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briefs

Bishop files two appeals

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two appeal notices were recently filed on behalf of convicted murderer Dwayne Earl Bishop, who was found guilty by a Floyd County jury in February for killing his wife, Carolyn, in 2003.

Bishop's attorney, public advocate Harolyn Howard, filed a notice of appeal in circuit court on May 6. That notice, signed on April 13 — the same day a final judgment and sentence was entered in the case — requests a new trial for Bishop on the grounds of his proclaimed innocence.

During the sentencing phase of the trial, Bishop's co-defense attorney, public advocate Bob Ganstein, argued that his client, who routinely maintains his innocence, should not be

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Events planned at Minnie PO

Minnie Post Office will a "Postmaster for a Day" event, along with a Customer Appreciation Day on Monday, May 16.

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Police plan crackdown on seat belt usage

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Law enforcement officials from Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Magoffin and Martin counties met in Prestonsburg Tuesday with representatives of the Governor's Highway Safety Program to discuss their participation in the

May Safety Belt Campaign, which runs from May 23 to June 6.

Bobby Criswell, law enforcement liaison, along with Kentucky State Police Post 9 Commander Jim Booth, hosted the meeting, which was geared toward maximizing efforts of local law enforcement during and following the campaign.

During the meeting, Prestonsburg City Police and sheriff's departments in Floyd, Pike and Johnson counties received \$1,000 in federal funds to provide overtime pay to officers during the seat belt campaign.

The campaign works in conjunction with the national "Click It or Ticket" campaign to raise

awareness about the importance of wearing safety belts.

Criswell reported that the state's car crash death rate has steadily increased over the past five years to the current rate of 2 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled on Kentucky roadways. The national rate, according to statistical data he presented, has reached a "historic low" of 1.48

per 100 million miles. Traffic accidents that result in injuries are decreasing across the state, he said, but fatalities are increasing, in part, because of the decline in seat belt usage.

Kentucky, particularly the eastern part of the state, is considered to be one of five states

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Graphic artist's rendering of how the proposed Prestonsburg floodwall will look once complete.

Floodwall will mean major change for some city residents

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court supported the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' floodwall project during a special called meeting Wednesday, a day following a community meeting about the plan at the Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

According to the proposal, the project will begin around Goble Street and end at the college campus.

Kevin Nelson, lead engineer for the project said there will be no floodwall between Goble and Hughes Street. That area, he said, will be part of the "superiority," or safety factor.

An approximate two-and-one-half foot barrier will be constructed in this area. The floodwall, he said, will begin at Hughes Street, probably at a height of two-and-one-half feet, and will rise in height to reach approximately 7 feet as it extends down behind homes on Arnold Avenue, and 8 feet as it nears

Prestonsburg High School. The floodwall will end between the college and the sewage treatment plant at an approximate 11-foot height, officials said.

The floodwall will be constructed in the floodplain, not the floodway, which would impede the flow of water.

Approximately 14 structures along the river bank will be acquired during the project, according to a map provided by the Corps of

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Fire department gets equipment upgrade

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Fire Department tripled its life saving resources this week with a state grant that afforded the purchase of new "Jaws of Life" equipment.

Prestonsburg Police Chief Mike Omerod, who also serves as the city's Director of Public Safety, said the fire department has used the same piece of equipment for approximately 16 years.

The department, he says, previously used the Floyd County Rescue Squad's system as a backup to its own.

The hydraulically operated power pack gives the department the ability to operate up to three pieces of life saving equipment at the same time, Omerod said.

Assistant Fire Chief Chuck Davis says it will shorten response time during life threatening situations because rescuers can work twice as fast with two machines on

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Firefighters Jason "Carbide" Holbrook, Lt. Darrell Sparks and Selina Hagar changed a quick disc connector on the new hydraulic "Jaws of Life" equipment Thursday. The connectors help rescuers make faster apparatus changes during busy situations.

Harris case might never go to trial

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — The U.S. Attorney's Office showed sympathy toward the medical plight of Pikeville businessman Ross Harris by filing a motion Thursday which would prevent him facing trial on a new round of election misconduct allegations unless his condition improves.

Ross, who is alleged to have been the primary financial supporter of state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner during the 2000 election, was indicted May 5, along with Turner and Turner's cousin and 2000 campaign treasurer, Loren Glenn Taylor, on mail fraud and conspiracy charges.

The indictment came as a result of a federal investigation into Turner's May primary and November general elections in 2000.

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

The indictments includes allegations that all three defendants hid campaign contributions well over the \$1,000 limit from Harris by using other names on KREF reports. At least one of those names was fictitious, the indictment says.

The motion, filed in U.S. District Court in Frankfort by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth R. Taylor, requests to sever Harris from prosecution because he has been diagnosed with cancer. The motion says that Ross is

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Time running out for business owner

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Local business owner Becky Kuss will have one last chance Monday to save her businesses before they go on the auction block.

Kuss, the owner of three Prestonsburg businesses that were recently seized —

the Pawn Shop, BLK Enterprises (Red Light Diner) and Pizza Palace — by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for unpaid back taxes, argues that she was in the process of rectifying her financial matters when the government seized the properties.

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Bear captured in P'burg, released in Martin County

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A black bear who has been dining in garbage dumpsters at Prestonsburg restaurants this week was tranquilized and removed to Martin County.

Crowds gathered at Sam an' Tonio's restaurant Thursday night to watch

the bear walk down the hillside and over to the dumpster. The approximate 140-pound male returned to the hillside, where he remained until Department of Fish and Wildlife officials came to the scene.

Wildlife biologist Jason Plaxico said that the bear, which had been seen hang-

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Woman who lives in shed makes down payment on new home

by ROGER ALFORD
Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — An Eastern Kentucky woman who says she had to live in a tiny shed for nearly two years because mining activity drove her out of her mobile home is planning to move into more spacious quarters soon.

Beatrice Turner has settled her lawsuit against a coal company that she claimed damaged her property, forcing her to move into the shed that her late

husband used to store his tools.

"I'm glad it's over," she said Monday. "I wanted to get it behind me."

Terms of the settlement were not disclosed, but Turner said she has already made a down payment on a mobile home.

Turner, 65, was scheduled to go to court on Monday with her lawsuit in which she sought an unspecified amount of damages from the Koch Victory division of C. Reiss Coal Co. of Richlands, Va.

The case was one of a long

line of lawsuits claiming that coal operators have damaged homes in communities throughout the mountain region. Residents have claimed in the lawsuits that their homes have been knocked off their foundations by explosives, hit by flying rocks, damaged by mudslides, flooded, even mired in black sludge.

Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf, who represented Turner, said he's pleased that his client will be able to move out of the shed.

"That was my primary goal in agreeing to take this fine lady's case," he said.

Martin Osborne, a Prestonsburg attorney representing the coal company, couldn't immediately be reached for comment. In court documents, Osborne maintained that C. Reiss Coal owes Turner nothing, and filed a counterclaim, asking that she be ordered to reimburse the company its expenses.

Turner, the widow of a United Baptist minister, said

she had no choice but to move out of her mobile home because mining turned her lawn into a bog and filled her home with mold that made her sick.

The Kentucky Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement had ordered the coal company to make repairs on the property in early 2003 after a landslide occurred above Turner's home.

Turner said the repair work allowed water to accumulate beneath the mobile home, which led to the growth of mold inside.

Dr. Terry Wright, in a statement that became part of the

case file, said Turner developed respiratory problems because of the mold and had to be hospitalized. Wright advised her to move out.

Turner decided the tool shed was her best option. She took all her late husband's tools out of the 8-by-12-foot building and moved her bedroom furniture in. On extremely cold nights, she said she had to sleep with a jacket on to stay warm.

"After two years, it was beginning to get to me," she said. "It's time that somebody steps up against these coal companies. They're ruining the area."

Lights will be brighter all over Eastern Kentucky

Light-emitting diode (LED) traffic signals will replace incandescent bulb signals in Highway District 12's seven counties to reduce cost, improve efficiency, and enhance safety on state road ways.

"Governor Ernie Fletcher directed the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to search for ways to become more efficient and cost-effective," said acting Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert. "We identified this ongoing effort as a project to move into the fast lane toward completion. It offers tremendous savings for taxpayers through reduced energy consumption, while at the same time improving safety by using the LED technology. LED signals are much easier to see and recognize, especially in adverse weather conditions."

According to Danl Hall, Chief District Engineer, Dixon Electric of Lexington will start retrofitting signals on Monday, May 16. The work is expected to take four weeks, weather and materials delivery permitting. Traffic signals and flashing beacons in District 12 contain over 2,000 incandescent bulbs that will be replaced.

"This project is part of a statewide contract intended to reduce operational cost and improve safety on the roads in our state highway system," Hall explained. "Using cost-saving measures such as LED technology is an excellent example of the

efforts Governor Fletcher and the Transportation Cabinet are making to operate state government more efficiently and effectively."

Hall said the district installed several LED modules itself during the past several years. "Our crew of technicians is not large enough to convert all the signals in a short period of time. When officials at the Cabinet realized the savings and improved safety benefits of LED modules, statewide conversion was put on the fast track. Drivers in Eastern Kentucky should begin to see a huge improvement in signal visibility over the next several weeks."

LED modules reduce annual energy consumption at signalized intersections by 80% when compared with standard incandescent traffic signal bulbs. A typical monthly utility bill for a signalized intersection costs taxpayers \$65.00. Use of LEDs is anticipated to cost \$12.00 per intersection. Energy use statewide will drop approximately 30 million kilowatt hours per year. The Transportation Cabinet expects to save \$1.7 million annually in utility bills.

There are additional maintenance savings related to the use of LED modules. The average lifespan of incandescent bulbs is 10-11 months, compared to 8-10 years for LED modules. It is estimated that the Cabinet spends \$15 million annually in salaries and equipment to replace burned out traffic signal

bulbs.

Improvements in traffic flow and safety can also be expected once all the signals are converted to LED modules. Motorists should notice reduced lane closures caused by Highway District 12 workers and contractors changing burned out bulbs. In addition, the increased visibility of LED modules allow motorists to better recognize signals at greater distances and in adverse weather conditions such as fog, sleet, rain, and snow.

All state-maintained traffic sig-

nals throughout the Commonwealth should be converted by mid-summer. Once complete, Kentucky will be only the second state in the nation to use LED modules in all traffic signals, pedestrian signals, flashing beacons, and school zone flashers.

Highway District 12, headquartered in Pikeville, is responsible for more than 1875 miles of roadway in the district's seven counties: Lawrence, Johnson, Martin, Floyd, Knott, Pike, and Letcher.

Bishop

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caged up "like an animal." He asked the court, "How can he show remorse for something he didn't do?"

Bishop was sentenced to life in prison for the murder.

