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Wreck leads to murder charge

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A March 30 automobile accident that resulted in the death of the passenger now has the driver facing a murder charge after he allegedly fled the scene.

According to Kentucky State Police, Ernest Mounts was operating a 1987 GMC S-15 traveling east on Route 194 at Freeburn when he apparently left the roadway and struck a bluff embankment. His passenger, Jack Robinette, 48, of McVeigh, was badly injured, but Mounts allegedly left Robinette at the scene while he fled.

Robinette was transported by helicopter to St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, W.Va., where he was pronounced dead by the Cabell County coroner.

Mounts was later arrested at the Kentucky-West Virginia border and charged with first-degree assault. Charges were later amended to include murder and failure to render aid for leaving the scene of the accident.

Mounts is being held at the Pike County Detention Center.

This accident is still under investigation by KSP Det. Eddie Crum.

2-DAY FORECAST

Today
Scattered storms
High: 49 • Low: 26

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Sunny
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Gillispie named UK coach

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — College basketball's winningest program has a new leader. The search for the next University of Kentucky men's basketball coach officially ended Friday afternoon when Billy Gillispie was introduced as

the new Wildcat head coach. Gillispie, 47, makes his way to Kentucky from Texas A&M.

Kentucky got Billy, after all. One day after highly sought-after University of Florida head coach Billy Donovan, a former Wildcat assistant, chose to stay in Gainesville just days removed from guiding the Gators to a sec-

ond straight national championship, Kentucky Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart didn't waste any time in going after Gillispie. With Gillispie as head coach, Texas A&M finished the 2006-07 season 27-7.

The Gillispie-coached Aggies, a force in the Big 12 and on the national scene, reached the Sweet

16 a few weeks back. Texas A&M was a No. 3 seed in the NCAA Tournament and finished the latest season ranked ninth in the final poll.

Gillispie's overall record as a head coach is 100-58 in five seasons.



Billy Gillispie

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EASTER HEIRLOOM



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Pat Shepherd, of Martin, is pictured with granddaughter Leslie Robinson, great-grandson Kendal Robinson, great-grandbaby to be (Leslie was pregnant with her second child at the time of this photo), and the family heirloom Easter egg in Shepherd's yard at Cracker Bottom. The egg (inset) contains the names and signatures of several generations of her family.

Ostrich egg continues family's Easter tradition

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Easter brings candy filled baskets, fuzzy yellow chicks, children outfitted in their latest Sunday best and, of course, eggs. Lots of eggs.

But few eggs this Easter season will top the one cherished by a local Martin family. Safely housed at the home of Pat Shepherd, on Cracker Bottom, this rather large egg has become a treasured family heirloom as each year it is passed around for new family signatures to be inscribed on it.

"It's just something we started some years back," said Shepherd.

According to Shepherd, a niece of hers brought an egg with the names of each family member to the family Easter dinner in 1978. Her sister, Janet Howard, decided that egg was special and sneaked it from the basket of those to be hidden for the family egg hunt.

After that, the egg was placed carefully in a sealed box filled with artificial Easter grass and brought out again the next year, and for subsequent years, as well. Eventually, that

original Easter heirloom was retired, "because it got filled up with names," Shepherd said, as new babies were born and family members married, bringing new names and faces into the already large and close-knit brood.

That initial egg, according to Shepherd, was kept safely for several years until its retirement, when it was replaced by a larger, duck egg.

The duck egg, also, survived for several years, until Shepherd's granddaughter,

(See EGG, page three)

Corps of Engineers employee accused of false statements

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers employee is facing criminal charges after an indictment was handed down Thursday charging him with falsifying documents used to grant permits to mining operations for the discharge of dredge and fill materials.

Earl Jerry Sparks worked as a project manager and team leader at the Eastern Kentucky

Corps of Engineers office in Knott County. Sparks was responsible for processing applications from mining operations throughout the county that were seeking approval to discharge dredge materials into nearby waterways.

The federal indictment alleges that from 2002 through 2005, Sparks forged "decision documents" related to some applications, issued permits without first having them approved and even forged the

Commander's signature on several occasions.

The five operations for which Sparks allegedly forged documents were Consol of Kentucky, Appalachian Fuels, Leslie Resources, B&W Resources and Strong Brothers Mining.

Sparks now faces a maximum of five years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, three years supervised release, mandatory special assessment of \$100 per count, and restitution if applicable.

ARH details contract proposal

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

McDOWELL — After continuing contract negotiation, Appalachian Regional Healthcare publicly detailed the proposal it is offering to the United Steel Workers Union.

ARH presented a completed proposal to USW's negotiating team at 4:25 p.m. which they say, "presents a fair contract that provides market competitive wages and benefits."

This 18-page proposal offered to USW was posted on ARH's website on Thursday, outlining the amendments made to several sections of employee benefit packages.

According to ARH, they have proposed a three-year wage increase to all USW employees. The first year, a 2 percent increase would be

given on the contract ratification date. The following year would bring a 2.35 percent increase and the third year would post a 2.45 percent increase.

Under health care benefits, ARH says it is proposing a plan that is consistent with the plan implemented for management earlier this year that would eliminate most out-of-pocket costs for utilization of their facilities and services. Also, family deductibles will be waived when services are provided at an ARH facility.

ARH says they are not trying to reduce or eliminate sick leave days, but only trying to eliminate the abuse of them. Disability insurance and flexible scheduling were other topics discussed.

An agreement has not yet been reached.



photo by Jamie Vanhooose

Members of the Tabernacle Church, of Auxier Road, continued their six-year tradition of carrying a cross across the county on Good Friday.

Church continues Good Friday tradition

by KIM LITTLE FRASURE
ADVERTISING MANAGER

PRESTONSBURG — The year was 2001 when John Adams, then a member of Emma United Methodist Church, shared with his Pastor Paul Aiken and congregation that God

had laid on his heart the need to express what had been done on the cross by literally taking a cross and walking along the highways of Floyd County.

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Regional Obituaries

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■ Norma Allen, 76, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, April 2, at Riverview Health Care Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 5, under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Charles S. Allen, 86, of Printer, died Saturday, March 31, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Alpha Layton Allen. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 2, under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Carlos "Pennyrile" Wayne Artrip, 83, of Martin, died Thursday, March 29, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Lee Davidson Artrip. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ James Edward Donta, 48, of Allen, passed away Saturday, March 31, at the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Mattie Sue Kennedy Donta. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Elva England, 75, of North Manchester, Indiana, a native of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, April 3, at his residence. Funeral services will be held Monday, April 9, at 2:00 p.m., at the DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, Indiana. Graveside services will be Wednesday, April 11, at 11 a.m., in the Jack Arnett Cemetery, Prestonsburg.

■ Eugene Hall, age 65, of Morrow, Georgia, formerly of Floyd County, died Saturday, March 31, at the Health Field Hospice in Riverdale, Georgia. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ McKinley Howell, 84, of Dayton, Ohio, formerly of McDowell, died March 30 at home. Hall Funeral Home in Martin is in charge of arrangements.

■ John P. Wells, 88, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, April 1. He is survived by his wife, Donna Wells. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 4, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ Mertie Stumbo, 73, of Hi Hat, died Monday, April 2, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Cecil Stumbo. Funeral services were held

Wednesday, April 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Marsha Diane Basham Howard, 34, of Salyersville, died Sunday, March 25, at New Paintsville Road in Salyersville. She is survived by her husband, Scott Howard. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 29, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Sonja Renee Barnett Howes, 36, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, March 20, at the UK Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 24, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Bob Patrick, 71, of Salyersville, died Saturday, March 24, at St. Joseph East Hospital, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Bertie Alesp Patrick. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 28, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Ellis Shepherd, 81, of Salyersville, died Saturday, March 24, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center, in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Leatha Shepherd. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 28, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Billy Edward Tackett, 61, of Salyersville, died Monday, April 2. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 5, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Roger "The Kid" Adkins, 60, of Regina, died Thursday, March 29, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Terry Raye Maichele Adkins. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 1, under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Oma Hylton Blackburn, 81, of Pikeville, died Friday, March 20, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 3, under the

direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Mildred Blanche Booth, 77, of Phelps, died Saturday, March 31, at South Williamson. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 3, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Velma Branham, 83, of North Ridgeville, Ohio, died Friday, March 30. Graveside services were held Wednesday, April 4, under the direction of Carty Funeral Home.

■ Sallie Canada, 92, of Varney, died Friday, March 20, at the Markey Cancer Center. Funeral services ere held Tuesday, April 3, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ W.G. "Dusty" Cheeks, 68, of Pikeville, died Friday, March 30, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Sandy Watson Cheeks. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 1, under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Erma C. Domenick, 83, of Naples, Florida, a Pike County native, died Tuesday, March 27, at Hospice of Naples. Funeral services are under direction of Naples Memorial Funeral Home & Cemetery, Naples, Florida.

■ Teddy Dotson, 49, of Phelps, died Saturday, March 31, at South Williamson ARH. He is survived by his wife, Delisa Daniels Dotson. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 4, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Jackie Lynn Elkins, 50, of Matewan, W.Va., a native of South Williamson, died Thursday, March 29, at Hardy. She is survived by her husband, Donald Ray Elkins. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 31, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

■ Ola Faye Charlene Fergerson, 71, of Wurland, a Pike County native, died Wednesday, March 21, at her residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 24, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Woody B. Hall, 63, of Ashland, a native of Pike

County, died Thursday, March 29, at Boyd Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. He is survived by his wife, Ora Lee Hall. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 31, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Easter B. Hamilton, 90, of Collins, died Monday, April 2, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 7, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Josephine Bonaparte Hill, 94, of McVeigh, died Saturday, March 24, at the Skill Nursing Facility in South Williamson. Funeral services were held under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Joy Jones, 68, of Virgie, died Wednesday, March 28, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Elder Aaron Jones. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 31, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

■ Leona Bartley Kilgore, 79, of Mallory, W.Va., a Pike County native, died Wednesday, April 4, at Logan Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be held Monday, April 9, at the Ashcamp Old Regular Baptist Church, under the direction of Krantz-McNeely Funeral Home of Man, W.Va., and Thacker Funeral Home of Pikeville.

■ Mary Lou Silcox Kilgore, 61, of Ashcamp, died Wednesday, April 4, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 7, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Bernice Mason, 90, formerly of Amherst, Ohio, and Pikeville, died Thursday, March 29, in Oberlin, Ohio. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 3, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Bobby McKinney, 65, of Pikeville, died Sunday, April 1, at his residence. Arrangements, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Paul Randall Mitchell, 61, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, April 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Avonelle Weddington Mitchell. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 5, under direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Ethel Childress Myers, 91, of Mouthcard, died Tuesday, April 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, April 6, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Jack Robinette, 48, of Edgerton, W.Va., a Pike County native, died Wednesday, April 4, at St. Mary's Medical Center, Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 8, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Yulonda Davis Smith, 60, of Hardy, died Saturday, March 31, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Larry Bruce Smith. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 3, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Donald Swiney, 72, of Ashcamp, died Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Louella Elkins Swiney. Funeral services were held under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Hazel Taylor, 83, of Lower Johns Creek, died Monday, April 2, at Little Creek. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 5, under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Lois Faye Wright, 85, of Virgie, died Wednesday, April 4, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 7, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home of Pikeville.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Jeff Bishop, 76, of Louisa, died Monday, April 2, in Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 5, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Dorothy D. Marshall, 79, of New Carlisle, a native of Louisa, died Sunday, April 1, at Community Hospital in Springfield, Ohio. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 4, under the direction of the Trostel, Chapman, Dunbar and Fraley Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Effie Wiley Copley, 95, of Rydal, Georgia, a Johnson County native, died Thursday, April 5, in Calhoun Health Care Center in Calhoun, Georgia. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 7, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville. Burial was in Johnson County Memorial Cemetery in Staffordsville.

■ Willie Delong, 92, of Van Lear, died Wednesday, March 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 31, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Stant Hale Jr., 61, of Williamsport, died Monday, April 2, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Sue Campbell Hale. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 5, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Roehima McFadden Mollett, 82, of Treasure Island, Florida, a native of Johnson County, died Saturday, March 31, at Oak Manor Nursing

Center, in Largo, Florida. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 5, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Hubert Hasken Picklesimer, 86, of Swords Creek, Virginia, a Paintsville native, died Thursday, March 29. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 4, under the direction of Singleton Funeral Services of Cedar Bluff, Virginia.

