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In brief

Miners claim sex harassment

The Associated Press

WHITESBURG — Two coal miners filed a sexual harassment lawsuit on Friday against an eastern Kentucky coal company.

Charles Scott Howard and Ralph Shuffler claim that they suffered in a "hostile and abusive work environment" while mining underground at the Cumberland River Coal Co.'s Band Mill No. 2 mine in Letcher County.

Calls to Cumberland River Coal's parent company, St. Louis-based Arch Coal, were not immediately returned Friday.

Howard and Shuffler say that for nearly two years, they endured lewd behavior and vulgar sexual language by a mine supervisor on almost a daily basis, according to the lawsuit.

Howard had his schedule changed to avoid encounters with the supervisor. Shuffler couldn't concentrate due to the supervisor's behavior, the lawsuit said.

The supervisor was terminated after the two miners filed a complaint with the company, according to the lawsuit.

The miners say they suffered emotional distress from the alleged sexual harassment. They are seeking an unspecified amount of compensatory and punitive damages.

Fletcher calls special session for Monday

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher signed an executive order on Friday calling lawmakers back to the Capitol for a special legislative session to consider approving tax breaks for a proposed \$3 billion coal gasification plant.

The order came after weeks of negotiations on a proposal aimed at

convincing Peabody Energy to build the massive plant in the state. The session will reconvene at 4 p.m. EDT on Monday.

House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, said lawmakers are eager to get to work on the incentives, which are part of a broad energy package that promotes the use of renewable energy and includes a directive to convert at least half of the state's fleet of motor vehicles to cars that run on alter-

native fuels.

"We've worked very hard on the issue, and we're pleased with the bill," Richards said. "I think as people realize what's in it that they will like it."

The dollar value of a proposed incentives package intended to land the plant would be substantial, but lawmakers say they are not certain of the actual amount.

Legislative leaders have agreed to provide financial incentives for all

qualifying companies that build alternative fuel facilities. Early estimates put the value of the proposed Peabody incentives at \$300 million.

"I don't think it will be as rich as was originally proposed, but it will be real close," said state Sen. Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, one of the primary architects of the proposal.

However, House Majority Floor

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AFTER THE STORM



photo by Jessica Hale

Severe storms which roared through the area Thursday night produced very damaging winds and short bursts of heavy downpours. This tree apparently couldn't handle the fierce winds and fell onto some power lines in the yard of one Prestonsburg resident. Despite the severity of the storms, Floyd County was largely spared. Although over 6,000 people lost power across Eastern Kentucky, no outages were reported in Floyd County.

Former ethics official blames politics for dismissal

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A decision to end an ethics investigation of Gov. Ernie Fletcher was based on politics, a former member of the Executive Branch Ethics Commission said.

"From my position there have been numerous decisions within the past year which have been partisan action, or inaction," said Cynthia Stone, a Louisville attorney whose term expired last month.

Stone, a Democrat, said that included the investigation into whether Fletcher violated ethical rules in his handling of personnel decisions. Fletcher, a Republican, is seeking re-

election in November against Democratic challenger Steve Beshear.

John Webb, the commission's chairman, said the panel has been fair and impartial.

"Cindy served honorably on the commission for many years and she's entitled to her opinion," Webb said.

Fletcher spokeswoman Jodi Whitaker declined to comment on Stone's allegation.

The commission's investigation began in 2005. It looked into whether Fletcher and members of his administration had violated the ethics code relat-

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Despite storms, East Ky. remains in severe drought

by JESSICA HALE STAFF WRITER

Most of Kentucky is now in a state of severe drought with some portions even moving into the extreme drought category.

Widespread showers brought some relief to the area Thursday night as heavy storms dumped rain over some portions of the eastern part of

the state. Due to the scattered nature of recent rainfall, the latest edition of the U.S. Drought Monitor indicates that drought conditions have worsened across most of Eastern Kentucky over the past week.

While most of the area was previously classified as being in a moderate drought, extremely high temperatures and humidity have added to the

drought's severity.

The U.S. Drought Monitor reports an estimated 12 to 15 inches of rainfall would be needed to fall over the next three months to completely end the drought. This would equate to receiving 3 to 6 inches more than normal rainfall.

Above normal temperatures and continued below normal rainfall are expected during the next week.

Steps should be taken to avoid illnesses caused by higher temps

by JESSICA HALE STAFF WRITER

With air temperatures reaching into the mid- to upper 90s this week it's very important for people to realize how to avoid heat-related medical problems.

According to the National Weather Service, heat exhaustion and heat

stroke are two serious medical conditions caused by excessive heat. Heat stroke is the most severe and can result in death if not treated immediately. Symptoms of heat stroke include a high body temperature of 106 degrees or higher, hot and dry skin, rapid pulse and

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Ambulance service gets high-tech upgrade

by JESSICA HALE STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — One local ambulance service has installed some high-tech devices inside their ambulances in hopes it will improve response time to area emergencies.

Larry Adams, deputy director of training and safety at Transtar Ambulance Service, says they have recently installed global positioning systems (GPS) inside their emergency vehicles in order to improve the time it takes for them to respond to emergencies. Transtar received the money needed for the systems in the form of a Hospital Preparedness Grant offered through the U.S. Department of

Homeland Security.

Global positioning systems are a satellite-based navigation system made up of a network of satellites placed in orbit by the U.S. Department of Defense. Originally intended for military use, GPS is now available for average citizen use. GPS works in any weather conditions, anywhere in the world. GPS satellites circle the earth twice a day in a very precise orbit and transmit signal information to earth, while GPS receivers take this information and use triangulation to calculate the user's exact location. Time between when the signal was transmitted and when it was received allows the system to calculate dis-

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Larry Adams, deputy director of Transtar Ambulance Service, says the newly installed global positioning systems in their vehicles will significantly improve response times to area emergencies.

photo by Jessica Hale

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ Martha Jane Blackburn, 78, of Stanville, died Friday, August 10, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Yvonne Click, 65, of Garrett, died Thursday, August 9, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Arthur Click. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ James Orville Cooley, 92, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, August 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Linda Lee Curnutte, 46, of Lexington, a Prestonsburg native, died Sunday, August 12, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Marshall Davidson, 90, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, August 15, at his residence. He was a retired attorney-at-law. He is survived by his wife, Roberta Wells Davidson. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 18, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Gloria Kay Harlow, 65, of Wheelwright, died Tuesday, August 14, in Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 16, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ William Lee James, 69, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, August 9, at UK Medical Center, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Janice Warrix James. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Wayne Martin Jr., 65, of Umatilla, Florida, formerly of Dema, passed away Tuesday, August 14, in Garrett, Indiana. Funeral services were held Friday, August 17, under the direction of Hite Funeral Home, in Kendallville, Indiana.

■ June Sturgill Newsome, 90, of Harold, died Friday, August 10, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were

held Sunday, August 12, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Wilma C. Phillips, 80, of David, died Wednesday, August 8, at her residence. Funeral services were held Monday, August 13, under the direction of Kerr-Parzygnot Funeral Home. Arrangements, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

■ General Lee Sword, 49, of Wayland, died Monday, August 13, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin. He is survived by his wife, Kathy Carr Sword. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Glenda Sue Thompson, 56, of David, died Wednesday, August 8, at the Good Samaritan Hospital, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Larry Abshire (Ole Man), 61, of Lapeer, Michigan, formerly of Feds Creek, died Saturday, July 21. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 25, under the direction of Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors, Capstick Chapel, Lapeer.

■ James Belcher, 75, of Shelby Gap, died Sunday, August 12, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Nola Belcher. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 16, under the direction of Polly & Craft Funeral Home.

■ Angela Burgess, infant, the daughter of Delbert and Candy Heath Burgess, of Steele, died Tuesday, August 14, at Pikeville Medical Center. Graveside services were held Thursday, August 16, under the direction of Shortridge-Ramey Funeral Home.

■ Audrey Cochran, 90, of Sidney, died Friday, Aug. 10, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, August 13, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Mabel Baker Cornett, 74, of Robinson Creek, died Monday, August 13, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held

Wednesday, August 15, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Patrick Arron Daniels and Allen Dean Daniels, twin sons of Toby Daniels and Cassandra Bailey of Pikeville, were still-born Tuesday, August 14, at Pikeville Medical Center. Graveside services were held Saturday, August 18, at the Blackburn Cemetery on Open Fork Road, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Walter Donald DeHart, 78, of McCarr, died Thursday, Aug. 16, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Ada Jean Scott DeHart. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 19, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ James Larry Dotson, 61, of Troy, Ohio, formerly of Ransom, died Thursday, August 9, at Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 15, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

■ Rachel Fuller Elswick, 84, of Canada, died Wednesday, August 15, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital, South Williamson. She is survived by her husband, Grover Lawrence Elswick. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 18, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Frank Hatfield, 78, of Hardy, died Tuesday, August 14, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital, South Williamson. He is survived by his wife, Wanda Lee "Bubbles" Hatfield. Funeral services were held Friday, August 17, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Ruth Keathley Howell, 90, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, a Pikeville native, died Saturday, August 11, at the Elizabeth House, following a brief illness. Funeral services were held Monday, August 13, under the direction of Thos. Shepherd & Son Funeral Directors of Hendersonville.

■ George David "Cotton" Johnson, 58, of Cabin Fork, died Monday, August 13, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Patty Tackett Johnson. Funeral services were held Friday, August 17, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

■ Ollive C. Justice, 85, of Pikeville, died Sunday, August 12. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 14, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Thomas Lester, "O'Man", 67, of Phelps, died Tuesday, August 14, at Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Crum Lester. Funeral services will be held Sunday, August 19, under the direction of R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home.

■ Rev. Muncy Lester, 72, of Phelps, died Tuesday, August 14, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Linda "Merl" Dotson Lester. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 18, under the direction of R.S. Jones and Son Funeral

Home.

■ Timothy Dewayne Maynard, 27, of Pikeville, died Thursday, August 9, at his home. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 12, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Christine E. Maynard, 58, of Zebulon Highway, died Friday, August 10, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She is survived by her husband, Bob Maynard. Funeral services were held Monday, August 13, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Nancy Jane Stump McCoy, 79, of Phelps, died Tuesday, August 14, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Orville McCoy. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 18, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Bonnie Mims Powell, 70, of Rosemary Drive, a Pike County native, died Tuesday, August 7, at Hospice Care Center at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 11, under the direction of Scobee Funeral Home of Winchester.

■ Opal Compton Ramsey, 91, of Left Fork Island Creek, died Friday, August 10, at her home. Funeral services were held Monday, August 13, under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Michael T. Rohde, 50, of Pikeville, died Thursday, July 19, at his residence. Funeral services were private. Arrangements were under direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Leonard "Hoover" Russell, a Pinsonfork native, died on August 10, in Overland Park Regional Hospital, in Overland, Kansas. He is survived by his wife Donna Nelson Russell. He donated his body to the American Cancer Society for tissue research and tissue repair. Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date.

■ Eugene Thacker, 61, of Greasy Creek, died Friday, August 10, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Betty Epling Thacker. Funeral services were held Monday, August 13, under direction of Pikeville Funeral Home.

■ Sidney Gary Williamson, 54, of McAndrews, died Sunday, August 12, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Madonna Kay Elswick Williamson. Funeral services were held Friday, August 17, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Sarah Elizabeth Betts, 20, of McDermott, Ohio, died Friday, August 10, in Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Gene Betts. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 15, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Thelma Burton, 87, of Salyersville, died Sunday, August 5, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

■ Dickie Crace, 73, of Salyersville, died Friday, August 10. Funeral services were held Monday, August 13, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Zada Russell, 93, of Salyersville, died Friday, August 3, at the Salyersville Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Monday, August 6, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Frances Wells Arrington, 84, of Louisa, died Saturday, August 11.

■ services were held Tuesday, August 14, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

■ Wayne Allen Jr. "Flop" Diamond, a Louisa native, died Thursday, August 9, in King's Daughters Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 15, at Fallsburg Community Center. Burial was in Woods Cemetery in Fallsburg.

■ Ruth Jones Holt, 84, of Louisa, died Sunday, August 12, at Three Rivers Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 15, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Betty Jo Burchett, 75, of Eastwood, a Johnson County native, died Sunday, August 12, at Baptist Hospital East. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 15, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Joyce Faye Powers Hatfield, 70, of Mount Sterling, a Johnson County native, died Sunday, August 12, in Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 14, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Willis Lemaster, 74, of Flat Gap, died Wednesday, August 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Friday, August 17, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

■ Gene Mollette, 70, of Thelma, died Saturday, August 11 in King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 14, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Martha Rife Nelson, 64, of Oil Springs, died Monday, August 13, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. She is survived by her husband, Orville Rife. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 14, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Lora Preston, 76, of Paintsville, died Thursday, August 9, in King's Daughters Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, August 13, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral

Home.

■ Junior Salyer, died Saturday, August 11. He is survived by his wife, Christie Salyer. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 14, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home. Burial was in Lakeview Memorial Cemetery in Staffordsville.

■ Clinton Salyer Jr., 71, of Flat Gap, died Saturday, August 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Christa Cantrell Salyer. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 14, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Russell B. Sparks, 79, of Flat Gap, died Thursday, August 9, in Community Hospice Care Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 12, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Duane R. Ward, 50, of Meally, died Thursday, August 9, in King's Daughters Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, August 13, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ Cantrel Gibson, 80, of Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, formerly of Topmost, died Friday, August 10, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Opal Smith Gibson. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Willie Bowen, 69, of Marysville, Ohio, a Martin County native, died Tuesday, August 7, in Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were held Friday, August 10, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Benny Joe Crum, 67, of Inez, died Friday, August 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Mary Francis Crum. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 12, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Mary C. Howell, 75, of Collins Creek, died Thursday, August 9, at her residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 11, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Justin Thomas Gustav Pepper



Services for Justin Thomas Gustav Pepper, 11, were held Saturday, August 18, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., at Lake Murray Presbyterian Church, Chapin, South Carolina.