Assistant Attorney General David A. Smith filed another notice of appeal for Bishop on Wednesday. The Attorney General's Office requests the appeal on behalf of Bishop's life sentence.

"The Attorney General respectfully appeals the order of this court prohibiting the prosecution from seeking the sentencing options of life without parole and life without parole for at least 25 years for murder, and from sentence-qualifying the jury accordingly," the notice reads.

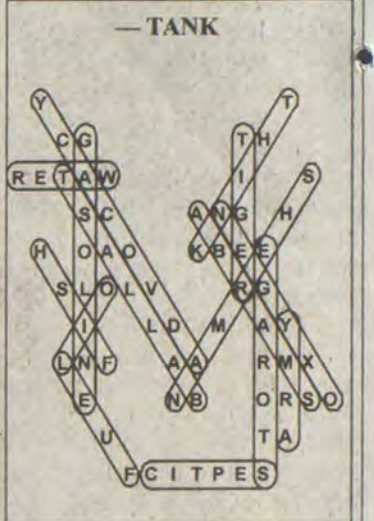
Criminals sentenced to life are

eligible for an automatic appeal. Circuit clerk officers say that the filing of two separate appeals for such cases is somewhat unusual, but that it isn't unheard of.

Carolyn Bishop was last seen alive riding on the back of Dwayne Bishop's motorcycle at approximately 9:30 p.m. on Aug. 31, 2000. Dwayne Bishop was seen approximately one hour later riding the motorcycle alone. He was arrested at 2:22 a.m. and charged with driving under the influence. The body of Carolyn Bishop was discovered on a hillside after an extensive search.

Since the onset of the criminal proceedings nearly five years ago, Bishop has routinely accused individuals affiliated with the case of criminal conspiracies.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Get those numbers up

It's not like we haven't heard this line before: Using seat belts saves lives.

But every day, people open the door to their vehicles, sit down, start the ignition and pull onto a roadway while a seat belt dangles over their shoulder.

Drivers are putting themselves and their passengers at risk if they're not making sure everyone is snapped in.

Statistics published every Monday by the Kentucky State Police detail the number of people who died the previous week on Kentucky's roadways and report seat belt use.

The latest report said 17 died last week; 10 were not wearing seat belts.

That's not unusual. In fact, more than half those who died in vehicle accidents since the beginning of this year were not wearing seat belts. Preliminary totals for 2005 released earlier this week showed that of 286 who lost their lives on the highways, 170 were not wearing seat belts.

Kentucky may rate high nationally in many areas, but seat belt usage certainly is not one of them. Sadly, Kentuckians have the fifth lowest rate of seat belt use in the country, according to the state police.

KSP officials estimate that occupant seat belt use in pickup trucks across the state is just 50.3 percent. Usage is at 70.4 percent of people in passenger vehicles, 70.9 percent in vans and 73.3 percent in sports utility vehicles.

In 2003, 70 percent of pickup drivers killed were not wearing seat belts and this year in the United States, approximately 8,000 adults and children will die in crashes because they didn't wear a seat belt.

You would think those statistics would be enough to inspire drivers and passengers to take a second to buckle up, but it seems that if we really want more people paying attention to using seat belts, the penalties will have to be much more severe.

In Kentucky, failure to wear a seat belt is only a secondary violation, meaning drivers must be stopped for a reason other than violation of the seat belt law before they can be ticketed.

The penalty? A fine of no more than \$25.

The state can promote seat belt use all it wants with its Buckle Up Kentucky. The decision should come down to what the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration says: The use of safety belts is the single most effective way to protect passengers in an accident.

The choice should be a no-brainer.

Is it really worth the risk of losing a life to operate a vehicle without buckling your seat belt?

— The News Enterprise, Elizabethtown

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Rich Lowry Column

Tom DeLay, former exterminator

In addition to the alleged ethical infractions that have dogged him in the press recently, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay has one overriding, unspoken sin — he's déclassé.

In this, he has some of the same broad characteristics as George W. Bush: Texas, conservatism, Christianity, lack of — ahem — verbal subtlety. But on top of all these, DeLay adds the crème de la crème of unfashionability: He once owned an exterminating business.

In anti-DeLay commentary, derisive references to his former occupation are almost mandatory. Joshua Micah Marshall, a well-read liberal blogger, regularly refers to DeLay as "the bug man." A cartoon in The Palm Beach (Fla.) Post ridiculed DeLay's views on the war on terror since he "spent much of his life shooting bugs." A Web site offers anti-Tom DeLay T-shirts featuring a can of bug spray.

Even Supreme Court justices can't resist the meme. Ruth Bader Ginsburg remarked in a speech a few years ago, "Mr. DeLay is not a lawyer but, I am told, an exterminator by profession." How uncouth.

By one way of looking at it, prior to coming to Congress in 1984, DeLay was a struggling small-business man, striving to keep his company above water so its handful of employees could keep their jobs. In the process, of course, he provided a useful service to Texans plagued by fire ants and other pests. But this is not the narrative DeLay-bashers prefer. Oh no, his business killed insects, and that's inherently ridiculous, along with

— one assumes — other swaths of the American economy.

Plumbers work with pipes and even less pleasant things, and sometimes their tool belts drag down their pants. Garbagemen deal with, well, garbage. Auto mechanics work with engines, axles and other car parts likely to get their hands dirty. Miners work underground all day.

These professions can't pass what

might be called the "yuck" test: If a graduate student or Manhattan professional can't help but think "yuck" when he considers a given job, it flunks the test. Everybody so employed should know that their jobs are fit for ridicule, and if they ever attain elected office they can expect demeaning nicknames related to their former professions. Even though it's not clear why any of these professions are less honorable than the one that typically produces politicians — lawyering.

Alas, liberalism long ago lost its populism, as it has become increasingly colored by its urban, higher-income, post-graduate-degree supporters, for whom dirt-under-the-fingernails work is alien and, apparently, something the right sort of people just don't do. More broadly, a new, unfortunate attitude is afoot in the land — among both Democrats and Republicans — that considers certain jobs unfit for Americans, which is why illegal Mexican labor has to be imported to do them.

As for Tom DeLay, his ideology and his ethics are legitimate targets. But not his former profession. Snobs who can't resist pest-control ridicule should at least strive to be utterly consistent, and the next time they have a case of termites, resist the urge to call one of those contemptible exterminators.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



beyond the beltway

Homeland Security is not reassuring



by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Today brings news that the United States is unprepared for nuclear terrorism. The

Washington Post reported that the government, in the guise of the Homeland Security department, is essentially clueless about what to do in the event of a nuclear terrorist attack. So what else is new?

A government that thinks you can ensure aircraft security by making middle-aged people take off their shoes before getting on a plane is bound to be clueless about other security issues as well. For example, Homeland Security's website, Ready.gov, tells us that if you're a city block from a nuclear blast, you can save your life by walking around a corner.

That, of course, is absurd. The proper procedure for persons a block or so from a nuclear explosion is to bend quickly

from the waist, grab both ankles, put your head between your legs and kiss your fanny goodbye because you are, ready or not, history.

Another one of Ready.gov's suggestions is almost as practical: Get in your car and flee. That has the advantage of being something that people are going to do anyway, but that doesn't mean it will work. Have you ever been in a big city — which is where the blast would take place, presumably — during evening rush hour? The streets are clogged with honking cars, the freeways are a parking lot, the prevalent mood is road rage.

Imagine that doubled, squared, cubed, as it would be if everyone were in a state of panic, trying to get home after a nuclear attack. Cars would be breaking down, running out of gas, crashing into each other. Gas stations would be abandoned by their attendants.

And if you managed to escape the chaos, where would you go? Where is safe after a nuclear attack? The government says the path of after-blast radiation would follow wind patterns so it would be a good thing to get out of its way, but the high altitude patterns that will carry the radiation will be hard to discern. Terrific.

I have my own plan in case of a nuclear attack and it has nothing to do with "duck-and-cover" or sitting in an overheated car on a gridlocked freeway. I intend to do everything in my power to get to my home and have invited my family to do likewise. Then, if we are lucky, we will break open a bottle of good wine and put some Mozart on the hi-fi.

That seems to me an appropriate and

sensible approach to dealing with a nuclear catastrophe — living well, right to the end.

The other news on the security front is that our efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq are in danger of limiting our ability to deal with other armed conflicts — that is to say, it's hard to fight a third war when you're still fighting the first two.

That's worrisome. I mean, we haven't gone to war with a fresh enemy for more than two years now. What will the rest of the world think of us, that we're wimps?

Fortunately, the Pentagon is taking steps to forestall this crisis. It keeps ordering up new and expensive weapons and it has ginned up its recruiting efforts.

Without much effect, apparently. The army reports that it is 16 percent behind where it should be at this point in the fiscal year. You wonder why, considering all of the terrific publicity the war in Iraq has generated up to now. The stories of our torture of prisoners have been particularly uplifting.

I suppose that if we do get to a point where we can fight three wars at once, the Pentagon will be telling us we don't have the resources for a fourth. Perhaps the solution is to make our potential enemies take a number and wait their turn.

In the meantime, we can all take comfort in the fact that we definitely will not be blown up by an airborne old lady with a nuclear bomb in her shoe.

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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.

The Lincoln Sesquicentennial Celebration at Hodsensville is scheduled for Memorial Day (Saturday). The immortal Kentuckian's words, "with malice toward none, with charity for all," are nice to think upon, after this recent election campaign.

INVITATION

A striking bit of publicity for the Lincoln Sesquicentennial reached this desk, a few days ago. It is a wedding invitation written in ink, and it has about it something that makes one think of a goose-quill pen. The writing is of the period, and it reads:



Norman Allen

The honour of your company is requested at the marriage of Nancy Hanks to Thomas Lincoln on Friday the twelfth day of June in the year of our Lord 1959, at seven o'clock in the forenoon. The rites will be performed by Reverend Jesse Head, deacon M.E.C. at the Beechland home of Francis Berry, Lincoln Homestead Park, Springfield, Kentucky.

The women folks at our house unearthed a couple of old hats which were the height of fashion about 10 years ago, and I found myself resenting some of the remarks they made about them. But then I suppose they haven't exactly relished the remarks I have made about some of these new 1959 models, either. Every time I take a gander at some of these creations, I appreciate the glory that is a woman's hair all the more.

THE BIG CATCH

Now for the report promised on that fishing safari. Caught: two bass (never mind about how big), two bluegill and the biggest sucker that ever ranged Cumberland Lake.

The sucker was caught in this fashion: I was baiting the young son's hook and stringing fish, while he was landing a few good crappie. Then, when I tossed out a new minnow for him, the line caught around an oar, and the hook caught yours truly smack in the middle finger, and bored in up past the barb.

