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briefs

Agency
missing
\$67,000

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A state
agency is missing more
than \$67,000 in checks
and money orders collect-

ed from state plumbing
permits, the state
Environmental and Public
Protection Cabinet
announced Thursday.

An internal yearly audit
found that the cabinet's
Housing, Buildings and
Construction office was
short \$67,749 in checks
and money orders, accord-

ing to a press release.
"Once the internal
review discovered permit
payments were missing,
we immediately assigned
our office of inspector gen-

eral to investigate the
case," Secretary LaJuana
Wilcher said in the
release.
The matter has been
referred to the Kentucky
State Police, she said.

However, cabinet officials
do not believe the
checks were cashed. They
have contacted the check
writers in attempt to get
them to reissue the
checks. So far, the agency
has collected about
\$45,500, according to the
release.

The missing money
was supposed to cover
1,135 permits that were
issued in November and
December.

TURNER INDICTED

Senator, two others accused of conspiracy, mail fraud

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

LEXINGTON — A federal
grand jury in Lexington turned
over an indictment Thursday
against state Sen. Johnny Ray
Turner, Pikeville businessman
Ross Harris and Turner's cam-

aign treasurer, Loren Glenn
Turner, on mail fraud and conspir-
acy charges.

The indictment comes as a
result of a FBI investigation into

Turner's May primary and
November general election victo-
ries in 2000.

The indictment alleges that the
defendants "aided and abetted by
one another, devised and intended
to devise a scheme and artifice to
defraud the Kentucky Registry for
Election Finance (KREF)."

Ross Harris, 58, a Pikeville
lawyer and coal operator, became
an active supporter and participant
in the Senate race, the indictment
says.

Loren Glenn Turner, 51, the
senator's cousin and Harris'
employee, served as campaign
treasurer in spring of 2000.

Both men were convicted last
year for conspiracy to commit mail
fraud and for committing mail
fraud during another election.

Detectives with the FBI in
Pikeville, who have investigated
the 2000 election for several
months, allege that the defendants
illegally obtained money and the
"salary and emoluments" of the

Senate seat by "material false and
fraudulent pretenses and represen-
tations."

Those misrepresentations
included allegations that the defen-
dants misrepresented campaign
contributions to make them appear
to be from Turner himself, "when
they knew" that the contributions
came from Harris or another party.

Kentucky state law that pro-
hibits individuals, with the excep-



Sen. Johnny Ray Turner

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photo by Mary Music

A large crowd turned out for the Chamber's annual awards and installment banquet Tuesday.

Alleged con
man caught
in Covington

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

COVINGTON — A man
who allegedly fleeced several
families out of flood relief
money that was designated
to repair their homes from
last year's Memorial Day
flood was arrested last week
in Covington and will be
extradited to Floyd county
after facing charges he
incurred in Kenton County.

Chris Arizo, 34, of Blue
River, was arrested by the
Covington Police
Department on April 25 and
charged with theft of a
motor vehicle, theft by
deception and burning per-
sonal property to defraud
an insurance agent.

Arizo reportedly gave
officers his alias of
Christopher Hardy, but that

was not enough to cover his
trail. Hardy had gone by his
mother's name of Arizo
when he was in Floyd
County, but both names
were noted in a report which
was fed to the law enforce-
ment computer network and
the Hardy name raised a red
flag which led to the Kenton
County Detention Center
contacting Floyd County to
let them know that they had
him in custody.

Arizo was under investi-
gation in Floyd County for
defrauding flood victims
when he allegedly left the
area in his girlfriend's truck.
Since that time he failed to
appear to face several sets of
charges.

He is wanted for missing
several appearances in

(See CAUGHT, page three)

Businesses honored during
Chamber of Commerce banquet

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The
Floyd County Chamber of
Commerce hosted its annual awards
and installation banquet Tuesday
evening.

The Chamber bid farewell to
outgoing board members Harold
Wireman, Kathy Stumbo, Debbie
Allen, Ken Carriere and Kristen
Bradley. They welcomed the

appointment of Dr. George
Edwards, president of the
Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy
Community and Technical College,
as the incoming chairman.

The guest speaker to this year's
event was Kentucky author Gary
West, who announced the upcom-
ing publication of his book about
the legacy of "King" Kelly
Coleman, a legendary basketball
player from Wayland. The book
will be officially released in

September, during a ceremony at
the Wayland Gym.

West, current executive director
of tourism in Bowling Green, inter-
viewed 80 individuals over a period
of a year-and-a-half about
Coleman's "labor of love" in the
sport.

The awards portion of the pro-
gram sparked some happy and
"pleasantly surprised" faces this

(See CHAMBER, page three)

Missing sex offenders captured

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The state
has redoubled its efforts to track
and prosecute child sex offenders,
with Floyd County appearing to be
a microcosm of the renewed effort.

Last month a Floyd County
grand jury returned three indict-
ments against sex offenders who
allegedly failed to keep the
Department of Probation and Parole
apprised of their movements, which

is a felony offense.

Last week, two of the offenders
were recaptured. Timothy Arnold,
32, of Harold, was located in
Greenville and Donald McDonald
Duke, missing since July 2003, was
recovered in Drift.

Each man will face up to five
years in prison for failing to provide
the state with their new address.

A warrant has been issued for the
third offender, Jamie Junita Nash
Burgess, 32, of Prestonsburg.

Cases of sex offenders who shirk

their responsibilities have gotten a
fair amount of media attention since
national attention was brought to
bear on the problem when a Florida
sex offender, who had failed to noti-
fy authorities of his movements,
killed a young girl.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo
announced in April that his office
was pushing for legislation that
would toughen penalties for sex
offenders who fail to register and
affirmed that his office was pre-
pared to fight for harsher penalties.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Arms loaded down with "goodie"
giveaway items, these
ladies said they had just enjoyed a
morning of learning
about home improvement and other
topics to help make
their lives easier at the Senior Expo,
held Wednesday at
the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention
Center. Senior citizens
from Floyd and surrounding counties
were on hand
to learn about ways in which they
may improve the
quality of their lives. The Senior
Expo was sponsored by
Highlands Regional Medical Center
in conjunction with
Big Sandy Area Development District,
Big Sandy
Community and Technical College,
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Appalachian Project, Pikeville Senior
Citizens Center,
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Community Trust
Bank, Mountain Manor of Paintsville,
the Social Security
Administration and Pfizer Pharmaceuticals.

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High: 76 • Low: 51

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Odds & Ends

■ **MINNEAPOLIS** — Apostrophe boosters were in mourning at the University of Minnesota after it was decided to name a fancy new walkway the Scholars Walk, not the Scholar's Walk.

"I'm terribly disappointed," said Larry Laukka, who leads the group developing the \$4.5 million walkway. "I'll have to lick my wounds. But I'll get over it."

For weeks, the issue has bedeviled those at the university and beyond who care a great deal about such things. English professors, e-mailers from across the United States and even the Apostrophe Protection Society of England offered advice.

Laukka argued to board members of the nonprofit University Gateway Corp. that an apostrophe would add distinction by suggesting it is owned by those it honors.

That argument didn't work. The board voted 4-1

against the punctuation mark.

The board worried that the apostrophe would make the four-block walkway appear exclusive at a time the university wants to be inclusive. It might even mean adding apostrophes to Regents Professors Square and a Professors Lane.

"Apostrophes would be out of control!" said board member Margaret Carlson.

■ **ST. LOUIS** — Wanted: Someone at least 18 years old itching to take a crack at playing in a professional baseball game. Glove, shoes and deep pockets required. Chewing tobacco not included.

Minor league baseball's River City Rascals of the independent Frontier League are auctioning off a one-day professional contract on eBay to benefit United Way. The auction, which began April 28, runs through Sunday night.

The highest bidder gets at

least one trip to the batter's box and a guaranteed half inning in the outfield May 20 when the Rascals host the Gateway Grizzlies. The winner also will receive 20 tickets to the game and a uniform. The jersey — No. 00 — and hat are theirs to keep.

The player, however, is on the hook for his or her own glove, shoes, transportation, meals, any housing or possible groin pull.

Bidders of either gender are welcome, though neither should expect treatment with kid gloves from the opposing pitcher.

If you're a pitcher, "you don't want to take it easy on some schmo and give up a hit," said Allen Gossett, assistant general manager of the Rascals. "They'll bring the heat."

As of midday Wednesday, the only bid was \$999.

■ **SPRING HILL, Fla.** —

Emory Johnson can now talk about surviving a lightning strike not once, but twice.

The second jolt was much worse for the Tarpon Springs construction worker.

Johnson was working on an air-conditioning system when rain started and he moved his tools inside at a four-unit villa being built near Spring Hill.

He stepped off a fiberglass ladder and onto the floor Wednesday as lightning hit a 50-foot pine tree outside. The bolt tore a swath of bark off the tree, moved across a pile of duct work and shot in a window.

"There was a loud bang, and it felt like I was burning inside, and I passed out," Johnson recalled. "When I woke up, I was shaking so bad I couldn't quit."

Hours after the jolt, his shoulders were sore, and "my whole body really feels like somebody beat me up." Still

shaking, the 54-year-old joked, "If you want a milkshake, I can give you one. But it will only be half full."

His first lightning strike in 1986 happened as he sat in his truck at a Holiday intersection. The bolt burned the seats, fried the electrical system and left him tingling.

"I don't know if it's trying to follow me still or what," he said.