Justin was received in heaven by God, on Tuesday, August 14, 2007, as a result of a tragic motor vehicle accident. Justin's organs were donated in order to provide life for others.

He was born in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on December 1, 1995, where he lived until he was two years old, when he moved to Chapin, South Carolina.

Justin graduated from Chapin Elementary School in May 2007, and was scheduled to attend Chapin Middle School this fall.

He was unique in every way. Justin was kind and caring and always looked out for others.

He was an exceptional athlete, who excelled in every sport in which he participated, especially football. He was gifted artistically and musically, and was an honor student.

He was a member of Lake Murray Presbyterian Church,

where he was involved in the youth program. He was a supporter of Thornwell Children's Home, where he donated his birthday gifts the past several years, having a birthday so close to Christmas. He worked with the church, alongside his dad and brothers, at several Goodworks Blitz.

Justin was loved and will be missed by all whose lives he touched.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, James Thomas and Sherri Pepper, and his mother, Kari Crawford of Chapin; his brothers, Jeffrey Pepper, Tyler Pittman and Carson Hicks; a sister, Bethany Pittman; his grandparents, Mark and Caroline Owens of Prestonsburg; Joan Pepper of Massapequa, New York; Jim and Sally Pepper of Bolton Landing, New York; Billy and Dottie Dudley of Virginia Beach, Virginia; and Rosella and Gene Johnson of Lebanon, Indiana; his great-grandmothers, Inez Owens and Pauline Wiedmar; his aunts and uncles, Jesse and Jennifer Pepper, Jennifer and Joseph Kielb, Walter and Vicky Owens, Nat and Barb Owens, Dan and Kim Lott, and John Mantooh; and numerous cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Goodworks, P.O. Box 266, Chapin, SC 29036.

The family received friends, Friday, 5 to 7 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Lake Murray Presbyterian Church.

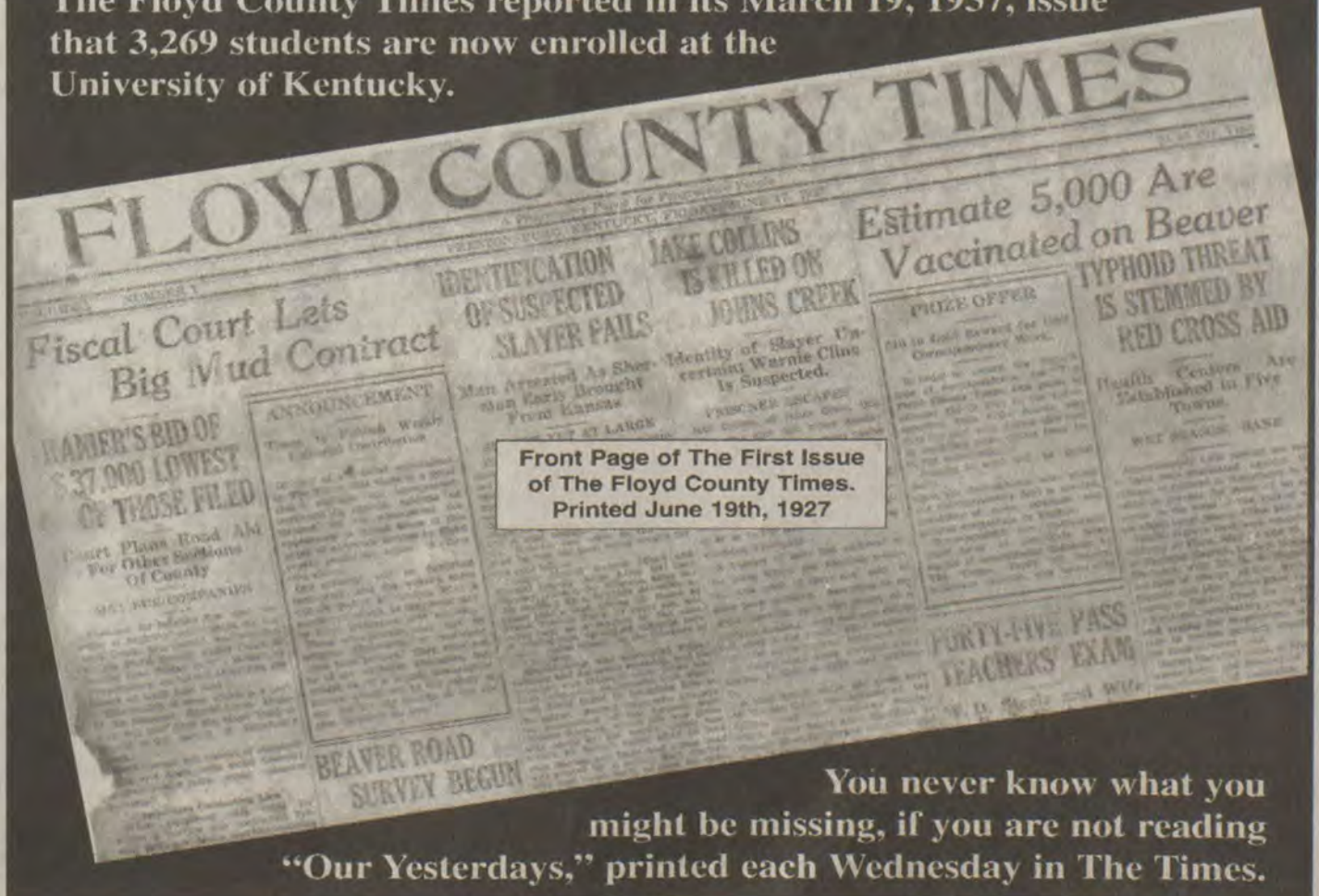
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Our Yesterdays

The Floyd County Times reported in its March 19, 1937, issue that 3,269 students are now enrolled at the University of Kentucky.



You never know what you might be missing, if you are not reading "Our Yesterdays," printed each Wednesday in The Times.

Pikeville College celebrates 119 years

Opening convocation set for Aug. 21

PIKEVILLE — Looking out a window, his gaze fixed on the beauty around him, the professor sketched his surroundings. His simple drawing of the mountains, etched with the Latin phrase "Prospiciam Ad Montes," would serve as the seal of Pikeville Collegiate Institute.

Borrowing from the wisdom of the Psalmist, "Prospiciam Ad Montes," or "Look to the Mountains," became the time-honored promise of an institution of higher learning that has served the youth of the mountains for more than a century.

Pikeville College will commemorate its 119th year during Opening Convocation Tuesday, Aug. 21. Professors will don their academic regalia for the formal ceremony, which will be led by a bagpiper and the bearer of the ceremonial mace.

The convocation address will be delivered by Aaron Thompson, Ph.D., associate vice president for Academic Affairs-University Programs at Eastern Kentucky

University. Thompson earned his Ph.D. in sociology with a focus on organizational behavior/race and gender relations. He has researched, taught and consulted in areas of assessment, diversity, ethics, research methodology and social statistics, multicultural families, cultural competence, leadership, race and ethnic relations, first-year students, retention, and organizational design. Nationally, he has been recognized for his

work in educational attainment, race and gender diversity, poverty, divorce and fatherhood in the black family, overcoming obstacles, and academic success.

As a mentor, Thompson has served hundreds of students throughout his career in higher education, helping them to realize their goals of becoming successful educators — his chosen profession. A successful author, his works include Focus on Success,

and Black Men and Divorce, and a new book, Thriving in College: Research-Based Strategies for Academic Success and Personal Development.

Additionally, his accomplishments include numerous publications, research and peer-reviewed presentations, as well as workshops, seminars and invited lectures on diversity and leadership. Thompson continues to serve as a consultant to educational

institutions, corporations, non-profit organizations, police departments and other governmental agencies.

Pikeville College's Opening Convocation ceremony on Aug. 21 will be held at 11 a.m. in Booth Auditorium, located in Record Memorial Building. The community is cordially invited to attend. Parking is available in the garage adjacent to the College. For more information, contact the Public Affairs office at (606) 218-5270.

Fire officials fret over dry conditions

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Firefighters in western Kentucky struggled through stifling heat and shifting winds to contain a blaze that charred hundreds of acres and came close to a Tennessee Valley Authority power plant.

"It's hell on earth," Drakesboro volunteer fire chief Todd Ford said Friday in describing the previous day's triple-digit temperatures as about 150 firefighters battled flames shooting as high as 50 to 60 feet.

This year, some Kentucky firefighters never got a break from the usual midyear lull in wildland fires. Fueled by severe drought, wildland fires are up sharply this summer, state fire officials said Friday.

"Last August the division responded to only three fires; this year there have already been 24 fires this month and more are expected," said Leah MacSwords, director of the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

Without a reprieve from the prolonged dryspell, Ford said this week's wildfire that burned at least 800 acres in Muhlenberg County could be a preview of even worse problems to come.

"It is all just a tinderbox," Ford said in a phone interview. "We have got to get some rain, or thousands- and thousands-acre fires are going to be the norm."

Nearly all the state is gripped by a severe drought, and in southeastern Kentucky the drought has become extreme, said National Weather Service hydrologist Mike Callahan. Strong thunderstorms crossing Kentucky on Thursday broke the triple-digit heat wave but generally didn't make much of a dent in the drought, he said.

Rainfall deficits for the year range from 7.03 inches in Paducah in the far west to 13.36 inches at Jackson in southeastern Kentucky, Callahan said. For the coming week, temperatures in the 90s are expected across Kentucky with a slight chance of rain

during the period, the weather service said.

In southeastern Kentucky, firefighters battled three blazes Friday in the sprawling Daniel Boone National Forest, said Kimberly Morgan, a U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman. The worst fire was in Jackson County, where crews worked to contain a blaze caused by lightning that was burning up to 50 acres, she said.

Since April 30, the end of the spring fire season, firefighters have combatted 23 blazes in the 707,000-acre Daniel Boone forest, compared to just one fire in the same period last year, Morgan said.

"We have been battling forest fires all summer," she said.

So far for the entire year, 79 fires have burned nearly 6,000 acres in the forest, she said.

The dry spell has forest officials bracing for what could be a difficult fall fire season, which starts Oct. 1. "We could be looking at one of the worst fire seasons that we've had in years," Morgan said.

In Muhlenberg County, more than two dozen fire departments sent firefighters to combat the blaze spotted Thursday. The extra manpower was needed because of the extreme heat.

"They were going to the limits of their capabilities," Ford said.

The weather service said the temperature reached 105 degrees Thursday in a town near the fire.

Firefighters, some packing gear weighing 50 to 60 pounds, spent 30 to 45 minutes battling the blaze before being replaced on the front lines, he said. They spent 15 to 20 minutes resting before returning to work.

Some firefighters were treated at the scene for heat exhaustion, Ford said.

Crews worked day and night to contain the blaze, which came within about 400 yards of TVA's Paradise Fossil Plant and much closer to a coal yard, Ford said.

"We were close to having a big problem," he said.

Fire crews were aided by a

wind shift as the fire came closer to the plant, he said. But those same shifting winds foiled efforts to stamp out the fire early on when most of the blaze was contained.

After the heavy wind gust, "it just took off like a wildfire, and it just got out of hand," Ford said.

By Friday afternoon, the fire was contained as firefighters worked to put out hot spots.

The fire caused no structural damage, and its cause had not been determined, he said.

Session

Rocky Adkins said the actual incentives will be decided by the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority, not the General Assembly.

"We've not guaranteed Peabody anything in this bill," Adkins said Friday.

State lawmakers have spent much of the summer drafting legislation, and met behind closed doors in Frankfort on

Thursday to iron out the final details.

The proposal would provide breaks on sales taxes, income taxes and coal severance taxes for alternative fuel plants.

Adkins said the proposed legislation sets broad limits on possible incentives, but that the final decision will be made through negotiations between state economic development officials and companies that

apply for the tax breaks.

Senate President David Williams said the dollar value of the incentives will be determined through negotiations.

"Peabody or any other company must come in, make application and enter into negotiation if they want to take advantage of any of the incentives that are offered," Williams said.

Fletcher included the issue

on the agenda with several other items when he called the General Assembly into a special session last month. House lawmakers refused to take part, saying many of the items on the agenda could wait until they convene in January.

Richards said he expects the special session to end next Friday with the energy bill enacted.

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Upgrade

GPS has been installed in nine ambulances and three command vehicles in Transtar's fleet. The monitors are usually mounted on the dashboard of each vehicle so that the driver may keep their eyes on the road at all times. The monitor itself

operates by a touch screen with a voice which tells the driver where to make their next turn. All the driver has to do is input the name of the street where they need to go and it takes them there along the shortest distance.

The GPS also allows emer-

gency personnel to relay landing coordinates for helicopters in the event that someone needs to be flown out to receive medical care. The system's portable capability also allows for better convenience.

"This is really going to help us a great deal," said Adams.

"It's going to provide better service to our people."

Adams says several ambulance services throughout Eastern Kentucky are also taking part in this endeavor to provide improved service and he expects the GPS will have much success.

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Heat

possible unconsciousness. Symptoms of heat exhaustion include heavy sweating, weakness, cold and pale skin, and fainting and vomiting.

With very hot and humid temperatures expected throughout Eastern Kentucky for another couple of days, it is important to remember some helpful safety tips to minimize the risk of heat related medical

problems.

1. Slow down: Strenuous activities should be reduced, eliminated or rescheduled to the coolest part of the day.

2. Dress for summer: Lightweight, light colored clothing helps reflect heat from the sun and helps the body cool.

3. Drink plenty of fluids: Even if you don't feel thirsty, it is important to keep your body hydrated in extreme temperatures.

4. Spend more time in the air conditioning: If you can't afford an air conditioner, spend some extra time in public places such as grocery

stores or department stores.

