority. Most physicians will not issue a prescription without a good reason, which would help limit the number of pills hitting the streets.

A new state law went into effect Monday which should prohibit all but just a handful of online pharmacies from doing business in Kentucky. Internet pharmacies now must be licensed to sell and ship prescription drugs to Kentucky residents. But even legislators doubt the law's ability to stem the tide of narcotics flowing into the state. More should and must be done to put teeth into this new law.

While law enforcement officers have for years trolled the Internet pretending to be children to ensnare would-be child molesters, the state needs to do the same for online pharmacies. Money, time and personnel need to be set aside for enforcement of this law. Let law enforcement agents go fishing on the Internet to see who will ship drugs to Kentucky illegally and once a violator is found, throw the book at them. ...

—The Winchester Sun



Rich Lowry Column

Howard the horrible

Howard Dean must be the product of a Karl Rove plot. How else to explain the Democratic National Committee chairman who so often acts as an unpaid agent of the Republican Party? Democratic governors and senators run from him when he visits their states; he is badly losing the fundraising race to the Republican National Committee; and he routinely produces new gaffes.

Dean was every bit himself on "Meet the Press" recently, nasty and shaky on the facts. After three years of high-profile national politics, he is still unflinchingly able to project a sense that he doesn't know what he's talking about.

Host Tim Russert asked him about his recent comment that Tom DeLay should go to jail. Dean stood by it. DeLay's "crimes" are so notorious that Dean had to bring a list of them on set to remind himself of what they supposedly are. He couldn't correctly pronounce the

name of the lobbyist, Jack Abramoff, at the center of the corruption that so outrages him. Of course, DeLay hasn't been plausibly accused of any crimes, let alone indicted for one, and his offenses are alleged violations of House rules, which don't carry jail time.

"I don't think I'm prejudging him," Dean told Russert, then in the same breath: "I think there's a reasonable chance that this may end up in jail." He defended the DNC having a mug shot of DeLay on its Web site, then in the same breath: "We're not going to stoop to the kind of divisiveness [of] the Republicans."

On Iraq, Dean dug deeper. He criticized President Bush for his dishonesty in saying that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. Reminded by Russert that he had said the same thing, Dean allowed, "I thought there probably were."

He occasionally has the right, if futile, idea. Dean said Democrats must not be portrayed as the pro-abortion party: "I don't know anybody who thinks abortion is a good thing." He

apparently hasn't talked to many NARAL activists lately. Dean floated the idea that state medical boards should set guidelines for abortion, apparently not realizing that that would likely require overturning Roe v. Wade and make him an "extremist" fit to be filibustered were he nominated to the federal bench.

Then there were Dean's typical flubs. He said that the cap on payroll taxes for Social Security kicks in at \$85,000. It's \$90,000. In a slip of the tongue, he attacked the insinuation "that Osama bin Laden had something to do with supporting terrorists." He said "that abortions have gone up 25 percent since George Bush was president." According to The Alan Guttmacher Institute, abortions declined in 2001 and 2002, the latest years for which statistics are available.

Democrats used to be the party that took governing and politics seriously. For a chunk of the 20th century, they ran rings around Republicans in Congress, thanks to their superior knowledge and determination. But for the left-wing MoveOn.org activists that Dean so faithfully represents, politics is primarily a way to vent their spleen and frustration.

As party chairman, Dean may be a disaster, but he is their disaster, and that's all that matters.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



beyond the beltway

Better stay out of federal court

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Last week the U.S. Senate confirmed the appointment of Janice Rogers Brown to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, perhaps the most influential appellate court after the Supreme. She is, by all accounts, a remarkable woman.

She is African-American and, as her supporters never tire of pointing out, a sharecropper's daughter who overcame early widowhood and single motherhood to work her way through college and UCLA law school. She maneuvered her way through the political thickets of California to become, eventually, an associate justice on the California Supreme Court.

She is said to write poetry, read widely and her speeches are peppered with quotations by such as Cicero, Ayn Rand, Samuel Beckett and Chris Rock — that crowd. She is, in short, a practically perfect candidate for an important judicial appointment. She has but a single flaw; hardly worth mentioning, but I'll mention it anyway.

She's nuts. She is a raving conservative lunatic who not only grasps the most extreme right-wing views available to her, she dips them in blood and waves them around like flags. She has said in

speeches, for example, that the New Deal, with its emphasis on regulation of business and help for the disadvantaged, has brought upon us a new slavery.

"In the heyday of liberal democracy all roads lead to slavery," she has said. "We no longer find slavery abhorrent. We embrace it. If we can invoke no ultimate limits on the power of government, a democracy is inevitably transformed into a kleptocracy — a license to steal, a warrant for oppression."

She found a 1937 Supreme Court ruling allowing federal regulation of the workplace particularly egregious, calling it a "triumph of our own socialist revolution."

"Where government moves in, community retreats and civil society disintegrates. The result is a debased, debauched culture which finds moral depravity entertaining and virtue contemptible." She apparently wants a return to the pre-New Deal era — bread lines, child labor, unfettered stock market manipulation. Those were the days.

Still, that wasn't what bothered me most about Judge Brown. People say extreme things in speeches all of the time; I've done it myself. Nor was it the fact that in cases involving discrimination against minorities or women that have come before her, she seems most often to favor the discriminators rather than their victims. There are two sides to every issue; she's entitled to her opinion. No, it's statements like this: "These are perilous times for people of faith, not in the sense that we are going to lose our lives but in the sense that it will cost you something if you are

a person of faith who stands up for what you believe in and say those things out loud."

Or this: "Atheistic humanism handed human destiny over to the great god autonomy and this is quite a different idea of freedom. Freedom then becomes willfulness."

As a matter of fact, these are the least perilous times for people of faith — particularly the evangelical Protestant faith to which Judge Brown belongs — in my lifetime. Name the last "atheistic humanist" hired by the Bush administration to do anything. "People of faith" are in the saddle and riding the rest of us hard. And I — an agnostic humanist, if you have to know — have not handed over destiny, human and otherwise, to any god, let alone the great god autonomy. As a group we secularists are at least as moral and ethical as our religious brethren and are more fun at parties.

Believing in the progressive income tax and Social Security is not a mortal sin. Someone should tell Judge Brown that.

The scary thing about Judge Brown's appointment was that she wasn't even the worst nominee to be confirmed to the bench that week. There's Judge William Pryor Jr., who thinks Roe v. Wade (the abortion decision) "the worst abomination of constitutional law in our history" and compares homosexual relations to bestiality and necrophilia.

God, if any, help us all.

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Obituaries

Regional Obituaries

Mildred Potts

Mildred Potts, age 80, of Emma, died Thursday, June 23, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born July 30, 1924, at Emma, she was the daughter of the late Tilton and Eva Branham Boyd. She was a homemaker and a member of the Emma United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, David Potts; a brother, Darwin Boyd, of California; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Raymond Boyd; five sisters, Norma Conley, Marie Click, Estill Bayes, Wanda Cobb, and Birdus Conley.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 25, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin. Paul Aiken officiated.

Burial was in Richmond Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Irene Layne Hughes

Irene Layne Hughes, age 75, of Martin, died Wednesday, June 22, 2005, at Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington.

Born January 19, 1930, in Martin, she was the daughter of the late William Taylor Layne and Martha Hale Layne.

She is survived by her husband, Floyd Hughes; three daughters, Clara Jean Akers, Martha Faye Bentley, and Jo Ann Samons, all of Martin; two brothers, Charles Layne, of South Whitley, Ind., and Bert Layne, of Eastern; three sisters, Georgia Layne, of Martin, Emma Jean Miller, of Burkett, Ind., and Hazel FireSheets, of Anacoco, La.; seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Earl Layne and Jake Layne; and, three sisters, Bessie Patton, Anna Dove, and Cassie Stone.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 25, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin. Clergyman Gary Allen officiated.

Burial followed in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home. Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Charles Horne, David Bentley, Jay Samons, Toby Samons, Phillip Anderson, and Jimmy Artrip.

(Paid obituary)

Adrian E. Bentley

Adrian E. Bentley, age 76, of Hueysville, died Wednesday, June 22, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born March 10, 1929, in Garrett, he was the son of the late Richard Bentley and Edna Craft Bentley. He was a retired teacher, formerly employed by the Floyd County School System; a United States Airforce, Korean Era veteran; and a member of the Retired Teacher's Association. He was a Kentucky Colonel.

He is survived by his wife, Polly Allen Bentley; one son, Adrian E. (Rebecca) Bentley, of Prestonsburg; two brothers, Conrad Bentley, of Wayland, and Marvin Bentley, of Cave Run; two sisters, Velma Bentley, of Cave Run, Rella Faye Bentley, of Prestonsburg; and, three grandchildren, Mark Brandon Bentley, Caitlin Adrienne Bentley, and Shannon Bentley.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 25, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin. Clergyman Jerry Manns officiated.

Burial followed in the Allen Family Cemetery, at Hueysville, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home, where church services were held Friday evening.

(Paid obituary)

Zola Campbell Gayheart

Zola Campbell Gayheart, age 80, of Garrett, died Monday, June 20, 2005, in Richmond.

Born May 30, 1925, in Mousie, she was the daughter of the late Sam Campbell and Birdie Gibson Campbell. She was a retired clerk for the Campbell Store, at Garrett, and a member of the Garrett First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son, Bob L. Gayheart, of Richmond; two sisters, Lucille Francis, of Garrett, Erma Triplett, of Kendallville, Indiana; and, three grandchildren, Adam Gayheart, of Frankfort, Joseph Tyler Gayheart, of Hawaii, and Whitney Elizabeth Keogh, of Lexington.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 23, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin. Clergyman Randy Osborne officiated.

Burial followed in the Campbell Family Cemetery, at Mousie, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Gary Francis, Tim Francis, Scott Patrick, Adam Gayheart, Mike Keogh.

(Paid obituary)

FLOYD COUNTY

Adis Irva Stamper Akers, 88, of Vevay, Indiana, formerly of Martin, died Saturday, June 18, at the Swiss Villa Living Center, in Vevay, Indiana. Graveside memorial service were conducted Thursday, June 23, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ashland Salisbury, 89, of Langley, died Friday, June 17, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Dudley Salisbury. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Oscar Cole, 71, of Ashtabula, Ohio, a Floyd County native, died Wednesday, June 15, at University Hospital of Cleveland. Services were held Saturday, June 18, under the direction of Ducro Funeral Home.

Rati "Dude" Stumbo, 91, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, June 16, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Thomas J. Fannin, 53, of Findlay, Ohio, died at Birchaven Retirement Village, Findlay, on Sunday, June 19, 2005, following an extended illness. Services were held Wednesday, June 22, under the direction of Routson Funeral Home.

JoAnn Crider Livingston, 66, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, June 19, at the Prestonsburg Healthcare Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

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PIKE COUNTY

Jerry Barnette Sr., 61, of Virgie, died Saturday, June 18, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Joyce Barnette. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 21,

under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Gregory Dwayne Fleming, 26, of Pikeville died June 6, in Hellier. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Marie P. (Phillips) Kober, 91, of Martinsville, Indiana, a Pike County native, died Tuesday, June 14, at Morgan Hospital in Martinsville. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 18, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Eura P. Lanear, 83, of Michigan, formerly of Robinson Creek, died Saturday, June 18, at Indian Creek. Funeral services were held Monday, June 20, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Walter Robbins, an instructor at Pikeville College, has died. Arrangements, are under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

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

Vadney Burke, 87, of Rockhouse Fork Road, died Monday, June 20, at Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Robinson Creek. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 23, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Betty Jean Hobbs Gilliam, 71, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, June 21, at her home. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Eura P. Lasnear, 83, of Michigan, formerly of Robinson Creek, died Saturday, June 18, at Indian Creek. Funeral services were held Monday, June 20, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Walter LeRoy "Lee" Robbins, 71, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, June 8, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 23, in St. Francis Church, Pikeville. A memorial service will be held at Pikeville College in the fall.

Ruby E. Stacy, 76, of Turkey Creek, died Saturday, June 18, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held at Wednesday, June 22, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Delsie Weddington, 95, of Stone Coal, died Monday, June 20, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 22, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Dimple 'Dee' A. Spradlin, 58, of New Carlisle, Ohio, a Van Lear native, died Monday, June 13, at her residence. Funeral services were held Friday, June 10, under the direction of the Trostel, Chapman & Christmas Funeral Home, New Carlisle.