■ **LINCOLN, Neb.** — Either too hot or too cold, the temperature in the state Capitol is rarely just right.

That's the argument state senators made Wednesday in support of a study on updating the 73-year-old building's heating and cooling system.

Something needed to be done, Lincoln Sen. DiAnna Schimek said she realized,

when staffers in her office blew two fuses with a space heater on Monday because they were too cold.

"I can remember it wasn't many weeks ago that people were roasting," Schimek said.

That April heat spell led to Speaker of the Legislature Kermit Brashear making a speech in which he bemoaned temperatures reaching into the 80s in offices throughout the building.

"It's impossible to negotiate a deal in a room that's 84 degrees. Nobody wants to agree to anything," Brashear said at the time.

Senators on Wednesday approved Schimek's proposal calling for a mechanical engineering firm to study the Capitol's heating and cooling system, which was last updated in the late 1960s.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, May 6, the 126th day of 2005. There are 239 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 6, 1937, the hydrogen-filled German dirigible "Hindenburg" burned and crashed in Lakehurst, N.J., killing 35 of the 97 people on board and a Navy crewman on the ground.

On this date:
■ In 1861, Arkansas seceded from the Union.

■ In 1889, the Paris Exposition formally opened, featuring the just-completed Eiffel Tower.

■ In 1910, Britain's King Edward the VII died.

■ In 1935, the Works Progress Administration began operating.

■ In 1942, during World War II, some 15,000 Americans and Filipinos on Corregidor surrendered to the Japanese.

■ In 1954, medical student Roger Bannister broke the 4-minute mile during a track meet in Oxford, England, in 3 minutes and 59.4 seconds.

■ In 1981, Yale architecture student Maya Ying Lin was named winner of a competition to design the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

■ In 1987, CIA Director William J. Casey died at age 74.

■ In 1994, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and French President Francois Mitterrand formally opened the Channel Tunnel between their countries.

■ In 1996, the body of former CIA director William E. Colby was found washed up on a riverbank in southern Maryland, eight days after he'd disappeared.

Ten years ago: Friends and relatives of the Oklahoma City bombing victims made a somber pilgrimage to the site of the attack to say goodbye to their loved ones. In London, thousands of World War II veterans celebrated the 50th anniversary of VE Day. Longshot Thunder Gulch won the 121st Kentucky Derby.

Five years ago: Jack Mazzan, who'd spent 20 years on death row for the murder of a judge's son, was released on bail, three months after the


Nevada Supreme Court reversed his conviction. (Before he could be tried again, Mazzan pleaded guilty to killing Richard Minor Jr. and received a life sentence; Mazzan has since sought parole, unsuccessfully.) Fusaichi Pegasus became the first favorite to win the Kentucky Derby since Spectacular Bid in 1979.

One year ago: President Bush apologized for the abuse of Iraqi prisoners by American soldiers, calling it "a stain on our country's honor"; he rejected calls for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's resignation. The FBI arrested Oregon lawyer Brandon Mayfield as part of the investigation into the Madrid train bombings; however, the bureau later said Mayfield's arrest had been a mistake, and apologized. An estimated 51.1 million people tuned in for the final first-run episode of "Friends" on NBC.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall-of-Famer Willie Mays is 74. Senate Banking Chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala., is 71. Rock singer Bob Seger is 60. Singer Jimmie Dale

Gilmore is 60. Actor Ben Masters is 58. Actor Gregg Henry is 53. British Prime Minister Tony Blair is 52. TV game show host Tom Bergeron is 50. Rock singer John Flansburgh (They Might Be Giants) is 45. Actor George Clooney is 44. Actor Clay O'Brien is 44. Actress Roma Downey is 42. Rock singer-musician Tony Scalzo (Fastball) is 41. Rock musician Mark Bryan (Hootie and the Blowfish) is 38. Rock musician Chris Shiflett (Foo Fighters) is 34.

Thought for Today: "Give me the luxuries of life and I will willingly do without the necessities." — Frank Lloyd Wright, American architect (1869-1959).




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Chamber

year. Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin accepted the "Business of the Year" title. The designation was based on the hospital's growth, chamber participation, civic leadership and business applications.

"We strive to provide quality care as we also strive to meet our mission in this area," said Billie Turner, director of nursing and vice president of clinical operations. Kathy Stumbo, the hospital's CEO, accepted the award Tuesday.

The hospital is currently participating in the "Cover the Uninsured Week," a recognition program aimed at raising awareness about uninsured patients. They are offering information about this topic to their employees and the public until May 8.

The Chamber presented two "Special Recognition" awards this year, acknowledging Big Sandy Health Care, of Prestonsburg, for growth and expansion of an existing business, and recognizing Kentucky State Police Trooper Ricky Conn for his assistance during the gas line explosion at Ivel last year.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court received double recognition during the ceremony. The Fiscal Court was recognized as a "Chamber Partner in Education" for its assistance, through educational programs and funding, in the enrichment of county students. Assistant County Judge-Executive Brett Davis was also awarded his seat in the

Chamber's "Hall of Fame" category for his "individual, long-term positive impact in shaping the lives of Floyd Countians." Davis was emotionally choked up and "shocked" when he received the award. He said Wednesday that Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, who received the same designation last year, tried to coax him into going to the banquet, but Davis refused, saying he was tired and would rather go home. Davis said that his brother, Craig, tricked him into going to the Chamber meeting by giving him a "cockamamy story" about a business deal.

"It's the greatest honor I've ever received because this is where I live," he said.

Davis says he enjoys his job, particularly because of Thompson's dedication to the county and the changes he has seen take place over the years.

"I enjoy seeing things happen," he said. "I never thought, in my lifetime, that I'd see everybody in the county with city water. That all started when we merged the two water districts back in 2000 ... Stuff needs to be done around here and it's getting done."

Two area businesses were also recognized during the program.

The Chamber handed the "Horizon Award" for new business to Hamilton Industries, of McDowell.

They also presented Billy Maynard, of Maynard Insurance

in Harold, with the "Excellence Award."

Executive Director Mandy Stumbo said the Chamber is breaking new ground this year with a youth leadership program aimed at teaching high school sophomores about the government, education and the economic structure of the region. Since Dec. 14, area sophomores have met at various locations in the county to discuss these issues with selected speakers.

"It [the program] is the first of its kind in Kentucky," Stumbo said.

Those students graduated from the program during the ceremony Tuesday evening and are now carrying a unique challenge: They must develop some type of project to improve some aspect of Floyd County.

This year's banquet, catered by the May Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, was held at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center.

Appalachian Wireless, which was recently designated as one of the best places to work in Kentucky, sponsored the banquet portion of the event.

Perry Distributors, a Hazard-based bottling company, sponsored the reception.

Community Trust Bank and the Big Sandy Community and Technical College system also cosponsored the event.

The banquet was video-recorded by LPJ Productions in Prestonsburg and will be aired on channel 7 Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Turner

hibits individuals, with the exception of the candidate himself, from contributing more than \$1,000 to any one candidate.

The indictment also alleges that the group recorded legitimate expenditures for voter hauling and campaign workers on financial reports, but that the money was used, instead, to buy votes.

"This conspiracy required the commission of three separate criminal schemes," the indictment reads. "First, because of the personal contribution limit of \$1,000, it was necessary to contrive a method of hiding a much larger contribution from Ross Harris. Secondly, once the money was received by the campaign, the money was to be used to influence persons to vote for Johnny Ray Turner. The plan was to disguise payments for voting as payments for 'campaign workers' and 'vote haulers.' Finally, to avoid scrutiny from KREF, false reports as to the source of the contributions and the nature of expenditures had to be filed. At least one such report was filed by mail."

Glenn Turner and others allegedly gave money from Harris to various nominees or straw contributors to reimburse them for the \$1,000 contribution checks they "were asked to write to the Turner campaign" from late January 2000 to late May 2000.

Glenn Turner also allegedly wrote or "caused to be written" blank checks for amounts of \$24, \$25, \$36, \$48, \$50 and \$60 for "vote hauling" and "campaign worker." The indictment alleges that the checks were distributed to "various middlemen who distributed them to voters around the various counties."

In the spring of 2000, Harris allegedly gave "several individuals several thousand dollars" to influence their vote for Turner, who won the election in November, beating out incum-

bent Benny Ray Bailey by 1,467 votes in the 29th District Senate race.

Harris also allegedly gave various individuals, referred to as campaign workers, checks for \$500 or more in order for those workers to influence others to vote for Turner.

In the spring or early summer of 2000, the indictment alleges, Glenn Turner and others met and selected the names of persons to list on the KREF report as paid campaign workers or vote haulers when they "had not received such checks."

To comply with a deficiency noted on the KREF reports later that year, one or more of the defendants "arbitrarily supplied fictitious occupations and addresses" of these vote haulers and campaign workers on the amended KREF report, which was mailed

to the KREF in Frankfort in on Dec. 12, 2000.

The Associated Press reported earlier this week that Johnny Ray Turner spent nearly \$34,000 to pay more than 650 people to haul voters to the polls or perform other campaign work. Bailey spent \$16,700 to pay more than 330 people to take voters to the polls, they reported. Johnny Ray Turner is accused, individually, of accepting money from Harris to cover personal contributions to his campaign.

"We're looking forward to presenting our case in court," Turner's lawyer, Brent Caldwell, said. "Sen. Turner is an excellent senator, an excellent individual, and it's unfortunate that this matter has arisen. He's looking forward to his day in court."