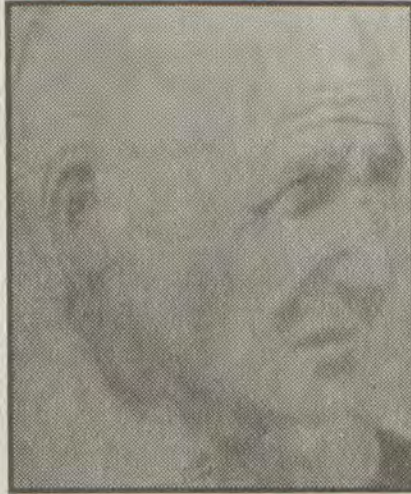


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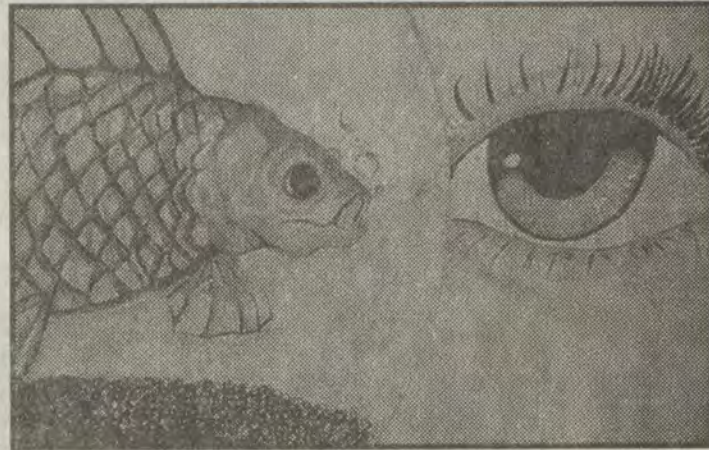


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 Titled "Golden Eye" by ACHS student, Brandy Parsons.



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 Guest conductor Mr. Chris Simmons directed the All-County Middle School Band.



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 Floyd County high school band students were directed by guest conductor, Mr. Peter Hodges.

2005 Floyd County Schools Band Festival and Art Exhibit

by Kathy J. Prater
 FEATURES EDITOR

The hallways rang out with the strains of beautiful melodies and energy-infused arrangements as the Floyd County All-County middle school and high school bands performed for the public this past Wednesday evening at the Mountain Arts Center, and again on Thursday morning for their classmates. Guest conductors Chris Simmons (middle school) and Peter Hodges (high school) directed the bands in rousing compositions such as "Latin Fiesta," the "Spongebob Squarepants" theme, an arrangement of Cole Porter classics, a patriotic rendition of "Amber Waves of Grain," and even more thrilling melodies.

Outside the auditorium, the arts center lobby was filled with amazing pieces of art-

work created by obviously talented Floyd County students. Those attending the 2005 Floyd County Schools Band Festival and Art Exhibit were treated to an evening of both visual and auditory delights.

Those participating in the evening of entertainment included: Members of the 2005 All County High School Band - Flutes: Kayla Sheppard (ACHS), Kayla Tackett (BLHS), Amanda Stanley (BLHS), Nekisha Brown (ACHS), Jennifer Hall (BLHS), Ashley Tackett (BLHS), Karen Riquelme (BLHS), and Sara Bakay (SFHS).

Oboe: Brett Rogers (BLHS).
 Clarinets: Courtney Hall (ACHS), Shaina Parsons (BLHS), Crystal Osborne (BLHS), Amanda Price (PHS), Nicelena Hall (BLHS), Amy Hall (PHS), Selena Osborne (BLHS), and Brenda Johnson (SFHS).

Baritone: Zach Wagner (BLHS), Holly Motherwell (SFHS), and Elizabeth Dingus (ACHS).

Alto Saxophones: Belinda Boyd (ACHS), Kendall Hackworth (ACHS), Kara Curry (BLHS), and Nathaniel Thacker (BLHS).

Tenor Sax: Brooke McCoy (BLHS).

French Horn: Katherin Austin (PHS).

Trumpets: Tara Burchett (BLHS), Eric Westfall (BLHS), Ashley Fogle (SFHS), Chris Halbert (ACHS), and Shannon Hamilton (BLHS).

Trombones: Billy Ousley (PHS) and Richard Vanderpool (ACHS).

Tuba: Matthew Huff (PHS).

Percussion: Shawn Branham (PHS), Adam Reflett (ACHS), James Creech

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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'The Laughing Policeman'

by TOM DOTY
 STAFF WRITER

Here is a police thriller that played the area in June 1974 and offered viewers a potent mystery as well as a great location and some nuanced performances.

The action begins when a gunman attacks the passengers of a downtown bus in the wee hours of a San Francisco morning. Det. Jake Martin gets the case and makes a gruesome discovery as he boards the vehicle — his partner was one of the victims. His lieutenant assigns him a new partner to work the investigation. Det. Leo Larson gets the job, but isn't happy working with the guarded Martin.



Tom Doty
 Staff Writer

The case winds up taking them, and the viewer, on a tour of the seamy side of San Francisco's Tenderloin district. Along the way the pair bump up against cop-hating radicals, drug pushers and all manner of prostitutes. Eventually Martin opens up to Larson and admits that his ex-partner may have been investigating an old murder that Martin could never complete due to a lack of evidence. Turns out the suspect in that case is still around and Martin enlists Larson's aid in mounting a campaign of terror against the suspect.

At first Larson is leery of the guy, an investment banker, observing wryly, "He's probably got enough juice to get a sodomy beef reduced to following too close."

Larson eventually decides to help Martin, but he is a little skeptical of the plan. The idea is to get the man to make a mistake and things go very well. The guy does indeed snap — problem is it's after Martin trails him on to a downtown bus. It makes for a heck of an ending as the gunman pulls out his submachine gun while Martin reaches for his pistol and Larson finds himself stuck in traffic as the bus lurches away.

This one is a keeper folks and it totally works under the expert direction of Stuart Rosenberg ("Cool Hand Luke"), who assembles a fine cast and stunt team here and lets them cut loose on the streets of San Francisco.

The stunts include a classic car chase through the sweeping hills of San Francisco, reminiscent of "Bullitt," as well as a frantic opening set piece that finds a pilotless bus full of corpses careening downhill after the killer's opening strike.

There is also a heart-wrenching scene in which a madman takes hostages in a quiet neighborhood. That sequence leads to one elderly

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The week I got my life back

by ADOLEY ODUNTON

"CHICKEN SOUP TO INSPIRE THE BODY & SOUL"

We arrived in San Francisco early on a crisp Sunday morning in 1998. As cameras flashed and a crowd cheered, thousands of participants flooded the registration area to begin the 475-mile AIDS Ride to Los Angeles.

A few months earlier, the longest bike ride I'd ever done was 11 miles along the boardwalk. I was utterly terrified of street traffic. On my first training run I had crashed, and I couldn't get back on my bike for two months. When I returned to cycling, I was the tortoise of the training pack, barely struggling through two miles when the others had crossed the 10-mile mark. I had four months to get ready for the AIDS Ride and wondered if I could ever train in time. I decided to get appropriate equipment, including a racing bike. My boyfriend, Jim,

tried to teach me how to get on and off it in my new cleated shoes, but I never even made it out of the parking lot that day.

Every weekend we got up at dawn and trained, no matter what the weather was like or how we felt. Each week I faced a new fear and pushed through it, climbing harder hills, riding farther. My lupus, which had been in remission, flared up again, and I wondered if I was crazy to attempt the strenuous ride. I almost quit, but then Jim had a bad fall, injured his knees and couldn't take part in the ride. When I thought of his brother and my friends whose memories we were going to honor, and the money we would raise for the victims and for research, I became determined. When I first became sick, I'd been angry at what had been taken away from me: my looks, energy, career and health. But these friends had lost everything, and I hoped that in doing this ride I would discover a new me.

On the first day we rode 92 miles, to Half Moon Bay. The scenery was magnificent, the traffic terrifying. That evening, I fell asleep, too tired to even eat. On day two, I tucked a wide-brimmed hat under my helmet, since lupus makes my skin hypersensitive to the sun. We rode inland, and completed another 97 miles.

By day three, the euphoria was over. Life was one hot, long hill. I had never felt more alone, because Jim was out of the ride. By day four, as riders in front of me dismounted to push their bikes up a monster of a hill, something deep within me kicked in: You're going to ride every mile. My coach, Gregg, had said, "Cycling is good for the spirit."

By day five, I hit "the wall" — utter exhaustion. Just when I was ready to quit, I saw my friend David ahead

of me. He had lost both legs, built his own bicycle and cycled with his arms. He was my hero. If he could do this, so could I. Through every ache and pain, through the sweat streaming down my face, through the heat of the sun — I discovered to my astonishment that the struggle brought out the best in me. On our very last day, Jim was determined to ride in, despite his damaged knees. Our roles had reversed: I had become the strong one, the fast one, and now it was my turn to support him. We arrived in Malibu by lunchtime, and he urged me to ride full out as we got close to our goal. I let it rip. Cars honked, people cheered us on, and I felt I owned the



(See SOUP, page seven)

Faith Extra

Minister's Moment

The power to live clean for Christ

by PASTOR STEVE PESCOSOLIDO
COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We may think that we are fairly strong. Persons with strong wills and strong personalities may believe they can tackle the challenges of life. But our Lord knew we couldn't handle these challenges on our own. Look at the history of humanity — the magnitude of violence, seduction and greed is mountainous. Our race hasn't proved to be one of godly character. The reason being is that we cannot be Christ-like without help ... without power.

This Sunday, May 15, the Church celebrates the Day of Pentecost. Pentecost is always fifty days after Easter. On this day in church history, God

poured out the Holy Spirit on the disciples privately (and fearfully) gathered in Jerusalem. Up to this point, the Holy Spirit could only influence people from the outside. The Spirit could not have intimate communion with a person's spirit — the price for our sins had not yet been paid.

Once the sacrifice for sin had been offered by Christ, the human heart could not only be gracefully forgiven, but it could be delightfully filled. You might recall the report in Acts 2 about this special event. "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire

that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit". (Acts 2:1-4a NIV)

The disciples had been afraid of the Jews after the crucifixion of Jesus. But on this day they received such an empowerment that they came out of their locked room and began to declare Jesus resurrected! Moreover, they spoke in the local dialects of the thousands of Jews who had traveled to Jerusalem for this required feast. You see in that day all the Jews

knew Hebrew, but they also knew a local language. The fact that uneducated Galileans were speaking their local language captured their attention!

The greatest blessing the disciples received that day was the power to overcome their fears and weaknesses. They were so full of goodness and joy that some folks thought that they were drunk (even if it was only 9 a.m.). The good news for us today is that this power of God is available and given to every Christian. The only limit on our

joy is our part, not God's. Yes, Satan has innumerable ways of interfering with our relationship with God, but if we earnestly seek the presence of God — He will reveal Himself! And we will be filled with His goodness.