Dixie Fay Preston VanHoose, 85, of Paintsville, died Wednesday, June 15, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville. She is survived by her husband, Clifford Earl VanHoose. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 18, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Fred L. Holbrook, 79, of Springfield, Tennessee, a Johnson County native, died Monday, June 13, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Skaggs Holbrook. Funeral services were held Friday, June 17, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Geraldine Marie Watson, 87, a Van Lear native, died Thursday, June 16, in Henderson, Nevada. Arrangements, under the direction of the Palm Mortuary of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Larry Fyffe, 59, of McAlpin, Florida, a Johnson County native, died Saturday, June 18, in McAlpin, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Janet Wheeler Fyffe. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 21, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

Whipple Williamson, 74, of Wittensville, died Friday, June 17, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were held Monday, June 20, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

William Reece Tackett, 65, of Stanville, a Johnson County native, died Thursday, June 16, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Monday, June 20, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

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Odds

close his hand," White said.

BOSTON — A woman who apparently stuffed \$46,950 in cash in her bra before trying to board a plane to Texas for plastic surgery has sued a federal agency, demanding the return of her money.

The money was seized from Ileana Valdez, 26, after a security check at a metal detector at Logan International Airport on Feb. 3. Valdez told authorities she was heading to Texas for plastic surgery on her buttocks and breasts.

"I don't know why she was carrying it in her bra," said Boston lawyer Tony V. Blaize, who filed the suit Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Boston.

In her suit, Valdez said a male Drug Enforcement Administration agent told her she had a nice body and didn't need surgery — and then seized the cash, claiming it was drug money.

Valdez said she has no criminal record and earned the money by selling her Dorchester business and two parcels of property in Boston's Jamaica Plain section.

Anthony Pettigrew, a spokesman for the DEA in Boston, said he could not comment on the lawsuit. But he said

federal asset forfeiture laws allow agents to seize suspected drug profits.

MAGNOLIA, Ark. — At age 81, Fola Coats might seem a little old to join the Navy. But the great-grandmother recently received a letter inviting her to enlist in the Seabees of the Naval Reserve.

"I laughed when I got (the letter)," she said. "I told (my family), I can't wait to get my uniform."

Coats' husband served in World War II and two of her sons were in Vietnam.

"I guess they figured we were a great military family," she said.

The letter suggests she should volunteer for the Seabees, supporting Navy construction needs with a specialty rating of builder, construction electrician, construction mechanic, engineering aide, equipment operator, steelworker or utility worker.

Coats said the letter has been good for laughs for her whole family.

"And the worst part of all of this is I don't even like water," she said. "I won't even go swimming. That would be a little difficult when I get on that boat and get way out in the ocean."

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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.

TROUBLE. TROUBLE

This has been not one of my better weeks. I rise, reasonably early Monday morning, starry-eyed and r'arin' to go (who said, "back to bed?"), and, lo! there is trouble.

The car that I am permitted to drive, when it isn't needed on more important matters by the son or daughter, has an internal ailment that causes it to emit only a weak growl, but doesn't permit it to move. So I have to call on a good neighbor, who goes to all kinds of trouble to correct the situation.



Norman Allen

This problem solved, I make it to the office and edge the old nose toward the grindstone.

But the phone rings, and I learn that worse trouble has befallen us. The dog has been hit by a car.

It develops that man's best friend has a bad break, and that he's going to need an operation. And that means a trip to Huntington.

Yes, Monday, was a mite on the blue side.

SILLY MAN...

And now you're wondering how silly one can be to spend money having an operation on a dog, and how unthinking one must be to spend good money that human beings need more...But what's a-body to do if he's crazy enough to have a dog on the place—let him lie and suffer and die, without turning a hand? Any time you think you would just write off a dog's life as just another pooch, gone to wherever dogs go when they pass on, try holding one, pat his head to quiet him, then hear his tall beat a friendly tattoo on the examination table, and see him disregard all his pain to try to lick your face. No human in pain, facing such an ordeal, could, with a thousand words, express such affection. Most of us would be too busy thinking of ourselves.

I stood and wondered what the poor dog was grateful for, and I was the one in debt.

**THE OLD MASTER
TURNS CRITIC**

If some of this cacophonous ululating that I hear on radio and television is singing, then I'm Caruso. And I am one of the few who have never been invited to

(See ALLEN, page seven)



Judy Hackworth, who, along with volunteer Dorothy Harris, is a member of the Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild (UK Extension Service) says that she could never get the attention of granddaughter, Victoria, pictured here with her, long enough "at home" to teach her to quilt, but learning with other kids her age makes the experience a fun one for Victoria.

photos by Kathy J. Prater

Quilting camp a fun way to learn Appalachian heritage

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Following an earlier kid's summer camp for learning to sew, the Auxier Lifetime Learning Center just finished hosting a kid's quilting camp for interested youngsters.

Learning the art of quilting was made easy for children attending the camp as volunteer teachers broke the process down into easy-to-follow, and understand, steps. Students learned about pattern making, the use of guide boards, color coordination of selected fabrics, the proper use of rotary cutters and how to use a sewing machine to piece their quilts together.

"The method we're teaching them is called 'stripping,'" said Dorothy Harris, a volunteer from the Floyd County Homemakers Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild, Floyd County Extension Office. "It's a pretty simple method and it's a fun way to quilt, too, so the kids really enjoy it."

Using this method, the youngsters cut and sew together small pieces of fabric into long strips, they then sew the strips together to create a square. Smaller squares become lap quilts and pillows, larger squares may be turned into full-size quilts.

"Working with kids is so much fun," Harris said. "It keeps you looking on the young side of life. I really enjoy it...and quilting is something I love, so this is just the best of both worlds for me."

The center plans to host another camp, a sewing camp, for children over the age of 8, during the week of July 18-22. For a small fee of \$10, a daily snack, plus most supplies, are included. Children may keep the items they create during camp sessions.

For more information, contact the center at 886-0709.



This camper's lollipop may have helped her concentration as she sewed the pieces of her lap quilt together using what is referred to as the "stripping" method.



This happy group kept busy this past week learning how to quilt at the Auxier Lifetime Learning Center. From left to right, front, are participants: Destiny, Mary, Leslie, Olivia, Victoria, Emily and Kristen. Back row, left to right, are volunteer helpers: Judy Kemp, Dorothy Harris, and Judy Hackworth.

**MOVIES FROM
THE BLACK LAGOON**

'The Hellbenders'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER



Tom Doty
Staff Writer

The title may sound like a typical horror-fest, but this is actually a gritty western from the "Spaghetti" cycle.

Funnily enough, these Italian made films were an international effort that were often made in Spain, featured American actors and played in cinemas throughout the world. Many of these movies offered leading roles to character actors and television stars, as well as offering work to faded thespians who were put out to pasture by the big studios back home.

The final category applies here as this film offers us Joseph Cotton ("Citizen Kane") as a ruthless Confederate officer named Jonas who is bound and determined to change the tide of the Civil War by robbing a convoy of Union soldiers carrying a big payroll for the troops. He enlists the aid of his three sons in committing the heist, which sees them empty their guns into a Union regiment with the glee one usually reserves for bowling night with the boys. It's a well-staged scene that features the trademark violence and grit that separated these films from previous incarnations of the genre.

Jonas hatches a scheme to stash the loot in a coffin and use a female associate to pose as a war widow to escort the money past the Union troops who are out in force looking for them. It's a solid plan, but we all know what happens to those.

First up they lose the floozy they hired to play the widow. The next town, however, provides a saloon and they quickly ensnare a dance hall girl to step in as the war widow. That turns out to be the last thing that goes right for them and they are soon up to their necks in Indians, Union soldiers and Mexican bandits. Problems come from within, as well, as one of the sons develops feelings for the girl and begins to discover that his moral compass is pointing him away from his family.

Tensions mount as the sons begin to think about how well they could live on the payroll they've liberated, while Jonas becomes more and more fanatical about how the money will free the South and make him its new savior as well as leader. It all boils down to a fatal shoot (don't they all?) that tears apart the family and brings the action to a grim close.

This one packs all of the elements that made "Spaghetti Westerns" box office candy in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Here landscapes are harsh and unforgiving while western towns are corrupt and lawless.

The heroes are hard to discern and

(See LAGOON, page seven)

Marty had a little lamb

by MARTY BECKER, D.V.M.
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE PET LOVER'S SOUL"

It was lambing season. The neighbors' phone call brought my dad and me rushing to their barn to help with a difficult delivery. We found a lamb whose mother had died while giving birth. The orphan was weak, cold, still shrouded with the placenta, and walking on impossibly tall and wobbly legs. I bundled him up in my coat and put him in the pickup truck for the short ride back to our small family farm in rural Idaho.

We drove through our barnyard, passing cows, pigs, chickens, dogs and cats, but Dad headed straight for the house. I didn't know it yet, but that lamb was destined to become more than an ordi-

nary sheep, just as I was destined to be more than an ordinary 7-year-old boy — I was about to become a mommy!

Cradling the lamb in my arms, I brought him into the kitchen. While Mom and I wiped the lamb down with dry towels, Dad stoked the furnace with coal so that the newborn would have warming heat to drive away the cold. As I petted his curly little head, the tiny creature tried sucking on my fingers. He was hungry! We slipped a nipple over a pop bottle full of warm milk and stuck it into his mouth. He latched on, and instantly his jaws pumped like a machine, sending the nourishing milk to his stomach.

As soon as he started eating, his tail started wagging furiously. Then suddenly his eyes

popped open for the first time, and he looked me right in the eye. He gave me that miraculous moment-of-birth look that every mother knows. The look that says, unmistakably: "Hello, Mommy! I'm yours; you're mine; ain't life fine!"

A young boy with tousled blond hair and thick black glasses doesn't look much like a sheep. But this little lamb didn't care in the least. The important thing was that he had a mom — me!

I named him Henry, and, just like the nursery rhyme, everywhere that Marty went, the lamb was sure to go. The instant bond we shared that first day turned into the same deep kind of connection that develops between mother and child. We were always together. I'd feed, exercise and bathe Henry. I'd scold him sternly when he got out in the road. Imagine the amazement and delight of my classmates when I

had a couple of dogs and a sheep run to meet me at the school bus! Every day after school, Henry and I played games together until we both fell asleep, side by side, in the tall cool grass of the pasture.

As I grew up, Henry grew older. Never once, however, did he forget that I was his mom. Even as a full-grown ram, he nuzzled me fondly, rubbing his big woolly head against my leg whenever he saw me. Functioning as a four-legged lawn mower and wool-covered dog at the Becker farm, Henry had a happy, healthy, full life for the rest of his days.

People sometimes ask me why I became a veterinarian. The answer is why: At 7 years old, my love for animals was still just a spark. But it ignited into a flame at that magical moment when I became a mother to a hungry little lamb.



Jim Davidson

Do you have a blessing basket?

How long has it been since you stopped to count your blessings? In our home, my wife Viola counts them often, literally, because she has been so blessed by family, friends, fellow church members and a great number of readers who have sent her cards, thoughtful gifts and other expressions of love and concern.

In case you don't know, Viola has Parkinson's, but this debilitating disease has only affected her body, never her attitude or her spirit. It's been more than six years now since she was first diagnosed and this relentless disease is beginning to really take a toll, especially in the past few weeks. She has gone from walking with a slight limp, to using a cane, then a walker which she still uses, and this past week we



got a battery powered chair, like those you see on TV, that enables her to get around a whole lot better.

As I said, one of the things that has really blessed her is the large number of personal notes and thoughtful cards that others have sent to her over the past several months. As she receives and reads each one, after sharing it with me, she just tosses it into a wicker basket that sits on top of an old cedar chest in the center of our large combination family, kitchen and dining room. She calls this her "Blessing Basket."

This basket will hold over 100 of these special notes and

expressions of love and she told me recently that she has emptied it at least three or four times in the past couple of years. This has been so meaningful to her that she purchased and gave a similar basket to a dear friend who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. For people who have many lonely and unsettled days, the real blessing is to be able to get some of those notes out and reread them, to be reminded that others do care and they are not alone.

Do you have a blessing basket?