Caldwell said he didn't know all the details surrounding the investigation or what caused investigators to "go down this road."

He suspects that allegations were brought forth during investigations into other vote-buying cases throughout Kentucky.

"Some people, unfortunately, have the tendency to feel that a person accused of a crime is guilty of that crime," Caldwell said. "We ask that they withhold their judgment until we have the opportunity to present our case in court and they can make up their minds."

Caldwell said Turner maintains strong community support and is dealing with the allegations with a positive attitude.

"He has an amazing positive attitude through all this," he said. "Other people get down and depressed when things like this happen, but he maintains a positive, upbeat attitude. He feels confident and good about what he has done and the way he conducted the campaign."

The alleged conspiracy began on Jan. 25, 2000, and continued throughout the year in Floyd, Knott, Breathitt and Letcher counties, as well as "other places" in the Eastern District of the state. Exact dates are unknown, the indictment says.

The defendants face a potential 20 years imprisonment, \$250,000 in fines and a supervised release for three years on count one of the indictment. They also face a potential five years, \$250,000 fine and three years supervised release on the second count. They may also be required to pay a mandatory special assessment of \$100 per count and restitution, if applicable.

Both Harris and Loren Glenn Turner are scheduled to be sentenced on July 19 for similar conspiracy charges they were convicted of last September.

Harris was found guilty for one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and one count of conspiracy to buy votes, three counts of mail fraud and one count of structuring withdrawals from a bank account to avoid financial reporting requirements. Loren Glenn Turner was convicted of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and two counts of mail fraud.

Caught

Family Court where he was facing domestic violence charges. He is also wanted for a charge of auto theft for allegedly taking his girlfriend's Jeep prior to leaving the county.

Arizo also must face

charges that stem from an indictments handed down by a Floyd County grand jury which charged him with five counts of theft by deception for allegedly leaving five area families in the lurch after

receiving cash down payments from them to raise or repair their homes following the Memorial Day flood. He is charged with taking \$22,000 in cash from families before fleeing the county.

Obituaries

Wilbert Lee Hughes

Wilbert Lee Hughes, 65, of Fairfield, died Thursday, April 28, 2005, at the Baptist Hospital East in Louisville.

Born February 20, 1940, in Hartsville, Tennessee, he was the son of the late Lee and Pauline Houchens Hughes. He was a truck driver, a member of the Teamsters Union; and a member of the Bardstown Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Samons Hughes.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law: Wilbert Dale and Michelle Hughes of Martin; a daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Ronald Cundiff of Taylorsville; two half-brothers: Ricky Hughes and Mike Hughes, both of

Campbellsville; five half-sisters: Louise Minton, Nancy Lawrence, Connie Hughes, and Judy Henderson, all of Louisville; and Sharon Kohler of Pensacola, Florida; and five grandchildren: Susan, Lisa, Amber, Charlie, and Billy.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 2, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Brother John Barron and Brother Warren Rainwater officiating.

Burial was in the family cemetery, at Arkansas Creek, in Martin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Lucy Moore

Lucy Moore, 87, of McDowell, died Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare.

Born June 10, 1917, in Orkney, she was the daughter of the late Ed and Julie Gayheart Mosley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Moore.

Survivors include four sons and daughters-in-law: Edward Ray and Thelma Moore of McDowell; Jason and Phyllis Moore of Price; Roe Donald and Shirley Moore of Howe, Indiana; and Harold Dean and Barbara Moore of McDowell; two daughters and sons-in-law: Anna Sue and Danny Gayheart of Helmer, Indiana; and Glenda Doris and Milo Healey of McDowell; a brother, Richard (Dick) Mosley of Dwale; 14 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons: Lowell Thomas Moore and Ernie Ray Moore; a daughter, Nova Lou Hall; three brothers: Green Bud Mosley, Bailey Mosley, and Clabe Mosley, and five sisters: Polly Howell,

Emma Hammonds, Armina Hall, Bird Hamilton, and Hettie Howell.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, May 6, at 1 p.m., at the Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church of the New Salem Association at McDowell, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, in McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was Wednesday, May 4, at 11 a.m., at Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, McDowell; and 12 noon, Thursday, at the Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church of the New Salem Association at McDowell, with nightly services at 6:30 p.m.

Active pallbearers: Ernie, Ricky, Roger, David, Donald, Alan, Randy, and Thomas.

Honorary pallbearers: Ryan Howell, Michael Little, Tyler Jones, Wesley Gayheart, Scott Gayheart, Eric Moore, Josh Blankenship, Joey Blankenship, Peyton Ratliff, Braxton Moore, and Dalton Stumbo. (Paid obituary)

Judith Sanders Hutton

Judith Sanders Hutton, 59, of Wheelwright, died Sunday, May 1, 2005, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born March 13, 1946, in Martin, she was the daughter of the late James W. and Corrie Shuford Sanders. She was a homemaker, mother, former cook at Melvin Elementary School, Child Care Worker, and a member of Lighthouse Temple at Wheelwright.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Charles Hutton Sr.

Survivors include two sons: Anthony Hutton, wife Faith, of Orlando, Florida, Ernest Charles Hutton Jr., of Lexington; two daughters: Tara Redford, husband Arthur, of Wheelwright, and Tracee Hutton of Wheelwright; one sister, Brenda Taylor of Wheelwright; 11 grandchildren: DreShaun, Mykia, Aaliyah, Derrian, Keiven, Aaron, Tevin, Alexa, Tianna, Austin and JonAnthony.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers: Leighton James (Jimmy) Sanders; and still-born twin brothers.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 7, at 1 p.m., at the Lighthouse Temple in Wheelwright, with Elder Roy Cosby officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is after 6 p.m., Friday, May 5, at the church. (Paid obituary)

Georgia Allen

Georgia Allen, 82, of Warsaw, Indiana, died Wednesday, May 4, 2005, at her residence.

Born November 3, 1922, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Melvin and Lori (Wright) Allen. She had been a resident of Warsaw, Indiana, area, most of her lifetime. She worked for Jomac Co., and retired in 1984.

Survivors include two sons: Mark Allen of Warsaw, Indiana, and Alley Allen of Prestonsburg; two daughters: Virginia (Jeanne) Montano of North Carolina-Warsaw, Indiana, and Cynthia Mae Gagnon of Warsaw, Indiana; one brother, Taggett Allen of Warsaw, Indiana; 11 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four sisters and five brothers.


Funeral services will be held Friday, May 6, at noon, at the McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, in Warsaw, Indiana, with Pastor Wayne Whitaker officiating.

Burial will be in the Oakwood Cemetery, under the direction of McHatton-Sadler Funeral Home.

Visitation will be held Friday, May 6, from 10 a.m.-noon. (Paid obituary)

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— Samuel Butler

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Ironton (Ohio) Tribune, on handcuffed child:

What does it say about our society when a 5-year-old girl must be handcuffed by police to be controlled? And, what does it say that a Florida attorney has already announced plans to sue the St. Petersburg Police for its role in the March 14 altercation at a Florida kindergarten?

This situation is disturbing on so many levels and is a sad testimony to the levels our culture has stooped to ...

Educators have the obligation to every student in that class to get the situation in hand immediately for the safety of the young girl and the other students.

The police should have saved their rough tactics for the next taping of "COPS." Even the most violent of 5-year-olds is still only a child.

So that brings us to the parents and family. Most behavior problems start at home. It is highly unlikely that the child behaved perfectly at home but then acted like a demon while at school. ...

Aiken (S.C.) Standard, on a runaway bride:

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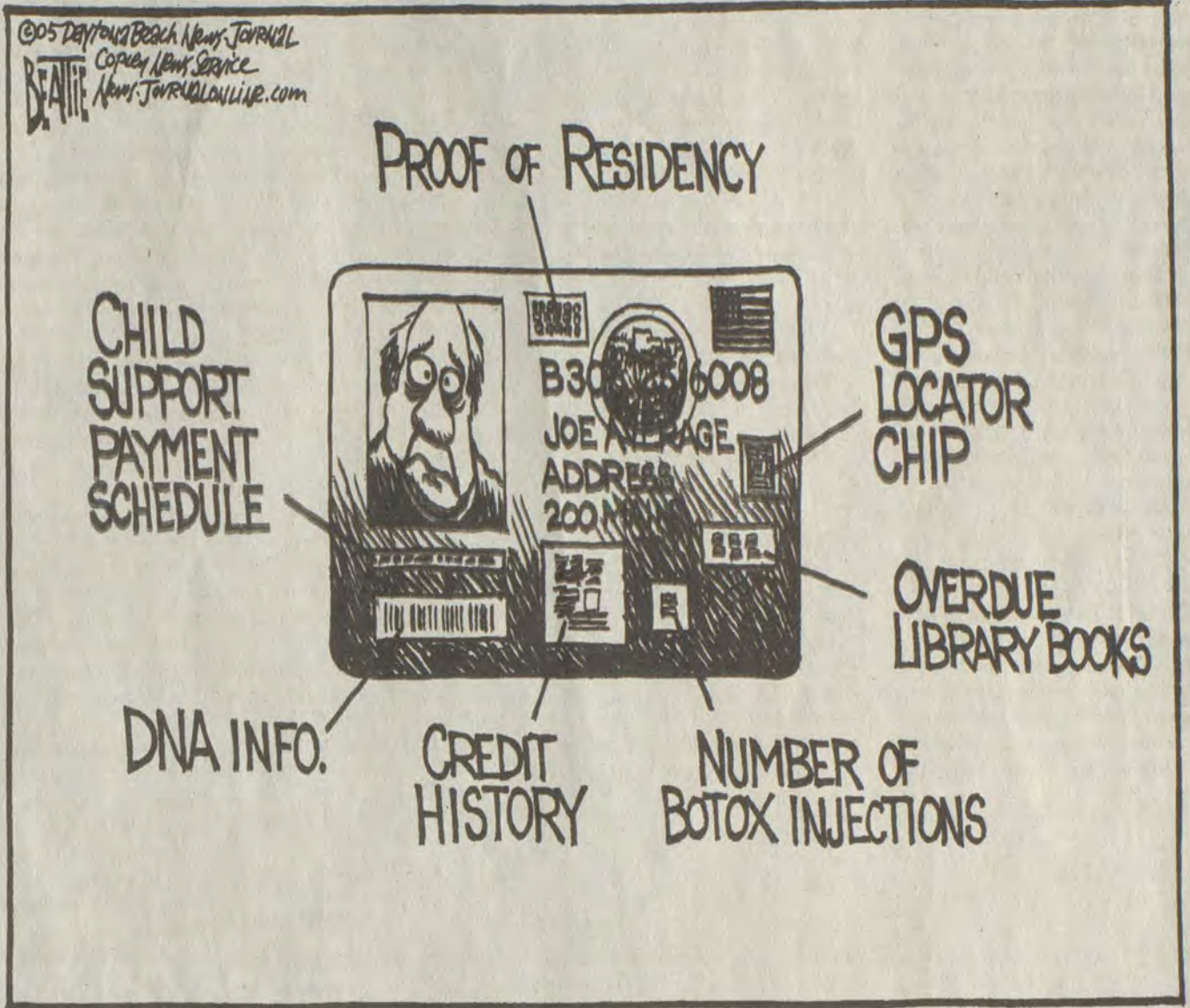
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Guest Column