■ Mabel Ruth "Tody" Rayburn, age 86, of Russell, a Paintsville native, died April 3, in Oakmont Manor in Flatwoods. A graveside service was held April 5, at Bellefonte Memorial Gardens in Flatwoods, under direction of Carman Funeral Home.

■ Louise Dennison Wells, 80, of Daniels Creek, died Saturday, March 24, at the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Herbert Wells. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 27, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Layla Faye Williams, infant daughter of Burl Williams and Retina Meek of Williamsport, died Saturday, March 24, at her residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 27, under the direction of the Preston

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"One of the most amazing things," contends Donna Sparkman, faculty advisor for HCTC's literary magazine, Kudzu, "is the caliber of writers we get to lead workshops. It impresses me every year."

A short story workshop will be conducted by Hazard's own Gurney Norman, author of Kinfolks; The Wilgus Stories and Divine Right's Trip. He teaches at the University of Kentucky and has been with the Spring Writers Conference since its inception.

Amelia Blossom Pegram will lead a poetry session. She began teaching in Cape Town, but currently teaches writing at the University of Louisville. Her poetry has been widely published in Africa, Europe, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Professor Pegram has been awarded the Kwanzaa Honors List and has been inaugurated in the Pan African Writers Association. She will be working with a drummer, Mr. Earbie Johnson in her sessions. She says that "I

feel strongly that rhythm is vital to poetry - I go back to the primal heartbeat. My drummer has worked with me for over 20 years."

Erik Reece, author of Lost Mountain: A Year in The Vanishing Wilderness, will lead sessions focusing on creative nonfiction. His writing has been awarded the John B. Oakes Award for environmental journalism and it has appeared in Harper's, The Nation, and The Oxford American. "Erik was with us when we first started," explains Ron Reed, Professor of English at HCTC, "It's great to have him come back to work with us again. It's really quite an honor."

A special lunchtime roundtable session will be led by Edmund August, the founder of Arable press in Louisville and author of Moon Dogs. "It's going to focus on getting published," explains Scott Lucero, the events' organizer, "And I think this will be an incredibly popular sessions."

The workshops will be held three times throughout the day simultaneously at 10 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. The Conference is sponsored by HCTC and funded in part by the Mountain Writing Project and The Hampton Inn of Hazard. For more information, contact Prof. Scott Lucero at 800-246-7521, ext. 73200 or 606-487-3200. You can email him at Scott.Lucero@kctcs.edu.

Obituaries

Evelyn Inscore

Evelyn Inscore, 83, of Pikeville, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at her residence.

Born June 18, 1923, in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late Fred and Martha Renfro Charles. She was a retired bookkeeper for Stone Coal Corporation, and was a member of the Lancer Baptist Church in Prestonsburg.

She is survived by her husband, Clarence L. Inscore.

Other survivors include a son: Harm Hatfield of Pikeville; a daughter, Reba Gardner of Pikeville; four brothers: Jerry Renfro of Detroit, Michigan, Bobby Renfro of Betsy Layne, and Ray Renfro and Gene Renfro, both of Cincinnati, Ohio; a sister, Joyce Smith of Betsy Layne; two grandsons: Rodney Gardner of Prestonsburg, and Eddy Gardner of Pikeville; a granddaughter, Angie Miller of Mahr, West Virginia; and two great-grandchildren: Jacob Gardner and Gabrel Miller.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 7, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bobby Carpenter officiating.

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

Visitation is Friday, 6 to 9 p.m., at the funeral home.

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THE BILLY GILLISPIE FILE

Biographical

Birthdate: November 7, 1959 (Abilene, Texas)
College: Texas State, 1983 (B.A. in Education)

Head Coaching Record

Year	School	Season	Conf.	Postseason
2002-03	UTEP	6-24	3-15	
2003-04	UTEP	24-8	13-5	NCAA (0-1)
2004-05	Texas A&M	21-10	8-8	NIT (2-1)
2005-06	Texas A&M	22-9	10-6	NCAA (1-1)
2006-07	Texas A&M	27-7	13-3	NCAA (2-1)
5 Years		100-58	47-37	5-4

"What an honor, what an honor, what an honor," Gillispie said repeatedly on Friday afternoon after being introduced as the new Kentucky coach at Memorial Coliseum.

The new coach got a warm reception from Wildcat basketball fans, some of whom chanted his name.

Gillispie, visibly emotional as he heard the thunderous applause of the Kentucky fans, touted the high profile position from which he now coaches.

"This is one of the best positions in all of sports, not just basketball," Gillispie commented.

Gillispie, a native of Abilene, Texas, is the 21st head coach in the University of Kentucky men's basketball

program's history. He is the program's sixth coach in the last 76 years. Gillispie takes over for Orlando "Tubby" Smith, who left the Kentucky program after 10 years and with four years remaining on his contract. Smith put together a 263-83 record as the Wildcats' coach. Kentucky ended the 2006-07 season 22-11.

The newest Wildcat head

coach agreed to a seven-year contract, which will pay him \$2.3 million a year in base salary. Performance incentives of up to \$750,000 a year and academic incentives of up to \$100,000 a year are also available for the new coach.

Gillispie had agreed to a contract that would pay him 1.75 million annually, but had yet to sign and make it official.

"Billy Gillispie has all the

qualities we were looking for in Kentucky's next head coach," Barnhart said in a press release issued prior to Friday morning's pep rally. "He is a tireless worker, a great recruiter and is passionate about winning and winning the right way. He will make the Commonwealth proud both as a coach and a person." Kentucky has won seven national championships.

Egg

Leslie, accidentally crushed its shell when she was a child.

"It couldn't be helped," Shepherd said, "I always told them to be careful, and they were, but accidents do happen."

Next time around, Shepherd said she and her family members decided to upgrade.

"We went out and found us a big emu egg and used it one year. But that thing smelled awful bad and we traded it in for the egg we have now, a big ostrich egg," she said.

The family is looking forward to displaying the heirloom egg again this year, in addition to eagerly looking forward to adding a few names

of recently born new additions to the family, Lindsey, Alexis and Macie.

"We love adding new names," Shepherd said, "and we never take a name off. Divorce and death may take loved ones away, but their names stay on the egg for as long as it lasts. This egg is our favorite Easter tradition."

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EASTER TREATS



Clark Elementary students enjoyed the surprises in their eggs after an Easter egg hunt held last week at Riverview Nursing Home.

Walk

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year, a 17-mile walk begins in the early morning hours, sometimes in the pouring rain, heat and even chilling cold, and the remembrance of God giving His one and only son to die for our sins is being witnessed by many traveling along U.S. 23.

Though the route has changed and now features members of The Tabernacle Church, this group continues to share with those who witness the walk the sacrifice that was made for everyone.

Obituaries

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Funeral Home.
■ Mark A. Willis, 42, of South Point, a Lawrence County native, died Wednesday, April 4, in Charleston Area Medical Center. A graveside service was held Monday, April 2, at Woodland Cemetery under the direction of Tracy Brammer Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Pansy Rae Crum, 75, of Clifford, died Saturday, March 31, at Community Hospice Care Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 4, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Kevin Lee McCoy, 28, of Tomahawk, died Tuesday, March 27, at his home. Funeral services were held Friday, March 30, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

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Guest view

A losing record

Is it too late to get Tubby Smith to run for the legislature? Tubby apparently saw the handwriting on the wall, or maybe he was just tired of trying to please fans who can't be satisfied with anything less than a national championship. So he's leaving the state for the University of Minnesota. The coach compiled a .760 winning percentage in his 10 seasons at the University of Kentucky. A record of 263-83 was just not good enough for Kentucky.

Kentucky lawmakers, who passed one bill — out of 800 introduced — in the first month of the 2007 session, then passed another 90 or so in a reckless rush during the final three days to compile an overall .113 success rate, will almost all be back following the next election, if history is any indication. A record of 90-710 is good enough for Kentucky.

Why is .113 adequate for the General Assembly while .760 is inadequate for the Wildcats?

Admittedly, the comparison quickly breaks down when you compare basketball games, every one of which we want to win, with new laws, most of which we're better off without. Kentuckians can actually breathe a sigh of relief that some exceptionally bad bills never made it to the floor.

But even among the roughly 370 bills that passed one chamber or the other, usually with bipartisan support, only 90 (.243) passed both and were sent to the governor for his signature. This was legislation that a majority in either of the chambers thought important enough to approve on the recommendation of the committees that studied it and send it the other chamber, where it was dead on arrival. This included bills that would address urgent needs of the commonwealth.

At the top of the list is reform for the state employee pension plan, which lawmakers universally acknowledge threatens to bankrupt the state. Senate President David Williams, on the day the Senate approved the legislation, called it the most important issue before lawmakers, and yet even fellow senators did not have copies of the legislation in their hands until hours before the vote.

The Senate's tactic gave the House a ready excuse not to pass it, saying they hadn't had time to study the bill, although lawmakers privately acknowledge that the details had been hammered out in leadership meetings of both houses for weeks, so House leaders (i.e. Speaker Jody Richards) could not honestly claim to have been surprised by anything in the bill when it reached the Senate floor.

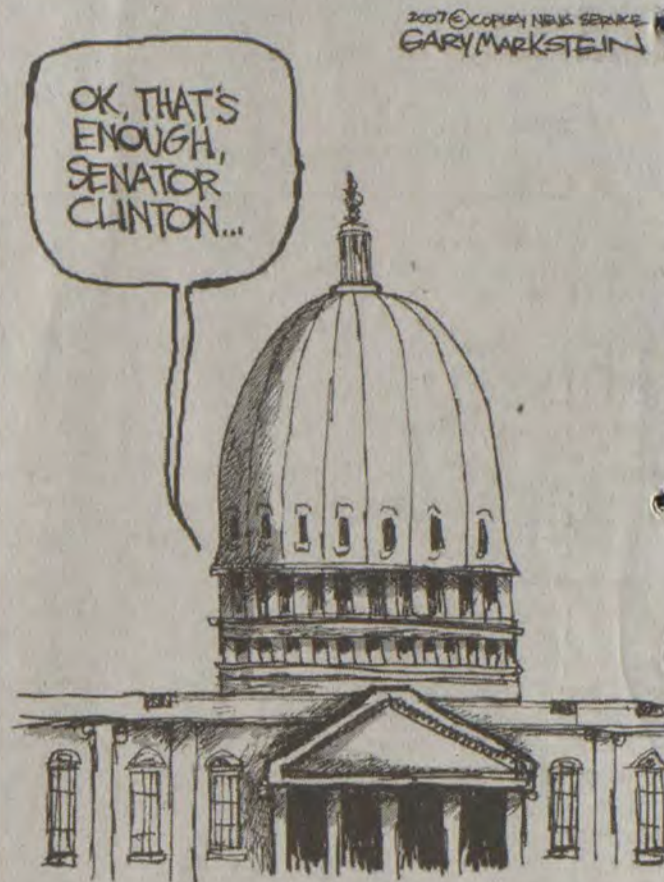
Every ambitious politician (but we repeat ourselves) in the state wants a handprint on legislation that big so he can take credit for it. And if not that, he wants credit for opposing it. The opportunistic House had no political motivation to pass the Senate bill but plenty of personally advantageous reasons not to.

The legislature has suspended the rules to consider additional legislation in the veto session, but the big issue, pension reform, is dead in the water for this year — unless Gov. Ernie Fletcher follows through on his threat to call a special session, which political observers call unlikely in the midst of an election campaign.

It is that election campaign that is part of the problem. Lawmakers have used the legislative process to jockey for political advantage for the candidates of their choice for governor and lieutenant governor. And some of the lawmakers stare at the candidates of their choice every morning in the mirror.

If we turn away a coach with Tubby Smith's record, shouldn't we do the same with lawmakers? Kentucky should set a standard for the legislature as high as we do for basketball.