5. Restrict your exposure to the sun: Sunburn makes it more difficult for your body to dissipate heat.

Storms expected throughout the area over the next few days will help reduce high temperatures to a more tolerable level.

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Politics

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ing to the alleged hiring and firing of civil service workers for political reasons.

Though the commission did not file charges against Fletcher, it did charge five former members of his administration. Those charges are pending.

At the time the commission voted to end its investigation of Fletcher, it had four members, all Republicans appointed by Fletcher. The fifth member, Stone, was the last remaining appointee of former Gov. Paul Patton, a Democrat.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Lessons from history

Does it matter how our enemy sees the War on Terror? History suggests it does.

Had the Brits paid closer attention to Hitler's ambitions than Chamberlain's assurances, countless lives would have been saved.

A recent issue of the Heritage Foundation's "Background" contains a list of statements by Osama bin Laden and other leaders of Islamic terror organizations that shed light on the designs of our enemy. The statements, under the headline "Terrorists in Their Own Words," provide a vivid contrast to what war opponents in the United States are saying.

Here's an example: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi traveled to Syria this spring, against the president's objections, to dialogue with leaders of the state that sponsors Hamas and Hezbollah, and provides sanctuary for Sunni insurgents. Rep. Tom Lantos, who accompanied Pelosi, said afterward, "This is only the beginning of our constructive dialogue with Syria." President Bush, on the other hand, called the meetings "counterproductive."

So which is it, constructive or counterproductive? Neither, although Bush is nearer the mark. Here's this from the al Qaida training manual: "The confrontation that Islam calls for with these godless and apostate regimes does not know Socratic debates, Platonic ideals nor Aristotelian diplomacy. But it knows the dialogue of bullets, the ideals of assassination, bombing and destruction, and the diplomacy of the cannon and machine gun."

Osama bin Laden had this to say in 2006, "Refraining from performing jihad, which is sanctioned by our religion, is an appalling sin. The best way of death for us is under the shadows of swords." Of course, bin Laden had made his views known already in 1996 when he declared war on America — and was ignored.

Democrats credit their opposition to the war for their takeover of Congress in the 2006 elections. But here's what a bin Laden deputy had to say: "(Y)ou (Democrats) are not the ones who won the midterm election, nor are the Republicans the ones who lost. Rather Mujahideen — the Muslim Ummah's vanguard in Afghanistan and Iraq — are the ones who won, and the American forces and their Crusader allies are the ones who lost." (Ayman al-Zawahiri, Dec. 22, 2006)

If terrorists are following American elections, they obviously get CNN in their cave hideouts. And they understand the power of the medium. That same al-Zawahiri wrote to Abu Mus'ab al-Zarqawi, the late leader of al Qaida in Iraq, in 2005: "I say to you that we are in a battle and that more than half of this battle is taking place in the battlefield of the media." Judging from public opinion polls, the terrorists have the upper hand on that battlefield.

Democratic members of Congress say withdrawal from Iraq would prevent American deaths. But the man known as the American spokesman for al Qaida says there is no escaping al Qaida: "(Y)our people will ... experience things which will make you forget all about the horrors of Sept. 11, Afghanistan and Iraq, and Virginia Tech. And let us be clear: A pullout from Iraq alone, in the absence of compliance with the remainder of our legitimate demands, will get you nowhere, and will not save you from our strikes. So stop wasting your time and trying to save face with these futile, farcical maneuvers on Capitol Hill." (Adam Gadhan, May 29, 2007)

He neglected to say what those other "legitimate demands" are. Maybe a little dialogue would have prevented 9/11. Oh, wait — flying jetliners into skyscrapers is dialogue to al Qaida.

Critics of the war say we should not be fighting in Iraq because it was not Iraq that attacked us. But an al Qaida leader in Afghanistan said, "(Zarqawi) took the jihad from the edges of the place of the real conflict to the focal point of the conflict, which is Iraq." (Abu al-Layth al-Libi, April 28, 2007)

The anti-war crowd misses the obvious, that we are not at war against Iraq, merely in Iraq, against al Qaida and an assortment of other terror groups from throughout the Muslim world. We can debate whether Iraq was the most suitable battleground for the war, but there's no doubt we would be fighting the same enemy regardless of where we drew the battle lines. At least in Iraq we provided a service to the world by deposing a brutal dictator and killing his psychotic sons.

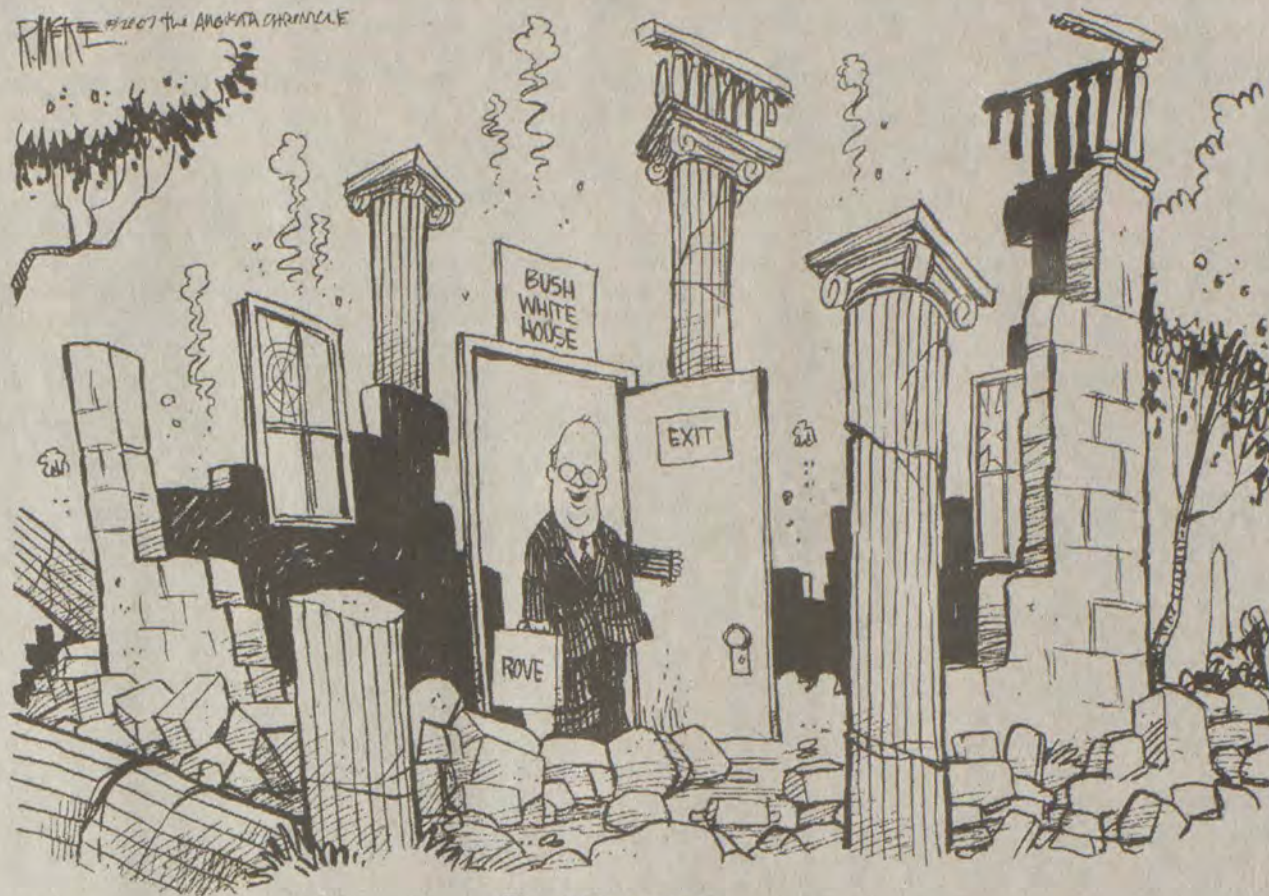
Where the battle is waged is immaterial to the jihadists. Another al Qaida leader in Iraq said: "We have drunk blood, and we find no (blood) sweeter than that of the Byzantines (Christians). ... Roast their flesh with car bombs ... and tear out their hearts with sniper fire. Know that offense is the best defense, and be careful not to lay down your weapons before the war is over. ... We are not fighting out of nationalism, but with the aim of making Allah's word supreme." (Abu Omar al-Baghdadi, Feb. 2, 2007)

To the terrorists, this jihad is a world war, one they intend to wage whether the American military withdraws from Iraq tomorrow or years from now. Debate over the war in Iraq outside the context of this overriding reality will only put America and the West in greater danger.

Says al Qaida's Zawahiri: "Our message is clear what you saw in New York and Washington and what you are seeing in Afghanistan and Iraq, all these are nothing compared to what you will see next." (Aug. 4, 2005)

We ignore our enemy's words to our peril.

— The Paducah Sun



The ARCHITECT

— Rich Lowry Column —

The last hawk standing

WASHINGTON — This is the center of the storm in the debate over the Iraq War, George W. Bush's White House. The president is meeting in the Roosevelt Room with nine conservative journalists to discuss the war, and, as with a hurricane, the eye of the storm is unbelievably calm.

Bush is as confident and upbeat as ever. Even once-friendly commentators like The Wall Street Journal's Peggy Noonan wish he'd show some strain and worry as the war drags into its fifth year. But Bush must have confidence and optimism written into his DNA. As leaks, GOP defections and plummeting approval ratings swirl all around him, he remains resolute: The Iraq War must, and can, be won.

Asked about persistent reports that he is looking to find a compromise with Congress around the recommendations of the Iraq Study Group for a troop drawdown, Bush is adamant that he is going to see the troop surge through September and then rely on the advice of Gen. David Petraeus on how to proceed.

"What you're asking me is that in order to placate people in Congress, am I going to write a strategy before the military reports back?" he says. "And the answer is, 'no.'"

Bush gives the impression that he is more steadfast on the war than many in his own administration and that, if need be, he'll be the last hawk standing.

He says he'd like a compromise on Iraq for the long term, but sounds skeptical that it will happen: "The ideal world is that there would be some kind of bipartisan consensus at some point in time, to be there for a while. And can we achieve that? I don't know. It's worth trying, it's worth talking to people about it." But when he says that he's not going to abandon the surge, "it's just very important for you all to understand that's exactly what I mean."

Bush curtly rejects the suggestion that he will be forced by troop constraints to pull back the surge come next spring, no matter what. Nor will Bush allow the political environment to constrain his policy. He cites his decision to go forward with the surge in January, even though the "outcry was quite significant." He knew what people were thinking: "How can he possibly do this? Didn't he see, didn't he hear?"

What he saw was a war effort that was stumbling, so he removed his top

generals and brought in Gen. Petraeus and his surge plan. His confidence in Petraeus is total: "My job ... is to say to David Petraeus, 'I trust your judgment, I trusted you going in and I trust you now.'" He calls Petraeus "the most credible person in the fight at this moment."

Bush says that one of his most important audiences is not just the

American public, but the enemy, who "thinks we're weak." He says "these are sophisticated people and they listen to the debate." They doubt "that we're going to be

enough. I really believe that the additional forces into Iraq surprised them — a lot."

In trying to game out the future U.S. policy in Iraq, there is an intense focus on the periphery — what is Defense Secretary Robert Gates thinking, what's the Lugar-Warner plan? But what's still most important is the center of this storm, where President Bush sits, apparently in no mood whatsoever to budge.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

The Rich Lowry column



— beyond the beltway

How long can we ignore obvious pitfalls?

by DONALD KAUL

The stock market of late has been like a drunk on roller skates. It falls, gets up, waves its arms wildly, falls again, gets up, falls. Gets up? As Edward G. Robinson (he was an actor; look it up) might have said: "Mother of Mercy, is this the end of Rico?"

Who knows? It's been my experience that market experts are much better at explaining what the market did yesterday than predicting what it will do tomorrow.

The general consensus is that the recent meltdown was caused by "a classic credit correction." In English, that means that a lot of people and corporations borrowed a lot of money which they now discover they can't pay back. This is leading to mortgage foreclosures, hedge fund failures, higher interest rates and a collapsing housing market. All of which, in turn, leads to a fall in stock prices.

This has inspired a low-grade panic in the hearts of many shareholders. Their vision of a retirement spent gazing through the bug-splattered windshield of an RV is fading.

(Admittedly, far more people are kept awake at night wondering if they're ever going to get another job with health benefits or make enough money to put food on the table but the prospect of losing money you thought you'd saved has its special

terror.)

I have some money in the stock market but I do not worry about it. My needs are small and can be made smaller. If God had meant me to be rich She wouldn't have made me a liberal.

Besides, I saw it coming. As a matter of fact, pretty much anybody with a grain of sense could see it coming. This, apparently, does not include Henry Paulson, our esteemed Secretary of the Treasury. He recently told a group that he viewed this credit collapse as a "wake-up call."

Which raises the question, why was he asleep? When banks lend money at an artificially low temporary rate to people who are bad credit risks, what do you expect to happen when those rates rise to market levels? They lose their houses. Corporations go belly-up. Financial markets begin to shudder.

This is not a wake-up call; it is the inevitable result of the 19th century, laissez-faire economic policies that inform every corner of this administration.

Regulation of financial markets is not a socialist scheme to subvert capitalism; it's a way of protecting the public from the worst predatory aspects of capitalism.

As the Bible says: "As ye sow, so shall ye reap." And if ye don't believe that, ye are nuts.

It's not just the stock market, though. As a nation, we seem unable to anticipate anything. We invade a country and we're surprised that a lot of the people there are upset about it.

We build a city below sea level, with inadequate sea walls, and we're amazed when it floods. We build other cities in the desert and can't imagine why they're having water shortages. A bridge falls down and we're shocked.

We have been hearing about the decrepit state of our "infra-structure" for decades. Report after report has recommended that we start putting serious money into rebuilding our inadequate bridges and roads. Generally speaking we ignore the reports.