Weeping for poor Wal-Mart

by JIM HIGHTOWER

Time for another Gooberhead Award — presented periodically to those in the news who've got their tongue running 100-miles-per-hour ... but forgot to put their brains in gear.

Today's Goober is H. Lee Scott, Jr. — and, boy he is hot! H. Lee is honcho of the ever-sprawling Wal-Mart empire, and he recently threw a public hissy fit at all of you workers, consumers, neighborhood groups, taxpayers, environmentalists, local businesses, public officials, women's advocates, local newspapers, and, gosh, so

many more who've had the audacity to criticize the world's largest corporation.

Wal-Mart never does anything that isn't calculated, so even the honcho's hissy fit was carefully scripted. It came as part of a two-day media event for about 50 journalists who flew to the corporate compound in Bentonville, Ark. This was the kick-off for yet another multimillion-dollar PR blitz to try buffing up Wal-Mart's tarnished image. Indeed, it's image is so tarnished that city after city — from New England to California — has been rejecting Wal-Mart's attempts to bulldoze its way into their communities, specifically rejecting its low-wage, anti-worker, anti-neighborhood, predatory business practices.

Rather than fix any of these practices, H. Lee lashed out at anyone who dares question how the \$288 billion-a-

year behemoth treats people and communities. He especially decried those of us who object to the \$15,000-a-year poverty pay that workers average there. He wailed that poor Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, has such a thin profit margin that it simply can't afford to pay middle-class wages.

Before you weep for Wal-Mart, consider that it raked in more than \$10 billion in declared profits last year and that its competitors pay up to three times the Wal-Mart wage — and still make a nice profit. In fairness, though, Wal-Mart is generous to some of its employees. H. Lee, for example, pockets \$ 4.7 million a year.

Jim Hightower is the best-selling author of "Thieves In High Places: They've Stolen Our Country And It's Time To Take It Back," on sale now from Viking Press.

Letters

Newspapers help keep us free

In the early days of our country, the Founding Fathers recognized that a viable democracy required an informed citizenry. One of the first agencies created by the Continental Congress was the Post Office Department, and one of the most important reasons was to create a means for delivering the news.

Freedom of the press is a cornerstone of our democracy and an important reason why the United States is a beacon of freedom to the world. The Postal Service is proud to be a partner in helping America's newspapers deliver the word.

Today's community newspapers, such as The Floyd County Times, can proudly trace their heritage to Benjamin Franklin's The Pennsylvania Gazette and

other colonial newspapers. Today, as then, these publications provide information on a wide range of local issues that are important to us all.

In 1879, Congress formalized this service and created a new class of mail — now call "Periodicals" — to disseminate news and education information across the nation and "bind the nation together."

Originally, Congress authorized the carrying of newspapers and periodical publications in the mail at no charge. Today, with nearly 10 billion newspapers, magazines and other publications delivered each year, we no longer can provide free delivery. However, postage rates for periodicals are generally the lowest offered by the Postal Service and rank among the lowest in the industrialized world.

After all these years, the Postal Service and America's community newspapers still strive to "bind the nation together" by delivering news, opinions and information that keep us informed — and help to keep us free.

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At the Movies: 'Crash'

by **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP MOVIE CRITIC

With "Crash," Paul Haggis delivers a knockout punch that rivals the one he leveled with his Oscar-nominated "Million Dollar Baby" script.

Functioning as both director and co-writer, Haggis weaves a tale of disparate, disconnected Los Angeles residents whose paths cross over a 36-hour period. The encounters expose their prejudices and frailties, but Haggis judges none of them and offers no easy answers; rather, everyone is to blame equally, simply for being human and imperfect.

Think of it as a multicultural "Magnolia," only without the histrionics or visual trickery of Paul Thomas Anderson's 1999 film. The various stories play out in dreamlike fashion under hazy afternoon sunshine and shimmering Hollywood lights, so when something dramatic does occur, its impact is even more intense.

"In L.A., nobody touches you," Detective Graham (Don Cheadle, subtly powerful as always) says quietly on his way to investigate a car accident. "I think we miss that touch so much that we crash into each other just to feel something."

Exploring the baggage and



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Three and a half stars out of four.

expectations that accompany ethnicity is a concept that could have been preachy or heavy-handed. But Haggis and co-writer Bobby Moresco have created such complex characters — each of whom has an arc, none of whom is what he or she initially seems — that they avoid such oversimplification.

Strong performances abound from an excellent, eclectic cast, including surprising work from Sandra Bullock, Matt Dillon, Michael Pena and rapper Chris "Ludacris" Bridges. And the candid manner in which characters discuss race — and reveal their resentments and preconceptions — is searing but necessary to hear.

The district attorney (Brendan Fraser) and his beautiful wife (Bullock) have their Lincoln Navigator carjacked at gunpoint by two young black men (Bridges and Larenz Tate), who just got done discussing how tired they are of being per-

ceived as potentially threatening based on the color of their skin.

Bullock's character, Jean, then goes on a tirade at her Brentwood home about how she doesn't trust the man changing the locks on her doors because he looks like a gang member, with his tattoos and baggy pants. (Jean will later come to understand that the source of her misery is within her own skin.)

But the misconceptions aren't limited to blacks, whites and Hispanics. We see Daniel the locksmith (Pena, who plays Shane's new vice partner, Army, on "The Shield") coming home to his wife and young daughter, whom he'll later have to protect from an angry Persian convenience store owner he'd argued with earlier in the day.

Dillon is so believable as a veteran cop who takes perverse pleasure in pulling over a wealthy black couple (Terrence Howard and Thandie Newton),

he's hard to watch. His words also sting when he chastises his young, white partner (Ryan Phillippe, who has his own strong moments) for being so idealistic.

Howard and Newton, as a TV producer and his wife living in upscale Studio City, might share the most heartbreaking story line of all. They seem to be experiencing an identity crisis in which they defy stereotypes, yet they make themselves and each other feel guilty for not being sufficiently true to their heritage.

In a film in which everyone thinks they understand everyone else, these two characters don't truly understand themselves, and that sense of isolation and confusion threatens to destroy their marriage.

Haggis moves seamlessly between all these stories and has structured them in such a way that his characters reach a crisis point simultaneously, followed by melancholy clarity. But none of them achieve anything resembling an easy sense of peace.

Neither do we. But at least, the movie indicates, there's the possibility of enlightenment.

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Rental Central

by **TOM DOTY**
STAFF WRITER

May got off to a slow start with only two new releases, but each is a lavish effort with a heap of special effects and high production values. Television accounted for several boxed sets this week of old classics and new series.

"The Phantom of the Opera" — Joel Schumacher, who stalled the "Batman" franchise with duds like "Batman and Robin," turns his melodramatic style to this musical adaptation of Gaston Le Roux's terror tale of a composer who haunts an opera house and causes mayhem while looking out for an ingenue he is smitten with. This musical, still running on Broadway, is based on Andrew Lloyd Webber's adaptation of the classic tale.

This one didn't ignite at the box office but should please movie musical fans who have a lot to look forward to now that Hollywood has discovered there's mucho cash to be made by adapting Broadway hits after the success of "Chicago."

"National Treasure" — Nicholas Cage proves, once again, that he can swing from dramas to action fare without missing a beat in this 2004 blockbuster. Here Cage is out to recover the lost treasure of the Knight's Templar. The only hitch is that vital clues are printed on the back of the Declaration of Independence. Cage gets plenty of support here from screen vets Jon Voight and Harvey Keitel as this one veers from one spectacular sequence to the next. Great entertainment that requires very little from the audience except to sit back and put the brain on hold.