This is the basis for our power to resist sin and to live a clean life. If we will ask for the help of the Holy Spirit and if we won't rely on other sources of strength (self, stimulants, ...) we will receive that strength. Isn't life all about energy and power? Not really, life is all about love.

But physical life is based on energy. We will be encouraged to know that the Spirit of God gives both affective warmth to our hearts and physical energy to our bodies.

Interested in living a clean life for Christ? Read Luke 11:9-13. Jesus teaches us to ask, seek and knock ... so that the Father will give the Holy Spirit. There is only One way to receive this kind of power, love, joy ... this kind of "high" — it is from God, the Father through His Son, Jesus. Interested?

CAP Prescription Assistance program helps thousands each year

According to recent statistics, 10 cents of the American healthcare dollar is spent on prescription medications. So many Americans today are burdened with high-cost prescription medications, with uninsured or underinsured people left without options. Most of the time, the poorest citizens suffer the most when it comes to affording much needed medicine, along with other everyday expenses, such as groceries. Sometimes, the poor — many times the elderly — must make hard decisions when it comes to buying life-saving medicine or eating. In the wintertime, this tough situation is known as the "heat or eat" dilemma. The same holds true for buying prescription medications all year long.



CAP Corner

That is why the Christian Appalachian Project began the Prescription Assistance Program. It all started in 1994, when George Archer, Director of Senior Advantage at Highlands Regional Medical Center, trained two volunteers from the Christian Appalachian Project to contact pharmaceutical companies and receive discount medications on behalf of the participant. From there,

Prescription Assistance was born and today serves participants in counties in Johnson, Magoffin, Floyd and Lawrence Counties with a coverage area that extends to surrounding counties. There is no age limit to participate in the Prescription Assistance Program; however, income guidelines do apply.

To a patient who has a condition and must depend on maintenance medication to maintain good health, the program is ideal. Medications for blood pressure problems, depression, diabetes and other chronic, long-term illnesses are often distributed in a three-month supply. Last year, the Christian Appalachian Project Prescription Assistance Program helped 2,586 people of all ages and all conditions by either obtaining free or reduced medicines from various pharmaceutical companies.

If you would like more information about CAP's Prescription Assistance Program, contact Manager Teresa Gullett at 606-789-9791 or you may visit the main office at 6550 U.S. 321 South, Hagerhill, Kentucky,

Bear

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ing around Sam an' Tonio's and Long John Silver's on three different occasions this week, was captured on May 2 by Fish and Wildlife officials in Pike County. The bear, he said, was removed from the Feds Creek area, where it had been pawing through garbage. The bear was then collared for research purposes and taken to Martin County on May 3.

The bear must have swum across the lake, Plaxico said, and come across the hill into Prestonsburg.

Young bears such as this one "tend to roam a bit," Plaxico said. "For being so young, he doesn't act like — he's not an aggressive bear at all," Plaxico said. "The bear doesn't portray any aggressive behavior at all. He walked down, oblivious to everybody else. All he was concerned about was getting a free meal."

Plaxico said there was an "acorn failure" in the region last year. The lack of this dependable food source brought bears out of the woodwork this spring.

Plaxico expressed concern that one man at the restaurant Thursday night was trying to feed the bear. This type of behavior, Plaxico said, is dangerously

irresponsible because it could potentially cause harm to the individual and the bear as well.

He said bears are normally not aggressive in this area, but aggressive bears are not unheard of, particularly if they get startled or if they are near a food source.

Plaxico said most bear complaints come from people who say the bear is eating their cat or dog food. The bear will go away if the food source is removed, he said. He suggested that restaurants keep bear-proof dumpsters or garbage cans with metal lids.

After Thursday's sighting, the bear was tranquilized and removed once again to Martin County. Plaxico said officials turned the bear loose near the Czar Coal property.

Plaxico said there is currently no way of knowing what the bear population of Floyd County is. Collared bears found in this area are being tracked by a research team at the University of Kentucky, he said. The Department of Fish and Wildlife would appreciate hearing reports about collared bear sightings in this area.

If a bear is causing a ruckus, particularly if it is in a public setting, Plaxico urges the community to call 1-800-25-ALERT.

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Rebels upend Betsy Layne, 5-3

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN - Freshman Scott Little took the mound Thursday evening for the Allen Central Rebels and again went the distance. Little pitched and his Allen Central teammates provided hitting and defense as the Rebels beat defending 58th District champion Betsy Layne 5-2.

Little was strong for Allen Central, striking out 11 batters while allowing just six hits and one earned run.

Junior Derek Case started and handled the pitching duties for the Bobcats.

A host of Allen Central hitters got in on the offensive act. Junior Tyler Turn and senior Ryan

Hammonds each had two hits apiece. One of Turner's hits was a double. Hammonds finished with a pair of singles.

Nick Music, Brock Kidd, Justin Jacobs, Little and Wilfredo Dominguez all had one single each. Music was one of Allen Central's biggest threats on the basepaths, stealing a couple of bags.

Dominguez sealed the Allen Central victory when he made a diving catch in centerfield, retiring the final Bobcat batter.

"It was a good win for our guys," said Allen Central Coach Ken Johnson. "We knew we wanted this game and we had to come out ready to play. We did all the little things right. We stole bases, we made plays, and we had good pitching."

"Scott gave us a good performance though he wasn't as sharp as he has been the last few starts. He only gave up six hits to Betsy Layne, three of which came in the seventh inning.

The Allen Central defense helped to preserve another Rebel win.

"Our defense really stepped it up behind him as well," added Johnson. "He did have 11 strikeouts in the win. The middle of our lineup really led us along as the three-four-, and five-hitters went five-for-nine. We are starting to play well coming into the district tournament. The 58th is fixing to be a very interesting tournament."

(See REBELS, page two)

Blevins wins
Honda of
Prestonsburg Late
Models feature

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COEBURN, Va. - While receiving his Honda of Prestonsburg Late Model pole award Saturday, May 7 before the beginning of racing at Lonesome Pine Raceway's Mountain Empire Fence Co. 210 Wayne Hale predicted that the six car inversion could cause havoc. "Maybe I'd be better off starting dead last and let them all wreck in front of me," Hale told track announcer James Kincer.

Hale's prediction was pretty close to true as faster cars worked their way to the front in the 75 lap Late Model feature in action that saw five cautions and one red flag for a lap nine wreck that took Hale out of the race.

Inverting the top six qualifiers put Brian Blevins on the outside of the front row, and although Joey Owens starting to his inside grabbed the lead on the initial start. Blevins worked to the inside of Owens on lap five and snagged the lead for good, driving to his first win of the season.

Hale wasn't the only race favorite to suffer problems Saturday night. In the first of two cautions to come out on lap nine, the winner of the season opener Brad Housewright dove to the inside of Owens on the front stretch heading into turn one and made contact, sending Housewright spinning.

The Hale wreck occurred on the subsequent restart when he and Kirby Gobble made contact coming out of turn

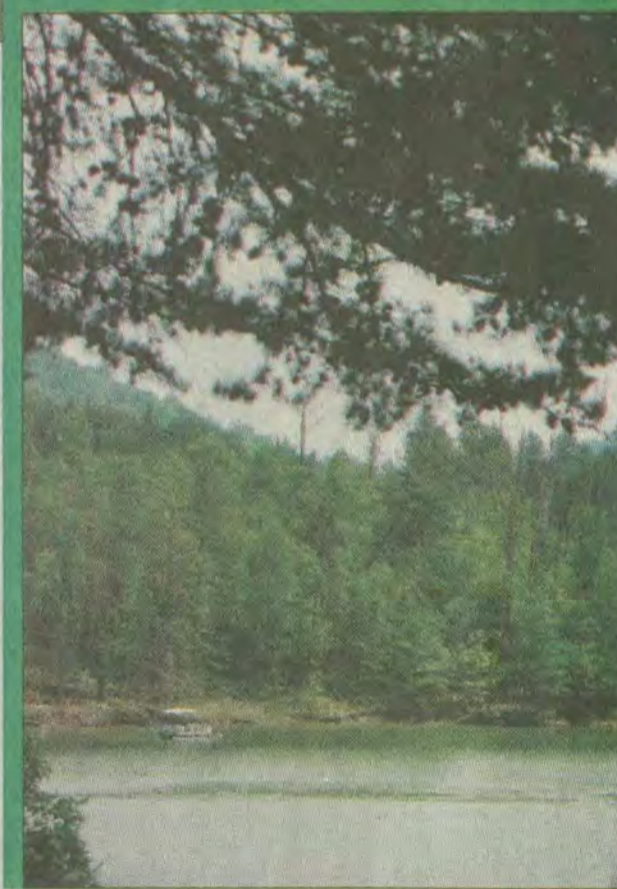
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Spring Days
ON DEWEY LAKE

photos by Steve LeMaster
FUN IN THE SUN AND ON THE WATER: Dewey Lake was showing the signs of a warm spring day Friday afternoon as several took to the water.

ABOUT DEWEY LAKE

Completed in 1950, Dewey Lake is a 1,100-acre lake extending 18 1/2 miles with 52 miles of shoreline. Fishing includes largemouth bass, catfish and crappie. A 20-acre downstream recreation area is located below the dam.

Ladycats win
slugfest over
Magoffinby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - In the end Thursday evening, host Betsy Layne was able to hold on to beat 15th Region rival Magoffin County. The Ladycats put 17 runs up on the scoreboard and held on to beat Magoffin County 17-15. Betsy Layne (11-7) has now outscored its opponents 195-141.

Neither team could gain an upperhand early on Thursday evening. In the first inning, Magoffin County managed to score eight runs on just three hits. Magoffin County's scoring flurry in the first inning was aided by five very costly Betsy Layne errors. But Betsy Layne came alive in the second inning, scoring nine runs on just one hit. How did Betsy Layne score so many runs on just a lone hit? Baserunners. The Ladycats drew eight walks

(See LADYCATS, page two)

Lexus Store of
Lexington to sponsor
Keeneland's Raven
Run Stakes

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON - The Lexus Store of Lexington has signed a three-year commitment to sponsor Keeneland's Raven Run Stakes (G2) to be run on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005. With the Lexus Store as its sponsor, the purse for the Raven Run has been increased to a minimum of \$250,000. Previously, it was run on a Friday for \$200,000.

Because it fills a niche on the national racing calendar, the Lexus Raven Run routinely draws an outstanding field of three-year-old fillies and has become a grade two race after just seven runnings. Some of the horses that have won the Raven Run include multiple grade one-winner Sightseek, multiple graded stakes-winner Yell and multiple stakes-winner Darling My Darling.