Needless to say, there have been a lot of adjustments that I have had to make because of our circumstances at this point in our lives. Less you misunderstand, I want to make it very clear that I never complain about the extra things I get to do because Viola can no longer do them.

I never dreamed that I could work in the office, travel to

speaking engagements, make the beds, do the laundry, do the grocery shopping, cook our meals, wash and put away the dishes (we do have a dishwasher), and take care of our small garden. All of this comes under the heading of doing what you have to do. However, we do have a wonderful lady who comes to our home a couple of times each month to really clean house. That is, she cleans up some of the messes I have made.

All of this has served to show me just how much work Viola has been doing, and all the wives out there said, "Amen!" For me, it's really a joy to be able to do these things, because she has taken care of me first class for most of the years of our marriage.

One thing we still do is laugh a lot. We need that. If you are not having fun and laughing a lot in your home, you are indeed missing a great blessing.

Something happened one morning a few days ago that really illustrates what I am saying. It's Viola's nature to want things to be done right, and to have them done right now. Not next week, but right now. She has a special way of prodding me to get it done. A couple of days of having her point to this and then that for me to do, and my mind being on writing a column or doing something in the office, finally got to me. My solution was to have her make a list and write down everything she wanted me to do, and then I would do all these things at the same time when I took a break.

When I was explaining this concept to her, she said, "It's obvious that you have never been a wife and mother." To this I responded with a line that I heard the late Earl Nightingale say one time, "Madam, you have finally spoken a great truth." Of course, what she was inferring is that I could only think of one thing at a time, which is another way of saying that I have a one-track mind.

When we were visiting in a couple's home the other day and I was telling this story, this lady said, "Junior is the same way here." Apparently this trait is widespread among men.

On a more serious note, one thing our personal experience has revealed to me is the large number of people in our nation who are walking the same road. To be the caregiver for another person can be a blessing or it can be a curse, depending on our attitude. We can see it as an opportunity to serve God by taking care of one of His children, or we can see it as a millstone around our neck that keeps us from doing what we want to do.

You will find that one of the major causes for divorce in our country is selfishness. Nothing lasts forever, but doing the right thing will bring everlasting joy.



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Help for car-crash victims

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
Your recent newspaper column regarding the person experiencing trauma after her Toyota was rear-ended by some guy going 70 mph invited me to add my thoughts: I am a psychologist in Minnesota and have treated a number of car-crash victims just like your reader. They are indeed suffering from a form of post-traumatic stress disorder, and can easily be helped by a therapeutic procedure called EMDR — eye movement desensitization and reprocessing. Don't ask me to explain how it works, but believe me, it does. I have treated car-crash victims, carjacking victims, rape victims and holdup victims with the same method of EMDR. They were symptom-free — and stayed that way — after just one session of the procedure. Pretty amazing. It wasn't me; it was the procedure that did the work, along with the client's own brain — which helped reprocess the trauma memory. So, tell this woman to go to the EMDR Web site, www.emdria.org, and click on the link for Find a Therapist. She should get relief from her symptoms quite rapidly — and they will stay away. I wish her the best. — Ken

RAY: Thanks, Ken. An accident can be very traumatic, so it makes sense that victims might need to heal psychologically as well as physically.

TOM: We have to say, however, that we know absolutely nothing about specific psychological treatments, or which ones work and which don't for post-traumatic-stress issues.

RAY: Our ignorance about psychology comes despite the fact that my brother's case has been cited in the Journal of Unbelievable Stupidity on numerous occasions.

TOM: But seeing a psychological-trauma professional makes good sense to us for people who are having trouble getting on the road again after an accident. Thanks for writing, Ken.

Cause of chronic battery corrosion

Dear Tom and Ray:
I'm anxious to ask you guys a car question that has stumped the Chevy dealer. My sister has a 2003 Chevy Impala whose battery seems to have continuous corrosion, either on the tray that the battery sits on, or on the connector cables. The car will also periodically not start up because of this problem. The car has less than 15,000 miles on it, and the dealer said the original battery was split, so they replaced it. Well, now it's doing the same thing all over again, and the new battery is only a couple of months old. Everyone is stumped. Can you help? Thanks. — Cathy

TOM: Your sister's car is overcharging, Cathy.

RAY: Which is what my brother and I do to our customers at the garage.

TOM: The alternator makes electricity to charge the battery. But the amount of voltage the alternator makes is directly related to the speed of the engine. The faster you go, the more juice the alternator can put out.

RAY: So, to keep it from sending too much voltage to the battery, the alternator has something called a voltage regulator. My guess is that her voltage regulator is no good, and it's allowing the battery to get overcharged — at least some of the time.

TOM: When the battery gets pelted with too much voltage, it can outgas hydrogen, boil over its acid, corrode things around it and even split open its plastic casing. Sound familiar?

RAY: So, tell your sister to ask the dealership to thoroughly inspect the charging system. And even if it tests OK, have them replace the alternator, because that's almost certainly the problem. Since this is covered by warranty, Cathy, the battery should be the only thing that gets overcharged in this transaction.

A second opinion on effects of stop-and-go traffic

Dear Tom and Ray:

I was reading a book about cars in which the author stated: "Stop-and-go rush-hour traffic is a prime candidate for spawning high automatic-transmission temperatures. Placing the transmission in Neutral during long stops will help dissipate some of that internal heat, because the clutches and other components aren't generating the necessary friction to keep the car at the ready. This helps considerably in cooling the

unit." Please offer your second opinion regarding this driving practice. If you agree, comment on what you would consider a "long stop." I interpret it to mean stops of the duration that normally occur at intersections when the light is red. — Michael

TOM: I make a "long stop" every morning ... first thing when I get up. Is that what you're talking about?

RAY: I don't think so. Michael, the author is correct that putting an automatic transmission in Neutral will help keep the transmission a little cooler. But the question is, at what cost?

TOM: Every time you move the transmission between Neutral and Drive, you torque, or "twist," the entire drivetrain. That means one thing slams into the next, which slams into the next, and on down the line. Every time these drivetrain components get slammed together, they get a little closer to wearing out or breaking. In our opinion, that kind of wear and tear is more harmful than normal stop-and-go transmission temperatures — for which the transmission was designed.

RAY: Now, if you really are stopped for a long time — and I don't consider a traffic light a "long stop" — then you should put the car in Park, turn off the ignition and read a book. I would consider a "long stop" a minimum of three or four minutes. You'd be hard-pressed to find a traffic light that lasts that long (although some of them sure feel like it).

TOM: I know there's less and less for us tinkerers to do in our cars these days. We're reduced to just putting it in Drive and stepping on the gas. It's boring!

RAY: But resist the urge to monkey with the automatic transmission, Michael. If you're really antsy, try dusting the dashboard.

Wait! Don't buy another car without the mechanic's checklist that's included in Tom and Ray's pamphlet "How to Buy a Great Used Car: Secrets Only Your Mechanic Knows." It will help you get a good used car and avoid the clunkers. Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Used Car, 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.



Lumiere gives Belle a lesson in hospitality in Jenny Wiley Theatre's production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast.

'Pay-What-You-Can' Night for Disney's Beauty and the Beast set for July 3

Jenny Wiley Theatre announces "Pay-What-You-Can-Night" for Disney's Beauty and the Beast. The Staff and Board of Trustees invite everyone to be with us for this delightful and heart-warming production, on Sunday, July 3, no matter what you can pay.

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Any amount of payment from \$0 to \$21 is acceptable, but patrons are limited to only 4 tickets per family. Because seating is assigned and limited, reservations MUST be confirmed with the Box Office in advance by calling toll-free at 1-877-CALL-JWT. This offer must be mentioned when ordering your tickets. Seating available only until sold out. Offer not valid on previously purchased tickets. This performance is open to the public as always and everyone is welcome.

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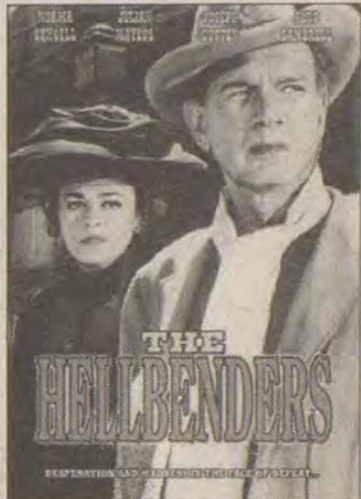
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sing in a church choir...After hearing some of our hillbilly "artists" sing through their noses, I know I have missed my calling. Nature has generously equipped me with the olfactory organ needed for such singing, and here I have wasted all these years.

SO BACK TO FISHING

My readers—well, one, anyway—were disappointed in my column last week, because there was nothing therein about fishing...So the old armchair angler must get back in the groove...If you think John Warrix's pipe is at a jaunty angle than usual this week, please be advised that he caught a five-pound bass, the other day...If I look a bit seedier and down

in the mouth than usual, you are hereby notified that I have caught nothing: worse, haven't had an opportunity even to try catching something or nothing. See by the papers that some smartaleck says fisherman are too old-fashioned. Says they leave the matter of catching fish too much to luck and skill, that they should devote time to research. The poor guy doesn't know that skill is what I have, and luck is what the fellow who catches fish has. Still, I am willing to give this research stuff a try. If I come up with the discovery that the only sure way to get fish is to drop a stick of dynamite in a carefully chosen spot, don't blame me—it's the scientist in me cropping out.



Lagoon

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nobody makes it easier by donning a white or black hat. The characters are grim, dirty and monosyllabic. In other words, this is the West that was and audiences of the period welcomed the change which brought us new classics like "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" and "Once Upon a Time in the West."

Cotton does a fine job here and was one of many American stars who found work in this genre after Hollywood stopped calling. He's in fine company, too, and adventurous viewers will find that a slew of actors did some of their finest work in Italian Westerns. Performers like Dan Duryea, Jack Palance, John Ireland and, of course, Lee Van Cleef all found their way over to Italy when jobs in the States dried up.

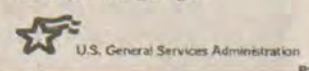
Some of the dialogue may have been trite and all of these films suffer from bad dubbing, but they all benefit from a grim realism and some of the finest photography ever committed to celluloid.

Best line: "First we're attacked by bandits and then we are saved by the damn yankees."

1967, no rating.

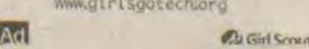
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Healthy Floyd County 2010 forms Drug Action Team

Out of concern for the "health" of the community, a group of businesses, organizations and concerned citizens met in early 2003 and formed Healthy Floyd County 2010.

A needs assessment was conducted, asset mapping was begun and meetings were held with the community. From these community meetings, three major concerns — education, drugs, and the economy — were identified and an action team was formed to address each concern.

The Health/Drug Action Team believes in and is committed to education. According to the National Drug Control Strategy, boys and girls who

Group plans postcard campaign

grow to maturity without using illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco are likely to remain drug-free for the rest of their lives. Rarely does a person begin drug abuse after the age of twenty. Our intention, therefore, is to raise children who recognize toxic, addictive substances as alien, self-destructive, and anti-social.

The number one goal of the Drug Action Team is to combat the growing epidemic of drug abuse in Floyd County. One of the ways the Drug Action Team will begin to do this is through the substance abuse education

of parents of all middle and high school-age students in Floyd County.

Beginning in June, the first of six substance abuse informational postcards will be mailed to the target group and radio spots by area school students will begin on area radio stations.

The postcards will contain information about steroids,

methamphetamine, marijuana, tobacco, ecstasy, prescription drugs, and alcohol and will be mailed bi-monthly throughout 2005 and 2006.

A toll-free hotline, listed on the postcards, has been set up for parents to call for more information regarding drug use or drug tips. The number is (888) 899-7992.

For more information regarding the postcards and radio spots call (606) 285-5181, ext. 6002.



The Healthy Floyd County 2010 Drug Action Team includes, from left to right, Neva Francis, Lola Ratliff, Carol Jo May, Brenda Francis, Darlene Starnes, Ruth Shelton, Thursa Sloan, and Steve Williams.

Investigators search additional executive branch offices

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Investigators from the state attorney general's office searched the office of a top aide to Gov. Ernie Fletcher on Thursday, as part of their investigation into the administration's hiring practices.