"The Big Red One" — The special DVD classic this week is this effort from veteran iconoclast Sam Fuller. D-Day adventures of a platoon led by action icon Lee Marvin. This version restores the film to Fuller's original 163-minute cut which was shorn of 50 minutes for theatrical release back in 1980. Look for Mark Hamill as Griff in an underrated performance which should fare better in this longer version. This was Fuller's dream project which can now

stand along side his other classics which include "The Naked Kiss" and "Pick Up on South Street."

"Star Trek Enterprise" — The first season of this latest incarnation of the Trek franchise hits DVD just as the show is ending its run. This one benefits from high production values and a charismatic Captain played by Scott Bakula ("Quantum Leap"). This is as good as it gets for Trek fans but the show is still being cancelled due to low ratings, which makes it only the second Trek series to bow out early (the first was the original, which only lasted two years). "Enterprise" signs off this month after a four-year run with a two-part episode which will focus on the forming of the Federation and feature guest spots by Marina Sirtis and Jonathan Frakes of "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

"I Love Lucy" — The complete fourth season is collected here and represents the best the series had to offer. These episodes take Ricky, Lucy, Ethel and Fred to Hollywood, where Ricky has been cast in a film

Free Comic Book Day takes place Saturday

by **TOM DOTY**
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — The fourth annual Free Comic Book Day will be observed tomorrow, with one area vendor participating in a big way.

Page 3 Comics, located on Second Street in Pikeville, will once again mark the event with a host of free books and promotions.

Store manager Nathan Varney observed that this year's event will see the store pouring comics into other venues as well.

"We have gotten involved with summer reading programs and will be giving about 1,500 free comics to area libraries to aid in

their summer reading programs," Varney said.

Varney also noted that the store will host the event by giving away 11 different titles being offered for the event and said, "Customers can have one of each if they like and there will be a variety of titles that should appeal to most age groups."

Varney noted that this year's event will also tie in with some major movie releases targeted at summer audiences.

"We will be observing the movie tie-ins being offered this year by sending some titles over to the River Fill Cinemas, where theater goers can grab them on Saturday," Varney said. Several comic books that are tied to sum-

mer movies include "Star Wars," an adaptation of this summer's "Revenge of the Sith"; "Batman," though based on the cartoon series currently running on the WB Network, this character will also hit screens this summer with "Batman Begins"; and "Marvel Adventures", an anthology book with a story featuring the Fantastic Four, who will also be a movie this summer.

Varney also noted that everything in the store will be on sale that day and that "Page 3" will also offer some free comics of its own alongside the titles being offered by distributors which also include "GI Joe," "Betty and Veronica," "Uncle Scrooge" and "Robin Hood."

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 Tiesha M. Hall, 16, of Ravenna, Ohio, to Shawn D. Sexton, 21, of Prestonsburg.
 Christal Gale Hall, 29, of Prestonsburg, to Jason Shepherd, 26, of Martin.

Civil Suits Filed

Ronald and Connie Cooley vs. city of Prestonsburg; complaint.
 Michelle and Jarrad Hall vs. Jody Thompson, Dennis Hutchinson, Keith Justice, James Fields, Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet; complaint for compensatory and punitive damages and jury trial.
 JP Morgan Chase Bank vs. Rebecca and Bobby Bradford, city of Prestonsburg, Floyd County; complaint.
 Jeremiah Swiger vs. Amanda Swiger; divorce.
 Erin Capital Management LLC vs. David Bowers; complaint.
 Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, Floyd County, Floyd County Health Department, Board of Education, library, Forestry Service, conservation, agriculture vs. Freda Gale Mosely; complaint.
 Nelda Collins vs. Melody Pust; complaint.
 Woodrow Crum vs. Eric Akers; verified complaint.
 Shanna Boyd vs. Terry M. Boyd; divorce.
 Community Trust Bank vs. Richard Noble; complaint.
 State Farm Mutual vs. Robert Hopkins and Anita Vanhooze; complaint.
 Geraldine Campbell vs. Nationwide Mutual Insurance; complaint.
 Ryan Shepherd vs. Dedra Shepherd; divorce.

Charges Filed

Douglas Keathley, 29, Prestonsburg; possession of marijuana.
 Ervin Marsillet Jr., 54, Auxier; public intoxication.
 Mark Davis, 38; Prestonsburg; two counts of

illegal hunting, two counts of hunting/fishing without a permit, possession of a raw animal fur.

Lila Vanhooze, 48, Auxier; fourth-degree assault.
 Steven Blair, 31, Paintsville; public intoxication.
 Chad A. McIntyre, 25, Blue River; public intoxication.
 Michael Adkins, no age listed, Pikeville; misdemeanor theft (checks).
 Ira Blackburn, 44, Dearborn Heights, Mich.; public intoxication.
 Jeffrey Fitzpatrick, 24, Somerset; theft.
 Lora Blackburn, 30, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Terry Gayheart, 41, Beaver; second-degree fleeing/evading police, public intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.
 Terri Russell, 24, Lexington; second-degree possession of a controlled substance, use/possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Frederick Russell, 34, Lexington; second-degree possession of a controlled substance, use/possession of drug paraphernalia.
 George Hicks, 49, Borderland, W.Va.; fourth-degree assault.

George Hill, 34, Weeksby; public intoxication, disorderly conduct, fourth-degree assault.
 Timothy Maynard, 27, Pikeville; public intoxication, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession to deliver, manufacture paraphernalia, prescription not in original container.
 Ritchie D. Elkins, 45, Melvin; violation of protective order.

Gina Keens, 33, Prestonsburg; shoplifting.
 Elray Cline, 21, Prestonsburg; public intoxication, possession of a concealed weapon, possession of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Stevie Crum, 33, Prestonsburg; public intoxication, giving a false name or address.

Carlos Little, 42, Martin; possession of marijuana, public intoxication.
 Tamela Marie Ward, 21, Prestonsburg; theft of gas.
 Sherman Poston, 46, McDowell; public intoxication.
 Amy Isaacs, 26, Prestonsburg; shoplifting.
 Todd M. Gayheart, 19, Wayland; first-degree burglary, resisting arrest.

Terry Brandon Moore, 19, Martin; first-degree burglary.
 Joe Phillips, no age, Pikeville; felony theft (checks).
 Kelly Hamilton, 31, Teaberry; felony theft.
 Wesley Lafferty, 33, Auxier;

first-degree rape (domestic violence).

Janice Thornsberry Griffith, 24, Martin; felony theft (checks), misdemeanor theft.
 Paul D. Robinson, 39, Langley; fugitive (Indiana, flagrant nonsupport charge).

Kevin Ray, 20, Stanville; speeding 26 miles over the speed limit.
 reckless driving, fleeing or evading the police, failure to illuminate headlights, improper signal, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in original container.

Inspections

Sam an' Tonio's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Chemical test strips not available, ice machine needs more routine cleaning and sanitizing, scrub faucet in disrepair and leaking, hand wash sink in food prep area inoperable, garbage container in food prep area not properly covered, ceilings in food prep area in disrepair, lights in food prep area improperly shielded. Score: 88. Follow-up inspection required.

Velocity Market, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: Found food items in open with accumulation of dust, found worker in meat room chewing gum, reach in freezer has broken seal around door, some freezers and coolers in need of cleaning, restroom not having self-closing doors, floors in establishment in disrepair. Score: 87. Follow-up required.

P and H Packing Company, Hueysville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Easy to see thermometers not provided in freezers, wiping cloths not properly stored, restroom door not self closing. Score: 96.

Small Town Piercing Studio, Prestonsburg, follow-up inspection. All violations corrected, no future follow-up required.

Small Town Tattoo and Custom Graphics, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Need to post studio's certification. Score: 97.

Property Transfers

Darvene and Anna M. Hamilton to Brad Hall, property location undisclosed.
 Lizzie Hamilton to Brad Hall, property located at Big Mud Creek.
 Rondell and Jacqueline Lawson to Carlos Hoover, property located at Goose Creek.

Pizza driver beaten to death while delivering pizza

The Associated Press
 LONDON — A Magoffin County man has been charged with killing a pizza deliveryman by beating him with a baseball bat.
 Police said Christopher Neal Wages, 25, attacked Gregory W. Rowe Tuesday night as Rowe was bringing a pizza to a camper in the community of Pittsburg, north of London in Laurel County. Rowe, 36, of

London, was a driver for Papa John's Pizza in London.
 Wages, of Salyersville, was charged Wednesday morning with murder and robbery.
 Rowe died at the scene around 10 p.m. Tuesday as a result of the beating, said Det. Johnny Phelps of the Laurel County Sheriff's Office.
 Phelps said Wages attacked Rowe to rob him. Wages was staying with a woman, 23-year-old Crystal Nicole Grimes. She

has not been charged in the incident.
 Wages and Grimes ordered the pizza from a London Papa John's and asked that it be delivered to Grimes' residence, Phelps said.
 After the crime, Wages left in Rowe's car, which was found two miles from the crime scene, Phelps said. Phelps said police believe Wages robbed Rowe to get money to buy drugs.