"Keeneland has become the premier symbol of Thoroughbred racing here in the Bluegrass. And much like Lexus, it represents the finest the industry has to offer," said Dan Defler, general manager of the Lexus Store of Lexington.

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BoB feature produces top-three
effort for BK Motorsports

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN - Brandon Kinzer Motorsports competed last weekend at the Battle of the Bluegrass sanctioned event at 201 Speedway in neighboring Johnson County. The 40-lap main event paid \$3,000 to the race winner.

Kinzer paced the oval with the sixth-fast time of the 38 cars on hand. Before the night was over, the Floyd County driver had a top-three finish to his credit.

After a short rain delay following qualifying, the heat races resumed. Kinzer started third in the second heat race, and finished fourth. Only the top three finishers out of the heat races qualified for the feature event, so from fourth-place on back had to run a consolation race.

Kinzer started his Kinzer

Drilling, Tim Short Automotive, Ranger Contracting, Eastco Supply, Commonwealth Chiropractic Dodge Intrepid on the pole of the first consolation race. He used his starting position to his advantage as he "checked out" and won the B-Main by nearly a straightaway's distance over the second-place machine.

The black and white No. 18 racecar started on the inside of the seventh row (13th) at the beginning of the feature. Kinzer immediately began to advance forward. By the halfway point, Kinzer was in the top five and going forward. With five laps to go, Kinzer passed second place, but soon was passed back after Brandon ran up on lap traffic. A caution then soon came out and then the checkers fell, with Brandon placing third, advancing

10-positions from his 13th starting spot.

"We had a really good night, with the exception of the heat race, I can't complain at all," said Kinzer. "We're going down to Murphy Speedway Friday night, and then to Volunteer Saturday for some practice on the upcoming bigger races."

The Brandon Kinzer Motorsports race team was back on the road this week. On Friday, driver and race team were headed to Murphy Speedway for a Tennessee Thunder Dirtcar Series event. Last night, the BK Motorsports team was scheduled to race at familiar Volunteer Speedway.

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UPCOMING RACES

May 20	at Thunder Valley (Lawndale, N.C.)
May 21	at Cleveland Speedway (Cleveland, Tenn.)
May 26-28	at Show Me 100 (West Plains, Mo.)
June 3	at Murphy Speedway (Sweetwater, Tenn.)
June 10-11	at Eldora Speedway/The DREAM (Rossburg, Ohio)

ELDORA'S
DREAM ENTRY
INFO RELEASED

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROSSBURG, Ohio - Entry information for the crown jewel of high-paying dirt Late Model events, the 11th annual Dirt Late Model Dream at Eldora Speedway, was released this week. Set for Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11, the lucrative event will again offer \$100,000 to the winner of Saturday night's 100-lap chase around Eldora's famed one-half mile clay oval.

Recognizing the repeated success of the Dream over the years, new Eldora owner, Tony Stewart, has vowed "to keep the format and structure of the race intact". To that extent, the car specifications will adhere to those as published by UMP (United Midwestern Promoters) for the 2005 season, and their tech crew will inspect every car for complete compliance.

The format, loved by the fans and often met with trepidation by the teams, remains in place as well. Two rounds of single lap time trial

(See ELDORA, page two)



Wins

two, sending Hale hard into the backstretch fence.

That put the two fast cars of Housewright and Gobble - who was penalized - at the back of the field.

Meanwhile Blevins drove away from the competition stretching his lead to a full straightaway over Owens by lap 40. By that time, however, Housewright had driven back up to third - about a straightaway behind Owens and with Paul Shull on Housewright's back bumper.

The field tightened back up on lap 48 when something broke on Owens' car, possibly a drive shaft, putting debris on the track and ending Owens' night early.

With two lapped cars between Housewright and the leader, that helped Blevins stretch his lead to a half straightaway before Housewright cleared the other cars. Housewright had another shot at the win when the caution flag fell with two laps to go, but Blevins was too strong at the end and held on for the win on the green, white, checkered restart.

"I need to thank everybody who worked on this car, and if (past LPR champ) Wade Day was here I'd give him a kiss on the mouth," Blevins said from victory lane. "We worked on this car two weeks solid after the first race and he's got it flying. I've been on the phone with him every day for two weeks and I've really got to thank him."

Housewright finished second ahead of Roger Neece, Chris Tunnell and Paul Shull in fifth.

Housewright said after the race he probably used his tires up coming up from the rear, ruining his chance for the win.

"We come over here to win this race, and it's bad when you come over here and get wrecked, and these guys try to race on the first lap," Housewright said. "It's a 75 lap race and they don't pay you until lap 75, so it don't do you no good to wreck people, tear stuff up and cost people money."

It was a tearful victory lane for Roger Neece who won the 35-lap Miner's Exchange Bank Street Stock feature after missing the April 16 season opener to attend his mother's funeral.

With the top two qualifiers inverted Neece swapped starting positions with and pole sitter Tony Vance. The two ran side-by-side on the initial start before Neece took the lead on lap three.

It was a costly race on equipment as Jason McCauley lost several laps in the pits with a flat tire and then suffered extensive damage in a late race wreck with Bryan Young. Alton Saterfield broke and axle in practice and backed into the wall, and then duplicated that same misfortune on lap 15 of the race.

But, through all the cautions and wrecks Neece held on to the lead, with the only serious challenge occurring on lap 32 when he came up to lap Jamie Mills, Matt Smith and Chris Neely battling side by side for position. That allowed Vance to move up to Neece's back bumper, but that was as far as he could go.

Vance finished second ahead of Rob Austin, Josh Hale and Chris Tunnell.

"I thought lapped cars were going to play a bigger factor than what they did, and Roger was pretty stout down the straightaway," Vance said after the race. "We could have probably run half the race side-by-side at the start, but I didn't think I could pass him. I wanted to get back in behind him and hopefully he'd slip, but he didn't."

After earning a pole and then suffering a motor failure in the season opener it was T.J. O'Quinn who outlasted the competition Saturday in the 30 lap Mod 4 feature.

David Brown and season opener winner Jody Bostic were strong early, but both made premature exits from the race with mechanical problems. Kirby Gobble was put to the back of the field for a second time Saturday night when he and Freddie Taylor Jr. made

contact early on, sending Taylor spinning. Both worked their way back toward the front, but nobody could catch O'Quinn.

Dave Watson finished second ahead of Gobble, Hershell Robinette and Taylor, Jr. in fifth.

Carl Lawson made it two wins in a row in the 25-lap Community Trust Bank Pure 4 feature, but this week was little more challenging as he had to do it coming from the rear of the field.

The most recent Pure 4 winner will start last this season, and while cars sliced and diced ahead of him him Lawson patiently picked off positions, taking the lead from Mick Holtsclaw with five laps to go.

Early race contact between Jake Broadwater and Tony Perry sent Perry spinning and resulted in Broadwater having to restart at the back. Broadwater worked his way forward quickly, and was

third by the time the checkers fell.

By virtue of second place finisher Holtsclaw being disqualified for a carburetor infraction, everybody moved up a spot including Broadwater in second ahead of Jeff Bobo, Sammy Jesse and Linton Perry in fifth.

The Amazing Grace Cafe Hornets and the Ladies Pure 4 ran together although they were scored separately.

Overall winner was Homet Brandon Osborne in the 12 to 15 year-old division, coming in ahead of Brandon Jesse and Steven Wagoner.

It was role reversal from the April 16 race when Carla Oakley took advantage of last lap mechanical problems for Anna Lester to take the win. In Saturday's race Oakley made contact with the backstretch wall on the last lap giving up the lead and the win to Lester.

Travis Watson earned his second consecutive McDowell Professional Pharmacy Legends win ahead of Steve Mitchell, Janice Humble, Ron Humble and Steve Dawson.

Lexus

"This brand association will further strengthen our identity with a consumer that is very important to our success. We're thrilled to be on board with the Lexus Raven Run Stakes."

Keeneland officials site the Lexus Store of Lexington partnership as an example of how two central Kentucky-based entities can work together to create a national presence.

"The Raven Run draws the best horses and horsemen from around the country in this class," said Keeneland's

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Keeneland Association, Inc., is a combination Thoroughbred racecourse and sales company located in Lexington, Kentucky. As the world's largest thoroughbred auction company,

Keeneland's annual sales exceed a half billion dollars. Keeneland annually conducts race meetings in April and October with some of the richest purses in North America and provides superior year-round simulcasting and training facilities. A non-dividend-paying corporation, Keeneland profits are funneled back into the operation in the form of higher purses, capital improvements and charitable contributions. Keeneland can be found on the Internet at www.keeneland.com.

Rebels

Gearing up for a post-season run, Allen Central has regular-season games remaining versus

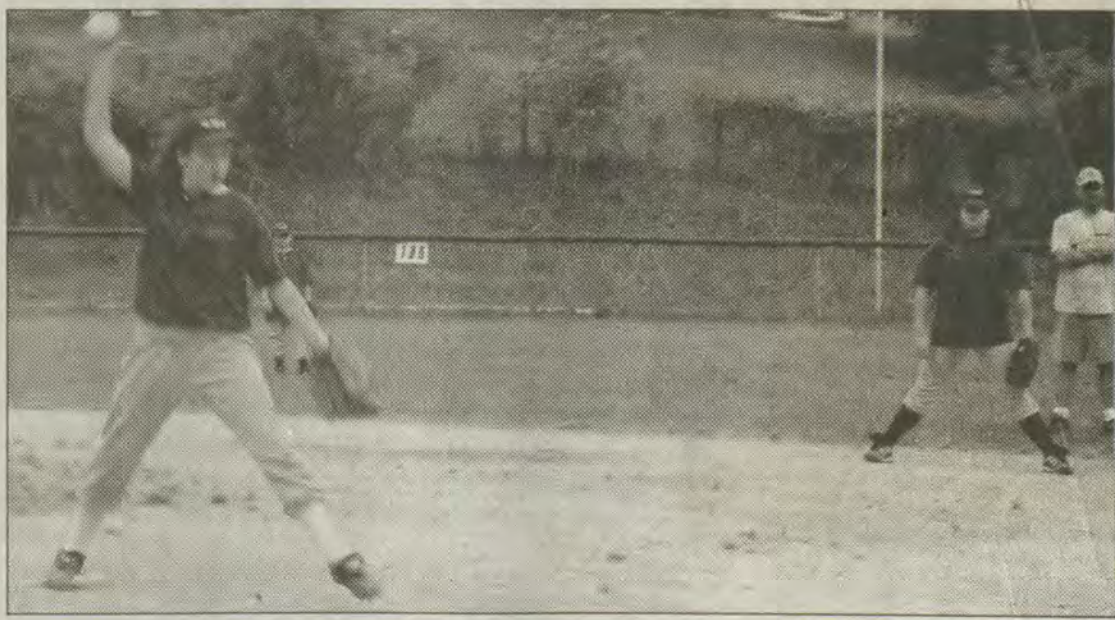
Fleming-Neon, Belfry, East Ridge and Jenkins.