— The Paducah Sun



Rich Lowry Column

Giuliani and the allure of executive prowess

Rudy Giuliani might have been an inspiration in the days after 9/11, but what relevance does that have now? He might have cleaned up New York City, but why should most Americans care whether, say, Bryant Park is a drug-dealer-infested nightmare or a pleasant place for office workers on a lunch break? The power of Giuliani's presidential candidacy is in neither of these things per se, but in the allure of executive prowess.

Giuliani demonstrated it in New York. He ran the fourth-largest government in the country, from an office that had awesome powers (unlike the governorship of Texas), at a time when the city was in crisis, without a strong party to back him and in the teeth of a hostile press. And he succeeded. That, in a few phrases, is the appeal of Rudy Giuliani.

Fred Siegel describes him in his book "Prince of the City" as having "a mathematical and military cast of mind," and quotes a former aide who explains that Giuliani is such a baseball fan because the game brings "together three things that he loves: statistics, teamwork and individual

effort."

Giuliani needed little sleep, which made extra hours available to him that he could pour into work. He had talented people around him whom he forged into an instrument of his executive will. Giuliani had daily 8 a.m. meetings to ensure that his deputies and commissioners were on the same page.

Giuliani's axioms of governance, described in his book "Leadership," now read as a kind of rebuttal to Bush's hands-off management style. One of his rules is "Always Sweat the Small Stuff." Another is "Prepare Relentlessly." He delivered annual 90-minute State of the City addresses without a prepared text: "I presented it from my own head and heart, not from a page." And "Everyone's Accountable. All of the Time." Giuliani kept a two-word sign on his desk: "I'M RESPONSIBLE."

Famously the first CEO president, Bush has had his reputation as an executive trashed by Katrina and Iraq. Bush had seen his role primarily as setting goals, then remaining resolute and confident about them. But the resolution and confidence are self-defeating if the goals aren't matched with the appropriate means.

Bush has been ill-served by his willingness to stand by failed subordinates (thereby eroding any sense of accountability), by his relative lack of interest in details and by his inability to establish coherence within his own government.

This makes the Competence Primary very important in the Republican nomination contest, and Giuliani is the front-runner in it, although he

has competition from former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, a successful businessman with strong management skills. This doesn't mean that Giuliani will excel in the Temperament Primary. Some of the qualities that made him a successful mayor — the hunger for power, the jealousy of other centers of authority, the egocentric drive — don't make him the most pleasant person. And the Ideological Primary will be a major challenge.

But troubled organizations often look to hire an executive who has succeeded elsewhere. Hence the allure of Rudy Giuliani.

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beyond the Beltway

Global warming the land of denial

by DONALD KAUL

Al Gore, once held in disregard by friend and foe alike for his performance in the 2000 election, blew into Washington a week ago, trailing clouds of glory. His global warming film, "An Unpleasant Truth," had just won an Academy Award, his name was being mentioned for the Nobel Peace Prize and there was an incipient "Draft Gore" movement on the rise. Clothed in that suit of lights, he appeared before both House and Senate committees to tell them about — what else? — global warming.

"This is not a normal time," he said. "We are facing a planetary crisis."

He said that the global temperature increases, now foreseen by a consensus of scientists, would cause polar ice to melt, sea levels to rise dramatically, hurricanes to increase in devastation and wildfires and droughts to become more prevalent. Then he played the Thermopylae card, recalling the battle of 480 B.C. when a few hundred gallant Spartans stood against thousands of invading Persians in defense of Western civilization. If global warming could be stalled, he said, we could tell future generations: "This was our Thermopylae. We defended civilization's gate." (Forgetting perhaps that the Spartans lost the battle. Athens was burned.) Never mind. The Democrats broke into virtual applause. The Republicans didn't.

Sen. James Inhofe, chairman of the Flat Earth caucus in the Senate,

who has called global warming "the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the American people," said:

"It is my perspective that your global warming alarmist pronouncements are now and have always been filled with inaccuracies and misleading statements."

Gore, backed by a U.N.-sponsored study by climate experts around the world that has called the fact of global warming "unequivocal," simply brushed aside Inhofe's remarks.

"The planet has a fever," he said, citing statistics for the steady increase in average temperatures in recent years.

"If your baby has a fever, you go to the doctor. If the doctor says you need to intervene, you don't say, 'Well, I read a science fiction novel that tells me it's not a problem.'"

You could tell Inhofe was on the ropes because he played the icicle card, the last refuge of global-warming scoundrels. Holding up a picture of an icicle, he said:

"How come you guys never seem to notice it when it gets cold? Where's global warming when you really need it?"

He is either the three dumbest people in the Senate or a complete charlatan. Even his Republican colleagues were somewhat embarrassed by the anti-Gore arguments in the House and Senate.

"It's possible to be a conservative without appearing to be an idiot," said Rep. Bob Inglis of South Carolina, thus libeling idiots.

It was a very entertaining show. As Gore ended his Senate gig, he

turned to committee chairperson Barbara Boxer of California and said: "You don't give out any kind of statue or anything?"

And when former Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert called him a "movie star" he responded with: "Rin Tin Tin was a movie star. I just have a slide show."

My heart, once hardened against him, is beginning to melt like the polar ice cap. Gore has the facts on his side.

While that is seldom crucial in guiding congressional debates, these are so one-sided as to be inexorable.

The U.N. survey was conducted by the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change, made up of hundreds of climate scientists from 113 countries and based on six years of research. They all agreed on the finding. There is no escaping its conclusions. And its general conclusion is that even if we and the other major carbon-producing countries take immediate, drastic steps to reduce that production, we still face future climate change that will produce severe alterations where we live. If we don't do anything, those changes will be catastrophic. Those are the real choices: a four-car crash on the highway or a 24-car train wreck.

Gore's problem is not that he's an alarmist; it's that he's a cockeyed optimist.

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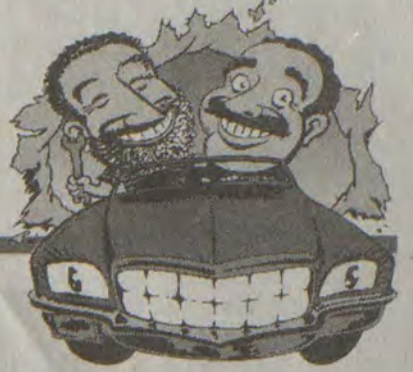
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This Town, That World

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.

THOUGHTS ON A SPRING DAY

Can deadly fallout be coming from skies as blue and friendly as today's? The poet aptly asked, "What is so rare as a day in June?" In Kentucky we prefer April, a time when Nature's regeneration and resurrection almost literally burst upon the eye...How I would like to a-fishin' go...

WHO WON?

Time was when the Russians excelled in the tragic novel. These days, their talent for fiction is turned to propaganda. Did you read the report the Russians gave out on the results of an athletic event in which only two teams—one Soviet, the other from the United States—competed, and which the U.S. won? This is the Russian report:

"The Soviet team placed second. The U.S. team was next to last?"

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Roy Ramey, last Friday, pulled a 200-pounder from Dewey Lake. Says, judging from the yelp his "catch" put up, it wasn't a sucker, but a largemouth. See Mr. Ramey or Earl Castle for the dripping details.

FISHING REPORT

Haven't wet a line, haven't even bought my fishing license. So far out of touch the fellows have quit bringing their catches around—the better to pester you, my dear! So what I report below is gathered, second-hand:

Steve Stout, of Martin, has come up with the real heavyweight bass of the young season from Dewey, a 9 1/4-pounder. Tuesday was a good day for jigging in those waters. Raymond Copley landed two six-pounders, and two Ashland men, Elmer Baldwin and Chester Hutchinson, had one which ran Conservation Officer Copley's DeLiar out to the end of the string, and would have gone farther, he says. This one measured 24 inches. The same two anglers had several other bass.

INNOCENT LIARS

Someone has said that it's absolutely useless to hold a man to anything said while he is madly in love, drunk, running for office—or fishing.

And according to one of the bait manufacturer's researches, the very nature of fishing makes it a perfect foil for those loose with the truth.

For instance, if you ask a fisherman if he's catching any fish, he will probably say: "Just started." This means he's been out four or five hours, and so far he's skunked.

Or he will reply: "Oh, a few little ones." This could mean that he has a stringer full, or he doesn't want to sow them for fear that you'll move in and foul up his hot spot.

Then there's the fellow fishing with his son. He will probably say:

(See ALLEN, page six)



US 23 musicians to perform in local showcase of talent

One of the most exciting concerts ever produced in this region, US 23 Highway Highlights, will take place on Saturday, April 14 at the Mountain Arts Center. Some of the most talented performers, from all along the Country Music Highway, will assemble to perform in one spectacular event. America's Byway Program and TOUR Southern & Eastern Kentucky has secured funding to assist with the implementation of this event. Ken Carriere of Goodtyme Productions will be producer of the event. The US 23 Highway Highlights will be the official Red Bud Festival Event for The Country Music Highway. It is anticipated that this event will take place every year in April (the Saturday before Hillbilly Days).

The event will also be captured on DVD. The DVD will have many uses including generating sales to

**US 23 Highway
Highlights
Mountain Arts Center
Saturday, April 14
7:30 PM**

help raise funds for next year's musical event. A second purpose will be to allow each artist performing to have a professionally produced visual recording for their own marketing purposes. And finally, a third purpose for producing the DVD will be to help promote the artistic talent from our region and to assist in promoting next year's event.

Some of the entertainers scheduled to perform on the evening of April 14 include: Kory Caudill, The Big Sandy Singers, Stephen

Salyers, Paul Pace, Shane Thomas, Jerica Blair, The Carriere Family, Ron Vanover, Laura Ford Hall, Sean Caudill, Brittany Carter, Brittany Hamilton, Alison Lovely, Jeff Branham, and Bronson Bush. Many other very talented performers from around the region will also be appearing. The emcee for the evening's event will be Fred Goble performing as "Munroe" with the Kentucky Opry Band providing phenomenal work as back-up musicians.

This is an event that has long been overdue and everyone involved is very excited to have this opportunity to showcase the awesome talent from our Eastern Kentucky region. The Country Music Highway is not only a place where country music stars are born but a place where future stars are developed, also!

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Fiend'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A suburban dad begins to suspect that his creepy new neighbor may in fact be a zombie in this effort from Baltimore film maker Don Dohler.

Maryland is well known as the home of famous directors like John Waters ("Pink Flamingos") and Barry Levinson ("Diner"), but true monster movie fans think of Dohler when it comes to Baltimore and this 1980 effort confirms that he was an enthusiastic film maker who made solid films that provided a bevy of chills for peanuts.

Dohler was also resourceful and saved a few bucks by doing all of the main chores on his films (scripting, directing, editing and operating the camera) while saving additional expenses by casting his friends and family in most of the roles. Oddly, it all works, making Dohler the truest auteur of Oriole city's trio.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

The story begins in a cemetery at night where a young couple is seen arguing. If the guy was going for atmosphere he blew it by taking his lady there and she sends him off to get his jacket from the car. Meanwhile what appears to be a floating chicken wing descends on a grave and enters a corpse, thus reanimating it.

The cadaver climbs out of the earth and makes bee line for the girlfriend and literally sucks the life out of her, which restores the corpse to its pre-dead condition. Now it is just a doughy man with a porn star mustache and it walks off.

The film jumps to one month later and focuses on a suburban street where a game of stickball is interrupted by a storm. While everyone huddles indoors, a lone figure strolls down the street and wrests a "for sale" sign out of the yard of one home before breaking in to said abode. Sure enough it's the doughy dead guy who soon transforms himself into Mr. Longfellow.

Before you know it, Longfellow has become the latest addition to the neighborhood and develops a rep as "the creepy guy" who gives music lessons to untalented violinists. Next door neighbor Gary takes an instant dislike to the guy but holds off on complaining about the music when his wife Marsha intervenes. She would much rather he help their two sons (never seen) with a school project to make a sci-fi movie with an 8 millimeter camera (exactly how Dohler got his start).

Gary, got however, can't let it go and his suspicions intensify when Longfellow begins sucking the life force out of neighborhood children. A visit to Longfellow's home confirms that the man is certifiably weird when Gary observes that the guy sleeps in an unheated basement apartment and talks to his cat.