Revenue receipts continue rise in April

The Associated Press
 FRANKFORT — Kentucky's General Fund tax receipts continued their upward tick in April, but the extra money is already obligated, budget officials said Wednesday.
 General Fund receipts grew by 11.4 percent in April, compared to the same month the previous year. For the first 10 months of the fiscal year, receipts are up 8.7 percent.
 The official forecast is for General Fund growth of 6.8

percent for the year, so receipts could actually decline from last year and the state should still be able to make its target by June 30, the end of the fiscal year.
 State budget director Brad Cowgill said internal projections now estimate the state will take in about \$96 million more than the official estimate.
 But the budget passed belatedly by the 2005 General Assembly for this year directs payments for a variety of items there was no money for — legal judgments, emergency

costs and other government expenses.
 Ironically, one of the bright spots in the April report was from the corporate income tax, which was nearly double for the money over the previous year and is 45 percent higher for the year.
 At Gov. Ernie Fletcher's behest, one of the biggest changes made in the tax code in the 2005 legislature was to cut the corporate income tax rate, though the reduction will be phased in over the coming years.

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UK lands juco standout

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Junior college All-American Rekalin Sims has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball at the University of Kentucky next season, Coach Tubby Smith announced Thursday. Sims, a 6-8 power forward from Vallejo, Calif., earned first-team All-America honors this spring after leading Salt Lake Community College in scoring (19.4 ppg) and rebounding (9.6 rpg). "Rekalin is a versatile player who will fit in well with our system," Smith said. "As you can tell by looking at his numbers, he

had an outstanding career at Salt Lake Community College. We're excited about the things he can offer Kentucky basketball on the court and the education we can provide him in the classroom." Sims, a product of De La Salle High School in northern California, will be a junior at Kentucky in the fall. He's a two-time Scenic West Athletic Conference Player of the Year and led the conference in scoring during both seasons at SLCC. He also led the league in rebounding this past year. He was coached at SLCC by Norm Parrish. Sims led the Bruins to a 27-6 overall

record this season. He averaged nearly 19 points a game as a freshman at SLCC, where he guided his team to a 22-10 record. Sims played one year at Maine Central Institute, a prep school in Pittsfield, Maine, averaging 15 points and four rebounds a game before moving on to Salt Lake Community College. Sims played both baseball and basketball in high school, leading his team at De La Salle to a 64-8 record on the hardwood in his two seasons on the team. Sims joins center Jared Carter of



Allen Central Coach Mark Martin met with his team during the fourth inning of Wednesday's game against South Floyd. The Lady Rebels eventually pulled out a win.

Sports year winding down for some, rolling on for others

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

I simply cannot believe it's this time of year already. It's amazing the contrast, if you think about it. May is a time of beginnings and rebirth. But in the world of interscholastic athletics, be them the high school or college levels, May means it's time for things to begin winding down. Despite the bad weather, the Mid-South Conference held its baseball and softball tournaments last weekend. That means that as of last Sunday's 2-1 loss by the softball team at the hands of Lindsey Wilson, Pikeville College has finished its 2004-05 athletics season. And as the calendar turned to May last weekend, high school seasons in track and field, baseball and softball have begun to turn toward the postseason, which will bring a much-needed rest for many an athlete and sports writer across the nation.

Soon, school-sponsored sports will wrap up, leaving us with only professional-level teams to pull for. And it's not exactly a brilliant time for them — it's hard to get all worked up about the early quarter of the baseball and NASCAR campaigns, and the only person I know who really, honestly pays attention to the NBA playoffs is Bill Watson, and he just can't help it. But even that isn't altogether a bad thing. It gives us more time to spend outside in the evenings, tossing a baseball in the front yard or just sitting on the porch with family. Besides, fall sports will stampee us soon enough and it'll be back to the old grindstone again. As for now, however, it really is winding down. Exam week began at Pikeville College on Wednesday. One week from tomorrow, the Class of 2005 will graduate. It's been a fun year for collegiate sports. While the football team at UK struggled (again), UofL had a terrific year and played the best bowl game of the season on New Year's Eve. Meanwhile, the nine remaining fifth-year seniors who originally brought football to Pikeville led the Bears to an 8-3 campaign and their first ever finish in the Top 25. Basketball season saw another classic in the UK/UofL series, with both teams making nice runs in the tournament. UofL

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Above: Betsy Layne senior Kim Clark drove in four runs Tuesday as the Ladycats beat Sheldon Clark. Below: Breann Akers provided stout pitching for host Betsy Layne.

Betsy Layne 20, Sheldon Clark 7 Host Ladycats too much in rout

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — With Martin County being hit hard by rain last week, Tuesday's 15th Region fast pitch softball game between the Sheldon Clark Lady Cardinals and the Betsy Layne Ladycats was moved to Floyd County. Betsy Layne didn't mind the switch. The Ladycats, playing at home, responded well. Very well in fact. Very well to the tune of a 20-7 win over the visiting Lady Cardinals. In the first inning, Betsy Layne got two runs across. From the initial inning, Betsy Layne kept pace — both offensively and defensively. The Ladycats also made the most of Sheldon Clark's defensive errors and lack of offense. Sheldon Clark had two runs in the top of the first inning before going scoreless for the next three innings. "In the first inning, we were able to jump ahead, gaining two runs off of a couple walks and two singles," noted Betsy Layne Coach Christina Crase. "We were happy with the win." Betsy Layne put up 14 runs in the second inning. The Ladycats came through with five hits in the second inning — two doubles and three singles. Every Ladycat in the

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Tigers tame Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Junior Andrew Brown hit two home runs — one a three-run shot and another a two-run blast — and the host Paintsville Tigers turned away visiting Betsy Layne Tuesday in a game played at Charlie Adkins Field. Paintsville, behind the strong, combined pitching performance of starter Shane Grimm and teammates Aaron Davis and Bryan Fairchild, not to mention the offensive-heavy attack, beat the Bobcats 13-5. Grimm got the win. He was first replaced on the mound by Fairchild in the fourth inning, who then in turn was replaced by Davis, who came on in the seventh inning. Last week, in a doubleheader played at Stumbo Park in Allen, Paintsville and Betsy Layne split a pair of games. For Betsy Layne, Tuesday's loss snapped

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Valley nips Allen Central

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ROBINSON CREEK — Coming off of a one-run loss on the road Monday at Johnson Central, Allen Central continued its latest road swing Tuesday evening, traveling to Pike County to take on Shelby Valley. Johnson Central beat the Rebels 2-1 in a pitcher's duel Monday. On Tuesday, Allen Central lost by another one-run margin in a game that included a little bit more offense. Host Shelby Valley held on to beat visiting Allen Central 8-7. Allen Central had its share of problems in the first inning and Shelby Valley took full advantage of the Rebel miscues. The visiting team from Floyd County committed three errors in the opening inning. Shelby Valley plated five runs in the first inning. "We started the game off on the wrong foot," noted Allen Central Coach Ken Johnson. "We beat ourselves in the first inning by walking two batters and then making three errors to give them a 5-0 advantage. We dug ourselves a hole, and

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Johnson Central High School senior Nick Music, a point guard who helped the Golden Eagle boys' basketball team reach this year's 15th Region Semifinals, made his college choice official Wednesday afternoon, signing with Transylvania University.

Russell's Casey Walker to play at Pikeville College

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RUSSELL — A veteran of multiple positions will ply her craft at Pikeville College next season. Russell High School senior Casey Walker signed a letter of intent to play softball for the Lady Bears next season in a ceremony at the school today. Walker won 15 and lost only 6 as a junior for the Red Devils, striking out 116 while walking only 36. Her ERA was a miniscule 1.48 as she helped Russell to a 30-12 record in 2004.

In the field, she was just as skilled, compiling a .385 batting average with an on-base percentage of .401 while driving in 25. In addition, 15 of her 50 hits went for extra bases. "We're very happy to have a player the caliber of Casey," said Coach Robert Staggs, whose Lady Bears finished the season 22-20, their first winning season in six years. "She brings a lot to the table and can help us in various ways. She'll be a nice addition to our club and will be a valuable member of the college community." Walker has played for Russell since

she was an eighth-grader and already has four 16th Region championships under her belt. "Obviously, Casey comes from a winning program and that's something that you cannot teach," said Staggs. "We're trying to instill a winning mentality here and it certainly helps when you get players such as Casey from a program like Russell." Earlier this year, Betsy Layne High senior Kim Clark signed to play both basketball and softball for Pikeville College.

Bentley

got the shaft when it was a four seed in the dance, but more than made up for it when it arrived in St. Louis for the Final Four.

Pikeville College basketball was as good as ever as well. Neither team made the national tournaments, however, with the guys falling victim to some creative balloting while the injury bug bit the ladies down the stretch.

But Kentucky's biggest story this March came in the form of the Colonels of EKU. Travis Ford got Richmond into the tournament for the first time in nearly three decades, then parlayed it into a new, more lucrative job at UMass. Of course, that didn't set well with the powers that be at Eastern, who are holding Ford to the letter of his contract and forcing the buy-out clause, as well they should.

A close runner-up to the Colonels sprang out of almost an afterthought this postseason when Mickie DeMoss got the UK women's team into the NIT and turned a home-court advantage into a final four berth. While we aren't convinced the corner has been turned — they

still finished 10th in the 12-team SEC — it was nice to see them playing deep into March and with any luck, those extra practice sessions will pay off for Sarah Elliott and company.

Of course, high school sports has been a thrill a minute too, with Belfry again playing a major role in the goings on in the 15th Region.

Belfry once again won the volleyball tournament, with Betsy Layne entering postseason play unbeaten. And of course there was the first Friday in December, when Philip Haywood led the Pirates to their second straight Double-A state football title.

This may be a surprise to some of you, but I'm not sure Haywood gets the credit he deserves. I continue to maintain that the new football field should be named in his honor, but am still waiting word on what it'll be called.