Congress ignores them. Generally speaking, there is no sex

appeal to infrastructure. The public doesn't feel grateful when you tell them that you've arranged to close a major bridge in their area for three years in order to make it safer. It's ticked off because it's going to take an hour longer to get to work.

But give a town a new post office and you're a hero.

We've got a lot of icebergs out there in the mist ahead of us — unfunded pension liabilities, a huge budget deficit, an ever-widening trade deficit, a growing dependence on foreign oil — none of which we pay the slightest bit of attention to, until it's too late.

If I didn't know better, I'd say we were stupid.

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This Town, That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.

THE LIGHT THAT WAS

If, as we surely believe, one's love of God finds expression in love for others, Alice Loyd must have loved her Creator much.

Use all the adjectives you can recall—devotion, concern, dedication, consecration, any and all of them—and you still fall far short of describing the great spirit of this woman whose life was a sacrifice for others, particularly for those who needed her most.

As has been the story so often in my experience never met Mrs. Lloyd, I waited and postponed pilgrimage to her. Yet I knew her as a friend, because her life and work touched so many whom I know well.

Some say she buried herself in Caney Creek, this woman who sacrificed a brilliant journalistic career to come to the Mountains. But she was never buried till Tuesday; while she lived, life burst the bounds of a crippled body, and it shed a radiance in so many dark places. She came to Caney, almost without purse of scrip; she died, we are told, without ever having had a bank account of her own. Her wealth lay in a direction where so many scarcely deign to look.

Few of us worked with her as we should. Sometimes, our people may have thoughtlessly thrown barriers in her way. But, in the whole, we appreciated her within the limits of our ability to comprehend such a great soul. Of one thing we are not guilty. We did not entertain an angel unawares.

A ROUGH ROAD TO TRAVEL

A man's life is full of snags. He comes into the world without his consent and usually goes out against his will. When he is little, the big girls kiss him. If he remains poor, they say he is not energetic, and if he gains riches, they say he inherited it. If he needs credit, nobody knows him, but if he is prosperous, everybody seeks favors.

If he is in politics, they say he is a grafter, and if he is out of politics, he is stupid. If he saves money, he is a miser. If he spends freely, he is a sucker. If he works hard, they call him crazy, and if he doesn't work, he's a bum. If he pays all bills, he is a sap, and if he doesn't he's a deadbeat. If he rules his home, he is a tyrant, and if he doesn't, they call him henpecked. If he is a doctor, some say he should have been an undertaker. If he is a dentist, he missed his calling and should have been a blacksmith. And if he splits kindling for widows, he's called a philanderer, but if he doesn't, he's a bad neighbor. And if he fishes—no, don't say it!

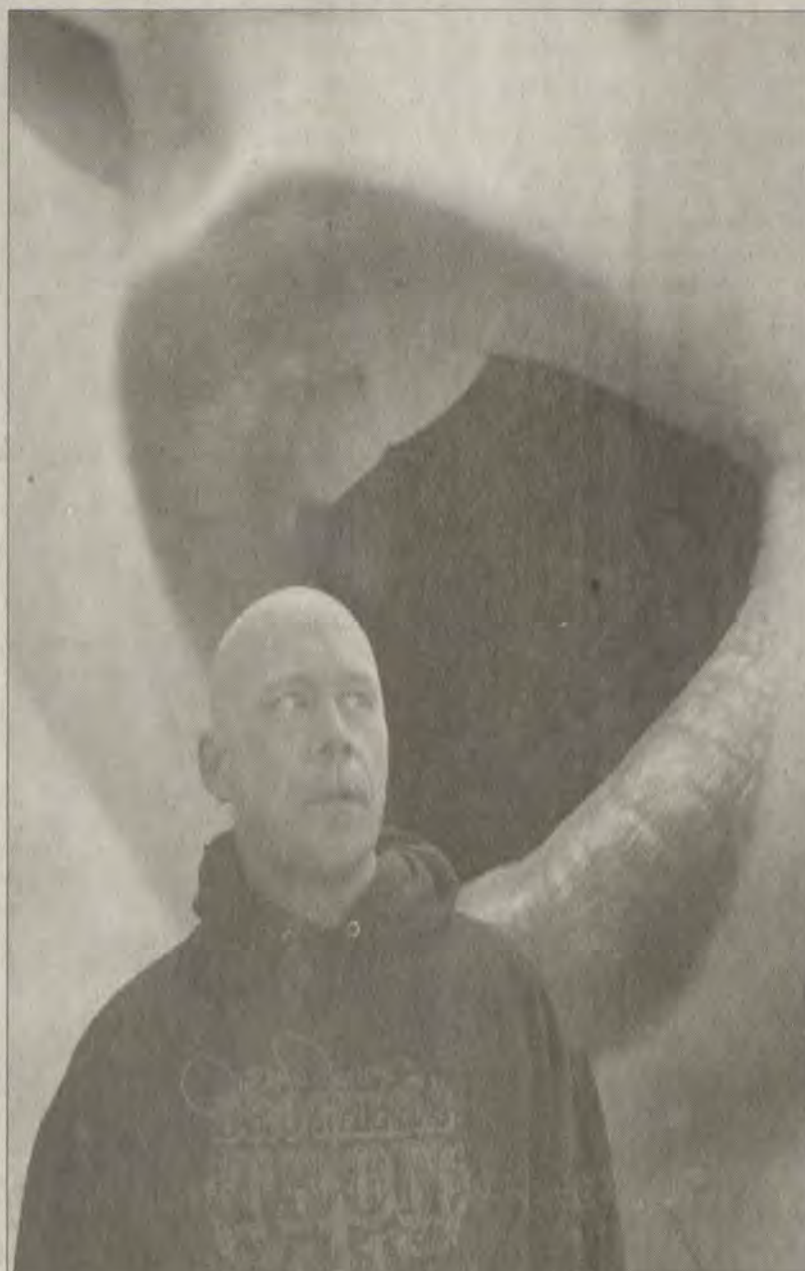
Buddy Wakefield, world poetry 'Slam' champion, coming to Hazard

The Greater Hazard Area Performing Arts Series announces that the Buddy Wakefield Coffee House Performance will be held on Thursday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m. at Hazard Community & Technical College in the First Federal Center.

Buddy Wakefield is the two-time Individual World Poetry Slam Champion featured on National Public Radio (NPR), the BBC, HBO's Def Poetry Jam, and most recently signed to Strange Famous Records. In 2004, he won the Individual World Poetry Slam Finals, thanks to the support of anthropologist and producer Norman Lear, and then successfully defended that title at the International Poetry Festival in Rotterdam, Netherlands against the national champions of seven European countries with works translated into Dutch. In 2005, he won the Individual World Poetry Slam Championship title again. Since then he has gone on to share the stage with nearly every notable performance poet in the world including Saul Williams, Sage Francis, Alix Olsen, Derrick Brown and Utah Phillips in hundreds of venues internationally from Comedy Central's Hudson Theater and Scotland's Oran Moore to San Quentin State Penitentiary, and the House of Blues in New Orleans.

Buddy, a Board of Directors member with Youth Speaks Seattle and member of Team Seattle 2006 and 2007 for the National Poetry Slam Finals, is honored that his work is published internationally and has been used to win national collegiate forensics competitions. Also a member of Solomon Sparrow's Electric Whale Revival, Buddy is known for delivering raw, rounded, high vibration performances of humor and heart. In addition to his public evening performance, Buddy will also be conducting workshops earlier in the day for area high school and college students.

Admission to see Buddy Wakefield is \$10 per person. Bank of Hindman is the event



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Maytown Center helps kids earn school supplies

The Maytown Center helped area students get ready for school this year by holding their 4th Annual School Supply Swap. In the process, 102 students joined in to help their communities look a little better. The way the School Supply Swap worked, according to Daniel Chauncy, director, Maytown Center, is the students each picked up a trash bag full of litter at locations in Pageant Hills, Warco, Wayland, Garrett or Maytown. The students then traded their bag of trash for a bag full of notebooks, markers, t-shirts, and more. The Maytown Center wishes to thank the many folks that donated materials and supplies and helped the Maytown staff to make this event possible for yet another year. For more information on the Maytown Center call 285-0539 or visit www.maytowncenter.org. More photos from the School Supply Swap event, as well as other events held this summer, may be viewed by visiting the website and clicking "PHOTOS."



Even the very smallest can help clean up the environment, as evidenced by the hard work of this young Floyd County student.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Nightmare at Noon'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A remote desert town becomes a Petri dish for a sadistic scientist working on a chemical weapon in this chiller which borrows liberally from George Romero's "The Crazies" as well as westerns.

The film begins with an eerie scene that takes place just outside the town of Canyonland (actually Moab, Utah). An albino scientist fiddles with his computer inside a dark van while a cadre of mercenaries stand at attention. The scientist then places a vial of green serum inside a bulky pistol and aims at the town's reservoir.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

Before he can take aim, a pickup truck approaches and everything stops. The truck's driver turns out to be an amiable fellow who shouts "howdy" and inquires if they are making a movie before the mercenaries fill him with so much lead that Superman couldn't see through him. They calmly roll his truck into the water as the scientist proceeds to infect the town's water supply by discharging his awkward pistol's contents into the drink.

In the next shot it's morning and we meet three outsiders who have picked the worst day to stop in Canyonland. The group consists of an obnoxious entertainment attorney named Ken, his trophy blonde wife Cheri and hitchhiker (and disgraced cop) Riley. They stop for a hot breakfast and are treated to a bizarre floor show when a customer named Charlie succumbs to the poisoned water and proceeds to nail his waiter's hand to the counter with a hunting knife.

Despite the fact that Charlie isn't as young as he used to be, he makes a meal out of Ken, Riley and responding deputy Julie until Riley hobbles him with a bullet in the knee. While the trio recount their story to Sheriff Hanks (Julie's dad), Charlie crawls into the front of a cruiser and continues his rampage. After Charlie is brought to bear (with a well-placed head shot courtesy of Hanks), everyone compares notes.

The group establishes that similar things are happening all over town and that the attackers appear to have enhanced strength, a reckless disregard for life and spurt green goo when shot. The source of the contamination becomes clear when Cheri goes bonkers and it is established that she was the only one to drink the water at the restaurant. Hanks keeps his mouth shut when asked if he had any water, but the audience knows he helped himself to a pot of fresh brew before leaving the house.

The sheriff decides to take immediate action and assigns the men to searching one-half of town while he takes the other. He wisely instructs

(See LAGOON, page six)

Hey, baby

by FERIDA WOLFF

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE MENOPAUSAL SOUL"

I was waiting in line at the gas station when a truck pulled out from the other side of the island. As it passed my car, the driver, who must have been in his late 30s, if that, leaned out of the open window and said, "Hey, Baby," directly to me. Then he grinned and eased his truck into the traffic and disappeared.

Time stopped dead in its radial-tire, all-wheel-drive tracks as I processed

what had just happened. My first thought was that there was one man who should not be on the road because obviously he had a vision problem. Then I wondered if he was making fun of me, giving a thrill to the little old lady in the sporty Honda. Maybe he had a thing for older women. Or perhaps it was a random act of kindness, in a macho sort of way. My feminist indignation flared only to be squelched by my girlish delight. After all, I hadn't been whistled at or made the object of a sexist remark in many a year.

Was it possible that I could still be a "Baby"?

The question stayed in my mind for the rest of the day. It followed me into the supermarket, inserting itself into

the produce aisle between the broccoli and red-leaf lettuce. It interrupted my thoughts when I was writing, and it came out in the middle of a scene for my latest children's story when all I wanted to attend to was how to get my main character out of the clutches of the schoolyard bully.

"Go away," I told it. But the question remained. Was it possible, in my late 50s, to think of myself as a "Baby"?

This was annoying me. My feminist roots bristled at the idea that I was even thinking about this for more than a nanosecond. Who cared what some guy in a truck rudely called out?

But it wasn't that, not really. What I was grappling with was my own sense of self. Did I feel like a "Baby"?

I used to. I used to know that my body was alluring, that my walk was confident. My smile used to be inviting. When I talked, people were drawn to me and my conversation, I had a sense of myself in space. Was I connected to my sensuality any more? To myself?

That truck driver didn't know what he had stirred up. As I simmered the soup for dinner, I took stock of my life. What I saw was an accomplished, creative, strong woman with

many friends and a wonderful family. Some days I felt more desirable than others, but that hadn't changed as I matured. What I realized

was that I am a "Baby" as much as I choose to be. When I am loving within myself, it shines and is attractive to others.

My husband came home in the middle of these thoughts. His eyes lit up when he saw me and he said, "Hi, Baby."

I wrapped my arms around him and silently sent a thank-you to the driver who recognized the "Baby" in me when I had almost forgotten her.



Pay no attention to old wives' tale about transmission

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
I have a 2002 GMC Envoy that just passed 100,000 miles. I have always been pretty conscientious about scheduled and preventative maintenance. The owner's manual recommends changing the transmission and filter at 100,000 miles. I have read and heard advice that if the filter or fluid has not been changed before 50,000 miles, you should not change it, due to varnish and film that would then be released into the new fluid. I don't see any sense in calling the dealer, as they obviously will advise me to change it. I would like a "non-profit" answer from someone I trust, which is you two car guys. — Jim

TOM: Change it.
RAY: This is an old myth that we've heard many times — and probably passed along ourselves, on occasion.

TOM: It goes something like this: When your transmission is really old, the gums and varnishes that have built up over the years are actually holding the transmission together now. And if you change the fluid and drain out all that gunk, the transmission will fall apart.

RAY: But I've got news for you. If varnish is all that's holding your

transmission together, there's a rebuild in your near future anyway.

TOM: I think this myth got started because some guy with a really old heap changed his transmission fluid, and a day later the transmission died. Well, the transmission was a heap before he changed the fluid. And the timing was just coincidence. But that didn't stop him from telling everybody he knew not to change the transmission fluid in an old car.