Agents for the Kentucky Bureau of Investigation (KBI) — a branch of the attorney general's office — searched the office

of Basil Turbyfill, the governor's executive director for personnel and efficiency. Following the search, investigators left the state Capitol carrying boxes of evidence.

A similar search of the state's Office of Homeland Security was temporarily blocked by a Franklin Circuit judge after objections from the administration. Franklin County Circuit Judge William Graham ordered the evidence — contained in the office of the agency's former director, Keith

Hall — secured until Friday afternoon.

Hall resigned suddenly earlier this month. Administration officials have said the resignation was not related to the probe.

Fletcher's general counsel, Jim Deckard, claimed investigators should not have total access to the agency's documents because it is linked to the federal government.

Fletcher spokeswoman Carla Blanton called the move by Attorney General Greg Stumbo's office a "publicity stunt."

Faith Extra

Heavily promoted Bible exhibit opens in Lexington

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — A heavily promoted exhibit on the history of the Bible is drawing criticism from scholars who say it has more of an evangelical Christian spin than a historical one.

"Ink and Blood: Dead Sea Scrolls to the English Bible" opens at the Lexington Center on Friday. It has been pushed by local churches and advocated on radio and television by former Miss America Heather French Henry.

Some scholars, however, say it's misleading and that one of the exhibits, the Marzeah Papyrus, may be a modern forgery.

The Marzeah is about the size of a bookmark and has a small seal made of clay, called a bulla, on the back. Scholars date the papyrus to the mid-to-late 7th century B.C.

Christopher Rollston, a paleographer at the Emmanuel School of Religion in Tennessee, said there are hundreds of written documents from the period. He questions its authenticity because it looks like a mixture of Aramaic, Hebrew, Moabite and Anamite.

"I think that the forger didn't really do his homework on scripts," Rollston said. "Because we never have this mixture of scripts in any other inscriptions."

In addition, the papyrus wasn't found in an archaeological dig, which means scholars don't know where it came from or how it was discovered. It first appeared on the antiquities market sometime during the last 25 years.

Dr. William Noah, a Nashville-area pulmonologist who organized the exhibit, said the papyrus is significant because its writing is from before the Babylonian exile.

"There's just a couple pieces of writing, a couple pieces in the world, and it's one of them — if it's real," said Noah.

The exhibition will be in Lexington for 66 days — the same number of days as there

are books in the Bible. It traces the evolution of the Bible from early writings to the Dead Sea Scrolls to translations into Latin, German, French, and, most importantly from the exhibit's point of view, English.

Noah, 44, pulled the exhibit together from private collections, including his own. He doesn't have any formal training in biblical studies, but he has studied on his own and traveled around the world to see important Bibles and other artifacts. He wrote the panels that explain the objects and had scholars in the field review them, he said.

Organizers are predicting that 100,000 will attend the Lexington event, where tickets for adults are \$16 on weekends.

The exhibit has more than 100 exhibits, including handwritten Medieval Bibles, a copy of the Book of Hours, pages from the Gutenberg Bible, and five fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The Dead Sea Scrolls contain the oldest known copies of most of the Old Testament books, as well as the Apocrypha and other writings. There are thousands of scroll fragments, which were discovered beginning in 1947. Some were as long as 30 feet.

But Weston Fields, executive director of the Dead Sea Scrolls Foundation, which helps coordinate Israeli Antiquity Authority-approved exhibitions of the scrolls, also calls exhibits like Ink & Blood misleading.

"It's not really being honest with the public to advertise these tiny little things as a Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit," Fields said, despite the fact that they are genuine.

Noah admits that official Dead Sea Scrolls exhibits — sponsored by museums — have more impressive examples than Ink & Blood. But, he said, his exhibit tells the history of the Bible, not just the scrolls, and few visitors have complained about the size of the fragments.

"Most people are thrilled just to say they saw the Dead Sea Scrolls," Noah said.



CAP Corner Why pray?

by RICHARD GINN
CAP CHAPLAIN

A man by the name of Harold Lamb told this story of a sales presentation he made at a church board meeting:

"My co-worker and I were making a sales call to a rural Baptist church. We gave our presentation to the church committee, and then the group's chairman walked to the altar and knelt down. After a minute of silent prayer, he returned and announced in a solemn tone, 'The Lord tells me we should wait.'"

My colleague responded by walking to the altar and kneeling down himself.

Then he returned to the group, looked at the chairman and declared, 'He wants to talk with you again.'"

I'm not convinced that either the chairman of the church committee or the salesman were

actually praying, but it seemed that both men saw prayer as a way of getting what they wanted.

Sadly, some people see prayer as useless, that no amount of prayer will change the outcome of any event or situation in life, but we know the Bible encourages us to pray to get what we want. James 4:2 tells us that we do not have because we do not ask God. James also goes on to say that we must pray with the right motives.

Prayer gave Jesus the strength to endure the trial and the crucifixion. Prayer changes us.

We can see situations, events, etc. in a different light. For a Christian, if a problem is not big enough to pray about, it's probably not big enough to worry about. We should always pray for God's will to be done and we would have the strength to accept the answers.

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Atkinson-Pack duo win annual Floyd County rescue squad fishing tournament

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG – The Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad held its annual fishing tournament Saturday, May 14 on Dewey Lake at picturesque Jenny Wiley State Park.

First-place honors went to the duo of Mitchell Atkinson (Betsy Layne) and Don Pack (Stanville) with a combined catch of 12.76

pounds. The fishing twosome of Jacob Shepherd (David) and Kyle Calhoun (East Point) finished second with a combined catch of 8.90 pounds. Tim Miller (East Point) and Bryan Allen (Prestonsburg) hooked up and finished third with a total catch of 8.67 pounds. Jason South (Lexington) made the trip to Floyd County from Central Kentucky, teaming up with Mike Adams (Flat

Gap) and finishing fourth with a total catch of 8.61 pounds, nearly equaling the third-place duo.

Rounding out the top-five, the Martin-based duo of Kelly Allen and Richard Ousley finished fifth with a catch of 7.50 pounds.

Daryl Sexton (Prestonsburg) and Jerry Bailey (Hippo) took the Big Bass Award with a catch of 3.88 pounds.

Fifty-four fish were caught dur-

ing the tournament. The weight of the total catch was 111.13 pounds.

Sponsors for the tournament were Respond Ambulance, City of Prestonsburg, Prestonsburg Tourism, Trans-Star Ambulance, First Commonwealth Bank, Adams Auto Parts, Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance – Floyd County and Richie

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The team of Mitchell Atkinson and Don Pack won this year's Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad fishing tournament.



photos courtesy of Amsterdam Admirals

In a span of one year, Prestonsburg High School graduate Jeremy Caudill has played on two championship teams. The former Parade All-American, who went on to star at the University of Kentucky, played on last season's Lexington Horsemen national championship team and made a name for himself this year as a member of the Amsterdam Admirals, NFL Europe Champions.

Caudill keeps NFL hopes alive

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Jeremy Caudill has been halfway around the world chasing a chance to play in the NFL – professional football's ultimate destination. Caudill was back in Prestonsburg this week following a full season in Europe as a member of the Amsterdam Admirals of NFL Europe. This time last year, Caudill was a member of the Lexington Horsemen. He and his Lexington teammates ultimately went on to win the NFL (National Indoor Football League) title. Caudill probably got some professional football "looks" as a member of the Horsemen. After he was done playing for the Horsemen, Caudill moved on and spent some time with the Indianapolis Colts. His first try at the NFL didn't work out.

But he hasn't give up on earning a spot in the league. As a member of NFL Europe's Admirals, Caudill played on a rather large stage.

"It was definitely a great opportunity," Caudill said. "Everyone is watching you. I played with a lot of guys from different places – from the SEC, Tennessee, Florida."

The Admirals won the first NFL Europe League title in team history, beating the Berlin Thunder 27-21 in an epic battle that went down to the wire. Amsterdam ultimately won the game thanks to its stellar defense. Caudill and the Admiral defense stopped a late Berlin scoring threat and sealed the victory.

In the NFL Europe title game, Caudill met up with former University of Louisville quarterback Dave Ragone, who went under center for the Berlin team.

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Betsy Layne boys host basketball camp

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE – The Betsy Layne High School boys' basketball program – under the direction of head coach Brent Rose – recently sponsored a basketball camp in collaboration with the family resource youth service centers of Betsy Layne Elementary and John M. Stumbo Elementary. This year, the camp had over 50 campers ranging from ages five through 13 and grades K through Eight.

The money raised in the camp went toward the BLHS boys' basketball team's attendance at camps at Morehead State University and Transylvania University.

"The boys were required to work as coaches at the camp," said Rose, who is looking forward to an exciting season with many returning and seasoned players.

The campers attending the Betsy Layne hoops camp all received T-shirts and a basketball from both resource centers, where Brian H. Akers and Tristan Parsons are the

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KHSAA Dead Period kicks in

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

All of a sudden, all is quiet on high school campuses throughout the state.

At least it better be.

High school teams and athletes have put equipment aside for now. The KHSAA Summer Dead Period kicked in this past Saturday and will run through Saturday, July 9. According to KHSAA Bylaw 26, Sec. 2, students may not receive coaching or training from school personnel (either salaried or non-salaried) and school facilities, uniforms, nicknames, transportation or equipment shall not be used each year in any KHSAA sanctioned sport or cheerleading squad during the period.

Bylaw, Sec. 2 does not apply to postseason wrap-up activities, celebrations and recognition events relating to a spring sports team at a school which participated in KHSAA state championship play in that particular sport during that particular year.

Locally, the Prestonsburg High School football team was busy this past week, hosting a passing tournament that got underway Thursday and concluded Friday. Area teams such as Pikeville, Paintsville and Sheldon Clark also participated in the Prestonsburg passing event.

Following the Dead Period, high school football teams from throughout the state will get back in gear, preparing for the 2005 football season.

Syracuse replaces Kentucky as basketball attendance leader

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS – Syracuse has ended Kentucky's nine-year run as the leader in men's basketball attendance.

The Orange averaged 22,978 a game in the Carrier Dome last season, beating Kentucky's average attendance of 22,520. NCAA champion North Carolina was third at 20,522 and Louisville was fourth at 18,746, according to figures released in this week's NCAA News.

Syracuse was the leader from 1985 to 1995, while Kentucky led the nation in average attendance since 1996.

Attendance for all NCAA men's games was just more than 30.5 million for the 2004-05 season. Of that, nearly 25.4 million attended Division I games, and both figures were within 200,000 of the season records set the previous year. It also was the third straight year that overall atten-

dance topped 30 million.

Forty-three schools – all in Division I – averaged at least 10,000 fans last season. Eight of them, led by Wisconsin's average of 17,142, were in the Big Ten, making it the top conference for the 29th straight season.

The top Division II schools were Virginia State (3,471) and Northern State (3,408), while the leaders for Division III were Hope (2,462) and Illinois Wesleyan (2,376). Division I Virginia Tech had the biggest increase from the previous year, rising from 6,342 per game in 2003-04 to 9,405 last season.

Following Louisville in Division I attendance Wisconsin, Maryland, Illinois, Kansas, Arkansas, Michigan State and Indiana.

The leader in total attendance – home, road and neutral courts – was Illinois, with 711,798. North Carolina was second at 702,563.

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Allen Bolling

The University of Kentucky men's basketball team slipped in the attendance rankings this year, finishing second to Syracuse.

Fishing

Schoolcraft, Marco Mine Supply, Home, Anglers Bait & Tackle, Queen of Prestonsburg, Billy Waltunn Engineering, Kinzer Hall Funeral Home, Movie Ray's Restaurant, NAPA Auto Drilling, R&S/Godwin Truck Gallery, Layne's Ace Hardware, Parts, GRO Enterprises and Hi-Body, Nelson Frazier Funeral Blaine's Guns & Bows, Dairy Tech Signs & Graphix.

Kentucky

followed by Kentucky at 698,287 and Syracuse at 613,724.

The Atlantic Coast Conference set a record with almost 2 million fans, but its average of 11,097 was second to the Big Ten's 12,530. The SEC was third at 10,663, and the Big East was fourth at 10,396.