The man's a legend and it's time he was treated as such.

Basketball season saw one of our favorite events, the All "A" Classic, bring two somewhat sur-

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prising champions to the fore. South Floyd was up and down all season but got no higher than when it won the 15th Region title. Meanwhile, Cindy Halbert brought some glory back to the Pikeville girls' basketball program, not only by winning the region but also by scaring the daylights out of Christian Academy of Louisville in Richmond.

And then there was March's madness, which saw Shelby Valley return to the top by knocking off Belfry. Two things I'll never forget from that night are the unbelievable battle between Patrick Tackett and Doug Howard and the smile that was plastered on the face of Belfry's Randy Casey before the championship game. We should also enjoy the moment as did my friend Mr. Casey.

It's been a great year, and it's not over yet. Baseball and softball will be in the spotlight for most of the next month while track and field will make a run for it as well.

I know I'll enjoy the summer more than most and can't wait for some downtime. But it's just hard to believe it's come so quickly.

Coach diagnosed with prostate cancer

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WORCESTER, Mass. — Holy Cross basketball coach Ralph Willard has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and will continue to handle all the duties of the position he's held the last six seasons.

He is pursuing medical advice on the best way to treat the cancer, he said in a statement issued by the college.

"I am confident of a positive outcome and believe I will be able to do this while fulfilling my personal and professional responsibilities," Willard, a 1967 Holy Cross graduate, said in the statement.

Holy Cross was 25-7 last season and reached the second round of the NIT. Since he became coach in the 2000-2001 season, the Crusaders are 114-68. He also was head coach at Pittsburgh for five seasons and Western Kentucky for four. He has a career record as a head coach of 258-192.

He also worked as an assistant at Hofstra and Syracuse. He was Rick Pitino's assistant with the New York Knicks, then was Pitino's associate head coach at Kentucky in 1989-90.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Tab Tackett, South Floyd High School Softball



Pat Stapleton, Betsy Layne High School Baseball

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Lands

Georgetown, and guard Adam Williams, of St. Alban's, W. Va., in the 2005 UK signing class. He chose the Wildcats over Indiana, Auburn and Arizona State.

UK men's team holds banquet: The UK men's basketball team held its annual postseason awards banquet on April 14 at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington. Chuck Hayes was named Most Valuable Player for the 2004-05 season, one of five awards the senior captain took home that evening.

Ravi Moss won three awards, including Mr. Hustle, Best Individual Workout and Co-Most Improved. Moss shared the Most Improved award with sophomore center Lukasz Obrzut, while Ramel Bradley also took home a trophy for Best Individual Workout.

After totaling a school-record 87 steals this season, Rajon Rondo took home the Most Deflections Award. Rondo totaled 273 deflections on the year. Patrick Sparks took home the Most Assists award, while Hayes was named the Best Rebounder after leading the squad in the category for the third consecutive year. That

feat had not been accomplished since the great Dan Issel led the Cats on the glass each season from 1968-70.

Hayes also took home the Best Defensive Player award, no surprise after the forward earned the same honor from the Southeastern Conference coaches this season. Bobby Perry was the Student-Athlete of the Year after recording the highest grade point average on the team. Kelenna Azubuike was the team's leading scorer, earning him a plaque. Hayes and fellow senior co-captain Josh Carrier earned this year's Leadership Award.

Sheray Thomas took home the Most Courageous award after battling back from an October surgery to remove a benign tennis-ball sized tumor from his adrenal gland. The sophomore played in 26 games after missing more than 50 days of training in the fall.

Al Robinson, former player and longtime friend of the program, was this year's recipient of the Bill Keightley Award. The award goes to the individual who understands and exemplifies the pride, respect and the positive attributes associated with being a part of the

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Kentucky Basketball program. The evening concluded with the introduction of a new award. Coach Tubby Smith introduced the Chuck Hayes "Heart of a Champion" Award to honor the Modesto, Calif., native who has been an ambassador for the Kentucky Basketball program over the past four years. The award will serve to recognize players who use every ounce of God-given talent they were blessed with both on and off the court. Both Hayes and Smith were visibly emotional as the inaugural award was presented to its namesake.

2004-05 Team Awards

- Best Individual Workout** — Ravi Moss and Ramel Bradley
- Most Deflections** — Rajon Rondo
- Most Assists** — Patrick Sparks
- Best Rebounder** — Chuck Hayes
- Leading Scorer** — Kelenna Azubuike
- Most Courageous** — Sheray Thomas
- Mr. Hustle** — Ravi Moss
- Best Defensive Player** — Chuck Hayes
- Student-Athlete of the Year** — Bobby Perry
- Most Improved Player** — Ravi Moss and Lukasz Obrzut
- Leadership Award** — Chuck Hayes and Josh Carrier
- Most Valuable Player** — Chuck Hayes
- Bill Keightley Award** — Al Robinson
- Chuck Hayes "Heart of a Champion" Award** — Chuck Hayes

Valley

we had to fight to get back in it." Allen Central did manage to battle back. The Rebels battled back and tied the game at 7-7 in the sixth inning.

However, in the bottom of the seventh inning, a Shelby Valley runner stole home and scored the winning run. The home plate umpire ruled that the Valley runner slid in under the Allen Central tag.

"Our guys started off badly, and that's what beat us," Johnson conferred. "We fought back diligently though and showed a lot of heart and determination. I hate that the game

had to end on such a call. I don't think the umpire should be the deciding factor in a baseball game, but that's how it ended."

Freshman Scott Little continued his torrid hitting effort for the Rebels as he cracked two triples.

Tyler Turner also continued to bat well in the latter portion of the regular-season, providing two-hits, one of which was a three-run RBI double.

On the mound, Turner took the loss for the Rebels. He came on in relief of Brock Kidd, who started the game for Allen Central.

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"Brock never could find his groove, but he worked through five innings giving us a chance to win the game," said Johnson. "That's all you can ask for from a pitcher — just to give your team a chance to win."

Several Rebels added offense in the game against Shelby Valley. Josh McKinney also had two hits, while Wilfredo Dominguez, Nick Music, Ryan Hammonds, and Justin Jacobs all added singles.

Today, the Rebels are scheduled to host the Allen Central Classic.

Tigers

a three-game winning streak. Paintsville 4, Belfry 3: Paintsville returned to Charlie Adkins Field Wednesday evening. In eight innings, Paintsville downed visiting Belfry 4-3.

Belfry jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first innings. Host Paintsville had to play catch-up baseball, but

managed to do just that. Paintsville got one run back in the second inning and two more in the sixth inning. The game was tied at 3-3 at the end of the seventh inning, forcing an eighth inning.

Senior Chris Hess pitched eight innings for Paintsville, going the distance for the

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Tigers en route to the win. Brandon Runyon started, pitched all eight innings for Belfry, and took the loss.

Paintsville Coach Charlie Adkins, nearing his 800th career win, got one game closer Wednesday evening. The win over Belfry was the 799th victory of his career

Ladycats

Betsy Layne batting order came around and scored at least once in the second inning.

Betsy Layne didn't provide as much offense in the third, fourth and fifth innings. Sheldon Clark added four more runs in the fifth inning.

Any thoughts Sheldon Clark had of mounting a rather large rally were dashed in the sixth inning when senior Kim Clark stepped up and connected on a three-run home run. The latest round-tripper was Clark's sec-

ond of the season. She hit her first home run earlier this season against in-county rival South Floyd.

Betsy Layne continues to get outstanding play from its seniors. "Again, our seniors came out ready to play," Crase added. "We got a big lift from them."

Senior Misty Tackett finished four-for-five with three RBI's and a double. Clark had four RBI's with, a double and a triple. Tiffany Bishop, another

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Betsy Layne senior, was two-for-four with an RBI. Ladycat pitcher Breann Akers, who recently signed to play volleyball next season at nearby Pikeville College scored two runs and recorded the win for Betsy Layne.

The win was Betsy Layne's third straight.

Betsy Layne is scheduled to return to action at home today against Belfry. The first pitch is slated for 5:30 p.m.



photo by Steve LeMaster

The Betsy Layne Ladycats came across with 20 runs in Tuesday's win over Sheldon Clark. The win was Betsy Layne's third straight.

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THROUGH MY EYES It's all about 'Mommies'

Mother's Day weekend again and I'm remembering days past of cutting out shapes from construction paper, getting my hands all sticky with glue and glitter and presenting my mom with some little hand-made doo-dad of some sort. Thankfully, Daddy was around to pick up the "real" present but Mom always managed to "ooh and ah" the most over the handmade cards and hand-picked daisy and dandelion bouquets that my little brother and I would present her with.

Guess that's just the way moms are because I, myself, have a drawer (or two!) filled with such treasures. Picture frames made from Popsicle sticks and adorned with sequins and seashells, tiny little "jewelry" boxes made, again, from Popsicle sticks and painted gaily with bright colors, handmade cards full of hearts, flowers and lots of love - these are the gifts that moms the world over truly treasure. Sure, the pretty nightgowns, new dresses, neck-

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POSTSCRIPT

Going down

For several years now, tourism has been touted as a - or the - solution to eastern Kentucky's ongoing economic depravity.

Yet, now we learn that the state has spent close to \$135,000 - that we know of - on dismantling one of our most appropriate tourist attractions.

Last week we learned that the state paid a Missouri company \$90,000 to tear down the sky lift at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Then remember a few years ago when there was such a brouhaha about the state's buying of the sky lift for \$35,000.

