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#### State Park website provides more golf information

FRANKFORT -Golfers who visit any of the 20 Kentucky State Park courses will have an easier time getting information and making travel plans with the parks' redesigned web site that was announced

'The new design allows golfers to get all of the information they need at one place," said Parks Commissioner J.T. Miller. "We've added new information and made it more convenient to make overnight reservations for golfing trips and vacations.

The new web site part of an overall redesign for the state parks -- is easier to navigate and has more photographs of each golf course. There are improved course descriptions, scorecards, rates and fees, weather information and mileage charts showing the distance between parks for those planning a golfing vacation at several courses

The site also allows golfers to make reservations for the Kentucky State Parks Tee's and Zzz's golf packages that include lodging, meals and course fees. Also highlighted is the Kentucky State Park Golf Trail Signature

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# County finances lead to heated meeting



Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens: "The county is broke."

by RALPH B. DAVIS MANAGING EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - The Floyd County Fiscal Court took steps Friday to keep running smoothly during a traditional shortage of funds at the beginning of the fiscal year, but one magistrate says the county's money woes go deeper than that.

Magistrates unanimously voted to borrow \$500,000 from First Guaranty Bank in a resolution declaring an "emergency situation" in regard to the county's finances.

Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall downplayed the language of the resolution, saying the loan was merely to help the county get by during the first few months of the fiscal year, which begins today, when funds are short.

'In fact, if anything, we're a little better off than this time last year," Marshall said.

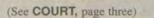
But District 2 Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens had a gloomier outlook in regard to the county's financial situation, saying there is no money for road materials and predicting the county could soon find itself hardpressed to meet its payroll.

"They're broke," Owens said. "The county is broke."

Marshall said that while the county would have a hard time meeting an unexpected large bill, the county is still ending the year with between \$100,000 and \$200,000 and now will have the loan passed Friday to get by in the event of any unexpected expens-Marshall said the fiscal court

needs to address spending cuts to get on more solid financial ground, but ruled out any need to raise revenue through new or higher taxes.

"It's not a crisis," Marshall said. "Let's just put it this way -





Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall: "It's not a crisis."

#### FRAGILE

This mother bird made a home for her brand new babies in a rose bush in the yard of Edith and Kenny Marsillett, of Bull Creek. The four baby birds hatched last week and seem to be doing

# East Kentucky Fair readies for third year

by JESSICA HALE STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — This year marks the third year for the East Kentucky Fair at Thunder Ridge Raceway in Prestonsburg, and visitors will no doubt have a wonderful time this year with the carnival, competitions and entertainment.

The East Kentucky Fair began several years ago as a dream of former Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson. Knowing that most children would never get the chance to travel to the State Fair in Louisville, Thompson wanted local children to have the opportunity to experience a state fair right at home.

Today, Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike Counties all participate in the event along with the Big Sandy Area Development District.

This year, events will include an ATV Mud Bog, Truck Pull, Bull Riding

Competition and BBW Wrestling. Entertainment will be provided by Confederate Railroad and other local bands, along with shows by local cheerleading and dance team squads.

Additional events may be added soon.

The fair will begin on August 2 and will run through August Admission is \$10 per day for adults and children, \$5 for seniors and groups of 25 or more. All carnival rides and concerts are included with the admission price.

The fair is looking for volunteers to assist with day-to-day operations. All volunteers will receive free gate admission on the day(s) they volunteer for any four- to eight-hour shift. Volunteers may be asked to help with directions, customer questions, assist families at the gate,

For more information about the fair, contact the Big Sandy ADD at (606) 886-2374.

### Former state official describes political favors, gets probation

by JOE BIESK ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A former state highway official who was sentenced to probation on Friday had described to prosecutors last year what he considered to be political improprieties in the Transportation

Sam Beverage, who served briefly as state highway engineer, said in a statement dated Nov. 11, 2006, and released after his sentencing that Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration used highway funds as political leverage, including a fund that the secretary of transportation has sole discretion over.

"This fund is where the real politics is played," Beverage charged.

"Political favors are given to party supporters and to legislators that vote favorably with the administration. There's a computer listing of all the project requests in the commissioner's office that could easily be traced to political favors. This fund is essentially a large campaign chest and is used accordingly.