Gary sets off on a quest to find out what Longfellow is and stumbles

(See LAGOON, page six)

No guys on this trip, please

by KATHARINE DYSON

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE WOMAN
GOLFER'S SOUL"

When Allison invited us to her winter pad for a long weekend of golf, my first reaction was: "Are you crazy! Just a bunch of girls? No guys? No hand-holding strolls on a moonlit beach? No dancing under the stars." I could not imagine it. To me, a tropical getaway spelled romance—love stuff.

But not wanting to be left out of something that, who knows, might actually turn out to be a good thing, I

couldn't say no. And let's face it, these were my friends, my lunch group, my weekly Thursday foursome. I knew I could be replaced, and there was no way I wanted to be left out and then have to hear them go on and on about their next outing.

I didn't want to listen to them rehashing the great golf, dinners at the club and the fantastic off-season bargains in the pro shop, that cute yellow golf shirt that was half price. I wanted to be part of it. To belong. So I packed a bag and, dragging my clubs in my black canvas travel bag with the tiny little wheels, headed to

the airport with the girls.

And you guessed it: We had a great time. Played golf at three different courses, three days in a row; ate fried clams and calamari at a local fish place; laughed ourselves silly over stupid things, our unbridled giddiness no doubt nudged along by pitchers of margaritas; and stayed up late into the night playing vicious, competitive games of Taboo.

We took a couple of lessons at one of the clubs and actually got out to the courses early so we could practice. We played skins for 10 cents a hole and bet a dollar on closest to the hole on the par threes. We were relaxed. Happy.

The next year, we couldn't wait to make a date to do it all over again.

But we made a major mistake. We talked too much. Our men heard us wax poetic over the condition of the golf courses, the clubby bars. Oh, we were so smug. We even mentioned, barely mentioned, the hot lady pro at one of the clubs. Super swing she had. Great clothes.

"Hey, sounds like a good time," said Allison's husband as we all sat having dinner one night.

"Yeah," said Jimmy. "What do you say we join you on the next trip?"

We'll have a ball."

"Ah, humm," we all said quietly, thinking.

"Good idea," I said.

"But what about your annual Myrtle Beach outing with the guys?"

"What about it?" said Jimmy.

"Isn't it the last weekend in April?"

"That's the date."

"Well, that's a shame," said Allison

(she was always a quick study). "That's the same weekend we're going on our trip."

(See SOUP, page six)



It's time to junk this rust bucket

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

My 1992 Honda Civic LX sedan has 155,000 miles on it and has spent many Minnesota winters outside in the salt and the cold. The car runs great, but it is very rusty. There is a hole in the trunk. A few of the rear-bumper cover clips rusted through, leaving the bumper hanging (I repaired it with self-tapping screws after a long search for enough steel to hold them). The fenders are rusted through. There is rust on the frame — even rust around the shocks. I always planned to drive the car until its wheels fell off. However, I'd rather not literally have the wheels fall off while I'm driving. And I would like a little nonoxidized steel around me in the event of a crash. I don't care about the car's appearance, but I am concerned about safety. How can you tell when a car needs to be retired based on rust alone? — Marty

TOM: Sounds like you're just about there, Marty. In fact, you might have overshot a little bit.

RAY: The point at which the car becomes unsafe — rather than just

ugly — is when the rust starts affecting the structural underpinnings of the vehicle.

TOM: For instance, unibody cars like your Civic have a floor pan, which is a big, reinforced piece of sheet metal that serves as the car's frame. Every important piece of the car ultimately is attached to that floor pan. So if the floor pan starts rusting away, you have to assume that, in an accident, the car will turn to dust.

RAY: Which, admittedly, will save you some money on post-accident towing fees. You'd just pick up the plates and walk away.

TOM: But you won't have to care about that, Marty, because it'll be your heirs who will be dealing with all that stuff.

RAY: So, what you need to do is go to your regular mechanic, if you have one, and ask him to check out the floor pan, the engine cradle, the shock towers ... basically all of the structural components of the car. And if he says they're rusty, or he reminds you that he TOLD you they were rusty a year ago when he last saw you, it's time to junk the car, Marty.

Signaling to a dim bulb

Dear Tom and Ray:

The other night just after dusk, I was driving and noticed a dark-colored car driving behind me in the same direction that didn't have its headlights on. It was actually difficult to see the car except when it passed directly under a streetlight. I wanted to signal the driver to turn on his lights, but was not sure how to do it. So I slowed down enough that he passed me. Then when he was in front of me, I flashed my headlights several times from low beams to high beams. He still didn't turn on his headlights. Soon thereafter, we both had to stop at a traffic light. So I pulled up next to him, opened my window and called out to him that he needed to turn on his headlights. He hollered back to me, road-rage style, something to the effect that he was angry at me for "high-beaming" him. I would have thought he would thank me for reminding him about his headlights. He was a jerk, but I didn't want to see him cause an accident just because his car could not be seen in traffic. So, what should I have done, and what should I do in a similar sit-

uation next time? — Carol

TOM: This is a situation we've all been in, Carol. The first thing you need to realize is that anyone driving at night without his lights on probably has other things on his mind. He's not 100 percent focused on the task at hand.

RAY: What I usually do — rather than flash my high beams — is turn my lights off and then back on again several times. But in my experience, it usually takes five or six different cars to get through to someone whose lights are off. So understand, Carol, it's not your sole responsibility to get the message across. It takes a village, in this case.

TOM: You turn your lights off and on, and then another good citizen turns his lights off and on, and so on. And then the guy with his lights off finally says to himself, "Hey, why is

everybody turning their lights off and — d'oh!" That's how the message finally gets through.

RAY: I'd adjust your technique, Carol. But your heart was in the right place. It's just that the lightless guy ahead of you was thinking about the spool of plastic line from his weed whacker that got caught up in the cuff of his trousers and de-pantsed him on the front lawn while a school bus full of teenagers was driving by with their cell-phone cameras, and

now he's the most forwarded video on the Internet. You did what you could, Carol. Rest easy.



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Odds & Ends

■ EAST HARTFORD, Conn. — Officers who pulled a man over for running a red light found a plush Easter bunny stuffed with marijuana in the car, police said.

The man had trouble finding his insurance documents Wednesday and asked to look for them in the back seat, police said.

When he stepped out of the car, the officer smelled marijuana and saw some on the floor, police said. The officer searched the car, found two baggies of marijuana in the glove box and saw the bunny. Inside the stuffed animal, which was holding an Easter basket, they found 16 small plastic bags of pot, police said.

The officer found hundreds of empty baggies and a digital scale, police said.

Ian Lawrence, 25, was charged with possession of marijuana, operating a drug factory, possession with intent to sell within 1,500 feet of a school and motor vehicle charges.

A telephone listing could not be found for Lawrence, of East Hartford.

■ BARABOO, Wis. — A peeping tom seen peering into a second-floor window of a man's apartment fled before the could catch him, but he left a key piece of evidence behind — his ladder.

Matt Edgerton, 24, said he and a date were at home March 24 when he noticed a shadow move across his bedroom window and went to investigate. When he pulled back the curtain, he was face-to-face with a

middle-aged man peering in. "My nose was actually touching the window and it was like, boom! His face was right there," Edgerton said. "It was like a horror movie."

Police Lt. Rob Sinden, who is heading the investigation, said: "The ladder is absolutely in our custody."

Edgerton said the man seemed just as surprised as he when the curtain was pulled open and scrambled down the ladder. Edgerton ran outside, but the man was gone so he called police.

"I tried opening my window to push the ladder over but I couldn't get it open," he said.

Sinden declined to give more details because the investigation is ongoing.

"We have had similar instances in the past, but I cannot say we've ever had an individual use a ladder," he said. "That's an individual who is working very diligently at peeking."

■ AMANDA, Ohio — A substitute teacher's tool for silencing chatty kindergartners — clothespins — doesn't wash with school officials.

Four boys said spring-type clothespins were placed over their upper or lower lips for talking too much in class, Amanda-Clearcreek Primary School principal Mike Johnsen wrote in a letter to parents this week.

Ruth Ann Stoneburner, a retired school nurse who had worked as a substitute for several years, confirmed to Johnsen that she had used the clothespin discipline March

26, he said. Stoneburner will not work again in the Amanda-Clearcreek district and was being reported to the state education department, Superintendent J.B. Dick said Wednesday.

Officials found out about the discipline after a parent complained. The students weren't hurt, but the punishment isn't condoned by the district, Dick said.

Stoneburner could not be reached for comment at phone listings under her last name in Amanda, which is about 25 miles southeast of Columbus.

State education department spokesman J.C. Benton said that while he could not comment on this specific case, the department can suspend or revoke the licenses of teachers that it finds have engaged in unbecoming behavior.

■ NEW CASTLE, Ind. — A cat helped spare a family from death by carbon monoxide poisoning by jumping on the bed and meowing wildly as fumes filled the home, the owners said.

Eric and Cathy Keesling said their 14-year-old cat, Winnie, played a crucial role in saving their lives March 24 after a gasoline-powered water pump in their basement caused the odorless but deadly gas to build up.

About 1 a.m., the domestic shorthair began nudging Cathy's ear and meowing loudly.

"It was a crazy meow, almost like she was screaming," said Cathy, who hesitated

to get up until Winnie's caterwauling and jumping persisted.

When she finally climbed from bed, she realized she was nauseous and dizzy and couldn't awaken her husband. Because he had undergone minor neck surgery the previous day, she decided to call 911 but was so disoriented she had trouble dialing.

Paramedics found the couple's 14-year-old son, Michael, unconscious on the floor near his bedroom. The Keeslings were taken from the home in oxygen masks, treated for carbon monoxide poisoning and soon recovered.

Cathy Keesling said Winnie acted similarly last summer when tornadoes tore through the area, 45 miles east of Indianapolis.

"I really believe cats can sense these kind of things," she said.

■ MISSOURI CITY, Mo. — Joe Selle didn't exactly get voted out of office this week, but he wasn't re-elected, either.

Selle, who was running unopposed for City Council, didn't get any votes at all. Not even one from himself.

Selle, 42, said he simply forgot that Tuesday was election day, and apparently so did Ward 3's other 34 registered voters.

The result was zero votes cast in Selle's race, but the city charter lets him keep the seat

unless someone else is "successfully elected and qualified," the city attorney said.

Selle, a professional musician, was recently appointed to fill a council vacancy and had been seeking a full term.

He said he saw other residents at the school where the voting was held, "but it never

occurred to me that's what they were there for."

"It's pretty small-town stuff down here, man," Selle said of the Missouri River town of about 300 people, 16 miles northeast of Kansas City.

Turnout was better in Ward 2, where two people voted.

Happy Easter
Anthony

We love and miss you!

Love always,
Mom, Dad,
Samantha, Courtney
and all the family

Lagoon

across a book on demons which tells the tale of a fiend and offers plenty of tips on how to spot one. The stage is then set for a climactic set to which actually delivers as Gary and a neighborhood boy who observed one killing (played by the director's son) enter Longfellow's home without an invite and are promptly set upon by the decomposing maniac, who needs a fresh victim to restore his doughy countenance.

What makes this work are the little touches that Dohler brings to the show. He makes Longfellow into a viable monster who has street smarts. The guy may be odd, but he wisely never hunts in his own neighborhood, so you get plenty of scenes of Longfellow heading out to work each morning.

His routine is to scout neighboring burbs and select a victim who he then photographs only to destroy the picture with a sacred dagger after each kill. The ritual is never explained but it lends the proceedings an eerie normalcy. It works as a suspense builder and adds a bit of a jolt to one scene where he gets out his camera just as Marsh is getting home.

Dohler also restrains his non-actors from over-emoting, which results in naturalistic

performances despite the over-the-top plot contortions.

The only drawback here is that Dohler is a shameless self-promoter and even works in a plug for a film book he wrote called "Film Magic." The tome gets numerous mentions and there's even a scene where the father buys three copies, explaining it is an essential tool for the boy's film project. It's a minor criticism, however, as the ambitious Dohler probably felt put upon to also act as the film's publicist.

See this one for the excellent atmosphere and straight forward story. The film is just one of 49 movies available in The Drive-In Classics box set which offers 12 discs of assorted hokum that could get you through the winter months without a second trip to the video store. All that entertainment for under \$20.

Dohler, who passed away in

December, would have been glad to sell you a set.