RAY: But that would be like saying: "If you're 95 years old and sick, don't go to the hospital. My grandfather was 95 and sick, and he went to the hospital, and he died!" Well, duh! He was 95 and sick.

TOM: So if your owner's manual calls for a transmission service at 100,000 miles, do it, Jim. In fact, if you plan to keep your car until the bitter end, you can even change it more often than that — say, every 50,000 miles. And if you feel pain in your chest or shoulder that radiates down your arm, don't be afraid to go to the hospital.

Shocks and struts aren't just for comfort

Dear Tom and Ray:
I recently bought for my daughter a 1997 Ford T-bird from an acquaintance who bought it new, kept it in

great shape and only put 60,000 miles on it. When taking it for an oil change and "inspection," the shop suggested new front and rear shocks/struts, at a cost of more than \$300. I didn't have it done, because I've done this on several of my cars in the past and always wondered if it was really necessary, since the car was already running fine. What's the story on replacement of these items? Thanks. — Phyllis

RAY: A 10-year-old car easily could need shocks and struts, Phyllis. And if it does need them, that's a pretty good price.

TOM: By the way, this particular car has struts in front and shocks in the rear. A strut is just a single part that combines a shock absorber with a coil spring to save space.

RAY: But how do you know if you need these things? As you say, the car is "running fine."

TOM: Well, the driver of the car often can't tell, because the ride and handling degrade slowly, over several years. It's like getting fat. You gain a couple of ounces a week, and you don't really notice. And then, like my brother, someone takes your picture one day and you look at it and say, "Hey, who's the fat slob with his arm around my wife?"

RAY: So YOU might not be able to tell if you need shocks, Phyllis, but

your mechanic can. First of all, he may have seen one of the shocks leaking when the car was up on the lift. That's a sure sign it's a goner.

TOM: The other sign of worn-out shocks is unusual tire wear. If your tires are cupping or scalloping — that is, they have high and low spots on the tread surface — that's often a sign of bad shocks.

RAY: And then there's the standard "shock test": You push down hard on one corner of the bumper and the car should come back up once and stop, and not bounce. If it goes up and down even a little bit, your shocks are worn out.

TOM: So the question is, Do you trust this particular mechanic? Or is he, like most of us, just trying to sell more shocks?

RAY: Well, if you don't have a relationship with this mechanic and aren't sure you trust him, get a second opinion. Go to our Web site, www.cartalk.com, and put your ZIP

code in the "Mechanics Files" (under Actual Car Information). It'll show you a list of mechanics personally recommended by other readers and radio listeners of ours.

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SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

SSA and SSI — what's the difference?

by KIMBERLY THOMPSON
Social Security Technical
Expert in Prestonsburg

Did you know that there is a difference between Social Security and SSI benefits? It's a question we receive often, in a variety of ways. "What's the difference between Social Security and SSI?" Or "Are Social Security and Supplemental Security Income

the same thing?" The short answer is no, they're not. Here's the long answer.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is the government agency that administers both Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. But the two programs are not the same, and the funds come from dif-

ferent places. Social Security comes in three varieties: retirement benefits, disability benefits and survivors' benefits. SSI comes in two: disability and aged benefits.

Social Security benefits are funded through the Social Security trust funds; your Social Security payroll or FICA taxes are earmarked for Social Security benefits. SSI

is funded through general tax revenue.

Social Security is a social insurance program based on contributions. In order to collect benefits, you must have paid into the system and become insured. Most people need about 40 credits, or 10 years of work, to qualify. SSI is a needs-based program that pays benefits to people with limited income and resources who are either disabled or age 65 or older.

When you get Social Security, what you own, including bank accounts, property, and investments, does not affect your benefits. Since SSI

is needs-based, your resources do count when you receive SSI benefits.

Social Security was established by the Social Security Act on August 14, 1935. SSI was created by the amendments of 1972.

One thing that is the same for both Social Security and SSI Benefits is that you can easily sign up for direct deposit of payments—the safe, quick and convenient way to receive your payments on time, every time.

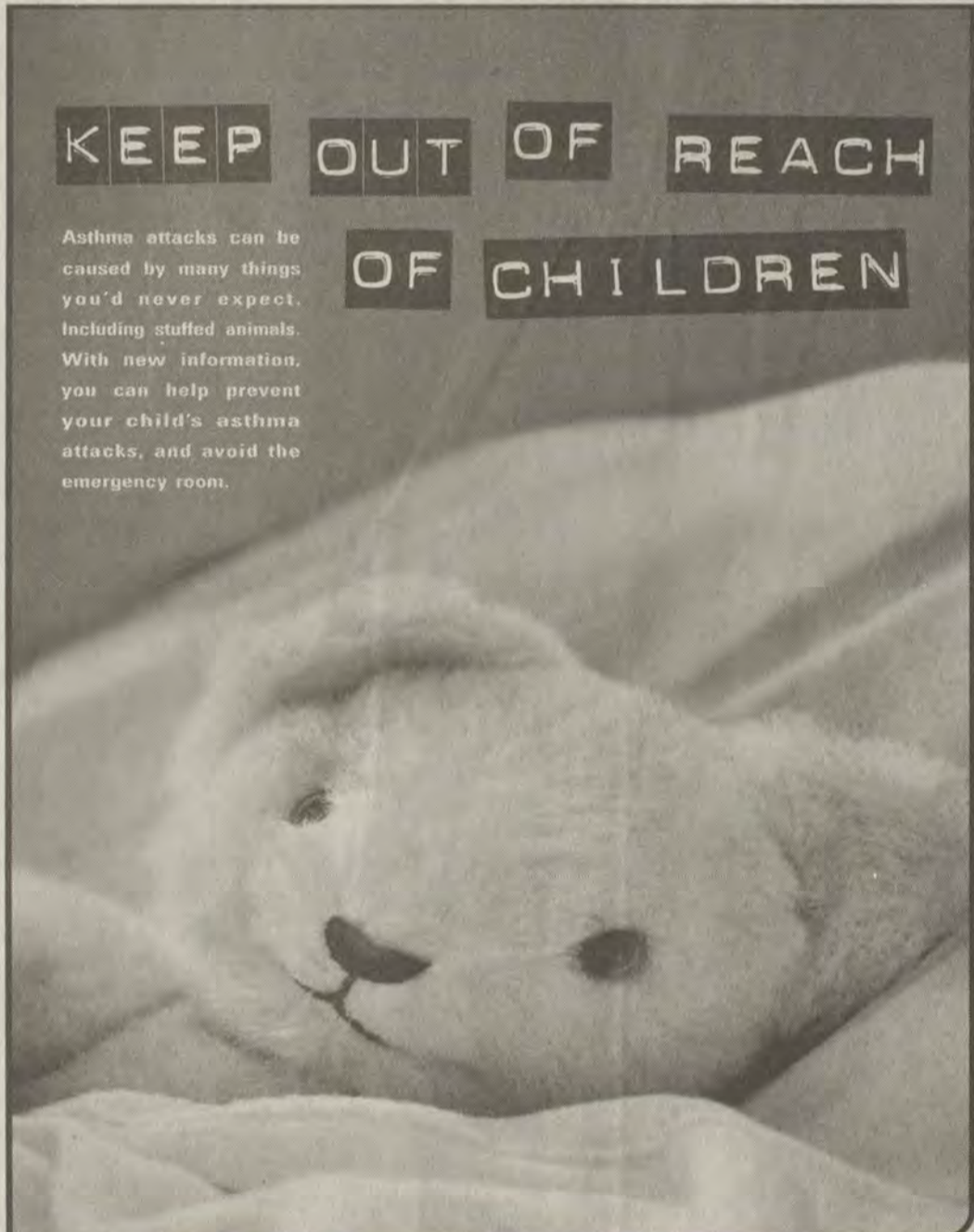
SSA and SSI may seem only a letter apart, but there's a world of difference between the two programs.

To learn more, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov. You can also call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

For more information about benefits and services call your local Social Security Office in Prestonsburg at (606) 886-8525. The office is located at 1897 Kentucky Route 321 in Prestonsburg, KY.

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Lagoon

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Julie to cruise through town and use her unit's PA system to warn everyone to stay away from the water. He then visits the hospital and has the staff there restrain anyone suffering and pump them full of tranquilizers.

Unfortunately, a few people have already lost it and it's down to Julie and the new guys to restore order as the citizens of Canyonland try to take each other out. This leads to a tense montage of shootings, stabbings and really awful road rage (don't drive angry folks). The trio rein everything in and then decide to bunker down and wait for whoever is behind the mess to come down and check the results.

It's not a long wait as a black van cruises into town shortly after nightfall to start incinerating everything in sight. Sheriff Hanks continues to use his head (what's left of it, that is) and opts to lead the van into a local drive-in, where they can spotlight the bad guys and shoot them like ducks in a barrel.

Once again the plan works well until the sheriff loses it and charges out into the fray. He is lit up like a Roman candle, but he does manage to hurl

his burning body into the villain's van, which then explodes as if on cue.

Deputy Julie hands Reilly her dad's star and the film becomes an homage to every western, as he leads them on horseback into the hills to find what's left of the bad guys. Several dust kicking shootouts ensue as this hurtles towards an old-fashioned duel between the new sheriff and the albino (that's how's he's named in the credits). It's a good showdown that is enhanced by a second showdown between the mercenaries' chopper and an Army transport that arrives in the nick of time.

Mixing genres doesn't always work but director Niko Mastorakis manages to infuse the paranoia of a Romero thriller with the righteous gun-slinging of a John Ford western and make it work. He also doesn't fool around when it comes to casting and fills this movie with of the best B-movie stalwarts that were working in 1987. George Kennedy tops the list as Sheriff Hanks and once again injects a realistic portrayal into the middle of a ridiculous story (as he did in all the "Airport" movies).

Wings Hauser also does

well as the arrogant yet humorous Ken. It's nowhere near the level of work he did as Ramrod (the brutal pimp in "Vice Squad"), but he manages to make Ken the kind of snob you can put up with for a protracted period before giving in to the urge to spread his nose all over his face.

Bo Hopkins does a fair job as Riley, though his minimalist acting techniques work better when he's around scene stealers like the cast of "The Wild Bunch" or Steve McQueen in "The Getaway."

You also have to give credit to veteran bad guy Brion James (Leon in "Blade Runner") as the albino. He manages to be sinister and a formidable bad guy despite the fact that he's never given any dialogue, sinister or otherwise.

This one also sports some impressive photography and scenes of utter chaos as the townies succumb to the toxin in their water.

If you like western sensibilities and hardcore horror, then you might want to check out this blend which delivers on the light entertainment front.

Best line: "People in this town don't go around using each other for target practice." 1987, rated R.



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Archer Park spring softball season concludes; fall league planned

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The 2007 Archer Park men's spring softball season concluded Tuesday. The league enjoyed success in a strong return.

"I'm very happy to have men's softball back in Prestonsburg and hope that there is as much participation in our fall league as in our spring," said Park Director David Baldrige.

The top three teams stayed close with only one loss separating the trio. Nightstorm continued its dominance of softball in

Eastern Kentucky, finishing first with only two losses. Rage finished right behind Nightstorm in the runner-up spot with three losses. Kinzer Drilling ended the season third with only four losses. After some early-season losses, Thunder /Window World finished strong, claiming fourth-place with a 13-7 record. The middle of the pack stayed tight with only one game separating some formidable teams.

The end-of-season tournament will begin Monday. The tournament will continue Tuesday. The tournament's title game is scheduled for Thursday.

There will be an Archer Park men's softball league this fall. Those interested in entering a team should call Baldrige at 606/886-6390. Archer Park is also entertaining the idea of hosting a coed/church league if enough area teams show interest.

Archer Park Men's Spring Softball regular-season standings: Nightstorm (18-2); Rage (17-3); Kinzer (16-4); Thunder (13-7); No Limit (10-10); Young Gunz (9-11); Magic Media (9-11); Fury (8-12); Dog Pound (8-12); Cougars (2-18); Gunners (1-19).

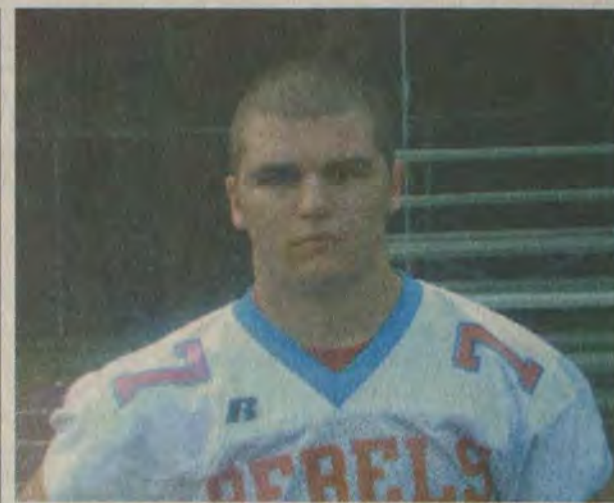


photo by Steve LeMaster

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SPOTLIGHT: Wes Crager ranks as one of the top players for the Allen Central High School football program. ACHS will open the 2007 season Friday night versus Jenkins.

MSU, ALC women to meet in regular-season matchup

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Fourteen home games highlight Morehead State University's 2007-2008 women's basketball schedule. The campaign will be head coach Mike Bradbury's first season leading the Eagles. A challenging schedule, the ledger also includes games with two Atlantic 10 conference teams and matchups with teams from the ACC, Sun Belt, Missouri Valley and Mid-American conferences as well.

"This schedule is definitely tough, but it should help us prepare for the Ohio Valley Conference games," said Bradbury. "We have to go on the road to an A-10 team, a Sun Belt team, an ACC powerhouse team and a team from the MAC, so this schedule should be very challenging."