On Saturday, Allen Central

was scheduled to hit the road and travel to Knox County Central.



The Prestonsburg 13-14-year-olds traveled to Martin County Thursday evening and took a pair of games from the host team. A recap of both games will appear in Wednesday's edition.



The Bats girls' softball team from Prestonsburg traveled to Martin Thursday evening for a game against the host team.

photos by Jamie Howell



photo courtesy of Lonesome Pine Raceway

Lonesome Pine Raceway in Coeburn, Va. has a new season of racing underway. Floyd County native Morris Copley serves as the promoter of the Southwest Virginia racetrack.

Ladycats

in the second inning and made the most of the free passes.

After the first two innings, the game was still either teams. After settling down again later in the game, Betsy Layne collected itself - especially offensively. The Ladycats scored one run in the third inning, two in the fourth and five more in the fifth.

But Magoffin County hung around. The Lady Hornets scored one run in the second inning, two in the third, and two more in the fifth.

"We had some young players really step up their game against Magoffin County," confided Betsy Layne Coach

Christina Crase.

Betsy Layne eighth-grader Keturah Tackett had a single and drove in a pair of runs. Tackett also scored once and reached on an error on another occasion. Kaitlin Lawson, another young player in the Ladycat lineup, finished the game with four runs batted in. Lawson also had a double and scored three times.

Following the win over Magoffin County, Betsy Layne stood with the 15th Region's fifth-best record.

The Ladycats have regular-season games remaining against Belfry, Paintsville, Phelps and East Ridge.

15TH REGION SOFTBALL RECORDS

(Through May 12)

Pikeville	18-4
Shelby Valley	17-6
Johnson Central	12-4
East Ridge	12-6
Betsy Layne	11-7
Paintsville	11-8
Belfry	10-6
Magoffin Co.	8-8
Prestonsburg	7-11
Allen Central	6-6
Phelps	6-8
Sheldon Clark	4-16
Pike Co. Cent.	1-11
South Floyd	0-12

Eldora

runs will take place on Friday evening. If more than 120 cars take timed runs, the quickest 120 will be lined up into Saturday night's program, with the remaining cars scheduled for a non-qualifier race on Friday.

Saturday's agenda includes six qualifying heat races, with the top three finishers advancing to the 100-lap Dream. Cars finishing in positions 4-6 will have another chance for advancement through the B-Main event, while

heat finishers 7-10 will earn a spot in the C-Main.

Twenty-four cars will make the up the starting grid for the Dirt Late Model Dream main event, which carries a payout in excess of \$179,000.

Scott Bloomquist, the defending champion, has a total of three wins to his credit (1995, 2002, 2004), while Freddy Smith is the only other driver to have duplicated wins with his triumphs in the initial year (1994) and again in 2000.

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Single Dream winners include Donnie Moran (1996), Jimmy Mars (1997), Billy Moyer (1998), Rick Eckert (1999) and Darrell Lanigan (2003). In 2001, the Dream was replaced for one season by the Eldora Million, which rewarded Moran with one million dollars.

Advance tickets for the 11th annual Dirt Late Model Dream may be purchased by calling the Eldora Speedway track office at 937/338-3815 during normal business hours.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - The Prestonsburg Little League Mets improved their record to 5-1 with victories over the Beaver Creek Twins and the Prestonsburg Cubs in gamed played at familiar Archer Park.

The Mets began the week by defeating the Beaver Creek Twins 7-4 behind an outstanding pitching performance by Alex Griffith, who pitched three scoreless no-hit innings. Travis Hall ended a Twins uprising by striking out the only batter he faced in recording the save for the Mets.

The Mets avenged a 15-14

loss to the Prestonsburg Cubs by dominating the opposing team in a 10-2 win. The game ended on a spectacular relay play. The relay was initiated by Zack Spiggle, and ended when Joseph Jamerson threw a laser to the plate to catcher Tyler Hall to cut down the Cubs runner.

The game was closer than the final score would indicate. Kevin Romans pitched well for the Cubs and recorded two shutout innings before the Mets bats began to take their toll. Jaden Spurlock had three hits for the Mets and Jamerson just missed hitting a ball out and over the Archer Park fence.

Once again, the Mets proved

to have dominating pitching as Hall pitched three innings of no-hit ball. Griffith recorded the save.

After the game, Mets Manager Ned Pillersdorf stated the current talent on the Mets team exceeds the talent that was present on the 2004 Prestonsburg All-Star team. Pillersdorf says Tyler Hall is the most talented pitcher he has coached in his 25 years of coaching Little League and added that the Hall-Griffith pitching tandem is the best that he's ever had.

Tyler Hall's pitching talents will be on display Monday as the Prestonsburg Mets take on the Prestonsburg Reds.

Catching bluegill at bed time is brisk fishing

by STEVE VANTRESE
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — It's bed time for bluegill — not that these popular panfish will be sleeping through any opportunities to stretch fishermen's lines.

Bluegill and their other sun-fish cousins spawn in waters across Kentucky for weeks once the water temperature reaches about 75 degrees, but May is an especially busy month. Many of the largest bluegill accomplish reproductive chores on the spawning beds this month in shallow water, creating enhanced opportunities for anglers to find hand-sized fish concentrated in accessible areas.

Although compact, bluegill remain one of the most popular species in the state because they are widely distributed and plentiful, they are aggressive and good fighters when hooked, and to boot they are an excellent food fish.

The spawning period makes a

good fishery better by putting dozens of adult bluegill into tightly packed bedding colonies where several may be caught in rapid-fire fashion from one position in a boat or on a convenient shoreline of a lake, pond or stream.

A bluegill bed is merely a shallow, bowl-shaped depression fanned out by the male. It's his territory, however, and he guards the location and the eggs that a female fish will deposit in it (as well as the fry, the baby fish, that the fertilized eggs become).

That guarding action pretty well guarantees that anglers' offerings will be attacked when they enter the sanctity of the bed. A bluegill doesn't have to be hungry for a bait or lure wafted into the spawning zone to draw strikes. And when 50 or 100 or 200 bluegill beds are established in a colony, their edges nearly touching, it's easy to explain why such a location can provide near-constant action for the angler.

Look for bluegill bedding sites in coves and bays of lakes or along sheltered shores of ponds or streams. Bluegill prefer firm bottom composition — sandy or gravel and clay mix — for shaping up their beds. Depths may be as shallow two feet to as much as six feet.

In clear water, beds may be visible as clusters of circles of lighter colored bottom, the fanned area contrasting with the surrounding bottom. Some people claim to detect beds by smell, a distinctive "fishy" scent rising from the water over concentrated spawning bluegill.

How to catch them? Location is the top consideration, but there are options in techniques.

Perhaps the most proven method is suspending a bait under a small float on a lightly weighted livebait rig. A No. 10 long-shank "cricket" hook with, logically, a live cricket may be the perfect temptation for a bluegill. Light line is preferred as is small components such as

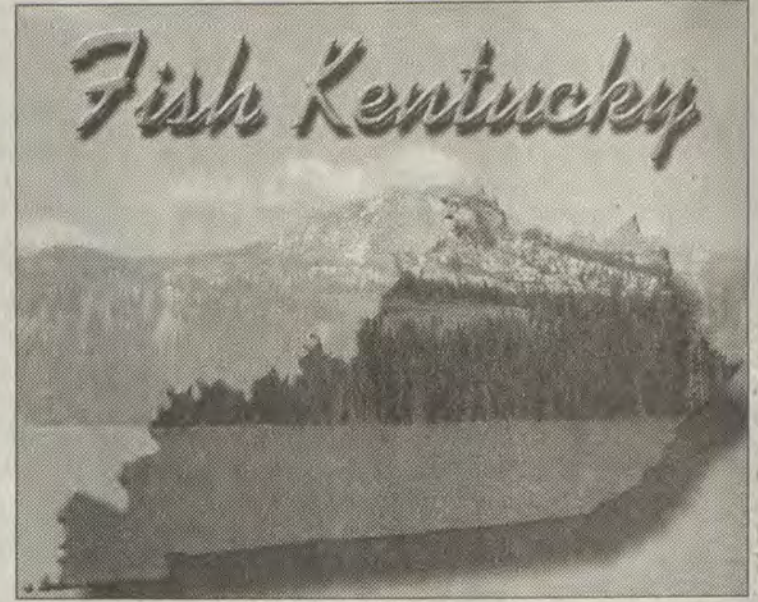
BB-size split shot for weight.

A bait rig can be fished on a cane pole, but casting the rig over the spawning bed with spinning or spincast gear is less intrusive and less likely to spook the fish quickly. Suspend the bait a foot or two above the bottom.

Another method is casting with ultralight spincast or spinning gear (4-pound line is ideal) with a tiny jig or plain leadhead with the hook "tipped" with a meal worm or short piece of mere garden worm. A small-hooked jig, about 1/32 ounce, can be retrieved in a slow crawl through the spawning beds, usually drawing strikes from every guard fish whose territory it crosses.

This bottom-scouring method is preferred in waters with a clean substrate and a minimum of snaggy obstacles.

A third good option is fly rodding with sinking or surface "bugs." With a lightweight fly rod and line combo and a simple 4- or 6-pound leader, cast to the beds, dropping a No. 10 or 12



Kentucky offers several well-stocked lakes.

sponge rubber spider, wet fly or nymph.

Unlike much fly fishing for trout, bluegill aren't picky about match-the-hatch patterns. Just make it buggy and small enough for their tiny mouths, then let it

waft downward into the spawning zone. Give the line an occasional twitch and mend the line a few inches between settlings — but if the imitation insect is over the spawning beds, it's unlikely to go unmolested very long.

Kentucky Spring Turkey Season Review

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — Kentucky turkey hunters had a very good spring season, taking well over 25,000 birds during the three-week season that ended May 5.

Compared to the previous spring season, the harvest statewide was down about 700 birds, perhaps a reflection of rainy and unusually cold weather in some areas during parts of the season. Some hunters stay at home on rainy spring mornings, opting to hunt better weather days when turkey gobblers are usually more vocal and easier to locate.

"I think we had another excellent season, actually better than I had expected given hunting conditions and a lower reproductive season in some areas of the state in 2003," said Jim Lane, KDFWR turkey and furbearer program coordinator.

"The state turkey flock is leveling off now, starting to reach saturation of what the land can support, and we're seeing annual rates of poults (young turkeys) to hens coming in at about 3:1 versus 5:1 when the flock was really expanding in the early 1980s," said the biologist.

The reproductive rate, says Lane, is planning out to where it will likely stay now that birds have been well established in most counties and natural replenishment of the flock is not so great anymore for sur-

vival of the species. Many species of wildlife have a way of regulating themselves based on the amount of habitat available to support a certain sized population.