Best line: "I think you're just picking on him because he plays the violin and you don't like him."

1980, unrated.

Allen

"Naw, I'm just showing the kid how to fish." This usually means the kid is out-fishing him 10 to 1.

And there's the fellow who gazed at a large mounted fish over a bar who, after a couple of drinks, said: "The man who caught that fish is a dang liar." —Ray Lambert, in The Huntington Advertiser.

(Who was it said, "All fishermen are liars but all liars aren't fishermen?")

Happy
16th Birthday
Taber Allen
We love you!
Nene and Uncle Winn

Soup

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"That's right. Pity you won't be able to join us," I added wearing my best sad face while making a mental note to add our girlie golf trip to my calendar now that we had a firm date. Oh, yeah.

FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS COMMUNITY FORUM to MEET AND HEAR CANDIDATES FOR THE NEW PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALSHIP

WHEN: April 10, 2007—6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

WHERE: Prestonsburg High School Cafeteria
Prestonsburg, Kentucky

AGENDA

- I. Explanation of Process by Superintendent6:00 p.m. - 6:05 p.m.
- II. Individual Opening Comments from Candidates 6:05 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.
- III. Social Time with Audience6:20 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- IV. Q & A Session7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
- V. Closing Remarks by Candidates7:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- VI. Closing Remarks by Superintendent8:00 p.m. - Adjourn

The audience may submit written questions of a general professional nature that could be answered by any of the candidates. Written questions will be placed in a container and drawn by the superintendent for reading to the candidates. Candidates will have two (2) minutes to respond to each question.

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New UK coach turned two programs around in previous stops

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — New University of Kentucky men's basketball coach Billy Gillispie brings with him an impressive resume. Gillispie was responsible for turning around the men's basketball programs at both UTEP and Texas A&M. He is the only coach in men's college basketball history to guide the nation's most improved team in consecutive seasons (2003-04 and 2004-05). His 2003-04 UTEP team tied for the nod as most improved team in college basketball history (+18 wins). The

University of Kentucky men's basketball program isn't reeling from a devastating losing season, but the 22-11 record put together in the 2006-07 campaign — head coach Orlando "Tubby" Smith's final season at the Wildcat helm — left much to be desired.

UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart has touted Gillispie's recruiting efforts throughout his coaching career. The new Wildcat head coach put together three straight Top 25 recruiting classes at Texas A&M. Gillispie — who served as an assistant coach at Baylor, Tulsa and Illinois before taking his first job

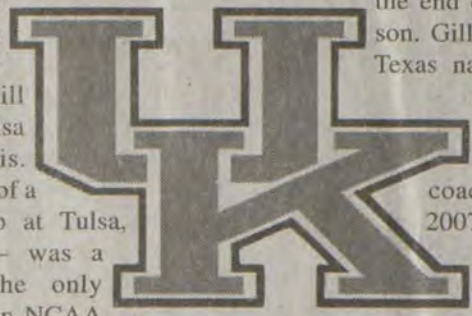
as a head coach — took on the role as a prominent recruiter early on in his coaching career. He was an assistant to head coach Bill Self at both Tulsa and Illinois. Gillispie — part of a closeknit group at Tulsa, then Illinois — was a member of the only coaching staff in NCAA history to lead two different schools to the Elite Eight in back-to-back seasons. Self, Gillispie and Company guided Tulsa to the Elite

Eight in 2000 and Illinois in 2001. Hardware piled up for Gillispie at the end of the recent season. Gillispie, an Abilene, Texas native, was named the 2007 Big 12 Coach of the Year (Big 12 coaches' poll) and 2007 NABC District 9 Coach of the Year. He was a finalist for both the 2007 Naismith National Coach of the Year and Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year. Gillispie's coaching performance

this past season made the athletic directors at many Division I powerhouses take note as he became one of the nation's top rising coaches. He led Texas A&M to 27 wins (the most in school history) in 2006-07. Under Gillispie's watch, A&M compiled three straight 20-win seasons for the first time in history after going 7-21 just three years before.

The Texas A&M program felt Gillispie's impact immediately. In 2004-05, A&M had the best turnaround — in both the nation and school history. The Aggies won 31

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Herrick helps Knights to third-place finish

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PERRY PARK — The Bellarmine University men's golf team shot an 11-over-par 587 to finish third in the Great Lakes Region Spring Invitational, played at the Perry Park GC last weekend.

The Knights finished six shots behind Indianapolis, who won the tournament with a combined total of five-over-par 581. Grand Valley State shot 548 in the two-day event to place second.

Freshman Brooks Herrick, a first-year Bellarmine player from Prestonsburg, fired a 75 on the first day and an 80 on the second for a 155 total. The Prestonsburg High School graduate ranked as Bellarmine's fourth-best golfer. Herrick has played well in his first collegiate season.

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Transy wins Anderson Invitational

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ANDERSON, Ind. — Junior Corey Maggard won medalist honors Monday and teammate Bradley Sutherland was tied for second overall, lifting Transylvania to its sixth tournament title of the season at the Anderson University Invitational.

Transy finished with a 591 total, outdistancing Heartland Conference rival Franklin by 20 shots. The Grizzlies posted a total of 611. Another HCAC team, Hanover, finished third at 626.

Maggard fired a 71 to follow up his opening round 73 to win medalist honors and Sutherland came in with a 75 following his first-round 73 to finish third.

Other Transy second-round scores included a 73 by Alex Rechten for a 155 total, a 74 by Jeremy Chase (153), 77s from Greg Turcotte (150) and freshman Sean Leslie (156) and an 80 by Matt Scott (159).

Maggard finished four shots ahead of Franklin's Justin Ridge

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ALLEN CENTRAL 9, CORDIA 4



photos by Kevin Bellamy

BEATING THE COLD AND CORDIA: The Allen Central softball team posted a hard-fought win over visiting Cordia Thursday evening. Allen Central, the defending 58th District champion, defeated Cordia 9-4. The Lady Rebels are scheduled to host Betsy Layne Monday in a Floyd County Conference/58th District matchup.

HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

SOFTBALL
THURSDAY, APRIL 5
Allen Central 9, Cordia 4
Ashland 12, Symmes Vall., Ohio 7
Clay County 11, Perry Co. Central 9
Harlan 13, Bell County 5
Hazard 7, Jenkins 4
Jackson City 8, Leslie County 5
Letcher Central 9, Knott Central 4
Morgan County 11, Sheldon Clark 6

BASEBALL
Morgan Co. 22, Elliott Co. 0 (3 innings)
15th Region All "A" Classic
Paintsville 10, Sheldon Clark 9
Phelps 11, Betsy Layne 3

Queen City Classic
Leslie County 10, Prestonsburg

15th Region coach to guide East Seniors

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky will host the 2007 KHSBCA (Kentucky High School Baseball Coaches Association) East/West All-Star Games June 23-24. The coaching assignments for each of the All-Star teams have been announced. A 15th Region coach will lead the East Seniors. A 14th Region coach has been tabbed to guide the East Juniors. Specific coaches will be announced at a later date.

The West Seniors will be guided by a 4th Region coach. A coach from the 5th Region will lead the West Juniors.

The junior games will be held at 1 and 4 p.m., respectively, Saturday, June 23. Participating junior players will take part in a workout in front of college coaches and scouts earlier in the

(See SENIORS, page eight)

Gray named Miss Basketball

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

GEORGETOWN — Scott County High School senior guard Rebecca Gray will wear No. 1 when the Kentucky All Stars take on the Indiana All Stars later this year. Gray, a 5-foot-10 guard headed to the University of North Carolina, was named the 2007 Miss Basketball and presented with both the prestigious trophy and No. 1 All Star jersey Thursday during a gathering at Scott County High School. Gray ended her prep career at Scott County with 2,907 points. The UNC signee averaged 25.6 points, 6.3 rebounds, 4.8 assists and 4.2 steals during her senior season. Gray, the Gatorade National Player of the Year, was nearly automatic from the free throw line, hitting 88.9 percent of her shots.

The annual Kentucky-Indiana All-Star basketball games are scheduled for June 16 at Bowling Green and June 23 at Indianapolis.

(See GRAY, page eight)

Nalle inducted into Martial Arts Hall of Fame

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SOMERSET — Kyle Nalle was inducted into the Martial Arts Hall of Fame on Saturday, March 31 in Richmond, Ind. He received the honor of Junior Male Martial Artist of the Year for 2007. Nalle has been involved martial arts for four years, training at the Somerset Karate Academy in Somerset where he received his Black Belt earlier this year in January. The young martial artist has received many gold medals for forms, weapons and sparring. Nalle competes in national competitions and has won numerous medals, trophies and awards.

Nalle is the nine-year-old son of April Hall Nalle (formerly of Hi Hat) and Chris Nalle of Somerset. He is the grandson of Palmer Hall of Hi Hat and the late Arlene Hall Akers of Martin. Bruce and Karen Nalle of Somerset and the late Scarlett Wallen of Tutor Key.



Kyle Nalle was recently inducted into the Martial Arts Hall of Fame. Nalle has studied martial arts for four years.

Matches slated for GFC 13

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Matches have been announced for Gladiator Fighting Championship 20/Hillbilly Havoc II. The event, scheduled for April 20 at the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center, will include many of the area's premier fighters.

Belt matches already scheduled are Juan Cortes vs. Shane McClanahan (135); Kevin Yeary vs. Donny Greathouse (145); Chico Yeary

vs. Adam Mays (155); Chris Love vs. Sean Beller (170); Nathan Moore vs. David Slone (185); Brandon Hall vs. Dean Hamilton (205); Shaun Clifton vs. Aaron Marcum (255) and Correy Harris vs. Donny Lester (Super Heavyweight).

Other matches scheduled are Bones vs. Corey Click; Brandon Howard vs. Jason Wolf; Kyle Steel vs. Donny Perry; and Matthew Reynolds vs. Trevor Butrey.

Additional fighters scheduled to fight during the event include Jonathan Jackson, Raymond Webb, Jason Keen, Jared Newsome, Kenny Kretzer, Nathan SESCO, Joey Sutton, Brandon McGraw, Gary Compton, Chris Walker and Willard Hackworth.

Tickets for GFC XII are \$18 for upper level, \$24 for lower level and \$29 for ringside. Any tickets may be obtained by calling 606/433-1793.



Herrick

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Sophomore Kyle Leach led the Knights, coming just one shot away from earning medalist honors. Leach shot a three-under-par 141 at the par 72 6,732 yard course for a second place finish, one stroke behind Indianapolis' Seth Fair with a four-under-par 140.

Bellarmine junior Thomas Moore had a strong two rounds as well, shooting a 146, to place tied for 11th. Moore shot 77 on day one and then followed with the low score of the second round, shooting a three-under-par 69 on day two.

Bellarmine's strong finish puts them in good position to qualify for the NCAA Regional. The Knights are currently third in the Great Lakes Region, based on the first regional rankings of the spring. Two GLVC schools occupy the spots in front of Bellarmine, as Northern Kentucky is first and Indianapolis is second in the region. Typically the top eight teams in each region advance to the NCAA Championships.

If the Knights are selected for the NCAA, it will be their fifth trip in the last six years.

Transy

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and Sutherland, each of whom were at 148. Turcotte was tied for fourth while Chase was in a tie for eighth. Rehtin tied for 13th and Leslie was in a tie for 17th.

Leslie is in his first season with the Transylvania men's golf program. The Prestonsburg High School graduate is a former 15th Region champion.

Alma finished the event fourth overall at 629, a total matched by Aurora. Manchester ended the event at 632, followed by Rose-Hulman (643), Anderson (652), Vincennes (662), and Mt. St. Joseph (667).