The Eagles open the 2007-2008 season at home on Nov. 10 against Duquesne from the A-10 before a road trip to IUPUI on Nov. 14. The Eagles return home to face Evansville on Nov. 19 and regional rival Marshall on Nov. 21. The non-conference portion of the schedule gets even more exciting in late November as MSU will travel to St. Louis University for an A-10 matchup before facing intrastate rival Western Kentucky in Bowling Green on Nov. 27.

A home game against Alice Lloyd College is scheduled for Dec. 1, and then the Eagles begin OVC play in December with a road trip to Austin Peay (Dec. 6) and Murray State (Dec. 8). Two more OVC games loom before Christmas as Tennessee-Martin visits Johnson Arena on Dec. 17 and Eastern Illinois comes to town Dec. 19. The Eagles have one more game before the new year as they travel up the road to Athens, Ohio to battle Ohio University on Dec. 30.

After Christmas, the Eagles host eight more league games and make eight more trips to conference foes. The Eagles also step out of conference on Feb. 4 for a game at ACC power Virginia. Like last season, the Eagles will host three Saturday OVC home games, and those are scheduled right now to be 2 p.m. Eastern Time tipoffs. Weeknight OVC home games, as well as the March 1 Austin Peay game, will

(See MSU, page two)



photos by Steve LeMaster

South Floyd practiced Thursday as part of a late evening session. The Raiders are preparing for a season-opener at home versus non-district rival Magoffin County.

SFHS FOOTBALL • 2007 SEASON

Coach: Donnie Daniels
Class: 1A
District: 8

Aug. 24 Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.
Aug. 31 Evangel Christian, 8 p.m.
Sept. 7 at Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14 at Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 21 Phelps, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28 Open
Oct. 5 Pikeville, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12 Knott County Central, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 19 at Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26 at Jackson County, 8 p.m.
Nov. 2 East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.



Veteran South Floyd Coach Donnie Daniels talked with his team prior to the start of Thursday's practice.

VB: Betsy Layne tops P'burg in early conference/district tilt

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — After falling short to Belfry on Tuesday, Betsy Layne bounced right back with a 2-0 varsity volleyball victory over 55th District/Floyd County Conference rival Prestonsburg Thursday.

"After Belfry on Tuesday I knew we had to work hard and bounce right back for our district matchup with Prestonsburg," said Betsy Layne Coach Christina Crase. "We worked on a lot Wednesday to get ready for Prestonsburg and I was so proud of my team for integrating almost all of the changes we made in practice."

Betsy Layne started on a strong note, winning the junior varsity

match 2-0

Junior Ariel Hopkins led the Betsy Layne junior unit, offering up a perfect attacking record, successful landing six-of-six attempts. Betsy Layne front line freshmen Taylor Watkins and Audri Ray stepped up their play with a combination of 10 attacks and four blocks for the Ladycats in the junior varsity match.

Ladycat setter/outside hitter Keleigh Wagner stepped up in the second game with 13 aces.

"All of my junior varsity players are really playing up to their potential and are really helping to build up this program and I cannot wait to continue and see their success throughout the next few years," said Crase.

Taylor Watkins, Keleigh Wagner

and Andie Meade led the Betsy Layne varsity unit with a combined 23 attacks in the match. Senior Jordan Jarrell and junior Samantha

Stewardson added to the lead with serving aces.

"It's always nice to start off our conference play with a win," Crase commented. "I look forward to meeting Allen Central on Tuesday of next week and seeing South Floyd the following week."

BETSY LAYNE VOLLEYBALL UPCOMING MATCHES: Aug. 22 at Allen Central; Aug. 22 vs. East Ridge; Aug. 23 at Phelps; Aug. 27 Pikeville; Aug. 28 South Floyd.

P'burg volleyball team shows promise despite early setbacks

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg High School volleyball team has dropped its first four matches. This year's edition of the PHS volleyball squad continues to grow and mature as a team. Good things lie ahead for the Prestonsburg volleyball program.

"We are a young team," said Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp. "We only have three seniors on the team. But we have some good young talent and I expect us to improve as the year progresses."

South Floyd blanked the Lady Blackcats 2-0 (25-13, 25-9) in a season-opener on Thursday, Aug. 9. After falling to South Floyd, Prestonsburg was defeated in matches against East Ridge, Pike County Central and Betsy Layne. Falling to both South Floyd and Betsy Layne placed the Lady Blackcats in an 0-2 hole in the 55th District/Floyd County Conference standings.

There's much volleyball left to play for the Prestonsburg vol-

(See P'BURG, page two)

Tiger baseball program to host golf scramble

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — The Paintsville High School baseball program will host a golf scramble at the Paintsville Country Club Saturday, Sept. 8. The 9:30 a.m. shotgun start will be a seeded, captain's choice format. Cost is \$50 per player and each participant will be placed on a team. The scramble is limited to the first 72 golfers. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers. Interested participants are asked to register by Thursday, Sept. 6. For more information on the scramble, contact Coach Bob Lyons at 424-7062, Coach Walt Crase at 793-1202 or Coach Tucker Howard at 434-0526.

Proceeds from the golf scramble will benefit the

(See GOLF, page two)

Miners preparing for CBA Draft

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — East Kentucky Miners Coach Kevin Keathley has spent much of the month of August evaluating talent. Keathley is looking to fill a training camp roster for a Continental Basketball Association (CBA) expansion team that has Eastern Kentucky basketball fans excited about hoops of the professional kind. The Miners will get six picks in the upcoming 2007 CBA College Draft. Each of the 10 CBA teams will get half-a-dozen picks as part of the upcoming draft. This year's draft is scheduled for Sept. 25 from 7-11 p.m. The CBA Draft will be made up of players who departed the college ranks earlier in the year.

The Miners coach is looking for players who'll play productive roles in his system.

"We want guys who can play multiple positions," said Keathley. "We need to have guys who are capable of playing combo spots."

Throughout his coaching career, Keathley has showcased an uptempo offensive style. Some of his past teams

have been league leaders in points per game scoring average.

"The players we draft have to be able to fit into our system," Keathley commented. "We're looking at guys who are versatile. The type of players we want are those who are athletic and can run and catch the pass and go up with it. Guys who have played in college programs that get up and down the floor will work well in our system. At the same time, there's a possibility we could draft a post player if a quality one is available."

Keathley has confirmed he'll be inviting some of the participants of the recent East Kentucky Miners free agent camp back for a future second workout. More than one player showed the ability to play professional basketball at a high level during the free agent camp.

During the CBA Draft, teams will set up shop at various locations. The official CBA website — www.cbahoopsonline.com — will provide coverage of the draft. More on East Kentucky's draft picks will appear on the team's official website (www.ekminers.com) following the highly-anticipated event.



2007 NASCAR NEXTEL CUP

LAST WEEK'S RACE:

Aug. 12 — Centurion Boats at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y. (Tony Stewart)

THIS WEEK'S RACE:

Aug. 19 — 3M Performance 400, Brooklyn, Mich.

REMAINING RACES:

Aug. 25 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 2 — NASCAR Nextel Cup Series 500, 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

Kentucky Afield Outdoors: Fitting your shotgun

by HAYLEY LYNCH
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — Dove season is fast approaching. Any hunter who has emptied several boxes of shells to get their daily limit knows how important good technique is to a successful day afield. But one thing many shooters don't consider is the crucial element of gun fit.

Many shotguns don't know that the factory stock on their new-in-the-box smooth-bore probably doesn't fit. They struggle with a stock that is too long or too low, and a gun that smacks of recoil as a result. This is because stocks are made for the "average" shooter, and many of us don't fit the mold.

There are several adjustments you can make to your

existing gun, without shelling out thousands of dollars for a custom-built stock. Two of the most important adjustments are to the length of pull and drop of comb.

Length of pull is the distance from where your shoulder touches the stock to where your finger touches the trigger. Most shotguns are made with a factory length of pull 14 inches. This might be just right for some, but is often too long for many women or shorter men, not to mention youth shooters. On the other hand, the factory length of pull may be too short for taller shooters with long arms.

To determine whether your shotgun fits, bend your arm in a right angle then put the stock in the crook of your elbow. Lay the stock sideways along your forearm with your hand

flat. Now line up your index finger with the trigger. The trigger should hit the first joint of your index finger, just below the finger tip. If this joint extends beyond the trigger, you may need a longer stock. If it falls short of the trigger, you may need a shorter stock. This test will give you some idea of your correct length of pull.

Small adjustments can be made by buying a thinner or thicker recoil pad. Slip-on recoil pads are less expensive than those that screw into the end of your stock. Large adjustments, however, may require cutting the stock down or adding spacers.

Gunsmiths often charge by the hour for stock work. Getting a gun stock cut runs \$100-\$200 or more depending on the gunsmith. Spacers cost

\$8-\$10 each but must be ground to fit the stock. This will cost you about \$50. Don't forget to ask around the shooting range — many shooters have stock fitting experience and may be able to do the work for you.

The next measurement to check is the drop of comb. With a properly adjusted shotgun stock, you will naturally look straight down the barrel whenever you bring the gun to your shoulder.

The comb drop is the vertical distance from where your cheek rests on the stock — the "comb" — to the sight plane or rib of the gun barrel. Drop is a crucial measurement because it directly affects your line of sight. If the comb of your gun is too low, you will see the back of the gun's rib rather than straight down the top of

the barrel. You'll have to lift your head off the stock to see, sacrificing accuracy as well as comfort when the comb smacks your face after a shot.

Adjusting drop can be easier than adjusting length of pull. While some shooters have adjustable combs installed — allowing them to move the top of the stock up and down and even side to side — you can fix this problem cheaply. A few thin layers of closed-cell foam on top of your existing comb, fastened with good-quality double-stick tape can "build up" your stock for under \$10. Add more layers, or take them off, until you can see perfectly down the gun's rib when your cheek is planted firmly on the comb. You should see nothing but the sight bead at the end of the muzzle — add layers until you

can see it, and take a layer off if you can see the rib itself. A piece of suede or neoprene on top of the closed-cell foam helps if you don't like the look of the foam or want greater comfort.

Many other adjustments, from major to minor, can make your shotgun fit better. But adjusting the length of pull and drop are good first steps. You'll know you're closer to a perfect fit when you bring down more birds with fewer shells.

Hayley Lynch is an award-winning writer for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. She is an avid hunter and shotgun shooter.

New Kentucky dove hunting guide available

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The 2007 Kentucky Dove Hunting Guide is now being shipped to stores where hunting licenses are sold. The guide is also available in a printable version on the internet at fw.ky.gov, or it may be requested by calling the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources weekdays at 1-800-858-1549.

Kentucky wing shooters may hunt over 40 public dove fields across the state this fall.

These fields open to public hunting on Sept. 1, 3, 5 and again from Sept. 8 — Oct. 24 (fields on private lands are open from Sept. 1 — Oct. 24 during the first part of the season). The 2007 Kentucky Dove Hunting Guide lists these fields and directions to them. The guide also contains the hunting seasons for woodcock, early wood duck and teal, snipe, purple gallinule, moorhens, Virginia and sora rails and resident Canada geese.

There is a major change for the 2007 dove seasons. The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission eliminated the nine-day late season in December and applied those nine days instead to the end of the early dove season. The early part of the dove season opens Sept. 1 and closes Oct. 24. The late dove season is now open Nov. 22-27.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources conducts mentor/youth dove hunts each fall in which an

adult may take up to two youths ages 15 and under to experience the thrill of early season dove hunting. Hunters must pre-register for these hunts by Aug. 24. Register by calling 1-800-858-1549 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) weekdays. Mentor/youth dove fields are closed to public hunting until Sept. 3, when they open to all dove hunters.

Hunters who hunt both doves and waterfowl should purchase the \$10 Kentucky Waterfowl Permit in addition

to their Kentucky hunting license. The Kentucky Waterfowl Permit enables hunters to hunt migratory birds such as doves, woodcock and snipe along with waterfowl. Those who just want to hunt migratory birds such as doves or woodcock, but not waterfowl, should purchase the \$5 Kentucky Migratory Bird Permit in addition to their Kentucky hunting license.

Hunter education is required for all hunters born on or after January 1, 1975,

except kids under 12 and hunters who are license exempt. However, a one-time temporary hunter education exemption permit is available for \$5 online, which allows hunting for one year from the date of purchase without a hunter education card while accompanied by a legal adult hunter. Log onto fw.ky.gov to find a hunter education course or to purchase an exemption permit.

P'burg

leyball team.

Crisp expects his current seniors to step up and provide leadership.

"Rikki Hughes, Julianna Fry and Whitney Caudill are seniors and the nucleus of our team," said Crisp. "They are the leaders of our team."

Prestonsburg lost Pam Slone, Liz Chaffin, Amber Whitaker and Jessica Fraley from last season's squad.

The Prestonsburg volleyball team will host a media day Monday on their home hardwood. The media day is scheduled to get underway at

4 p.m.

Prestonsburg is due back in action on Tuesday at home versus visiting Magoffin County. The Lady Blackcats are scheduled to host South Floyd on Thursday in another conference/district matchup.

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be set right now for 5:15 Eastern Time tipoffs before the men's games.

The Ohio Valley Conference tournament is again the same format with the

top four spots hosting a first round game on March 4 this season. The semifinals and championship game are scheduled for March 7-8 at Nashville's Municipal

Auditorium.

Morehead State returns seven letterwinners from a 14-16 team in 2006-2007. The Eagles were 13-7 in the OVC, finishing third.

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Golf

Paintsville High School baseball team.

Paintsville finished the

2007 season 27-6. The Tigers ended the season with the 15th Region's second-best record

behind frontrunner and 57th District rival Lawrence County (29-11).

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NHRA nearing its Countdown

by STEVE HERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — NASCAR has its Chase for the championship, and now the National Hot Rod Association has its Countdown.