NCAA Men's Basketball Attendance 2004-05

School	G	Att.	Avg.
1. Syracuse	18	413,605	22,978
2. Kentucky	15	337,796	22,520
3. North Carolina	15	307,840	20,522
4. Louisville	17	318,688	18,746
5. Wisconsin	16	274,272	17,142
6. Maryland	18	299,391	16,632
7. Illinois	15	245,807	16,387
8. Kansas	16	260,800	16,300
9. Arkansas	16	252,608	15,788
10. Michigan St.	15	221,385	14,759
11. Indiana	16	235,245	14,702
12. Arizona	16	232,926	14,557
13. North Carolina St.	17	245,898	14,464
14. New Mexico	19	271,864	14,308
15. Connecticut	17	234,109	13,771
16. Ohio St.	17	233,169	13,715
17. Wake Forest	16	209,321	13,082
18. Dayton	16	201,114	12,569
19. Oklahoma St.	14	171,375	12,241
20. Tennessee	16	195,609	12,225
21. Marquette	21	251,274	11,965
22. Iowa	16	190,413	11,900
23. Fresno St.	16	189,368	11,835
24. Purdue	15	175,219	11,681
25. Oklahoma	15	173,566	11,571
26. UNLV	16	182,140	11,383
27. Cincinnati	18	203,489	11,304
28. Michigan	18	201,873	11,215
29. Creighton	16	179,335	11,208
30. Iowa St.	16	179,343	11,208
31. Texas	16	178,211	11,138
32. Alabama	15	164,373	10,958
33. Utah	16	172,425	10,776
34. Brigham Young	14	148,860	10,632
35. Minnesota	17	179,636	10,566

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School	G	Att.	Avg.
36. Pittsburgh	17	179,598	10,564
37. UTEP	18	187,298	10,405
38. Florida	16	165,600	10,350
39. Wichita St.	16	165,206	10,325
40. Texas Tech	15	154,710	10,314
41. Notre Dame	18	184,319	10,239
42. South Carolina	19	192,816	10,148
43. Vanderbilt	19	191,678	10,088

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School	G	Att.	Avg.
1. Virginia St.	14	48,597	3,471
2. Northern St.	16	54,529	3,408
3. Winston-Salem	13	40,752	3,134
4. Central Missouri St.	14	41,506	2,964
5. St. Cloud St.	13	37,254	2,865
6. Washburn	17	48,175	2,833
7. North Dakota	15	41,870	2,791
8. Ky. Wesleyan	15	39,300	2,620
9. South Dakota	16	41,251	2,578
10. Augustana (S.D.)	15	37,572	2,504

School	G	Att.	Avg.
1. Hope	13	32,007	2,462
2. Ill. Wesleyan	13	30,900	2,376
3. Calvin	10	22,615	2,261
4. Wis.-Stevens Point	18	34,713	1,928
5. Otterbein	13	21,047	1,619
6. Wooster	16	25,023	1,563
7. Gust. Adolphus	15	21,715	1,447
8. Wis.-Stout	10	14,416	1,441
9. Capital	12	15,787	1,315
10. Maryville (Tenn.)	15	18,606	1,240

Conference	G	Att.	Avg.
1. Big Ten	180	2,255,332	12,530
2. Atlantic Coast	180	1,997,443	11,097
3. Southeastern	196	2,089,995	10,663
4. Big East	202	2,100,088	10,396
5. Big 12	203	1,981,384	9,761
6. Mountain West	127	1,116,433	8,791
7. Pacific-10	151	1,278,282	8,465
8. Conference USA	228	1,826,061	8,009
9. Missouri Valley	158	1,137,677	7,200
10. Western Athletic	163	939,042	5,761
11. Atlantic 10	174	937,458	5,388
12. Colonial	139	529,872	3,812
13. Mid-American	187	702,112	3,755

Source: NCAA News

Camp

coordinators for the program. Gatiland of Pikeville also provided a free lunch buffet pass for every camper.

For each division, individual awards were handed out to winners. A list of the award-winners follows.

One on One: Kayce Tackett, Peyton Case and Dylan Maldonado.

Free Throw Award: Tyler Rogers, Corey Stevens and Bryson Williams.

Agility Shooting: Dylan Coleman, McKenzie Akers and Andrew Roberts.

Three-on-Three: Skylar Williams, Braydon Clark and Kaleb Salisbury.

McKenzie Akers, Jonathan

Stanley and Carter Tackett.

Dylan Watson, Dylan Hamilton and Bryce Adkins.

Campers of the Week: Kayce Tackett, McKenzie Akers and Dylan Maldonado.

At the conclusion of the camp, Rose expressed his gratitude for all of those who assisted with the camp.

Caudill

"I made sure I introduced myself - during the game," Caudill, who was part of an Amsterdam defense that sacked the former Louisville Cardinal seven times, said, flashing a grin.

The experience of playing overseas afforded the former UK defensive linemen many opportunities, including playing with the son of an NFL Hall of Famer. Caudill had the opportunity to play with Jarrett Payton, the son of legendary Chicago Bears running back Walter Payton. After coming out of the University of Miami (Fla.), a virtual football factory, Payton stalled somewhat in his initial NFL stop. But he too made a solid impact in the European league.

"He is a great guy," Caudill said, speaking about the younger Payton. "He worked hard and I think he'll move on and do well with Tennessee. I had the opportunity to play with a lot of talented players."

Caudill's football odyssey began in Floyd County. He made a significant impact while starring for Prestonsburg High School. All of the nation's top

college football programs were after his services. He ultimately stayed in-state choosing the University of Kentucky. After four years as a Wildcat and two in the pro ranks, Caudill wants to continue playing football. He wants to play in the NFL - the grandest stage. But at the moment, he's looking for some much-needed R & R - Rest and Relaxation. On Friday, he spoke fondly of getting some vacation time in. But he's still after an NFL roster spot.

With a season of NFL Europe football now under his belt, Caudill hasn't forgotten about his time as a Lexington Horseman.

"I really enjoyed playing for the Horsemen," Caudill, who was planning to head back to Lexington this weekend and watch his old team play, said. "A lot of the guys I played with while I was with the Horsemen I had played with before in college or knew."

Caudill, who admits he never really followed professional football until he was in high school, outside of watching the Super Bowl, and never really had a favorite team he

pulled for, has drawn the interest of a team many throughout Eastern Kentucky root for year in and year out. The Cleveland Browns have expressed interest in Caudill. Jeff Chilcoat, Caudill's agent who is based out of Columbus, Ohio, has conferred with the Browns. Caudill's agent let him know that the Browns had a signing freeze on through July 18. It's possible Caudill could get a call from the Browns. It's possible the former Prestonsburg High School standout who was a Parade All-American before moving on to the University of Kentucky could also get a call from another team before then.

"A couple of other teams have also shown some interest," Caudill added. Jeremy Caudill is focused on continuing to find a place in the NFL. "There's so many opportunities that come with playing in the NFL," he explained.

The Prestonsburg High grad went on to note the NFL's many perks, including pension and retirement plans for players. "It's something I really want to do," Caudill confided.

OF Kenny Kelly has knee surgery

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - Cincinnati Reds outfielder Kenny Kelly had arthroscopic knee surgery Thursday to repair the torn meniscus he damaged in Tuesday's game with the St. Louis Cardinals.

He is expected to begin running in about three weeks, said team medical director Dr. Timothy Kremchek, who performed the 30-minute procedure.

Kelly is expected to go on the 15-day disabled list Friday, with a corresponding roster move to

be announced before the Reds start a weekend series with the Cleveland Indians.

Also Thursday, interim manager Jerry Narron promoted John Moses to bench coach. Moses had been the Reds' minor league outfield and baserunning coordinator.

Florida tops Arizona State to advance to CWS championship series

by RICK GANO ASSOCIATED PRESS

OMAHA, Neb. - Alan Horne came back to the dugout with a brace on his knee and needing crutches to walk. That's how much the injured pitcher wanted to be part of Florida's celebration.

The Gators are heading into uncharted waters after earning their way into the championship round of the College World Series with a 6-3 victory over scrappy Arizona State on Thursday night. After a fan interference call went against them, the Gators hit three home runs.

"Florida's got four or five as good a hitters as I've seen this year," Arizona State coach Pat Murphy said. "They can bomb the ball."

Florida moved on to play Texas in a best-of-three championship series for the national title, which began Saturday. This is already the Gators' best showing at college baseball's showcase event in their fifth appearance.

"We've worked really hard for this, getting up at 5:30 in the morning for fall practice and to run the stadium," said Matt LaPorta, whose long homer in the fifth was his Division I-leading 26th of the season.

"We knew we had the team to get this far."

Tommy Boss (9-4), who came in when Horne left with a leg injury in the fourth inning, got the victory after throwing 5 2-3 innings of shutout relief.

Horne threw a pitch to Joey Hoot in the fourth inning and then fell off the mound in pain. After staying down for several minutes, he was helped off the field.

"It's in his hamstring area. The simple answer is that he's day-to-day," Florida coach Pat McMahon said.

"You need to know how tough he is," Boss said. "When he came back in the dugout and Coach asked him how he was, he said we had to get this one wrapped up so he could pitch again this weekend."

After the Sun Devils took a 3-0 lead in the first two innings, Brian Leclerc homered in the fourth to get the Gators (48-21) within one.

Adam Davis hit a three-run shot off reliever Brett Bordes (5-7) to put Florida ahead in the fifth, and LaPorta followed with his solo homer.

A fan interference call seemed to really get the Gators rolling in the fourth.

"We were all pretty upset," Davis said. "We decided in the dugout to use it as a bit of fuel. That's what we did."

Plate umpire Bill Davis called Florida's Brandon McArthur out after a fan reached for his foul pop near the screen and prevented Sun Devils catcher Tuffy Gosewisch from catching it.

Davis' ruling prompted a heated argument from Florida coach Pat McMahon. The umpires conferred, but the call stood.

Leclerc, the next hitter, hit a two-run shot off starter Jason Urquidez.

"I just took a step back and looked at Coach Mac and he was pretty upset. I wanted to put a smile on his face," Leclerc said. "Leclerc got us going and we needed that," McMahon said. "That became a spark for us and a lot of guys added to that."

Gosewisch said the call was correct.

"When the fan interfered, I had the ball right above me glove," Gosewisch said. "I don't know if it lit a fire under them. Getting behind that next batter and having him hit a home run

lit more of a fire than that call did."

Arizona State (42-25) had won three straight elimination games after losing its CWS opener, including a 6-1 win over Florida on Wednesday.

The Sun Devils had two on with one out in the top of the ninth before Boss retired the final two batters to set off a Gators celebration.

"That was a fun experience, but I'm not excited about going home," Murphy said.

Arizona State built its early lead against Horne as Jeff Larish and Travis Buck hit back-to-back doubles to start the game, and Buck scored on a wild pitch to make it 2-0. Larish added an RBI single in the second.

Texas (54-16), tied with Arizona State and LSU for the second-most CWS titles with five, is back in the championship for the second straight year. The Longhorns hope to have a different result this season after they entered last year's best-of-three series as the No. 1 national seed and unbeaten in the CWS, but got swept by Cal State Fullerton.

"We kind of had that air about us that we couldn't be beat," Texas center fielder Drew Stubbs said.

The Longhorns got to Omaha as an unseeded team this year, and had to fight off elimination in the regionals and super regionals. They've beaten Big 12 rival Baylor twice and Tulane to reach the championship series and broke Southern California's CWS record for most overall wins with 76.

"This year, we're a lot like Fullerton was last year coming in as sort of the underdog, kind of overachieving when you had to and getting the job done," Stubbs said.

PASSING TOURNAMENT



photos by Jamie Howell

Below: Pikeville was one of the area teams that took to Prestonsburg High School's Josh Francis Field Thursday, playing in the Blackcat-hosted passing tournament. Above: Prestonsburg quarterback David Shaffer dropped back for a pass.

West Virginia pulls away, wins 9-3

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON - The West Virginia Power scored four runs in the seventh inning to break up a tie game and cruised to a 9-3 win over Lexington on Thursday night. The loss was the first of the second half for the Legends, dropping their record to 2-1.

Ryan Thompson (2-4) suffered his fourth loss of the year giving up four runs in just 1/3 of inning. Justin Barnes (4-1) got the win with three innings of work allowing just one Lexington run.