Gray

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Previous Miss Basketball winners have been Arnika Brown, Christian County (2006); Carly Ormerod, Sacred Heart (2005); Crystal Kelly, Sacred Heart (2004); Megan Gearhart, West Carter (2003); Erica Hallman, Holmes (2002); Katie Schwegmann, Brossart (2001); Jenni Benningfield Assumption (2000); Jody Sizemore Leslie County (1999); Beth Vice, Montgomery County (1998); Rachel Byars, Union County (1997); Jaime Walz, Highlands (1996); Ukari Figgs, Scott County (1995); Laurie Townsend, Apollo (1994); Brandi Ashby, Webster County (1993); Becky McKinley, Bullitt East (1992); Ida Bowen, Sheldon Clark (1991); Kim Mays, Knox Central (1990); Lisa Harrison, Southern (1989); Kim Pehlke, Doss (1988); Mary Taylor, Marshall County (1987); Kris Miller, Owensboro Catholic (1986); Brigitte Combs, Whitesburg (1985); Carol Parker, Marshall County (1984); Clemette Haskins, Warren Central (1983); Connie Goins, Western Hills (1982); Lillie Mason, Olmstead (1981); Lisa Collins, Laurel County (1980); Beth Wilkerson, Paris (1979); Irene Moore, Breathitt County (1978); Geri Grigsby, McDowell (1977); Donna Murphy, Newport (1976).

Seniors

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day at 9 a.m. The senior games are slated for Sunday, June 24 at 1 and 4 p.m., respectively.

Players on teams whose coaches are members of the the KHSBCA are eligible to be picked for the All-Star games.

Several area players have participated in the East/West games in previous years.

UK

Big 12 games in three years under Gillispie after posting only 25 victories in the first eight years of Big 12 competition.

Gillispie is a three-time finalist for Naismith National Coach of the Year honors (2004, 2005, 2007). The two-time USBWA

District Coach of the Year (2004 and 2005) guided the 2005 Aggies to an 8-8 record in Big 12 play after finishing 0-16 the previous year.

The newest UK head coach has just over seven months remaining before he guides the Wildcats in his

first game as head coach.

Coaching Career

1982-85: Texas State, graduate assistant
1985-87: Killeen (Texas) HS, assistant coach
1987-88: Copperas Cove (Texas) HS, head coach

1988-90: New Braunfels (Texas) Canyon HS, head coach
1990-93: Killeen (Texas) Ellison HS, head coach
1993-94: South Plains JC, assistant coach/recruiting coordinator
1994-97: Baylor, assistant coach/recruiting coordina-

tor
1997-00: Tulsa, assistant coach
2000-02: Illinois, assistant coach, recruiting coordinator
2002-04: UTEP, head coach
2004-07: Texas A&M, head coach

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Griffey will wear No. 42 on Robinson's anniversary

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI – Ken Griffey Jr. plans to wear No. 42 on April 15, honoring the 60th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking baseball's color barrier.

The Cincinnati Reds outfielder called baseball commissioner Bud Selig and got permission to wear the retired number for the one day. Major League Baseball then invited players on other teams to do the same.

"What I think: If he didn't achieve or didn't overcome the racial tension, would I be wearing this uniform?" Griffey said Wednesday. "Or, when was the next opportunity that an African-American would get a chance to put on another major league uniform if he didn't achieve what he did?"

Baseball plans to honor the anniversary before a game between the San Diego Padres and the Dodgers in Los Angeles. Robinson played his first game for the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 15, 1947.

Griffey wore No. 42 on the 50th anniversary, and thought it would be appropriate to do it again. Baseball retired the number 10 years ago as a

way of honoring Robinson's contribution to the game.

"I called Bud because it is retired, and we talked about it for a few minutes," Griffey said. "He said he'd call me back. He just wanted to make sure it was OK with everybody. It was."

"Usually when you get a call from somebody, (it's because) you're in trouble. But in this case, it was just a nice, good conversation about honoring somebody who did so much for the game of baseball."

Griffey wore No. 24 during his 11 seasons in Seattle. He switched to No. 30 – his father's number – when he was traded before the 2000 season to Cincinnati. Tony Perez's No. 24 has been retired by the Reds.

Griffey switched to No. 3 last season before the World Baseball Classic so his father, Ken Sr., could wear his old number as a coach in the international competition. Griffey continues to wear No. 3.

During his phone conversation with Selig, the commissioner raised the idea of allowing other players to wear No. 42.

"He asked me did I mind?" Griffey said. "I said no. I think everybody should be able to wear it, whoever wants to wear that number."

Yankees reliever Mariano Rivera is the only active major leaguer still allowed to wear No. 42 on a regular basis.

Selig expects players on other teams to follow Griffey's example.

"This is a wonderful gesture on Ken's part and a fitting tribute to the great Jackie Robinson and one, I believe, that all clubs will eagerly endorse," Selig said in a statement. "Jackie continues to be an inspiration to all of our players, and his impact will be felt for as long as our game is played."

Every game on April 15 will honor Robinson in some way. The Reds are playing the Cubs in Chicago that day.

MILTON ON TARGET: Left-hander Eric Milton threw to some of the Reds' hitters before Wednesday's game, leaving him on track to return from the disabled list this weekend.

Milton had to be scratched from an appearance in an exhibition game on Saturday, March 31 and was placed on the 15-day disabled list a day later. The move was retroactive to March 23, so he's eligible to be activated this weekend.

"We'll reevaluate and see how he goes," manager Jerry Narron said. "Hopefully he'll be ready to start on Sunday."

MORE CHEMO FOR NUXHALL: Broadcaster Joe Nuxhall is starting another round of chemotherapy this week for a recurrence of cancer.

Nuxhall's left leg is swollen from four tumors. He was first diagnosed with prostate cancer in February 1992 and has been fighting the disease in recent years.

An examination in February found that the cancer had returned, and doctors started him on chemotherapy. The 78-year-old Nuxhall isn't sure how long he'll be on chemotherapy.

"They don't even know," he said. "It depends on how long it takes to get rid of these things. I guess I just have to wait it out. That's what they tell me. It could take a couple of months. It doesn't hurt or anything, so that's good."

Nuxhall is the youngest player to appear in the major leagues during the modern era. He was 15 when he pitched for the Reds on June 10, 1944, helping to fill out their roster during World War II.

The left-hander spent 15 of his 16 big league seasons with the Reds, and became a broadcaster after he retired.

Lucas Oil LM Dirt Series 2006 season recap show on SPEED

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series will return to SPEED Channel today with the 2006 season recap show. The program will highlight the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series events that were shown on SPEED this past winter. The recap show will air today at 8 a.m./Eastern/7 a.m. Central.

The Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series telecasts on SPEED feature in-depth driver profiles, exciting in-car camera footage and wheel-to-wheel action from the 2006 Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series schedule

in which Earl Pearson, Jr. of Jacksonville, Fla., claimed his second consecutive Series Championship. The coverage of the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series is a great opportunity for race teams, promoters and sponsors to reach new fans across the country.

SPEED, which celebrated its 10th Anniversary in 2006, is the nation's first and foremost cable network dedicated to motorsports and the passion for everything from racing to restoration, motorcycles to movies, SPEED delivers quality programming from the track to the garage. SPEED Channel is now available in over 70 million house-

holds in North America. SPEED is among the fastest growing sports cable and capped off 2006 with the highest ratings in network history.

SPEED is available through cable systems nationwide, DISH Network (Channel 150), and DIRECT TV (Channel 607). The Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series has agreed to a three-year agreement with SPEED to show up to 40 tape delayed events over that time period.

The Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series is off to a fast start in 2007 with seven events already in the books with seven different event winners. Billy Moyer of Batesville, Ark., is the latest driver to win a

Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series event with his win at the Brownstown (Ind.) Speedway March 31. Other drivers who have been victorious with the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series in this season include Rick Aukland (Zanesville, Ohio), Pearson, Tim Dohm (Cross Lanes, W.Va.), Shannon Babb (Moweaqua, Ill.), Steve Shaver (Vienna, W.Va.) and Scott Bloomquist (Mooresburg, Tenn.).

The next Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series event will take place on Saturday, April 14 at the Tazewell Speedway in Tazewell, Tenn., paying \$10,000 to win.

Designer of University of Illinois' controversial Chief Illiniwek logo wants it back

by DAVID MERCER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. – The man who created the Chief Illiniwek logo for the University of Illinois – which

depicts a controversial mascot that the school recently retired – wants it back, 27 years later.

But the board of trustees said last week that it would retain ownership of the circular, orange-and-blue logo, even though it decided to stop using the chief's image, name and regalia.

An attorney for Champaign graphic artist Jack Davis sent a letter to the university on March 14 asking for the return of the logo.

Davis said he sold the logo to the university in 1980 for \$210. According to the letter from attorney Robert Auler, Davis "offered" the logo for the university's use "as long as it would be used as a permanent symbol of Illinois athletics."

In a written response, the university asked for documents supporting Davis' claim and said it believes Davis has no right to the logo.

Reached at his office Thursday by The Associated Press, Davis

declined to comment further. Messages left at Auler's office were not returned.

The logo, licensed to makers of T-shirts and other merchandise, has generated hundreds of thousands of dollars a year for the university, school officials have said.

The university did away with its mascot after two years of NCAA sanctions. Some American Indians and other activists saw Chief Illiniwek as demeaning.



WINNING AT HOME: The Allen Central Lady Rebel bats heated up Thursday evening when Cordia visited for an early season game.



BELOW: Tyson Copley, Amber Hayden, Josh Scott and Scott Fee were recognized Friday, March 30 at a testing session at the Family Academy of Martial Arts Prestonsburg class. Copley and Hayden received their 5th Gup Green Belt with Blue Stripe. Scott and Fee received their 8th Gup Yellow Belt.



LEFT: HONORED: Recent Martial Arts Hall of Fame inductee Kyle Nalle has relatives living in both Floyd and Johnson counties.

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RETURNING TO THE BIG EAST: Huggins leaves Kansas State for West Virginia

by STEVE BRISENDINE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State gave Bob Huggins a second chance.

So did West Virginia, the school Huggins spurned five years ago.

Huggins took them both, a year apart. On Thursday, he resigned to become the Mountaineers' basketball coach after one season with Kansas State.

Although administrators thanked Huggins for turning around the Wildcats' fortunes, they weren't too happy about his dash out of town.

"Bob is a good guy. I think he made a bad decision, but he is a good person," athletic director Tim Weiser said. "He was great to work with. He is much different than I think he is portrayed as being."

Huggins flew from Manhattan to Charleston, W.Va., on Thursday evening. Upon his arrival, he got into a car without speaking to reporters. He said late Thursday in a news release that he took the job because he wanted to come home.

"I'm incredibly happy to be coming back to West Virginia," he said. "I left a great situation at Kansas State

with wonderful people who are as close to West Virginia people as you can get."

Huggins replaces John Beilein, who left the Mountaineers on Tuesday to become Michigan's coach.

"You should know that we moved heaven and earth to keep Bob Huggins here," school president Jon Wefald said. "Tim in effect said, 'You tell us what your salary should be. Whatever West Virginia is offering, we will match it and then some. Same for the assistant coaches.'"

Huggins told Weiser and Wefald of his decision Wednesday night, after returning from Cincinnati.

"I asked him, 'Bob, do you think leaving now is the right thing to do?' And he said, 'No,'" Weiser said. "Then I said, 'How many times in your life have you known what the right thing is to do and not done it?' And he said, 'Never.'"

West Virginia athletic director Ed Pastilong said school officials were delighted that Huggins was returning to his alma mater.

"I am so happy to have Bob Huggins back at West Virginia,"

Pastilong said in the news release. "Bob's record speaks for itself."

Huggins was born in Morgantown, W.Va., although he grew up in Ohio. He played his last two college seasons for the Mountaineers and holds bachelor's and master's degrees from West Virginia, where he was a graduate assistant for the 1977-78 season.

Before arriving at Kansas State, Huggins coached for 16 seasons at Cincinnati, leading the Bearcats to 14 consecutive NCAA tournaments and one Final Four. He stayed on despite a massive heart attack in 2003 — missing only two weeks before returning to the team — but couldn't overcome other issues.

His arrest and conviction for drunken driving in 2004 upset president Nancy Zimpher, and he was forced to resign over issues that included players' arrests, suspensions and low graduation rates.

Huggins was out of coaching for a year before he was hired at Kansas State. Had the school known he would be gone again so soon, Wefald said, he wouldn't have been the Wildcats' coach at all.

"If Bob had indicated to us about a year ago this time that he needed something in his contract about his alma mater, then we would have gone on," Wefald said. "We would have looked at somebody else."

Huggins' contract requires him to pay Kansas State \$100,000 for leaving early.