The first NHRA playoffs to determine the national champions in drag racing will begin at the U.S. Nationals at O'Reilly Raceway Park near Indianapolis over the Labor Day weekend. Each division's top eight qualifiers through points earned in the first 17 races of the season will start anew for the final six races.

Most of the qualifying spots have already been clinched, and the rest will be determined this weekend at the Toyo Tires NHRA Nationals at Reading, Pa.

"If we hadn't changed to this new point system, then at this time of year there wouldn't be a whole lot of excitement around points for our team," said Melanie Troxel, currently two points out of the eighth and final qualifying spot in the Top Fuel category.

"Being ninth in points, it would be pretty unlikely that we would come back and win the championship," she said of the previous scoring format. "So it has added a lot of excitement and some pressure."

The top six in Top Fuel already have clinched spots in the Countdown, while the next four — Whit Bazemore, David Grubnic, Troxel and Cory McClenathan — are separated by just 102 points. With 100 points to the winner — plus bonus points for qualifying

positions — the standings could be shuffled considerably this weekend.

"So it's still exciting to be in this position," McClenathan said. "I think right now our game plan has really not changed. We need to be consistent. We need to qualify well. We need to go some rounds on Sunday if we're going to be in that top eight."

"We'd like to be in the points deal," he said Wednesday. "But realistically, what we are shooting for is to run as good as we can and go testing at Indianapolis next week so we can get ready for the last six races ... and begin preparing for the 2008 season."

McClenathan, a Top Fuel rookie in 1991, has placed in the top 10 in every season he's run a full schedule. He has 29 race wins, including two at Indianapolis, and has been Top Fuel series runner-up four times.

Troxel, whose home in Avon is about 6 miles from Raceway Park in Clermont, has five career wins and would love a good showing at her home track.

"I'd like to say that we planned it this way and we're coming on strong as part of our plan at this time of the year," Troxel said. "I certainly don't think we would cut it this close if we had a choice on it, but we're excited. If we get in, we feel like we definitely have momentum and the car is running good. That's the best possible scenario for the new point system, to come on strong in the late part of the year."

Besides Top Fuel, the elite

category of dragsters, the other professional categories are Funny Car, Pro Stock and Pro Stock Motorcycle. After the top eight in each division are determined this week, their points will be reset to within 10 of one another. After Indianapolis and the next three races, the field will be trimmed to four finalists and their points again will be reset for the final two races to determine the season champions.

"If we don't make it, well, it's a shame," Grubnic said. "But the position we're in right now, if we were on our old format, it doesn't look that good we'd have a shot at it anyway. So this opens it up for teams like mine right now."

Points leader Rod Fuller, Brandon Bernstein, Larry Dixon, Tony Schumacher and J.R. Todd already have clinched playoff spots in Top Fuel. The top seven in Funny Car have earned spots, with points leader Ron Capps, Robert Hight, Mike Ashley, John Force, Jack Beckman, Tony Pedregon and Gary Scelzi. Tommy Johnson — Troxel's husband — is in ninth place, 83 points behind eighth-place Jim Head for the final spot in Funny Car.

Greg Anderson, Jog Coughlin, Dave Connolly, Allen Johnson and Jason Line have already clinched spots in Pro Stock; and Matt Smith, Andrew Hines and Angelle Sampey have already guaranteed Pro Stock Motorcycle spots in the Countdown.

Qualifying at Indy begins on Friday, Aug. 31, in the pro categories, leading to the final eliminations on Labor Day, Sept. 3.



photo by Steve LaMaster

ALLEN CENTRAL QUARTERBACK JOSH PRATER (second from left) guides the Allen Central offense. Allen Central played Estill County Friday evening in its final scrimmage.

BMS TRIPLE CROWN: Kyle Busch eyes Truck Series win

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. — After capturing his first NEXTEL Cup win at Bristol Motor Speedway in the Food City 500 back in March, Kyle Busch felt pretty good about his success at the World's Fastest Half-Mile.

The 22-year-old Busch had, after all, already won a Busch Series event at BMS and to back that up with a victory in the Cup Series at NASCAR's most popular track felt pretty darn good. However, there's no NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series win at BMS on his resume. Busch hopes to change that on Aug. 22.

Busch is the lone driver competing in all three night races at BMS. He'll take to the newly resurfaced track on Wednesday for the O'Reilly 200, part of a doubleheader that evening that also features the Food City 150 Hooters ProCup event, then race in the Food City 250 on Friday. He'll cap the week off by going for a

sweep of Bristol Cup events this year in Saturday's soldout Sharpie 500.

The fact that Busch will be cruising BMS for a total of 950 laps is of no concern to him. What he wants is more time on the track... and that Truck Series win.

"Bristol is one of the most fun tracks we go to," said Busch. "Now that I have a Cup and Busch win, I want a Truck Series win too. Running all three races will give me a bunch more track time to get used to the new surface."

"Actually, running in the Truck Series is just a lot of fun for me. It's competitive and tough. And, if I can get a win at Bristol I know I've beaten some of the best racers out there."

Mike Skinner, who won the O'Reilly 200 in 2005, has four wins and nine poles this year and sits atop the point standings with 2,521. Ron Hornaday, the only two-time Bristol winner (1997, 1998), is second with

2,439 points, 82 behind Skinner. Travis Kvapil, who captured the O'Reilly 200 title in 2004, is third with 2,285.

Wednesday night's action begins when the stars of the USAR Hooters ProCup Series roll onto the track for the Food City 150. Gates open at 8:30 a.m. with practice for the Hooters ProCup cars beginning at 9. Practice for the cars and Truck Series will take place until 1. Qualifying begins at 2:30 for the Food City 150 and qualifying for the O'Reilly 200 begins at 4 p.m. The Food City 150 starts at 5:45 and the O'Reilly 200 takes the green flag at 8 p.m.

Tickets are still available for the Wednesday night doubleheader and are only \$30. Children 12 and under are admitted free with a paying adult.

Tickets may be purchased by contacting the BMS ticket office at 423.989.6900 or by visiting www.bristolix.com.

Mayo to play in Anaheim Classic

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANAHEIM, Calif. — O.J. Mayo will be getting some early season national exposure when Southern California and seven other teams play in the new Anaheim Classic over Thanksgiving weekend.

Mayo, one of the nation's most highly touted recruits, will be three games into his college basketball career when the Trojans play San Diego on Thanksgiving night on ESPN2.

The eight teams will play three games each from Nov. 22-25, taking Nov. 24 off to

frolic at Disneyland. Five of the games will be shown on ESPN2, with the others televised on ESPNU.

Summitt files for divorce

MARYVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee's Pat Summitt, the winningest basketball coach in NCAA history, filed for divorce after nearly 27 years of marriage.

Irreconcilable differences were cited in the petition filed Wednesday in the Knoxville suburb of Maryville. She and

husband R.B. Summitt will have been married 27 years on Aug. 23.

The couple has one child, Tyler, who will be 17 next month. The petition said there are no custody issues and the teenager is living with his mother. R.B. Summitt is a banker in Sevierville.

Summitt has 947 NCAA victories since she began coaching the Lady Vols in 1974. The Hall of Fame coach has led the Lady Vols to seven NCAA championships, including in April when they defeated Rutgers.

CINCY FALLS: Chicago tags 20 hits, routs Reds 12-4

by RICK GANO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Mark DeRosa's bump-up in the batting order gave the Chicago Cubs the lift they needed during a rough stretch.

DeRosa went 5-for-5 with four RBIs, the Cubs had a season-high 20 hits and Chicago scored seven in the seventh Thursday to beat the Cincinnati Reds 12-4.

DeRosa's five hits — four singles and a double — were a career high as the Cubs won for just the fifth time in 15 games this month.

"I've never done it before. It's unbelievable. I look back on it and I've done a lot of good things in my career and I've done a lot of bad things. This happens to be a good thing and it comes at a very good time," DeRosa said after the Cubs moved a half game out of the NL Central lead.

"St. Louis — a little bit of scoreboard watching — beat up on Milwaukee today and we swung the bats well," DeRosa added. "We closed the gap, a half-game out after playing some pretty subpar ball for us."

Moved up to second in the order in front of Derrek Lee, DeRosa flourished, while Aramis Ramirez and Jacque Jones contributed four hits each as the Cubs salvaged one win in the three-game series against the Reds.

"I told (manager) Lou (Piniella) after the game I like hitting in front of D. Lee. I'll tell you what, I was getting some fastballs to swing at," DeRosa said.

The Cubs are only two games above .500 but moved within a half game of first-place Milwaukee when the Brewers lost again to the St. Louis, 8-0. The Cardinals now come to Wrigley Field for an

important four-game series. St. Louis is just 2 1/2 games behind Milwaukee after sweeping three from the staggering Brewers at Miller Park.

"It's going to be an interesting weekend of baseball. The defending world champions coming in here on a roll. Our job is to slow them down a little," Piniella said.

Jason Marquis (10-7) allowed seven hits and four runs — all of those coming in the second.

DeRosa's RBI single off Bobby Livingston (3-3) drove in Ryan Theriot, who had doubled, to break a 4-4 tie in the fourth.

And then the Cubs went to work on the Reds' bullpen in the seventh.

Ramirez and Matt Murton singled against Gary Majewski before Jones hit a liner off reliever Mike Stanton's leg for a single to make it 6-4. After another sin-

gle by Koyie Hill loaded the bases, Stanton walked pinch-hitter Jason Kendall to force in a run before Theriot hit a two-run double.

DeRosa then greeted reliever Mike Gosling with a two-run single through the box to make it 11-4 and Ramirez followed one out later with his second hit of the inning, a run-scoring double.

The Cubs scored four in the first off Livingston, who surrendered 11 hits and five runs in five innings, but Marquis couldn't hold it.

The Reds tied it with four in the top of the second and could have had more if Ken Griffey Jr. had not been tagged out during a rally-killing mixup on the base paths after he singled off the wall in right center.

"We got a little fortunate there with Griffey rounding that first base bag and getting out. That could have been a

really big inning there," Piniella said.

Adam Dunn hit his 32nd homer to lead off the second and the Reds loaded the bases on a walk to Scott Hatteberg, a double by Edwin Encarnacion and a walk to Livingston. Josh Hamilton was hit by a pitch to force in the second run and Jeff Keppinger's infield single made it 4-3 with the bases remaining loaded.

Griffey then hit a ball off the wall to score Livingston. But when Hamilton held up at third and Keppinger had to slow up accordingly, Griffey got caught between first and second and was tagged out easily. Brandon Phillips then grounded out to end the inning.

"With one out, you need to go halfway and if the ball falls in you score easily. (Hamilton) just got a little confused and made a mistake," Reds interim manager

Pete Mackanin said.

Hamilton took the blame. "I kind of got caught in between trying to figure out what to do. I talked to the coaches about it and it's still the one part of my game that doesn't feel quite right," said Hamilton, who didn't play professionally from 2003-05.

The Cubs had four doubles in the first while scoring four times. DeRosa, Ramirez, Jake Fox and Jones all had two-baggers off Livingston.

Notes: Griffey, who had three hits, went to his knees to catch Marquis' sinking liner in the fourth and after he returned to his feet replaced the turf over a big divot he created when he landed. ... The 20 hits were also the most allowed by the Reds this season. ... After days of stifling humidity, the game began with a temperature of just 72 degrees.

Troubled crew chiefs back at the track, getting teams ready for Chase

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Since NASCAR put them on suspension in June, Chad Knaus and Steve Letarte have managed to stay busy. That hasn't kept the two Nextel Cup crew chiefs from being frustrated.

"I'm not going to lie to you, it's tough," Knaus said Friday after rejoining reigning Cup champion Jimmie Johnson and his No. 48 Hendrick Motorsports team to prepare for Sunday's 3M Performance 400 at Michigan International Speedway.

Knaus and Letarte, who works with the No. 24 of four-time Cup champion Jeff Gordon on the elite Hendrick team, were banned from attending six races after NASCAR technical inspectors found unapproved front fenders on their entries before the June 24 race at Sonoma.

"I've never done anything else my whole life and Steve's in the same boat," said Knaus, who has gone through suspensions in the past. "In 24, 25 years of racing, I've been gone every week-end, every week I'm gone somewhere else, some other town going racing."

"When you instill that kind of competitive nature into your blood, it's kind of difficult to unplug yourself. But it's what happens, you just have to deal with it. I didn't enjoy it, that's for sure. It's good to be back."

Letarte, ending his first suspension, echoed Knaus, one of his mentors.

"It's very frustrating," Letarte said. "I (could) do everything Monday through Thursday to prepare them, give them my notes, give them my ideas, this is how the last race went, this is how the next race might go. But, when they leave and come out to

the racetrack, they're kind of on their own."

Both teams have done a decent job in the absence of their leaders.

Gordon, leading the season standings, has posted top-10 finishes in all six races and increased his points lead over runner-up Denny Hamlin from 171 — after NASCAR docked both Gordon and Johnson 100 points for "Fender-gate" — to 344.

Johnson hasn't been quite as fortunate.

He was fourth, 366 behind his teammate after the points deduction. Heading into Sunday's event — one of four races left before the 12-man field for the Chase for the championship is set — Johnson is seventh, 595 points behind Gordon, who has already clinched a spot in the postseason.

There's little chance Johnson will miss out on the Chase, since he is still 356 points in front of

13th-place Ryan Newman. But momentum is key heading into the stock car playoff.

Crashes in consecutive races at Chicago and Indianapolis relegated Johnson to finishes of 37th and 39th and seriously slowed his team's progress. But he has righted the ship, finishing fifth at Pocono and third at Watkins Glen.

Since the crew chiefs were suspended only from coming to the tracks, Knaus and Letarte were able to take the lead in repairing Johnson's battered cars.

"We wrecked two of my favorite cars, which really broke my heart," Knaus said. "The car we destroyed in Chicago had only finished outside the top five once, I think, in 12 races it ran."