Jodi Whitaker, spokeswoman for Fletcher, declined to comment on the Beverage statement. "We haven't seen or read any of this information," she said.

Franklin County Circuit Judge Thomas Wingate sentenced Beverage to serve two years probation for his guilty plea to a misdemeanor count of official misconduct

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Workers prepared for opening day Thursday for the Drew Exposition Carnival held at Archer Park in Prestonsburg. Visitors have a variety of rides and games to choose from. The carnival's last day will be July 4.

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# Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

James Daniel Bradley, 70, of Grethel, died Tuesday, June 26, in the Riverview Healthcare Center, in Prestonsburg. Graveside services were conducted Friday, June 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral

Ruth Budnick, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, June 26, at Skaggs Community Health Center in Branson, Missouri, Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, and Greenlawn Funeral Home in Branson, Missouri. A memorial service will be held in Branson, on Tuesday, July 3, under the direction of Greenlawn Funeral

■ Vivian Jewell Wells Caudill, of Hager Hill, a Floyd County native, died Tuesday, June 12, at St. Joseph Hospital East in Lexington. Funeral services were held Friday, June 15. under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Francisco Noah Dominguez, infant son of Fayla Shepherd Francisco Bradford Dominguez of Garrett, died Tuesday, June 26, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 30, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Robert A. DeRossett, 86,

of Lexington, formerly of Floyd County, died Saturday, June 23, at the VA Medical Center, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Virginia DeRossett. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ruel Green, 82, of Stambaugh, died Tuesday, June 19, at Hospice of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ruth Parsons Greer. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 23, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Orpha Howell Spears Kitchen, 91, of Johnson City, Tenn., a native of Betsy Layne, died Sunday, June 24, at Appalachian Christian Village. Graveside services were held Wednesday, June 27, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Jack Bennett Reynolds, 62, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, June 24, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Emma Suc Ratliff Reynolds. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 27, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Sarah Ring, 87, of Garrett, died Tuesday, June 26, at the Riverview Healthcare Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Hargus Salisbury, 79, of Jackson, Michigan, a native of Langley, died Saturday, June 23. He is survived by his wife, Juanita Vanderpool Salisbury. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 27, at 11 a.m.,

at the Mt. Olive Old Regular Baptist Church.

Danny Sartin, 57, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Monday, June 25, at his residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ James Freddie Slone, 48, of Harold, died Saturday, June 23, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Darlene Stratton Slone. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 27. under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

#### PIKE COUNTY

Gary O'Neil Buckley, 65, of Pikeville, died Monday, June 25, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Virgie Lou May Buckley. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 27, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

Lorraine "Lori" Carroll, 35, of Millard Highway, died Saturday, June 23, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 27, under the direction of Pikeville Funeral

Lloyd E. Fields, 70, of Steele, died Saturday, June 23, at Baptist Hospital East, Louisville. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 26, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

James Avron Hamilton Jr., 51, of Teaberry, died Tuesday, June 26, at the University of Kentucky Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Joann Hamilton. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 30, under direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

Howard Edward Harris, 75, of Fords Branch, died Friday, June 22, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Ella Adkins Harris. Funeral services were held Monday, June 25, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Billy Jack Mullins, 66, of Lick Creek, died Saturday, June 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Loretta Sue Short Mullins. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 27, under the direction of Bailey Funeral

Betty J. Robinson, 73, of Elkhorn City, died Monday, June 25, at Mountain View Health Care. She is survived by her husband, Clyde Robinson. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 27, under the direction of Thacker Funeral

Donna Sue Robinson, 65.

of Pikeville, died Wednesday, June 27, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, June 29, under direction of Hatfield Funeral

■ Marie Leedy Varney, 70, of Kimper, died Monday, June 4, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 7, under direction of Community Funeral Home of Zebulon.

A memorial service was held Friday, June 29, at First Christian Church, Pikeville, for Daisibel U. Walters, 100, who died April 19, at her home in Vero Beach, Fla. She and her husband, W.R. Walters, built the Town & Country Shopping Center in Pikeville.