Given that Beilein's paying a lot of money to leave West Virginia, Weiser said he anticipated criticism for not including a similarly hefty penalty in Huggins' contract.

"I'm sitting here and looking at a \$2.5 million buyout that John Beilein had," Weiser said. "Boy, that did a lot of good, didn't it?"

Weiser also said he would not consider granting releases to Huggins' recruiting class — considered one of the nation's best with 6-foot-9 Michael Beasley — until a new coach has been hired.

Huggins' arrival in Manhattan last spring injected a massive dose of enthusiasm into a program that had fallen into mediocrity with the creation of the Big 12 Conference.

Bramlage Coliseum saw its first season-ticket sellout since the doors opened in 1987, and fans sported purple T-shirts reading "Welcome to

Huggieville" — a play on Huggins' name and the Aggieville bar district near campus.

Those shirts now read "Welcome to Traitorville," with the "Huggie" part crossed out.

"We just started selling those about an hour ago, and we've already sold at least 10 of them," said Katelynn Hasler, a Kansas State junior working at Ballard's Sporting Goods in Aggieville.

Kansas State went 23-12 this season, two wins shy of the school single-season record for victories. The Wildcats were 10-6 in the Big 12, their best finish since the conference formed in 1996. Still, they did not make the NCAA tournament, settling instead for a NIT bid.

At least one fan was grateful for the success.

"I can't say I didn't think it would be a tough thing for him to decide, but I think the program here at K-State is going to benefit a lot from having him around for just a year," sophomore Sam Arends said. "If that's his decision, then that's his decision."

Associated Press Writer Brian Farkas in Charleston, W.Va., contributed to this report.



Bobby Huggins

Tennessee gets seventh national title with win over Rutgers

by TOM WITHERS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — As the party wore down in the wee hours Wednesday, Pat Summitt was faced with a tough decision: Get a couple hours of sleep or break down videotape of Tennessee's win over Rutgers. She opted for bed.

"I did not watch tape," she said. "That might be a first."

A few hours after closing her eyes, Summitt was awakened by a phone call — from President Bush.

Ah, to be a national champion. Again.

Ending a nine-year drought between NCAA titles with a swarming defense and relentless rebounding, Tennessee beat Rutgers 59-46 on Tuesday night, giving the Lady Vols and their Hall of Fame coach a seventh national championship.

The standard of excellence in women's college basketball, Tennessee hadn't won it all since 1998, losing twice in the semifinals and to Connecticut in the title game in 2000, 2003 and 2004.

The Lady Vols would not be denied this time.

"Our banner's going to be in the rafters forever," said a smiling All-American Candace Parker, who scored 17 points. "We've left our mark."

Back in January, Tennessee's players signed a pact, promising each other to give everything they had for the rest of the season. Now, their names will be permanently etched into the school's record books.

These Lady Vols, like so many before them, made history.

"This has been a team that has been a joy to coach," said a bleary-eyed Summitt, clutching a cup of coffee at Wednesday's news conference. "This is a team that had a great passion for getting it right. This group will always be very special to me. They took ownership of what they wanted to do. They coached themselves. I thought this team was really a team."

Tennessee arrived in the home of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame intent on leaving with more than a souvenir T-shirt. And they're heading back to Knoxville with another trophy for the display case, and a pledge from Parker that she'll be back for her junior season.

"C'mon," she said. "Why wouldn't I? I'll be back wearing orange next year. I'm coming back to Tennessee."

It might be premature to start thinking about title No. 8. But with the majority of her players back and a crew of high school All-Americans on their way to Knoxville, Summitt, whose seven titles are second only to John Wooden's 10, is positioned to make another run.

Summitt, though, knows all too well how difficult it is to win consecutive championships.

"It's very difficult to repeat," she said. "It will be interesting to see what this team does in the offseason. That's when championships are won."

After cutting down the nets and hoisting the championship trophy on

Tuesday night, Summitt insisted this crown wasn't any sweeter than Tennessee's six others.

"This is not about winning No. 7," she said. "This is about this team winning its first. For me, it was all about helping this team. And that's why I said we're not leaving here without a national championship."

The Lady Vols wanted this title — badly. Almost from the outset, they outworked the young Scarlet Knights (27-9), who waited until the final game of an improbable tournament run to show their inexperience.



Pat Summitt

"Maybe we read the headlines or realized it was a national championship game," said Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer, denied a first championship in her first visit since taking Cheney to the title game 25 years ago. "We looked like a deer stuck in headlights."

The Scarlet Knights were brutalized under the basket as the Lady Vols grabbed 24 offensive rebounds — 10 by Nicky Anosike — and couldn't get into an offensive flow.

"Nothing was clicking," forward Heather Zurich said. "We weren't getting rebounds. We weren't playing the defense we've been playing the whole season. It just didn't look like we wanted it at the beginning. It's just frustrating to go out like this."

After building a 16-point lead and then holding off a late push by Rutgers, the Lady Vols spent the final 30 seconds dribbling out the clock. When the final horn sounded,

Dominique Redding flung the ball high enough to hit the scoreboard as Tennessee's players, some in tears, danced at midcourt as orange, blue and gold confetti fell on them from above.

"I can't even describe it," Parker said. "It's something I've dreamed of since I was a little kid."

A few months back, it was Anosike, a junior forward who wrote down a plan for success in a document she titled "Lady Vols Pact."

Against the Scarlet Knights, she followed one of Summitt's doctrines.

"Coach said before the game, 'Offense sells tickets, defense wins games and rebounding wins championships,'" said Anosike, who finished with 16 rebounds. "That really stuck with me."

Beforehand, Parker felt she had to win a title to be mentioned along with Chamique Holdscraw, Tamika Catchings and Bridgette Gordon — three of the best to play in Knoxville. Shannon Bobbitt scored 13 points — nine coming on a flurry of three 3-pointers in the second half — Sidney Spencer had 11 points and reserve Alberta Auguste 10.

Kia Vaughn had 20 points and 10 rebounds to pace Rutgers. But the Scarlet Knights made far too many mistakes (18 turnovers) and didn't have enough firepower to challenge down the stretch.

Several times, Stringer put her hands to her head in disbelief at what she was seeing. She had had called her senior-less squad of five freshmen, three juniors and two sophomores, a "team of destiny."

As it turned out, only Tennessee will leave fulfilled.

"This was no doubt the most rewarding year I've had," said Stringer, who thinks her team will learn from the experience. "We would like to come back next year, but it's not that simple."

Trailing by 11 at halftime, Rutgers, trying to become the lowest-seeded team to win the women's tourney, settled down early in the second half by matching Tennessee's intensity and closed to 35-28 on Vaughn's putback with 13:33 left.

That's when Bobbitt, a 5-foot-2 bundle of New York City playground moves and energy, hit the first of three 3-pointers in a span of 2:43. The first came after two offensive rebounds by the Lady Vols.

After a Rutgers turnover, Bobbitt drained another 3. As the Scarlet Knights brought the ball up, Bobbitt was waiting. She forced a turnover that led to a layup by Alexis Hornbuckle, and for the first time all evening, Tennessee's fans sensed this might be the Lady Vols' night.

They were feeling even better one minute later when Bobbitt hit another 3.

And later, after Summitt climbed a ladder to snip the final strand of net from the rim, the orange-clad faithful screamed as one, releasing nine years of pent up frustration at not seeing their Lady Vols reign supreme.

But now all is right on Rocky Top.

"This was a team that did not want to be denied," Summitt said. "They did what they had to do to make it happen."

Morehead State Univeristy celebrates National STUDENT-Athlete Day

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Hundreds of events around the nation, including several at Morehead State University, marked Friday as the 20th Annual National STUDENT-Athlete Day.

In recognition of the day, the MSU Office of Athletics, in conjunction with the Student Athlete Advisory Council, invited all MSU faculty and staff to a free admission day at the ballparks. The MSU baseball and softball teams played games

against Tennessee Tech University squads.

"It is such an honor to have the quality student-athletes that we have at MSU," said Senior Woman Administrator Melissa Dunn. "We attribute the success of our student-athletes in the classroom to the faculty and staff of MSU."

Also recognized as part of National Student-Athlete Day were Rowan County 4-H members who received the Steve Hamilton Shooting Award and Scholarship.

These individuals were on hand along with Mrs. Shirley Hamilton for a special presentation between baseball games.

National STUDENT-Athlete Day honors student-athletes and the network of parents, coaches, teachers and school systems that make it possible for young people to strike a balance between academic and athletic achievement. The day, established by the National Consortium for Academics & Sports and Northeastern University's Center for

the Study of Sport in Society, was co-sponsored by the NCAA and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

Richard Lapehick, Director of the Center for the Study of Sport in Society, said "Over the last 15 years, National STUDENT-Athlete Day has grown to enormous proportions with 2,224,692 student-athletes being honored nationwide since 1997. It has truly become America's Day to honor student-athletes."



COLLEGE BASEBALL SPOTLIGHT: Alice Lloyd College senior Trenton VanHoose leads the Eagle baseball team as one of its top hitters.

Herrick finishes second at Parkside Invite

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COLUMBUS, Ind. — The Bellarmine University men's golf team shot nine-over-par 585 in the Parkside Invitational at Otter Creek Golf Course on March 24 to finish in third place, just three strokes behind tournament host Wisconsin-Parkside.

UW-Parkside shot six-over-par 582 to place first, while Indianapolis came in with a two-day total of eight-over-par 584 to finish second.

The Knights had four players finish in the top 25 of the 82 player field, with freshman Brooks Herrick (Prestonsburg) leading the way,

Herrick, a Prestonsburg High School graduate, completed his first round tied for third, just one shot out of the lead after firing a two-under par 70, at the par 72 6,897 yard golf course. With the course playing much tougher on day two, Herrick shot 75, to finish tied for second with a combined score of one-over-par 145, just one shot behind tournament medalist Chris Clemens of Indianapolis.

Bellarmine senior Chris York and junior Thomas Moore each shot three-over-par 147 to tie for 11th.

Sophomore Kyle Leach got off to a fast start for the Knights shooting a one-under par 71 in the first round, but followed with a 79 on day two of the tournament to finish tied for 25th.



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A bump, but no run, as drivers adjust to new car

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Two races featuring the new Car of Tomorrow — two thrilling drag races to the finish line.

Both finishes, however, came at the expense of the rough-and-tumble short-track racing that fans desire, leaving many to wonder if this new NASCAR-designed car might have inadvertently robbed drivers of the ability to pull off the beloved bump-and-run pass.

That or Jeff Gordon has gone soft. Gordon certainly will receive his share of the criticism, particularly after he failed to move teammate Jimmie Johnson out of his way in the closing laps of Sunday's race at Martinsville Speedway. Gordon tried lap after lap, finally pushing Johnson slightly aside when the checkered flag was in sight.



Jeff Gordon

But Gordon couldn't get past his door as Johnson beat him to the finish line for his third victory in six races.

Gordon, meanwhile, settled for his third second-place finish this year.

That's not the Jeff Gordon of old, a driver who used his share of bump-and-runs to rack up four championships and 75 victories.

So why didn't Gordon just bash Johnson out of his way and scoot on by for the victory?

The short answer is he tried, hitting Johnson over and over in the final few laps.

"The bumps kept getting progressively stronger, and the last few may have set off the air bag in a street car," Johnson said. "The last one just moved me clean up the track."

When they all failed to move Johnson enough, Gordon knew he was in trouble.

"Without wrecking him, there was no way I was going to get it done. And

I didn't get it done," he said.

But Johnson wasn't convinced Gordon could have done any more.

"I don't know how he could have hit me any harder," Johnson said. "I literally would put my head back against my seat and wait for it."

The long answer is the Car of Tomorrow hindered Gordon's ability to execute a maneuver that had rarely — if ever — failed him before. See last July in Chicago, when he bumped Matt Kenseth out of the way. Or in 1997 and again in 2002 when he used the move on Rusty Wallace at Bristol.

The difference now is in the design of the COT, which debuted two weeks ago at Bristol Motor Speedway. The rear bumpers on the new cars have been lowered, while the front bumper has been raised. When a trailing car hits a car in the back now, the contact is square, and the leading car isn't lifted off the track.