Wild turkey numbers have reached carrying capacity over much of Kentucky now, and essentially, the flock is producing about the number of turkeys each spring that are harvested each year.

"Positive and negative fluctuations in the harvest from this point on is probably going to be the norm," Lane explained.

"It will be very unusual to see huge jumps in harvest like we did from the 2001 season to the 2002 season when hunters took about 5,000 more birds one season to the next."

"We won't be having one record season after another anymore, simply because the total volume of turkeys has leveled off close to where it's going to remain unless something really unexpected or out of the ordinary occurs."

"Our spring hatches will be more weather dependent, and stable for the most part as long as cold snaps or excessive rain happens at the crucial time when poults are just being hatched."

"Turkeys are susceptible to hypothermia, in addition to normal predation and natural loss factors, and that cold and wet can reduce the survivability of poults significantly if Mother Nature deals us that card."

Hopefully she won't, and there will be a steady supply of young birds that survive each year to maintain the resource and the hunting opportunity it provides," said Lane.

With Ohio County leading the way in individual county harvest for the 2005 spring season with 623 birds reported taken, there were six other counties that surpassed the 500 bird mark this spring. Those counties include Muhlenberg, 583; Crittenden, 517; Butler, 515; Pendleton 514; Logan, 504 and Owen County with 501 reported taken.

Counties that harvested more than 400 turkeys this season included Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, Hart and Hopkins. This figures clearly indicate that the mid-western region of Kentucky is clearly the top turkey hunting area in the Bluegrass State. While there are several other areas with good turkey populations, thinking about getting permission to hunt from a landowner in the mid-west counties would be a good recommendation when the fall turkey hunting season rolls around.

If the fall season for 2005 yields the same harvest as the 2004 season did, Kentucky hunters will harvest about 32,000 turkeys this year. Kentucky's overall record annual harvest occurred in 2004, when 32,994 turkeys were taken.

Don't neglect wheel bearings on trailer

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — It is a common sight along interstates in Kentucky during summer. A group of perplexed passengers stand in the shoulder of the road staring intently at a boat and trailer leaning heavily to one side. The weight of the boat and trailer is resting on a wheel hub without the wheel.

"If you don't grease or maintain the wheel bearings on your boat trailer, friction builds up to the point that the wheel assembly fails," said Lieutenant Mike Fields, boating education coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "The bearings seize up, burn out and the tire gets wobbly. The bearings may fall out which can cause the wheel to come off the hub."

The wheel bearings may simply seize causing the tire to stop turning. This leads to a blowout of the trailer tire. A blowout at highway speeds while pulling a boat and trailer weighing a ton or more is no fun at all. It is a dangerous situation.

You may then find yourself standing alongside the interstate staring at a mess you don't know how to fix. To keep that from happening, keep the wheel bearings on your boat trailer properly maintained.

"Get some bearing protectors and keep them greased," said Benjy Kinman, director of fisheries for the KDFWR. "It is a good idea to grease the bearings

while they are still warm after towing. It draws the grease back into the bearings better."

Bearing protectors are a device that covers the bearings and protects them from water, grime, sand and dirt. They come with grease fittings on the outside of the bearing protector housing that allows for quick lubrication.

Bearing protectors prevent the tedious chore of packing the wheel bearings every time they get wet from launching the boat.

It is still a good idea to inspect the bearings for scoring or other wear every season and repack them with grease. Replace the grease seals when you repack the bearings.

Although seized wheel bearings can cause blowouts of boat trailer tires; a common cause of flat trailer tires is simple negligence. Replacing a flat tire on a vehicle is a thankless chore, but imagine replacing a flat tire on a wobbly boat trailer with a boat weighing half a ton sitting on top of it.

Trailer tires must be inspected every few months or so. They sit in storage with a lot of weight on them for weeks or months at a time. They can crack from being under inflated and in the same position for long periods. They also dry rot from being exposed to the elements. If the tire is excessively cracked, won't hold air pressure for long or the treads are worn, replace the trailer tires.

Also, make sure you have a

spare tire for the boat trailer. Don't tow your boat trailer without a spare tire that is fully inflated and in good condition, even if you are going to your local lake. There is nothing worse than being stuck by the side of the road at 10 p.m. on a work night with a flat tire on your boat trailer and no spare.

Many boat trailers have a piece of marine plywood on the inside of the wheel well that protects the boat from rocks and highway debris. This wood can shake loose or rot over time. If it shakes loose while towing, it can easily get wedged in the trailer wheel and cause a blowout.

In addition to maintaining wheel bearings and tires, check the trailer ball to make sure it is tight. Inspect the strap and winch assembly that attaches to the hook in the front of the boat. Lubricate the winch assembly annually.

Lastly, don't skimp on accessories such as tie downs on the back of the boat that help hold the boat on the trailer. Bungee cords or pieces of rope should not be used. Use ratcheting tie downs designed for boats. If the strap and winch assembly should fail, a bungee cord is not going to hold a heavy boat in place.

Don't be stranded along the side of the interstate with a broken down boat trailer late on a Sunday night this summer. Maintain the wheel bearings and tires on your trailer for trouble free boating this summer.

MSU softball player named Academic All-District IV

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University softball player Becky King, a sophomore from Parkersburg, W.Va., has been named to the 2005 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District IV University Division Softball Team.

King, MSU's starting shortstop, has a 4.0 grade point aver-

age with a major in chemistry. King has also earned an Ohio Valley Conference Academic Medal of Honor for having the highest grade point average among all league student-athletes in her sport. She is a NFCA (National Fastpitch Coaches Association) Scholar-Athlete.

To be nominated for

Academic All-America, a student-athlete must be at least a sophomore starter or significant reserve on her team with a 3.20 cumulative grade point average. The District IV team is compiled from NCAA Division I softball teams from Alabama, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee.

Silver Flower wins Churchill feature

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LOUISVILLE — Silver Flower rallied in the turn and drew off down the stretch for a 5 1/4-length win over Ominous in Wednesday's \$52,000 allowance event for 3-year-

olds and up at Churchill Downs.

The 4-year-old covered six furlongs with Gary Stevens up in 1:09.00 and paid \$10.80, \$4.80 and \$3.40. Ominous returned \$3.80 and \$3.40, while Crafty Cammack fin-

ished another neck back and paid \$4.40.

The win was the first this season in four starts for Silver Flower, owned by Lazy Lane Farms Inc. Silver Flower earned \$26,040 to boost his career total to \$73,900.

USFWS raises permit application fees

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

In April, The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that it would be increasing permit application fees for the majority of permits the agency issues to help address the shortfall between program costs and fee collection. The new fee schedule, published in the April 11 Federal Register, became effective on May 11, 30 days from its publication date.

The increase applies to all Service permits except for application fees for permits for possession of eagle parts and feathers for Native American religious and cultural use and

applications submitted by Federal, Tribal, State, and local governments.

"Permits let people legally conduct wildlife-related activities that would not otherwise be allowed," said Acting Service Director Matt Hogan. "Because the Service's ability to effectively provide these special services to our customers depends in part on user fees, the agency is raising the charge to help meet today's cost of doing business."

The Service's proposed fee increase was published in the August 26, 2003 Federal Register. At that time the agency proposed an increase in fees ranging from \$50 to \$300, based

on a variety of factors, including: (1) the level of complexity required to process the particular type of permit, (2) whether the permittee would benefit commercially from the permit, and (3) whether the permitted activity serves the public interest.

Since 1982 when the \$25 permit application fee was established, the Service's costs have risen in line with cost of living increases nationwide while the real dollar value of the \$25 fee has decreased. The average fee will be increased to \$50.

To access the final rule and fee schedule, go online to <http://permits.fws.gov/federal-register/federalregister.shtml>

Sunday Comics

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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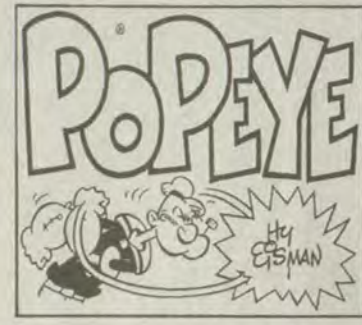
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



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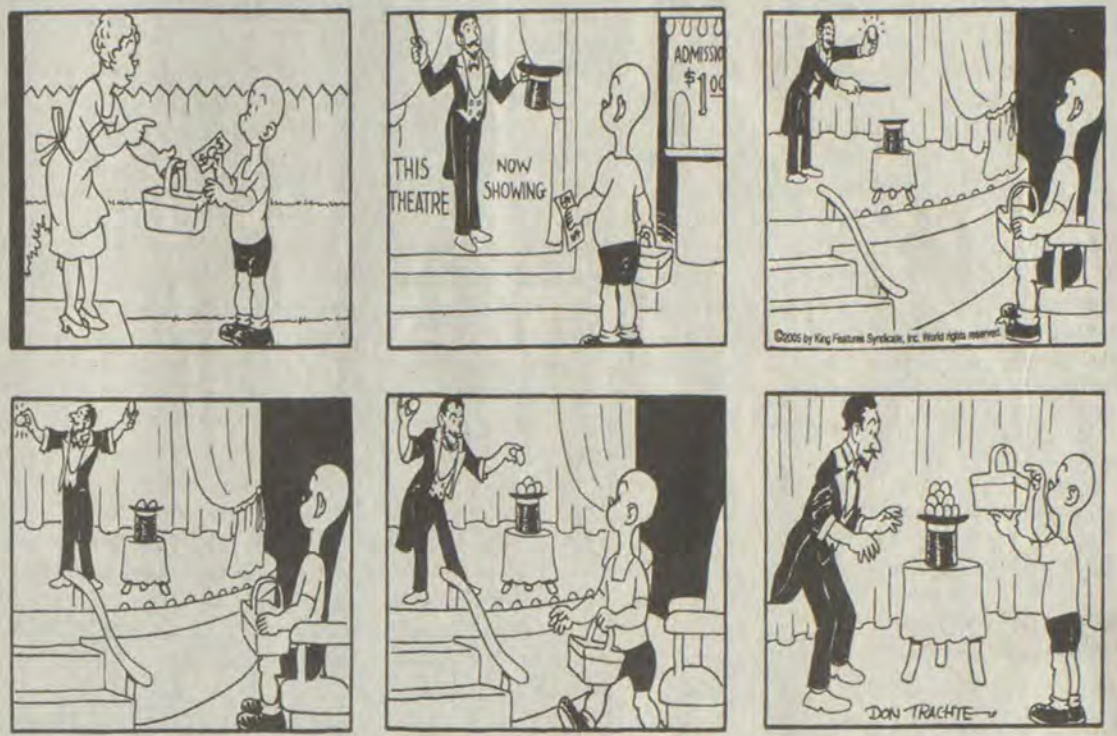
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Army Gasoline Sherman Water
Ballast Oil Storage

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
Differences: 1. Shade is missing; 2. Tilt is missing; 3. Lamp is moved; 4. Pillow is missing; 5. Switch is missing; 6. Pajamas are different.