J.R. Towles made his impact felt for a second time in three days. Towles weathered two collisions at the plate to record outs. Towles was also hit by a pitch twice. Lexington man-

aged just six hits on the night, two by Luke Barganier.

The Power pounded out 14 hits. Freddy Parejo was 3-3. Josh Brady, Alcides Escobar, Grant Richardson and Hasan Rasheed each had two hits.

Charlotte 10, Louisville 9

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT MILL, S.C. - Jamie Burke hit the game-winning double in the bottom of the ninth as Charlotte beat Louisville 10-9 Thursday night in the International League.

Greg Norton hit two homers

and drove in three runs as the Knights avoided a sweep in the four-game series.

The Bats led 8-3 after the top of the fifth, before Norton's second home run in the bottom of the inning cut the deficit to 8-5.

The Knights tied the game with three runs in the seventh, including Joe Borchard's two-run homer.

Each team scored in the eighth, setting up Burke's game-winning double an inning later.

Austin Kearns had three RBIs for Louisville, including a two-run homer in the first.

Jeff Bajenaru (2-1) allowed two hits and struck out two over the last 1 1-3 innings to earn the win.

Bats reliever Joe Valentine (0-1) allowed two hits and a walk in the ninth to get the loss.



Patriot basketball team hosts youth camp

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WILLIAMSBURG — The Cumberland College men's basketball team hosted its annual youth basketball camp this past week. You could walk into the Rollins Center early in the morning to the sound of little basketball campers shouting out and having a good time in the middle of the gym floor. All week the men's basketball team taught good lessons and fun activities with friendly competition for the future basketball stars.

Camp started early in the morning at nine with plenty to do and much to learn as Patriot head men's basketball Coach Donnie Butcher did not waste anytime as he gave instructions through the gym's sound system for the campers to follow. The campers

are taught different technical skills from shooting to posting for a rebound. Once the lessons are taught the campers are set up into teams to work on their newly learned moves. In the first session before heading over for lunch they have a little one on one scrimmage separated by age as these little guys brought their "A" game. Once afternoon sessions began the campers have a daily fun cycle drill allowing them to work on everything that was shown throughout the day. Now that everything is refreshed in their minds, coaches set them up and go against each other in teams of three to end their fully loaded day.

Along with Butcher and his assistant coach Brian Evens (Barbourville), three of the Patriot current basketball play-

ers were also there teaching and helping out. Seniors Chris Simmons (Etowah, Tenn.), Jermaine Love (Johnson City, Tenn.), Pat Cureton (Greenville, S.C.) helped out by refereeing the games and showing basic move to the young campers. Sophomore Luke Fitzgerald (South Euclid, Ohio) also applied his knowledge of the game to the little ball players and helped with the games.

Butcher really enjoys when his boys come back to help out with camp and is excited for next week's final summer camp. The lessons next week will be the same but the age difference plays a part. This week, June 26-30, the men's basketball team will host their annual Big Man/Guard Play Camp for young men ages 13-18.

NCAA bans Baylor from nonconference play

by KRISTIE RIEKEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Baylor's men's basketball team was banned from playing nonconference games for one season and placed on five years' probation by the NCAA on Thursday for numerous rules violations found after a former player murdered a teammate in 2003.

Gene Marsh, chairman of the Division I Committee on Infractions and a professor of law at Alabama, said he believes it is the first time the NCAA has instituted a partial ban on regular-season games in basketball.

He said the committee seriously considered banning Baylor's program for a season.

"As a repeat violator, they were subject to the death penalty," Marsh said. "Their penalties and their approach saved their basketball season."

The NCAA has used the death penalty only once — on the SMU football program in the late 1980s. Marsh said Baylor's violations were "as serious" as those committed by SMU.

Baylor was considered a repeat offender because the tennis program received sanctions in 2000 for improper financial aid and extra benefits.

Last week, Carlton Dotson, 23, was sentenced to 35 years in prison after he pleaded guilty in the death of Patrick Dennehy, a killing that led to revelations of wrongdoing in Baylor's program. Dennehy was missing for six weeks before his body was found in July 2003 in a field where the best friends had gone

to shoot guns at targets.

"This is the final step in bringing a two-year scandal to a close for the university," said William D. Underwood, Baylor's interim president. "It will never close for some individuals, including the Patrick Dennehy family and the Carlton Dotson family, but this is the final piece in moving beyond the scandal."

The NCAA gave Baylor the option of canceling its nonconference schedule, usually about 15 games a year, this season or next. Underwood said the Bears would play the shortened season this year.

The Bears will be allowed to play regular-season Big 12 Conference games and participate in the postseason tournament. Although the team will be eligible for NCAA postseason play, it will be difficult to gain enough wins to make the NCAA or NIT tournament without a nonconference schedule.

By August, Bliss and athletic director Tom Stanton had resigned in the wake of numerous allegations of NCAA violations.

School investigators later discovered that Bliss paid up to \$40,000 in tuition for two players and improperly solicited \$87,000 from Baylor boosters. The probe also revealed that staff members did not properly report some players' failed drug tests.

The infractions led to self-imposed sanctions, including a three-year probation, reduced scholarships and reduced contact between coaches and recruits. The school also banned

itself from postseason play in the 2003-2004 season, and all players were offered a release from their scholarships.

The NCAA adopted many of Baylor's self-imposed sanctions with Thursday's ruling, although Baylor's reductions in recruiting visits and coaches who can leave campus to recruit were extended by a year.

The NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions found intentional violations by coaches and attempts to cover up those violations. That led to a conclusion of unethical conduct by Bliss and three former assistants.

Any NCAA school that wants to hire Bliss in the next 10 years must appear before the Committee on Infractions to determine limitations on his activities. One former assistant will be subject to this procedure for seven years and two others for five years.

"He attempted to try to cover up what had occurred to the point of making people practice and record their statements like in a high school play," Marsh said of Bliss. "It's about as bad as it gets."

The scandal is the second to hit the basketball program in the last decade.

In 1994, Baylor reduced scholarships, banned itself from postseason play and television appearances and placed itself under a two-year probation after a recruiting and academic fraud scandal under former coach Darrel Johnson.

The NCAA's findings also revealed academic fraud by three Baylor football players.

Thelma angler Joseph Whitaker among finalists Land O' Lakes Kid Anglers of the Year awarded

Land O'Lakes and Wal-Mart have teamed up to find and reward the nation's most enthusiastic young anglers and crown them "Kid Anglers of the Year." Their search is now over.

The finalists are Johnson County angler Joseph Whitaker of Thelma; Brandon Cave of Springdale, Ark.; Wells Kaiser of Cuba City, Wis.;

Amanda Ruona of Fall River, Mass.; Justin Saunders of

Greeley, Colo. and Cameron Adams of Milton, Fla.

A Land O'Lakes-sponsored professional angler from the Wal-Mart FLW Tour was present each of the winners

with a plaque commemorating this designation at local Wal-Mart stores in their hometowns.

In addition to the plaque, the recipients will each earn money for their schools. The finalists' schools will each receive \$1,000. The grand prize winner's school

will get a check for \$6,000.

The contest required an adult to describe, in an essay of 100 words or less, their child's enthusiasm for the sport of fishing. Entries poured in from across the country.

As part of the grand prize package, the winner will attend a 2005 FLW Tour fishing tournament. At the tournament, he or she will have an opportunity to fish with a Land O'Lakes-sponsored Wal-Mart FLW Tour professional angler.

The Grand Prize winner announcement will be made at the FLW Championship in Hot Springs, Ark. in July.

FLW Outdoors announces 2006 Wal-Mart FLW Tour purse

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BENTON — FLW Outdoors announced purse detail for its 2006 Wal-Mart FLW Tour schedule Tuesday following registration at the \$1.25 million Chevy Open presented by Kellogg's on the Potomac River in Charles County, Md. Next season's schedule takes the \$7.6 million tour to some of the nation's best largemouth and smallmouth fisheries over the course of four \$900,000 qualifying events, two \$1.25 million opens and the \$1.5 million Forrest L. Wood Championship.

Competition kicks off Jan. 18-21 on Lake Okechobee in Clewiston, Fla., then continues on Lake Murray in Columbia, S.C., Feb. 8-11 and Pickwick Lake in Florence, Ala., March 1-4. Beaver Lake in Rogers, Ark., will host the Wal-Mart Open April 5-8 followed by a stop on Kentucky Lake in Benton, May 10-13 and a tournament on Lake Champlain in Plattsburgh, N.Y., June 21-24. The location for the Forrest L. Wood Championship, complete with its world-class boat and outdoor show, and the host site for the Chevy Open will be released at a later date.

Last year's championship in Birmingham, Ala., produced

articles in magazines and newspapers with a combined circulation exceeding 45 million copies worldwide. This level of exposure will help establish the host site of the 2006 championship as a premier bass-fishing destination among the nation's 55 million fishing enthusiasts. This announcement is one of the sport's most anticipated.

"We will be announcing the location for the 2006 Forrest L. Wood Championship soon," said Charlie Evans, president and CEO of FLW Outdoors. "Fishing fans can be assured that the event will be the biggest and most exciting event the sport has ever seen."

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Gassett named Commissioner of KDFWR

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission named Dr. Jon Gassett as Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) during a special called meeting Friday, June 17.

"I am honored to be selected to lead what I consider to be the best fish and wildlife agency in the country," Gassett said, "and to serve the customers who enjoy fishing, hunting and other outdoor related activities."

Gassett served as Interim Commissioner since April after replacing Tom Bennett, who retired. Gassett, a six-year veteran of the KDFWR, previously served as big game coordinator and director of the wildlife division before being named

Commissioner.

Gassett, a Georgia native, graduated from Kennesaw State University in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. He earned a Master of Science degree in Forest Resources from the University of Georgia in 1995 and received his Doctorate in Forest Resources from the University of Georgia. Gassett is the first Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources to hold a doctoral degree.

One of Gassett's top priorities is to acquire more land for public hunting and fishing. Only about five percent of Kentucky is accessible public land and Gassett hopes to increase that percentage under his leadership.

Gassett is a Certified

Wildlife Biologist and member of the Wildlife Society, the Quality Deer Management Association, a Boone and Crockett Club Official Scorer, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, the Wildlife Disease Association, the American Society of Mammalogists, the Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture and the Xi Sigma Pi Society of Forestry.

Gassett is the author or co-author of more than 20 peer-reviewed scientific papers on wildlife management including articles on Kentucky's deer and elk restoration.

"The agency has had some monumental successes over the past 60 years, but the next 10 years will be the most critical for strengthening the relationships with our customers," he said.

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1. Lexington Christian	32-7	37	Danville	24-11	76
2. Christian County	37-6	38	Bourbon County	23-7	77
3. Eastern	35-5	39	Ryle	20-11	78
4. Trinity	24-12	40	Campbellsville	22-7	79
5. Paul Dunbar	29-6	41	Logan County	22-7	80
6. PRP	32-6	42	Mercer County	28-9	81
7. Madison Central	30-6	43	Dixie Heights	23-8	82
8. Lafayette	24-7	44	Taylor County	25-6	83
9. Harrison County	29-9	45	Russell County	30-8	84
10. Owensboro Catholic	34-7	46	Paintsville	20-10	85
11. Henry Clay	23-12	47	Nelson County	25-10	86
12. Lexington Catholic	31-7	48	Boyle County	22-14	87
13. Ballard	26-7	49	Bullitt East	16-16	88
14. Male	30-5	50	Johnson Central	22-10	89
15. Covington Catholic	31-8	51	Rockcastle County	21-13	90
16. Heath	33-8	52	North Bullitt	20-11	91
17. Saint Xavier	20-10	53	Ashland	17-15	92
18. Butler	26-10	54	Perry Central	22-14	93
19. Boyd County	33-8	55	Central Hardin	21-12	94
20. Beechwood	30-8	56	Clark County	19-15	95
21. Corbin	29-10	57	Leslie County	23-10	96
22. Manual	21-13	58	Campbell County	18-13	97
23. Apollo	22-11	59	Walton Verona	26-6	98
24. Calloway County	27-7	60	Franklin-Simpson	22-11	99
25. Tates Creek	21-11	61	John Hardin	18-16	100
26. Lawrence County	24-9	62	Mason County	20-11	
27. Elizabethtown	20-16	63	Somerset	17-12	
28. Pikeville	33-8	64	East Jessamine	19-15	
29. Allen County	25-6	65	Hopkinsville	20-13	
30. LaRue County	24-11	66	Scott	22-14	
31. Daviess County	23-9	67	Scott County	23-14	
32. North Hardin	26-11	68	Bishop Brossart	19-13	
33. Powell County	24-11	69	Bell County	23-9	
34. West Jessamine	21-8	70	Lone Oak	17-16	
35. Oldham County	20-16	71	Montgomery Co.	14-14	
36. Henderson County	18-10	72	DeSales	17-10	
		73	Warren East	15-8	
		74	Lee County	22-10	
		75	Sheldon Clark	18-15	

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Over 50 young basketball players participated in this year's basketball camp hosted by the Betsy Layne High School boys' basketball team.