"But, with the help of everyone at Hendrick Motorsports, we actually took that car, which was a pile of rubble when we got home, we put a new front clip on

it, a new rear clip and a complete body."

The team plans to run that car in two weeks at California Speedway.

"We share a shop and the No. 24 has been fortunate," Letarte said. "We've had some pretty good luck all year. The No. 48 has been a little unfortunate, getting caught up in some of those accidents. So we've just been making sure that the two teams have a full stable of cars entering the Chase."

Johnson appeared relieved to have Knaus, the only crew chief he's had in his six seasons in Cup, back at the track.

"We're very proud of the team and the effort we've put out through all of it, but there's no doubt that we've been less of a team without Knaus at the track," the driver said.

Neither one of the crew chiefs was repentant about the

technical violations that prompted the penalties.

"I'm sorry for what happened but, for the reason that it happened, I'm not sorry because what we did was not something that we thought was bad," Knaus said. "We didn't feel like we were breaking the rules."

"I don't feel any regret, remorse or anything like that. Am I sorry I missed the races? Am I sorry that I wasn't there? Absolutely. ... But regret or remorse, no, that's not even an option."

Letarte said he too is just ready to move on.

"If you're asking if I laid awake at night thinking about it, no," he said. "I'm not too worried about it. I kind of have bigger goals. I lay awake more at night trying to figure out how we're going to win a championship (rather) than for not being here for the last six races."

NEW CLASS TO BE INDUCTED: Five headed into UofL Athletic HoF

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — Five outstanding individuals will be inducted into the University of Louisville Athletic Hall of Fame on Thursday, Oct. 4 at the Louisville Downtown Marriott Ballroom.

The list includes Anthony Bridges, an All-America cornerback for the Cardinals in 1993 when he picked off seven passes; Joan Dunaway Burks, an impressive guard who became the second

1,000-point career scorer for the Cardinals' women's basketball program; Damien Kalvar, a three-time Metro Conference champion and U of L record holder in the hammer throw; Tyrus McCloud, a powerful linebacker who twice earned Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year honors; and Stephanie Storen Jett, the career assists leader as a setter for the U of L volleyball team who led the Cardinals to their first NCAA Sweet 16 appearance.

The event will begin with a reception

at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. and the induction ceremony to follow. Tickets are \$40 per person and may be obtained by calling U of L Athletics at (502) 852-8460. The inductees will also be recognized at the Cardinals' Oct. 5 home football game against Utah.

"We always look forward to welcoming back an impressive collection of former student-athletes who have left an enduring legacy to the tradition of Cardinal Athletics," said U of L Director of Athletics Tom Jurich.

Kragthorpe: Cardinals can compete for national title

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — For mild-mannered Louisville coach Steve Kragthorpe, it was about as bold a statement as you'll get.

Speaking to hundreds of Cardinal fans at the team's annual preseason luncheon on Thursday, Kragthorpe said the defending Big East champions think they're good enough to compete for the national title.

"I told our guys that on August 30th, 119 Division (I-A) start the tournament," he said. "At the end of it all, there will be two teams playing for the championship. I don't think it's too bold to say we want to be one of those teams."

Kragthorpe, who replaced Bobby Petrino in January, added he's been impressed by what he's seen from his players during training camp.

"They're coachable," he said. "They want to learn and they want to be great. And we're going to help them do that."

The Cardinals went 12-1 last year, winning the Big East and the Orange Bowl. Louisville opens the season at home on Aug. 30 against Murray State.

Cardinals WR faces DUI, drug charges

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — A Louisville wide receiver was scheduled to appear in court next month to face charges of driving under the influence and possession of marijuana.

The charges against JaJuan Spillman stem from a car accident in January.

The sophomore was scheduled to appear in court on Sept. 21, the day before Louisville's home game against Syracuse.

Spillman continues to practice with the team.

"We are aware of JaJuan Spillman being in court and will not comment until the issue is resolved through the courts," Louisville spokesman Rocco Gasparro said.

According to a police report, an officer responded to an accident near campus. The report said Spillman and an unnamed passenger admitted to the officer that they had smoked marijuana in the car. An officer found 9.3 grams of marijuana, police said.

Spillman averaged 27.9 yards per kickoff return last season and tied a school record with a 100-yard kickoff return for a touchdown against Rutgers and caught seven passes for 56 yards.

MSU CC team picked to finish fourth

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — In a preseason vote of head cross country coaches in the Ohio Valley Conference, Morehead State University was picked fourth on the men's side and fifth in the women's.

Morehead State finished just behind Samford in the predictions and was tabbed fourth. The Eagles were the runners-up a year ago and have a pair of sophomores leading the team. Ronald Duncan and Matthew Dotson were 10th and 12th at the OVC Championship last fall and will look to improve with added experience. Outside of Eastern Kentucky or Eastern Illinois, the Eagles are the only other team in the OVC to win a men's championship in the last 19 years. MSU claimed both the 1988 and

1995 championships.

Morehead State, which won the inaugural OVC women's championship in 1979 as well as a title in 2000, was tabbed fifth this season. Head coach Dan Lindsey's Eagles were fourth a year ago and return senior Kim Reiland, who placed sixth last year. Junior Jessica Reyes was a few spots behind Reiland in 10th place.

Eastern Kentucky University was picked to repeat as champions on the men's side while Samford, who finished second behind ECU last season, was picked to claim the women's championship in 2007.

On the men's side, Eastern Kentucky (80 points, 8 first-place votes) was followed by Southeast Missouri State (72, 1 first-place vote), Samford (64), Morehead State (61), Eastern Illinois (57),

Jacksonville State (43), Austin Peay (40), Tennessee Tech (30), Tennessee-Martin (20), Tennessee State (15) and Murray State (13).

On the women's side, Samford (77 points, 5 first-place votes) was followed by Eastern Kentucky (73, 4 first-place votes), Eastern Illinois (66), Southeast Missouri (57), Morehead State (51), Jacksonville State (42), Austin Peay and Murray State (tied with 37 points), Tennessee Tech (30), Tennessee-Martin (16) and Tennessee State (9).

The 2007 Ohio Valley Conference Cross Country Championships will be held October 27 with Samford University serving as the host. The event will take place at Spain Park High School Course in Hoover, Ala.



photo by Steve LeMaster

ON THE MEND: Allen Central senior Alex Hammonds suffered a shoulder injury during a scrimmage versus Morgan County Friday, Aug. 10. Hammonds is headed back for the Rebels.

Pro wrestling officials meet with NY prosecutor probing steroids

by MICHAEL VIRTANEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBANY, N.Y. — Officials from World Wrestling Entertainment met this week with New York prosecutors investigating illegal steroid sales.

WWE Vice President Jennifer McIntosh confirmed the Tuesday meeting but declined to comment on what was discussed. Calls to Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares' office were not immediately returned Thursday.

The day before the meeting, former pro wrestler Brian "Crush" Adams, 44, was found dead of undetermined causes in his Florida home. Authorities said tissue and toxicology tests are due in six to eight weeks.

Adams had not been a wrestler for WWE since 2001, McIntosh said. His death came less than two months after pro wrestler Chris Benoit killed his wife and son before hanging himself on the cable of a weight machine in his Georgia home. Prescription anabolic steroids were found in the home, raising questions about whether the drugs played a role in the killings.

Soares' office has said Benoit had been a client of Signature Pharmacy of Orlando, Fla., which is at the center of the investigation.

Nine people, including three current or former physicians, have pleaded guilty, most affiliated with Internet and phone-order companies that filled orders for anabolic steroids and growth hormones through Signature and sent drugs to customers around the country, including Albany County.

Signature's owners have pleaded not guilty. In New York, it is illegal for a doctor to prescribe drugs without examining the patient in person, and illegal for a pharmacy to dispense prescription drugs without a valid prescription.

National Football League officials met with Soares and other investigators in March. An NFL spokesman said they had asked the prosecutors' office for any information relevant to the league.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 7-2007
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRESTONSBURG
CREATING A DESIGNATED SKATE-FREE
DISTRICT BY MEANS OF ESTABLISHING BOUNDARIES**

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to assist our downtown district to be a safe and clean environment for increase of shopping experience; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to assist our downtown district's public walkways to be solely for walking traffic; and;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish regulations to protect businesses and the public properties from damage(s) that have occurred to property in past; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Prestonsburg has provided a safe and entertaining space that is specifically designed for skating;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, as follows:

SECTION 1: There is hereby established the following boundaries to create a skate-free district to the City of Prestonsburg which will include the prohibition of any skating device or apparatus;

Beginning at point NW of said district commonly known as KY Route 114 running SE thru and including KY Route 1428 also known as Lake Drive of which shall include but not limited to Front Street in whole, Granham Street in whole, Ford St. in whole, Court Street in whole, Arnold Avenue to NW boundary of KY Route 114, Dingus Street in whole, West Friend St. in whole, and South Central Avenue in whole. To be completely inclusive of any public pathways or business property, located herein.

SECTION 2: That these boundaries be delineated will signage signifying that the district is skate free, including the City ordinance number and fine amount indicated.

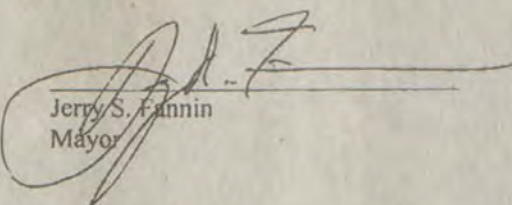
SECTION 3: That any person who fails to comply with this ordinance shall have skating device seized from possession by peace officer. Guardian shall be required to come to police department to retain possession thereof, and;

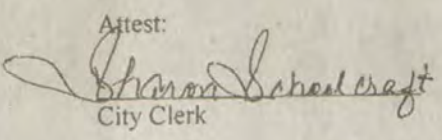
SECTION 4: That any person who is found guilty of a violation of this ordinance is subject to a fine of up to \$250.00 for each violation.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication, as required by law.

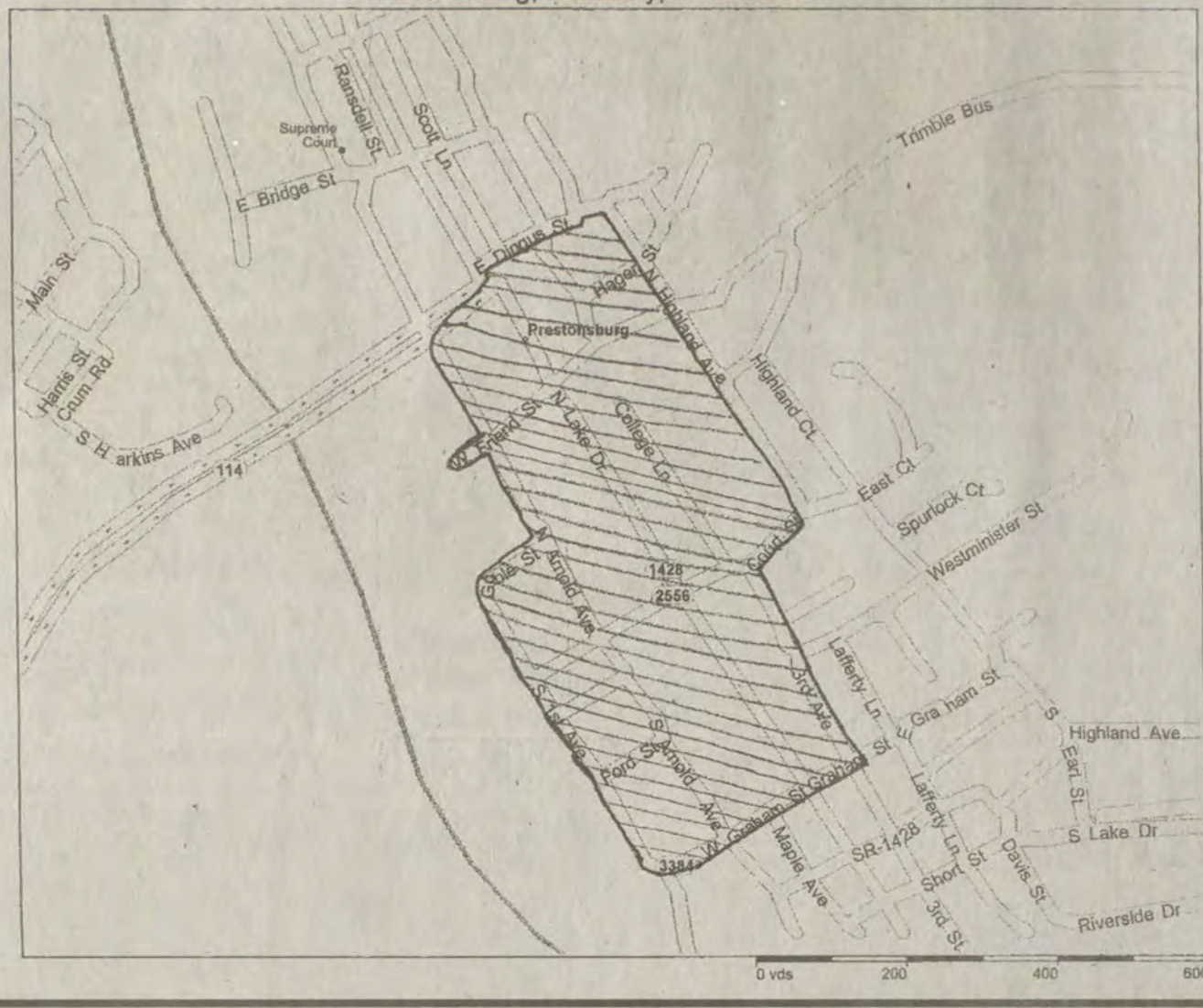
SECTION 6: All Ordinances or any parts in conflict with the provisions herein are expressly repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Adopted this 13 day of August, 2007


Jerry S. Fannin
Mayor

Attest:

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