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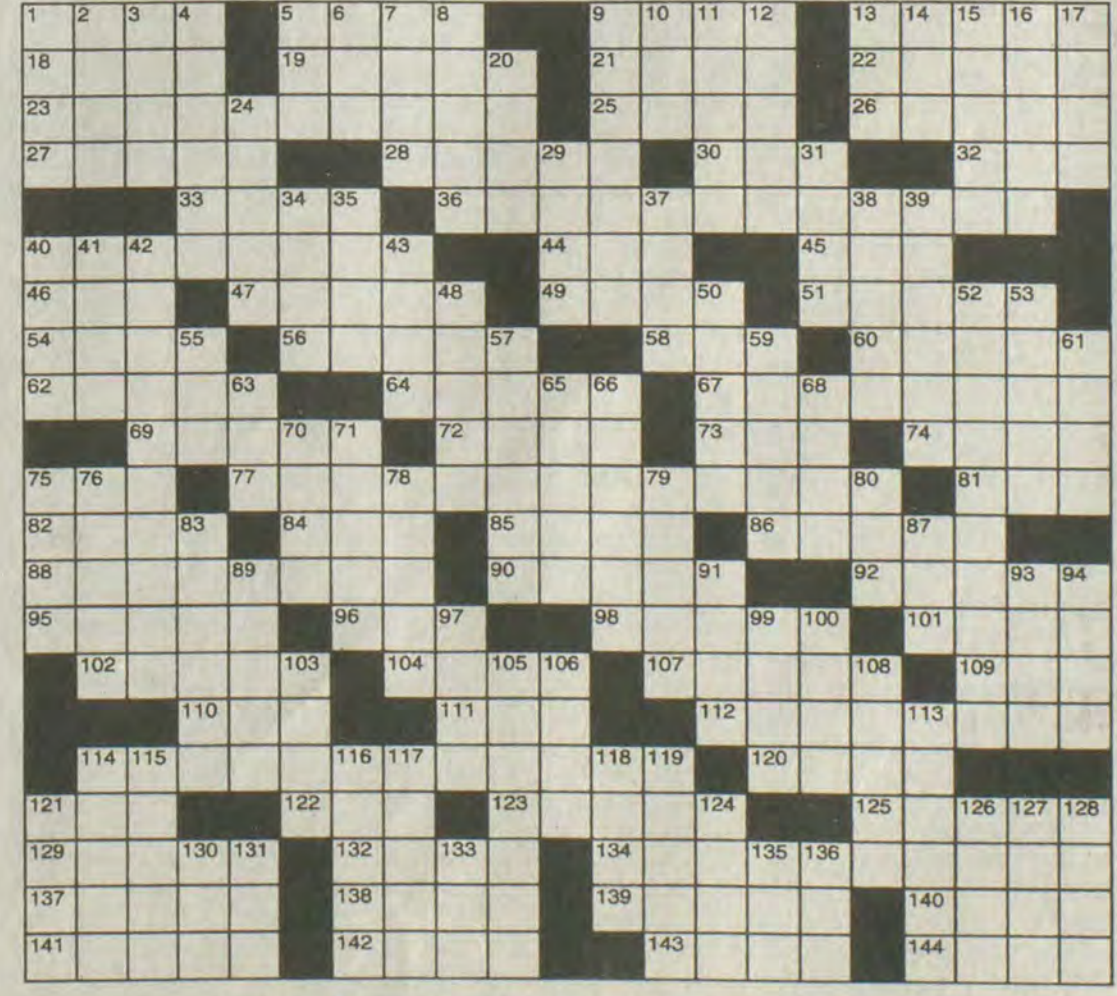
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Super Crossword ONCE IS ENOUGH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Not quite closed
 - 5 "Song of the South" title
 - 9 Perched on Tom of "Baretta"
 - 18 — Linda, CA
 - 19 Snorkel and straw
 - 21 Capital of American Samoa?
 - 22 — Lama
 - 23 "The Flintstones" kid?
 - 25 Word on a door
 - 26 Dumbstruck
 - 27 Hacienda material
 - 28 New Archangel, now
 - 30 Devour
 - 32 Summer shade
 - 33 "The — Hurrah" ('58 film)
 - 36 Golfing legend?
 - 40 Crestfallen
 - 44 Volleyball divider
 - 45 Bar supply
 - 46 — Jima
 - 47 Bittern kin
 - 49 Limber with language
 - 51 Dislodge
 - 54 Enormous
 - 56 Mideastern pockets
 - 58 Sea plea
 - 60 Cultural character
 - 62 Composer Bruckner
 - 64 Lloyd Webber musical
 - 67 Leslie Charteris creation
 - 69 Overflowing
 - 72 — impasse
 - 73 Toody or Muldoon
 - 74 Eye problem
 - 75 NYC division
 - 77 Robert Conrad series?
 - 81 Flat hat
 - 82 Broccoli
 - 84 Nutritional abbr.
 - 85 Tabriz currency
 - 86 Sordid
 - 88 South American capital
 - 90 Subway home feature
 - 92 22 Across' home
 - 95 Proclamations
 - 96 "Platoon" setting
 - 98 — garde
 - 101 Stromboli spew
 - 102 Gown part
 - 104 Temporary calm
 - 107 Girl George?
 - 109 Tuck's mate
 - 110 Dovecote sound
 - 111 "— Rita" ('42 film)
 - 112 Contend
 - 114 Eddie Cantor song?
 - 120 Play to play
 - 121 TV's "People — Funny"
 - 122 Pair
 - 123 Harden
 - 125 Brando's birthplace
 - 129 "Gladiator" extra
 - 132 Southern st.
 - 134 NY correctional facility?
 - 137 "The Jungle Book" character
 - 138 Martin Balsam film?
 - 139 Passover meal
 - 140 Pkg. abbr.
 - 141 Stephen Vincent —
 - 142 Cruise
 - 143 Major —
 - 144 Kansas city
- DOWN**
- 1 Jessica of "Dark Angel"
 - 2 "The Grapes of Wrath" surname
 - 3 Snowballs, sometimes
 - 4 Wander
 - 5 A/C measure
 - 6 Massage
 - 7 Peters out
 - 8 Antique
 - 9 Garments
 - 10 Homeric character
 - 11 Looked like Lothario?
 - 12 — bear
 - 13 Author LeShan
 - 14 Greyhound's greeting
 - 15 Make merry
 - 16 South American capital
 - 17 Jennifer of "Star Trek: Voyager"
 - 20 Son of Adam
 - 24 Attain
 - 29 Sergeant Preston's dog
 - 31 Buster Brown's dog
 - 34 Tread
 - 35 Actress Hatcher
 - 37 Singer Redding
 - 38 Donates
 - 39 Legendary
 - 40 Colt Johnny
 - 40 Callas or Caballe
 - 41 Actor McGregor
 - 42 Olympic skater?
 - 43 Act like grandpa
 - 48 Maritime
 - 50 Mess (up)
 - 52 Dick Van Dyke film?
 - 53 Mrs. Zhivago
 - 55 Haul a heap
 - 57 Lucknow lutes
 - 59 Sole mates?
 - 61 Petunia part
 - 63 Apprehend
 - 65 Implied
 - 66 Turkish city
 - 68 Duel tool
 - 70 Darjeeling dress
 - 71 Wore
 - 75 Pitt of "The Mexican"
 - 76 Desert refuge
 - 78 Trite
 - 79 "Gladiator" extra
 - 80 Boone or Benatar
 - 83 Lure
 - 87 Part of MP
 - 89 Chocolate substitute
 - 91 Damon and Pythias
 - 93 Wicked
 - 94 Use the VCR
 - 97 Darkness
 - 99 Talbot or Naldi
 - 100 Ripped
 - 103 Spilled the beans
 - 105 Progressive
 - 106 Meat cut
 - 108 Teach on the side
 - 113 Sign of spring
 - 114 Shattered
 - 115 Neighbor of Oman
 - 116 Bee and Em
 - 117 Apres-ski quaff
 - 118 Entertainer Tamlyn
 - 119 Like a raisin
 - 121 Spirited steed
 - 124 Word form for "within"
 - 126 About
 - 127 Salute the moon?
 - 128 Cultural grp.
 - 130 Pub order
 - 131 Basketball's Holman
 - 133 "Exodus" protagonist
 - 135 Tiffany treasure
 - 136 Paid player



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

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO.

898-4220 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Landmark Mining Company, Inc., P.O. Box 460, Shelbiana, Kentucky 41562, has applied for a permit for an underground mining operation, located approximately 3.4 miles west of Robinson Creek, and is situated in both Pike and Floyd Counties. The proposed operation, will disturb 17.95 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 590.24, of which 4.08 acres underlie proposed surface and acres, making a total of 604.11 acres within the total permit boundary.

The proposed operation is located 1.75 mile west of Bear Fork (CR) Road's junction with KY 122, and located on Bear Fork of Robinson Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Pikeville and McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Thomas Ratliff. The permit area will underlie land owned by Thomas Ratliff, Donald Ray and Alpha Jean Hamilton, Denzil W. McKinney, Charles and Faye Hamilton, Vanessa and Eric Hamilton, Freda Johnson, Mary Lou Bentley Howell, Robert Hamilton, Alma Land Company, Elmer Hamilton, Alma Land Company, Barbara and Emery Keathley, Augustine Bryant, William and Nancy Howell, William R. and Wilma Howell, Deborah Ann Hamilton, Harvey G.

Tackett, and Coal Corporation. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. 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.

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 327, 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,

and Sandy Shepherd, Marie Whitaker, Ruth Shepherd, Nancy Whitaker, Luther Shepherd, Edgar Fleming, and Kelly Hale Heirs. The high-wall/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 high-wall/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.

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Please call (606) 886-1264 by May 18, if you need auxiliary aids or other reasonable accommodations.

PUBLIC NOTICE Budget Hearing Regarding proposed use of County Road Aid and Local Government Economic Assistance Funds

A public hearing will be held by Floyd County in the Courtroom of the Floyd County Courthouse on May 20, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., for the purpose of obtaining citizens comments regarding the possible uses of the County Road Aid (CRA) and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds. All interested persons in Floyd County are invited to the hearing to submit oral or written comments on possible uses of the CRA and LGEA Funds. Any person(s) who cannot submit written comments or attend the public hearing, but wish to submit comments, should call the Office of the County Judge/Executive at (606) 886-9193, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., so that arrangements can be made to secure their comments.

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