My intuition at the time told me that the park was losing the attraction. I don't know why, but I felt that the purchase signaled our loss.

I had been watching some of the demolition take place and hoping it was repair work. At least once a week I drive around the

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Woodturning seminar offered

The Kentucky School of Craft will hold a Woodturning Seminar with Alan Lacer June 18 - 19. Alan Lacer has been actively turning wood since the 1970s. As a teacher and lecturer he has presented throughout the United States and several countries abroad. Over the last 15 years Alan has taught at the major craft schools, including the Marc Adams School of Woodworking and Arrowmont. "He has a clear, precise and

enthusiastic approach in relating his woodturning knowledge which spans the intricacy of between center turning and bowl turning," noted David Wright, faculty member with the Kentucky School of Craft. Lacer has written many articles throughout the years and most recently completed a book and video series on taming the skew chisel. From 1991 to 1994 Alan was president of the American Association of Woodturners and in 1999

was selected as an "Honoree Lifetime Achievement Recipient."

The Kentucky School of Craft is a professional craft school and is a part of Hazard Community and Technical College and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. The school is located in Hindman.

For more information, contact David Wright at 800-246-7521 ext.73440.



James Reynolds of Hindman uses a woodturning machine at the Kentucky School of Craft. Folks are encouraged to sign up now for a Woodturning Seminar with Alan Lacer June 18-19.



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Top, left: PHS students highlight the dangers of drinking and driving; right, SFHS students deal with the consequences of destructive behavior. Middle, left: Jerica Blair warms up the audience with thrilling renditions of thoughtful song selections; center, Rebecca Lynn Howard shows student Brandon Combs that she cares about Eastern Kentucky's youth; right, Howard doing what she does best - she performed four of her hits for the teens in attendance. Bottom, left: BLHS students play out a hospital emergency room scene; and right, ACHS students portray the whirlwind of drug abuse and send message of importance of family and friend support for those in recovery.

Prom season 2005 Safety is the message presented at MAC event

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

As Rebecca Lynn Howard, country music star and Magoffin County native, said to a nearly packed house of high school students that had arrived at the Mountain Arts Center early Tuesday morning, "It isn't funny."

What Howard was referring to is the number of deaths and life-debilitating conse-

quences of choosing to drink and drive.

Howard was at the MAC Tuesday morning, after driving half the night from Nashville, because, she said, "I care about you." "We're putting a young person into the ground about every other weekend around here," she continued. "It's time for it to stop."

The teens were at the cultural arts center to attend an annual pre-Prom safety awareness event. With graduation for some looming in the

horizon along with the anticipation and excitement that naturally comes with a "night out" event like Prom, teens are often subjected to the lure of "looking cool," which in too many cases can translate to "drinking and driving."

Howard, along with administrative staff from the Floyd County school system, in conjunction with other area community partners,

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THINGS TO PONDER

Family Roles

It is important to us that our families work well together. So often we hear the term "dysfunctional" families, and we often wonder, "Isn't that just about all of us?" Guess it all amounts to our lives being as "reasonable" as possible and within the "ball park" of everyone getting their needs - emotional, physical, and social - met. According to one perspective of viewing family functioning, Family System Theory, a concept is that members of dysfunctional families divide up the emotional responsibilities of the family. The part played by each individual is referred to as a "role," and four basic cate-

gories of roles were identified. After reading about each role, think about how you interact with your parents and siblings, and then decide what has been and presently is your role within your family system. Next, consider whether or not that role works for you as a person and do you want to keep that role in the future. Remember, you are never stuck.

The role of "hero" in the family is also thought of as being the family's "perfect child." This particular child tends to be responsible, respectful, successful in school, and most often well dressed. Her outside appearance is usually of one that is "well put together." Others are likely to perceive her as capable, talented, conservative, serious, trustworthy, strong, superior, creative, busy, arrogant, or angelic.

Because of this child, the family looks good, which is much to the family's liking. "Why, how can a family be bad when it has produced such a child?" However, a "hero" child usually has a problem when the role is accepted and encouraged at the expense of the person. It is not unusual for The Hero to feel anxious, inadequate, terrified of failure, angry, sad, lonely, worthless, ashamed, or numb emotionally. The situation does not need to be maintained. There are ways The Hero can cut lose from the role: give herself permission to make mistakes and not be "perfect"; create opportunities to play, since life does not have to always be serious; and take opportunities to express feelings and needs. "No, I cannot take care of that for you, but I can tell you how to do it yourself."

The child with the role of "scapegoat" is consistently viewed as the "problem child" or the "trouble maker." Often, such individuals will refer to themselves as the "Black Sheep" of the family. His role is needed by the family in that, by having the negative attention on him, the focus is taken off the family's problems. Scapegoats often hear, "If YOU would just stay out of trouble, everything would be fine for the family." These browbeaten individuals often appear on the outside, as they feel on the inside, generally very emotionally upset - angry, sullen, strong, rebellious, wild, defiant, rude, tough, or mouthy. Often their attitude seems to be, "I don't have a chance with the folks who are suppose to love me."



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NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE PERMIT NO. 836-0307

In accordance with the provisions of KAR 18:120 Section 3, Matt/Co., Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653, (606-886-0611) provides notice of the following blasting schedule.

The permitted area on which the blasting will occur consists of approximately 111.86 acres, located 0.6 mile east of St. Rt. 1428's junction with Sugarloaf Branch Road. The latitude is 37°39'35" and the longitude is

82°42'00". Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur, Monday through Sunday, sunrise to sunset. The blasting will begin on May 16, 2005, and continue through May 16, 2006.

Entry to the blasting area will be regulated by signs and barriers. An authorized company representative will prohibit access to the blasting area by unauthorized persons at least ten (10) minutes prior to each detonation. The warning signal shall consist of three (3) long blasts on a siren five (5) minutes prior to detonation, and three (3) short blasts

on a siren one (1) minute prior to detonation. The all-clear signal shall consist of one (1) long blast on a siren following the inspection of the blast site. All roads leading to or near the blast site will remain closed until the all-clear signal is given. The warning and all-clear signals will be audible to at least one-half mile from the blast point. Events which could necessitate blasting at unscheduled times include, but are not limited to, rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or deteriorated explosives, which involve personnel, opera-

tional, or public safety.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-8056 RENEWAL NO. 4

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that DFM Processing, LLC, P.O. Box 726, 173 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for renewal of a permit for a refuse disposal facility, affecting 85.36 surface acres, located 0.5 mile west of Goodloe, in Floyd

County. The proposed facility is approximately 0.6 mile west from KY Rte. 404's junction with KY Rte. 850, and is located on Lick Fork of the Left Fork of Middlecreek. The latitude is 37°36'11"N. The longitude is 82°52'19"W. The proposed facility is located on the David and Martin U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Big Branch Holding Co., LLC, and Pierre Mather. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining and

Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-8055 RENEWAL NO. 4

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that DFM Processing

LLC, P.O. Box 726, 173 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for renewal of a permit for a washer coal processing facility, affecting 52.00 surface acres, located 0.5 mile west of Goodloe, in Floyd County.

The proposed facility is approximately 0.6 mile west from KY Rte. 404's junction with KY Rte. 850, and is located on Lick Fork of the Left Fork of Middlecreek. The latitude is 37°36'10"N. The longitude is 82°52'18"W. The proposed facility is located on the David and Martin U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute

quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Branham & Baker Coal Co., Inc., Billie Doris & Elmer Shepherd, and Pierre Mather.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining and Reclamation and Enforcement's

Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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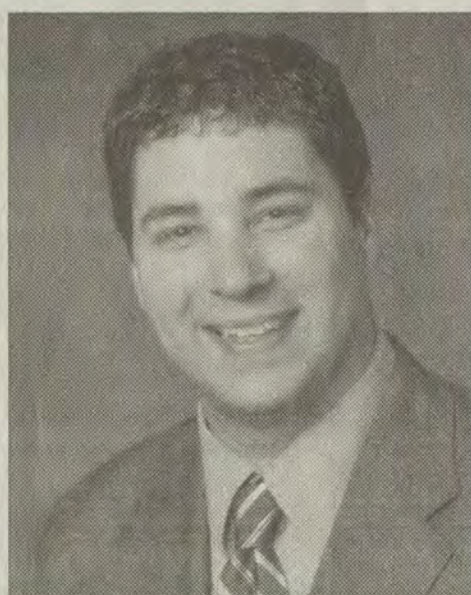
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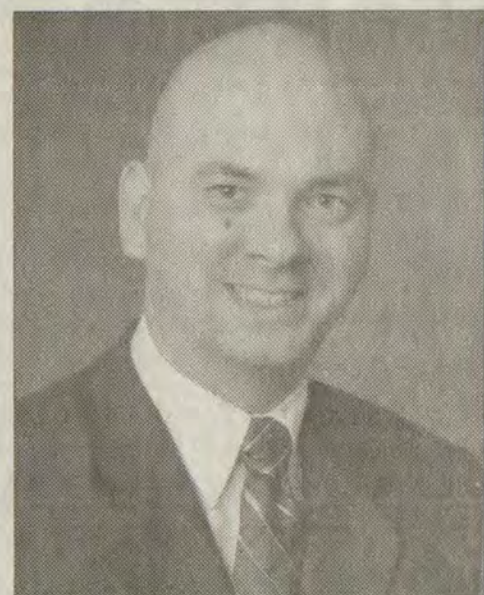
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