Spurs 81, Pistons 74

by GREG BEACHAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — While the San Antonio Spurs drenched their newest golden championship trophy in champagne, sweat and tears, the MVP award was safe and dry.

Tim Duncan stashed that prize atop a tall refrigerator in the back corner of the Spurs' locker room. He wanted both hands free to party — a bottle in one, a video camera in the other.

Besides, he knows which trophy really matters.

The Spurs won their third NBA title in seven seasons Thursday night, outlasting the Detroit Pistons 81-74 in Game 7. The NBA Finals swelled in intensity and thrills through two weeks to the second half of the clincher, when Duncan finally put on a performance worthy of a player with his resume, skills and hardware collection.

Duncan had 25 points and 11 rebounds, scoring 17 points after halftime while urgently demanding the ball. If this defense-dominated series was a referendum on Duncan's career, as many suggested, he passed by a paper-thin margin after seven games of dogged campaigning — and he couldn't do it alone.

"I hate to be repetitive, but (it's) perseverance," Duncan said. "We just stuck with it. We just kept on pushing. We just kept on fighting. We believed in what we were doing, and we believed that if we did it the right way, we could get it done."

The last two NBA champions stretched the finals to a seventh game for the first time since 1994. Given the chance, Detroit and San Antonio probably would have played seven more games at this same level of parity and excitement.

Little separated them after the blowouts of the first four games: just Robert Horry's heroics in Game 5, the Pistons' impressive poise in Game 6 and, finally, Duncan's indomitable will at the close of perhaps the worst playoff series of his career.

Duncan is the only player who was on all three of coach Gregg Popovich's championship teams in San Antonio — and with three MVP awards in the finals, he joined Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson and Shaquille O'Neal in an exclusive fraternity.

"It's definitely an honor," Duncan said, "but this team has so many MVPs."

Duncan barely won the voting over Manu Ginobili, who added a second ring to his

Olympic gold medal. The free-wheeling Argentine forward cemented his international stardom in this series and its final game, scoring 11 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter — including six in the final minute.

Duncan and Ginobili carried the Spurs against Detroit's inflexible defense, scoring 33 of San Antonio's 43 points after halftime. The Spurs never trailed in a final quarter spent clinging to the smallest advantages.

"It's tough, and it always is, but somebody has to lose," said Chauncey Billups, last season's finals MVP. "Unfortunately, it was us this time, but I'm proud of the heart we showed."

During the celebration, Tony Parker wore a French flag around his shoulders and Ginobili cavorted in shorts from the Argentine national team. Commissioner David Stern's urgent move to globalize his league should benefit immeasurably from the Spurs' successes — and their smart, defense-oriented game, shared with Detroit, continues to thrive against all other innovations.

Richard Hamilton scored 15 points for the Pistons, who were a few shots and a few minutes shy of their second straight title. Seven trying months, starting with the infamous Palace brawl and ending with a come-from-

behind win in the conference finals, ended just short of a second title.

Still, the Pistons got into Duncan's head early and often in this series — something that might be useful if the teams get together again next summer. When they forced Duncan to miss eight straight shots in Game 7, they seemed capable of winning another surprising title.

"I'm just as proud of my team as I was (on) June 16th last year," said Larry Brown, referring to the date of last season's title-clinching win over the Lakers. The Detroit coach is headed for a hospital visit after next week's draft to determine whether he's healthy enough to continue coaching.

"And I'm proud of their team. ... There's a perfect example of playing the right way. Emotionally, you want to win badly, but I also recognize the fact that another team deserved it."

The Spurs got a break when Billups, the Pistons' unflappable guard, got two early fouls. He sat out nearly eight minutes and never found his rhythm, finishing with just 13 points and eight assists.

The teams traded small leads throughout the first three quarters, both playing stifling defense and making few memorable shots. Detroit had a nine-

point lead in the third quarter, but the Spurs tied it entering the fourth — and Duncan and Ginobili took over from there.

"(Duncan) put his team on his shoulders and carried it to a championship," said Ben Wallace, who had 12 points and 11 rebounds. "You know, that's what great players do."

During the champagne celebration, Duncan trained his camera on Horry, who scored 15 points while wrapping up his sixth title. He has won rings with the best big men of his era: O'Neal, Hakeem Olajuwon and Duncan.

"Tim came out, and 'Oh, he's ready tonight, we're going to ride him,'" Horry said. "He got the job done down the stretch. He did his thing, came out tonight and shed a lot of doubts."

Notes: San Antonio's Tony Massenburg won a ring after 13 NBA seasons with 12 teams. Though Massenburg sat out the finale and played just 28 minutes in the playoffs, his eyes were moist in the locker room. "Twenty years, but you got it, T-Mass!" Parker yelled. ... Glenn Robinson, Brent Barry and Rasho Nesterovic also won their first championships. ... The road team has lost 13 of the 16 seventh games in NBA Finals history.

National Basketball Association

NBA PLAYOFFS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

- Detroit 106, Philadelphia 85
- Houston 98, Dallas 86
- Boston 102, Indiana 82
- Seattle 87, Sacramento 82
- Sunday, April 24**
- Miami 116, New Jersey 98
- Chicago 103, Washington 94
- Denver 93, San Antonio 87
- Phoenix 114, Memphis 103
- Monday, April 25**
- Indiana 82, Boston 79
- Houston 113, Dallas 111
- Tuesday, April 26**
- Detroit 99, Philadelphia 84
- Miami 104, New Jersey 87
- Seattle 105, Sacramento 93
- Wednesday, April 27**
- San Antonio 104, Denver 76
- Chicago 113, Washington 103
- Phoenix 108, Memphis 103
- Thursday, April 28**
- Miami 108, New Jersey 105, OT
- Indiana 99, Boston 76
- Dallas 106, Houston 102
- Friday, April 29**
- Philadelphia 115, Detroit 104
- Phoenix 110, Memphis 90
- Sacramento 116, Seattle 104
- Saturday, April 30**
- Washington 117, Chicago 99
- Dallas 97, Houston 93
- Boston 110, Indiana 79
- San Antonio 86, Denver 78
- Sunday, May 1**
- Detroit 97, Philadelphia 92, OT
- Miami 110, New J., Miami wins series 4-0
- Phoenix 123, Memphis 115, Phoenix wins series 4-0
- Seattle 115, Sacramento 102
- Monday, May 2**
- Washington 106, Chicago 99
- Dallas 103, Houston 100
- San Antonio 126, Denver 115, OT
- Tuesday, May 3**
- Indiana 90, Boston 85
- Detroit 88, Philadelphia 78, Detroit wins series 4-1
- Seattle 122, Sacramento 118, Seattle wins series 4-1
- Wednesday, May 4**
- Washington 112, Chicago 110
- San Antonio 99, Denver 89, San Antonio wins series 4-1
- Thursday, May 5**
- Boston 92, Indiana 89, OT
- Houston 101, Dallas 83
- Friday, May 6**
- Washington 94, Chicago 91, Washington wins series 4-2
- Saturday, May 7**
- Indiana 97, Boston 70, Indiana wins series 4-3
- Dallas 116, Houston 76, Dallas wins series 4-3

QUARTERFINALS

- (Best-of-7)
- Sunday, May 8**
- Miami 105, Washington 86
- San Antonio 103, Seattle 81
- Monday, May 9**
- Detroit 96, Indiana 81
- Phoenix 127, Dallas 102
- Tuesday, May 10**
- Miami 108, Washington 102
- San Antonio 108, Seattle 91
- Wednesday, May 11**
- Indiana 92, Detroit 83
- Dallas 108, Phoenix 106
- Thursday, May 12**
- Miami 102, Washington 95
- Seattle 92, San Antonio 91
- Friday, May 13**
- Indiana 79, Detroit 74
- Phoenix 119, Dallas 102
- Saturday, May 14**
- Miami 99, Washington 95, Miami wins series 4-0
- Sunday, May 15**
- Detroit 89, Indiana 76
- Seattle 101, San Antonio 89
- Dallas 119, Phoenix 109
- Tuesday, May 17**
- Detroit 86, Indiana 67
- San Antonio 103, Seattle 90
- Wednesday, May 18**
- Dallas 114, Dallas 108
- Thursday, May 19**
- Detroit 88, Indiana 79, Detroit wins series 4-2
- San Antonio 98, Seattle 96, San Antonio wins series 4-2
- Friday, May 20**
- Phoenix 130, Dallas 126, OT, Phoenix wins series 4-2

CONFERENCE FINALS

- (Best-of-7)
- Sunday, May 22**
- San Antonio 121, Phoenix 114
- Monday, May 23**
- Detroit 90, Miami 81
- Tuesday, May 24
- San Antonio 111, Phoenix 108
- Wednesday, May 25**
- Miami 92, Detroit 86
- Saturday, May 28**
- San Antonio 102, Phoenix 92
- Sunday, May 29**
- Miami 113, Detroit 104
- Monday, May 30**
- Phoenix 111, San Antonio 106
- Tuesday, May 31**
- Detroit 106, Miami 96
- Wednesday, June 1**
- San Antonio 101, Phoenix 95, San Antonio wins series 4-1
- Thursday, June 2**
- Miami 88, Detroit 76
- Saturday, June 4**
- Detroit 91, Miami 66
- Monday, June 6**
- Detroit 88, Miami 82, Detroit wins series 4-3

NBA FINALS

- (Best-of-7)
- San Antonio vs. Detroit
- Thursday, June 9**
- San Antonio 84, Detroit 69
- Sunday, June 12**
- San Antonio 97, Detroit 76
- Tuesday, June 14**
- Detroit 96, San Antonio 79
- Thursday, June 16**
- Detroit 102, San Antonio 71
- Sunday, June 19**
- San Antonio 96, Detroit 95, OT
- Tuesday, June 21**
- Detroit 95, San Antonio 86
- Thursday, June 23**
- San Antonio 81, Detroit 74, San Antonio wins series 4-3

The reluctant superstar claims his third Finals MVP

by JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — Until he wrapped his XXL hands around another MVP trophy, the closest thing to a display of emotion from Tim Duncan came in the fourth quarter, when almost no one was looking. He allowed himself a brief glance over his shoulder to savor the moment, clenched both fists and shook them for the briefest of moments.

It didn't come after a thundering dunk, a nothing-but-net jump shot, a momentum-turning block or rebound, or any of the other glam numbers from the stat line that won Duncan his third MVP award in an NBA Finals.

Staying completely in character, America's most reluctant superstar had just thrown a quick diagonal pass out of a double team, watched as teammate Manu Ginobili's 3-pointer rattled around the rim and fell through, and turned up court and allowed himself that quick celebration.

Then he went right back to work. It might have been his least spectacular play on a night when the San Antonio Spurs won a third NBA championship by riding his 25 points, 11 rebounds, two blocks and two other assists. But chances are it was his favorite.

"It's definitely an honor," Duncan said, "but this team has so many MVPs."

He won't get an argument in this town, at least not anytime soon. But Detroit coach Larry Brown had no problem narrowing the field. He's been around long enough to get a first-hand look at the other three players who've won at least three MVP Finals — Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson and Shaquille O'Neal, and he had no problem making room for Duncan in that illustrious crowd.

"He was great the whole series," Brown said. "Sometimes, I don't think num-

bers reflect the contribution a guy makes. But a lot of the shots they made, open shots, came as a result of us having a hard time guarding him. That's why he's such a great player."

Somewhere along the way, though, these finals became a referendum on whether Duncan was truly a great player, or just a very good one with an excellent sense of timing.