"I think with the new car, it's going to take some learning that it is going to take a little bit different tactics," said

competition director Robin Pemberton. "When they used to hit nose-to-tail, the front of the car would put the rear wheels up in the air. Now, it won't lift the wheels up."

That's going to take some getting used to by everyone, including Gordon, who learned the dreaded "aero push" might have returned with the COT.

That term is a dirty word in NASCAR, where drivers spent the better part of the past five years complaining that it ruined the races. An effect of a lack of downforce on the front of the car, the aero push guides it to the wall and spoils handling — particularly in traffic.

The COT was supposed to eliminate the aero push via its adjustable front-end splitter and rear wing, both designed to better control the air flow between cars.

But drivers have struggled with handling in the first two COT events.

"It was a little bit harder to pass," Gordon acknowledged. "Yeah, I

couldn't drive in as deep (into the corners), but those are all the things you expect with this car. We just got to get used to it."

There's plenty of time for that, as the COT will be raced in 14 more events. NASCAR's watching how it reacts in different situations and won't shy from making necessary adjustments.

The sanctioning body changed height and weight requirements following the first race. After foam padding in Kevin Harvick's car melted Sunday, NASCAR plans to mandate use of a steel plate to protect the foam from heat exposure.

The carbon monoxide leaks that plagued the Bristol race were fixed when NASCAR advised teams to use sturdier — and heavier — materials in their exhaust systems.

So expect more adjustments as the season progresses. Some might help and some might hurt. Some might even bring the bump-and-run back into play.

Pettys, Rudd favor NASCAR franchising

by HANK KURZ Jr.
ASSOCIATED PRESS

As a car owner whose teams are struggling to keep up with multicar megateams, seven-time champion Richard Petty has a solution to guarantee those who built NASCAR stick around: franchising.

"I don't know if I'll live long enough to see it or not, but it will probably happen someday," said the man still widely referred to as 'The King.' "I think the only thing in my mind that keeps NASCAR from becoming a completely legitimate, major league with golfing or football or baseball or whatever is being franchised."

He's not alone. Son Kyle, who runs the two-car Petty Enterprises entry in the Nextel Cup series and drives one of the cars, and veteran Ricky Rudd said it's time NASCAR give back to its teams.

Rudd, like Kyle Petty, understands the situation as a driver and as an owner.

"From an owner standpoint, I was pushing for franchising years ago when I had my teams because, at the end of the day, we spent millions of dollars and we had an auction and got 10 cents on the dollars for all our parts," he said this week at Richmond International Raceway, where he was testing his car for Robert Yates Racing.

"It was sort of a sad situation because you work, you put all that

sweat into it, but it doesn't really get you anything," Rudd said. "It gives you a business for today but no planning for the future. Man, I'm so tickled that I'm not an owner right now."

The Pettys are, and they're having a tough time. They haven't won a race since 1999 at Martinsville Speedway and have just three victories since the 1983 season. Longtime racing team the Wood Brothers is also struggling, winning five times since the 1983 season.

NASCAR's vice president of racing operations, Steve O'Donnell, said the governing body has considered franchising and discussed it with team owners.

"The challenge is 'what does a franchise mean?' in our sport and how can it benefit everyone?" O'Donnell said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

"We are different than the stick and ball sports. Competition, not contracts, dictates whether teams compete week in and week out," he said. "So far, no model has been developed to ensure that the need to perform would remain a team's priority."

"True, side by side competition is at the root of NASCAR," he said, "and it's important to be maintained."

That's a week-to-week concern for some struggling teams.

Although Petty driver Bobby

Labonte is 22nd in points and guaranteed a spot in the next race, Kyle Petty is dangerously close to the top 35 cutoff for such guarantees — he's 32nd. The Wood Brothers are outside that top 35.

As a driver, Kyle Petty said the 43 fastest cars should make the field.

"In the business world, there's a totally different set of rules," he said. "Call it sweat equity. We put 60 years in here, and we deserve something back for their 50 years."

Rudd, who spent three seasons racing for the Wood Brothers, said he sympathizes, citing the experience of former Daytona 500 champion Ward Burton who returned full time this season.

"I wouldn't want to be in his position for anything, but all of us in this garage area could be very easily," Rudd said of Burton, who has failed to qualify for four of the first six races driving for Morgan-McClure Motorsports, Burton's 47th in points, 273 behind No. 35 Johnny Sauter.

"You just wouldn't believe the way it is for the car owner, the team, the driver, everybody," he said of the stress. "The whole mentality when you go to the race track and you're in the top 35 is completely different than if you're 35th or 36th."

Fans show support for BMS in Fox poll

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Bristol Motor Speedway's NASCAR events, where NEXTEL Cup races have sold out dating back to August of 1982, have long been the hottest tickets in the sport. Now, in a recent television poll conducted by FOX, the concrete oval has been voted the overwhelming favorite among fans when it comes to short track action.

In the AT&T/Cingular Virtual Crew Chief Poll conducted during the FOX telecast of the NASCAR

event from Martinsville Sunday, as well as on foxsports.com, the World's Fastest Half-Mile has no competition when it comes to popularity among fans.

Fans were asked what their favorite short track was during the telecast and the finals numbers had Bristol with 80 percent of the vote while Richmond and Martinsville split the final 20 percent. On the online poll, still being conducted on Monday, BMS led the voting with 83 percent of the votes with the remainder of the votes shared by

Richmond and Martinsville.

Although FOX did not announce the total number of fans who voted during the telecast, the race was watched by approximately nine million viewers, according to FOX officials. More than 15,000 had voted in the online poll by Monday morning.

NASCAR returns to Bristol Motor Speedway for the August night races with the Sharpie 500 on Aug. 25, preceded by the Food City 250 on Aug. 24 and the O'Reilly 200 Craftsman Truck Series event on Aug. 22.

NBS race to be simulcast through ESPN360.com

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SPARTA — ESPN will provide a live online simulcast of the June 16 "Meijer 300 Presented by Oreo" through ESPN360.com.

Event coverage also will include simulcasts of ESPN2's pre-race programming, including NASCAR Countdown.

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Sports" also will deliver live online simulcasts of the 26 remaining ESPN2 NASCAR Busch Series telecasts beginning with the Nashville Superspeedway event April 7. Superspeedway.

ESPN360.com's live coverage will be integrated directly into the ESPN.com RaceCast, allowing fans with access to ESPN360.com to not only watch the live race Webcast, but

also follow the in-race animated graphic display and get track information, lap leaders, race leaders, driver stats and live chat with ESPN NASCAR contributor Tim Cowlshaw throughout the race.

ESPN360.com is available at no charge to consumers in more than 15 million homes nationwide, via high-speed Internet connections provided by ESPN affiliated service providers.

Bristol Dragway to replace launching pad

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Bristol Dragway officials have announced that the first 190 feet of the track — or the concrete launching pad — will be replaced before the O'Reilly NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals, May 18-20.

After extensive asphalt resurfacing and grinding in the off-season to ensure the best possible track surface for 2007, issues arose with the concrete portion of the track during Friday's Test & Tune session for bracket racers. Due to those concerns, all events scheduled for the month of April have been postponed. Action is

expected to continue in Thunder Valley on May 3 with a Street Fights event.

Bristol Motor Speedway and Dragway president and general manager Jeff Byrd believes postponing events for the next several weeks is essential in continuing efforts to maintain Bristol Dragway's status as one of the premier facilities in the country.

"We had an issue with the surface of the drag strip and instead of waiting for it to get worse we decided to be proactive and fix it now," he said. "We have a long drag racing season ahead of us and a national event coming up in mid-May and it was impor-

tant to correct this now and do it right.

"Sometimes you don't know how a track comes through a winter until you start racing and that's what happened in this case. While it is inconvenient that it happened, it's fortunate that it happened now so that we have chance to take care of it before we get deep into the season."

Scheduled events postponed by the resurfacing project include the World Footbrake Challenge, the High School Nationals and several Street Fights and Sunoco Thunder Valley Shoot Outs races. All efforts will be made to reschedule the events later this year.



TEST TIME: Dale Jarrett tested at Kentucky Speedway in late-March. Jarrett and his Michael Waltrip Racing teammates continue to struggle behind the wheel of their Toyotas.

2007 NASCAR Nextel Cup Schedule/Results

Feb. 10 — x-Budweiser Shootout, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Tony Stewart)
Feb. 18 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Kevin Harvick)
Feb. 25 — Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif. (Matt Kenseth)
March 11 — UAW-Daimler Chrysler 400 (Jimmie Johnson)
March 18 — Kobalt Tools 500, Hampton, Ga. (Jimmie Johnson)
March 25 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kyle Busch)
April 1 — Goody's 500, Martinsville, Va. (Jimmie Johnson)
April 15 — Samsung 500, Fort Worth, Texas.
April 21 — Subway Fresh Fit 500, Avondale, Ariz.
April 29 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala.
May 5 — Crown Royal 400, Richmond, Va.
May 12 — Dodge Avenger 500, Darlington, S.C.
May 19 — x-NASCAR Nextel All-Star Challenge, Concord, N.C.
May 27 — Coca Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
June 3 — Dover 400, Dover, Del.
June 10 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.
June 17 — Citizens Bank 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
June 24 — Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
July 1 — LENOX Industrial Tools 300, Loudon, N.H.
July 7 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 15 — USG Sheetrock 400, Joliet, Ill.
July 29 — Allstate 400 at the Brickyard, Indianapolis.
Aug. 5 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 12 — NEXTEL Cup at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.

Aug. 19 — 3M Performance 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 25 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 2 — TBA, Fontana, Calif.
Sept. 8 — Chevy Rock-and-Roll 400, Richmond, Va.
Sept. 16 — Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 23 — Dover 400, Dover, Del.
Sept. 30 — Kansas 400, Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 7 — UAW-Ford 500, Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 13 — Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.
Oct. 21 — Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.
Oct. 28 — Georgia 500, Hampton, Ga.
Nov. 4 — Dickies 500, Fort Worth, Texas.
Nov. 11 — Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 18 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.
x-non-points race

Driver Standings
1. Jeff Gordon, 966
2. Jeff Burton, 938
3. Jimmie Johnson, 906
4. Matt Kenseth, 836
5. Kyle Busch, 804
6. Denny Hamlin, 776
7. Clint Bowyer, 751
8. Tony Stewart, 726
9. Carl Edwards, 710
10. Kevin Harvick, 687
11. Dale Earnhardt, Jr., 677
12. Jamie McMurray, 650
13. David Stremme, 645
14. Elliott Sadler, 639
15. Mark Martin, 629
16. Juan Pablo Montoya, 625
17. Kurt Busch, 624
18. J.J. Yeley, 616
19. David Ragan, 589
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BREAKING THE ICE: Veteran Late Model driver Billy Moyer broke the ice on Saturday, March 31, winning the 10th Annual Indiana Icebreaker at Brownstown Speedway.

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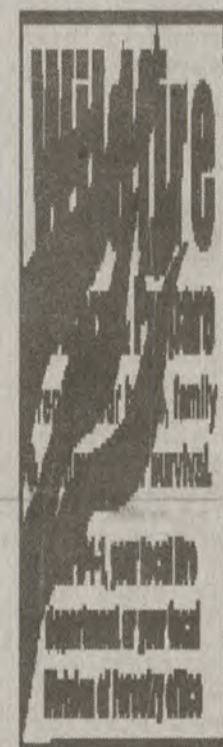
Notice is hereby given that Karen Crum, P.O. Box 1148, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to place a small dirt fill, and place a permanent bridge crossing over Middlecreek. The site is approximately 4.50 miles west of Prestonsburg, in Floyd County, Kentucky. Comments or objections concerning this application should be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone (502) 564-3410.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Parsons Branch Development, 43 Village Street, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for Phase III bond release on Increments 1, 2, and 3 of permit number 836-0302 which was last issued on July 7, 2004. The application covers an area of approximately 1.68 acres located 3.0 miles southwest of Harold in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 0.7 miles west from KY Route 979's junction with Parsons Branch Road. The latitude is 37° 30' 07". The longitude is 82° 39' 35". The bond now in effect for Increment #1 is a Letter of Credit for \$6,100. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$6,100 is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment

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A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for May 28, 2007, at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by May 27, 2007.



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