When the Spurs cruised to two quick wins at home to open the series, it was Ginobili who did most of the heavy lifting. When Detroit countered with two equally devastating blowouts at the Palace, then got beat in Game 5 on the late-game heroics of Robert Horry, the question became if — not when — Duncan would ever dominate the game the way he did only a few years ago.

In Game 6, he put up his usual respectable numbers, but he was ineffective in key stretches against the Pistons' rugged, long-armed trio of Ben Wallace, Rasheed Wallace, and Antonio McDyess. On the eve of Game 7, the NBA's promotional tagline for the series, "Where Legends Are Born," began to sound like a dare to Duncan.

"I've watched all week the way they talked about Tim," said former Spurs great David Robinson, who partnered with Duncan through two of San Antonio's titles. "Some people talked about Tim like a dog. The way that man has performed over the years, I don't understand that."

"For him to dig down tonight and show everybody what he's made of is just awesome, unbelievable," Robinson said. "He settled it the best way."

But maybe not as quickly as his staunchest supporters — Robinson, Horry and coach Gregg Popovich — would have wanted. Duncan made his first shot of the game, a trademark 9-foot bank, with Rasheed Wallace draped all over him. The two have been banging

heads for longer than either probably cares to remember, going all the way back to their ACC rivalry at Wake Forest and North Carolina.

Duncan's other two defenders, Ben Wallace and McDyess, didn't have a past like that to draw on, but they played him every bit as tough. Each possession resembled hand-to-hand combat, and for a while, the pounding took its toll.

From 8:16 of the second quarter until 6:18 remained in the third, Duncan missed eight straight attempts — putbacks, banks and little flicks from just a few feet away. All series long, Duncan was catching flak for not demanding the ball. But at the most crucial stretch of their fast-disappearing season, they played as though there was no other option. In quick succession, Duncan responded by making four of his last five shots in the third quarter, 12 points in all, and grabbing a handful of rebounds.

"They were more confident in me than I was," Duncan said. "That's so appreciated. They'll never understand."

But most of them already do.

They watched Duncan exert the same steady leadership in the fourth quarter that he has for years in San Antonio, not with screams or gestures, but with tough baskets and rebounds, smart passes, and smarter decisions. All of a sudden, following him became the easiest task the Spurs faced all night.

"He always feels so responsible," Ginobili said. "He's so hard on himself every time he doesn't play that good that I knew, sooner or later, he was going to show up, especially down the stretch. It shows the character and the type of player he is."

"I'm very proud," Ginobili added, "to be his teammate."

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Brown has no regrets if he coached his last game

by LARRY LAGE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — Larry Brown tried to treat what could have been his last postgame news conference as if he had just finished any ordinary game from his 33-year coaching career.

"Come on, let's talk about the game," Detroit's coach pleaded Thursday night after San Antonio dethroned the Pistons 81-74 in Game 7 of the NBA Finals.

"That's the most important thing."

After the game, Brown hugged San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich and several Spurs players before working his way through a sea of people on the court and walking toward Detroit's locker room.

"He's a whole lot more mature and wise than I am because he was fantastic," Popovich said. "He made me feel real comfortable and was congratulatory and classy beyond belief."

"It was weird." It was also odd to think of Brown going into a locker room for perhaps the last time as a coach. But the Hall of Famer said that if his career on the sideline was over, he was at peace.

"I'm way ahead of the curve — no matter what happens," Brown said in an interview with The Associated Press. "This game has given me so much that I'm one of the luckiest guys in the world."

Before the Spurs beat the defending NBA champions, Brown said he plans to check into the Mayo Clinic on Wednesday morning, the day after next week's draft, for a three-day stay. He'll be in the hospital to address a medical problem that developed from complications following hip surgery in November and didn't go away after a second procedure in March.

Brown has said that if doctors deem him healthy enough, he wants to return next season with the Pistons — and insists he will not coach another NBA team.

"I hope I'll be back coaching," he said. "That's been my plan, if (team president) Joe (Dumars) wants me and if I'm able to do it."

If Brown can't coach, he's expected to be an executive,

perhaps with the Cleveland Cavaliers. Still, some wouldn't be shocked if he ended up coaching the New York Knicks next season.

Detroit's players have had to deal with Brown's possible departure all season, so it was not surprising that Chauncey Billups wasn't interested in talking about Brown's future.

"I'm not really worried about that right now," Billups bristled. "I'm feeling for my guys right now, nothing else."

Brown tried to console Billups when he got into the locker room. He walked into the training room, hugged the point guard he's pushed for two years, then walked back through the locker room toward his office with watery eyes.

Before Game 7, Brown said he didn't want to think about what he would miss about the game if his coaching career is over.

"If it happens, I've got a young family," he said. "I've got a lot of neat things that have happened to me because of the opportunity to coach. I'm sure I'll be doing some coaching in some capacity. I want to help the game."

The win over the Spurs in Game 6 was Brown's 100th in the post-season, moving him past Red Auerbach for third place on the all-time list. Last year, Brown became the first coach to win NBA and NCAA championships. He won the college title with Kansas in 1988.

The night before the final game of the NBA season, Brown had dinner with Popovich.

"We've been out several times, but last night was real special for both of us," Popovich said Thursday night. "We talked very little about basketball, which is awkward because that's all we ever do."

Before Popovich answered any questions after the game, he thanked his mentor and friend.

"Without him, I wouldn't even be sitting here," he said.

The day before Game 7, Billups said he hoped Brown is not forced to end his coaching career because he is more passionate about basketball than anybody he's been around.

"I don't anticipate it being over for him, but if it is, it's going to be a dark day for the NBA," Billups said.

Bucks fire Porter after worst season in nearly a decade

by JULIET WILLIAMS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. FRANCIS, Wis. — Terry Porter won't get a chance to use the first pick in next week's NBA draft. Porter was fired as coach of the Milwaukee Bucks on Wednesday, two months after the team finished its worst season in almost a decade.

General manager Larry Harris said the move was necessary after the Bucks were 30-52 in 2004-05. They also were plagued by injuries.

"Certainly for the direction of this franchise heading for-

ward, we certainly need to make a move," Harris said.

Last month, Harris said Porter would return. "I told him, 'You know we're going to sink or swim together on this.'"

Apparently not. And Harris said Wednesday he thought that was the right decision at the time, but "everybody's allowed to change their mind."

Milwaukee was 41-41 in Porter's first season as coach, making the playoffs, but losing in the first round to Detroit. A native of the area, Porter played basketball at Milwaukee South

Division High School and at Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He played 17 seasons in the NBA.

There were reports that Porter and Harris didn't agree on who the Bucks should take atop the draft, but Harris denied them.

"We didn't have philosophical differences. He didn't want different guys than I did," Harris said.

"I'm not happy with the way the situation went down," Porter told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. "I'm disappointed, yeah, no doubt I'm disappointed."

The Bucks are considering Utah center Andrew Bogut, an Australian who left college

early, as their first pick. Porter was a standout guard for 17 seasons in the NBA, so if the Bucks choose one of the outstanding backcourt prospects such as Chris Paul or Raymond Felton, keeping Porter as coach would have made sense.

On Sunday and Monday, Porter attended workouts for forward Marvin Williams and Bogut.

Harris believes the vacant head coaching job will attract plenty of

interest because of the team's young players and the top draft pick.

Harris also gave Porter an endorsement for another position in the NBA.

"Terry Porter will get another coaching job, there's no doubt about it," Harris said.

In addition to the draft, the team's priority is signing star guard Michael Redd, then center Dan Gadzuric and forward Zaza Pachulia this summer.

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205-Bus. Opp.

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220-Help Wanted

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FLOYD COUNTY AREA: The Lexington Herald Leader has 3 morning newspaper routes available. Routes take about 3 hours daily, with an approximate profit potential of \$1000 monthly. Dependable transportation and ability to be bonded required. Call 1-800-274-7355. (EXT 3368 or 1629)

FINANCIAL

330- For Sale

FOR SALE BY OWNER: Three adjacent cemetery plots in the New Davidson section of Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, KY. Call 886-8452.

350-Miscellaneous

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PLEASANT RIDGE HORSEBACK RIDING opening Friday May 6 at Yatesville Lake. Call 606-673-1165. Directions: US 23 to Louisa/Blaine exit turn on Highway 32 toward Blaine, turn right on Highway 3215 toward the campground and golf course. Tu-Su 10 am - 7:30 pm

510- Comm Prop

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Trailer lot for rent on old U.S. 23 between Prestonsburg and Paintsville call 606-886-9007 or 889 9747

Trailer Lot For Rent, Large Yard. Call 886-8366

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650- Mobile Homes

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620Storage/Office

FOR RENT: 3 Room office suite. \$600 month. Call 886-1020 ask for C.V.

For Rent: Office Suite, New Construction. 900 sq. ft. Ample Parking, Can be Convenient Location, New Office Behind Sav-A-Lot in Prestonsburg. Call 886-1515 for info.

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FOR RENT: 900 sq. ft. office/commercial space. Located next to Reflection's Beauty Salon 3/4 mile south or Martin

LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 877-0165 AMENDMENT 4

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that DFM, Inc., P.O. Box 367, Old U.S. 23, Allen, Kentucky 41601, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.5 mile north of Gunlock in Magoffin/Floyd County. The amendment operation will add 157.57 acres of surface disturbance and 131.77 acres of highwall/thin seam mining area, making a total area of 1378.73 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.7 mile north from Brushy Fork Road's junction with Ky. Route 7, and located on Molly Branch.

The proposed amendment is located on the David U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Big Branch Holding Co., LLC, David L. Francis, John Arnett Heirs, Tonie Wireman Heirs, Sandy Shepherd, Marie Whitaker, Ruth Shepherd, Nancy Whitaker, Luther Shepherd, Edgar Fleming, and Kelly Hale Heirs. The highwall/thin seam mining will underlie Big Branch Holding Co., LLC, David L. Francis, John Arnett Heirs, Astro Clay Collins, et al., Rose Collins, and Vonda & James Kerns. The operation will use the area mining and highwall/thin seam methods of mining.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127, South, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Francis Water Company Has Levels of Total Organic Carbon Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing re-sults we

recently received show that our system exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Total Organic Carbon. There is no MCL for Total Organic Carbon; however a ratio for Total Organic Carbon is calculated based upon treatment technique. The minimum ratio is 1.0 mg/l. The ratio of Total Organic Carbon is our water system was 0.83 mg/l.

What should I do? You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean? This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, you need to be aware of the possible health effects.

Total Organic Carbon. Total Organic Carbon (TOC) has no health effects. However, Total Organic Carbon, provides a medium for the formation of disinfection byproducts. These byproducts include trihalomethanes, or THMs, and haloacetic acids, or HAAs. Drinking water containing these byproducts in excess of the MCL may lead to adverse health effects, liver or kidney problems, or nervous system effects, and may lead to an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What is being done? The source of water for Francis Water Company is a mine. Mine water is usually considered a groundwater source. Our source designation was changed from groundwater, to groundwater under

the direct influence of surface water, which has more stringent monitoring requirements. We are trying to have the source re-designated as groundwater, but until this occurs we will continue to monitor for Total Organic Carbon and adjust the treatment process and/or testing procedures to meet the minimum ratio of 1.0 mg/l. In addition, we are upgrading our recordkeeping system to be more proactive in reporting any violations. We anticipate this to be resolved by January 1, 2006.

For more information, contact: Chris Francis
Phone: 606-874-1111
Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 38, Garrett, KY 41630
Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by: Francis Water Company
Public Water System
ID #: 0360152
Date: 6/30/2005

Spanish—Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre la calidad de su agua

Notice—Francis Water Co. water is excellent and no changes in water quality has occurred. The violation above was due to not enough samples being taken, this caused our ratio for TOC to be low. More samples will be taken due to our new classification as surface water.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5457 OPERATOR CHANGE

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010,

notice is hereby given that MATT/CO, INC., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, intends to revise permit number 836-5457 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Green River Mining Company, Inc., 2555 Mallie Road, Mallie, Kentucky 41836. The new operator will be Double E Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 343, Harold, Kentucky 41635.

The proposed operation is located 0.15 mile southwest of Eastern, in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile southwest from KY Route 550's junction with KY Route 80, and located 0.1

mile northwest of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37°30'56" and the longitude is 82°48'32".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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