■ Theda Childers Webb, 79, of Richmond, a native of Big Branch, died Sunday, June 24. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 26, under the direction of Nelsen Funeral

■ Geraldine Young, 67, of Turkey Creek, died Friday, June 22, at Parkview Manor Nursing Rehabilitation Center, Robinson Creek. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 26, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

#### JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Betty Lou Dixon Andrews, 65, of Volga, died Friday, June 15, at St. Joseph Hospital East in Lexington. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 19, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home

■ Janorah Collins Bowens, 84, of Leander, died Saturday, June 23, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 26, under the direction of the Phelps Funeral

Edward Caudill, 80, of Van Lear, died Friday, June 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Faye Petry Caudill. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 25, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Vicie Ellen Fairchild, 92, of Oil Springs, died Friday, June 15, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Monday, June 18, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

Sarah J. Fairchild, 87, of Paintsville, died Saturday, June 23, at Highlands Regional Center, Medical Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Monday, June 25, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

John J. Jackson Jr., of Springfield, Ohio, a native of Paintsville, died Wednesday, June 20, at Mercy Medical Center, in Springfield. He is survived by his wife, Catherine A. McCollow Jackson. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 23, under the direction of the Conroy Funeral Home of Springfield, Ohio.

Crate Stafford Jr., 71, of Meally, died Thursday, June 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 26, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Ellen Jean Franklin Williams, 77, of Paintsville, died Saturday, June 23, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Richard B. Williams. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 26, the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Paul Bryan Blevins, 69, of East Point, died Monday, June 25, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Edith J. Spencer Blevins. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 28, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Gladys Elizabeth Harrington, 90, of Sarasota, Florida, formerly of Paintsville, died Tuesday, June 26, at Sunnyside Nursing Center in Sarasota. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 30, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Elmer Pelphrey, 79, of Port Richey, Florida, a Johnson County native, died Friday, June 22, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Vivian Pelphrey. Arrangements, under the direction of Dobies Funeral Homes and Crematory of Holiday, Florida.

#### MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Willie Wright, 73, of Salyersville, died Friday, June 15, at Highlands Regional Center, Medical Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 17, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

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### **Obituaries**

#### Edith Gayheart

Edith Gayhcart, 84, of Allen, died Friday, June 29, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born October 11, 1922, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Felix and Lena Hoover Dudley. She was a homemaker and a member of Pleasant Home Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ola Gayheart. Survivors include two daughters: Janice Davis of Prestonsburg and Colleen Compton of Allen; a son, Damon Duane Gayheart of Allen; a sister, Ethel Presley of Langley; three grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one stepgreat-grandchild.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Clyde Dudley and Angelo Dudley.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, July 2, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Mark Tackett officiating.

Burial will be in the Hayes Cemetery, in Langley, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier

PIKEVILLE - A memori-

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Strosnider, D.O., will be held

in Booth Auditorium at

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#### Arnold Goble

Arnold Goble, 56, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, June 27, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born July 8, 1950, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Estill Bud and Laura Collins Goble. He was an elec-

He is survived by his wife, Curnic Pennington Goble.

Other survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law: Lora L. and William Newsome of Langley, and Martina and Bradley Goble Thornsberry of Topmost; three brothers: Mickey Goble Prestonsburg, David Lee Goble of Auxier, and Henry Estill Goble of Texas; two sisters: Betty Goble of Prestonsburg, and Annabell Morgan of Ypsilanti, Michigan; five grandchildren: Elizabeth Michelle, Stephen Arnold, Cleve David, Teanna Faye, and Megan; and a greatgrandchild, Madison.

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In addition to his parents, he Visitation is at the funeral was preceded in death by a (Paid obituary) brother, Bobby Goble.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 30, at 2 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Lackey Freewill Baptist ministers officialing.

Burial will be in the Pennington Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral

Visitation is at the funeral

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

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#### Monica Laferty Harris

Monica Laferty Harris, 74. of Wurtland, Ky., formerly of Flatwoods, Ky., died Thursday, June 28, 2007, at the Wurtland Manor Nursing Home, Wurtland.

Born June 7, 1933, in South Williamson, she was the daughter of the late William Thomas Laferty and Oma Lee Martin Laferty. She was a home health caretaker and a member of the White Oak Church, in Flatwoods.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William C. Johnson; two sons: Gary Johnson and Rex Harris; two brothers: Colonel Ray Laferty and William Laserty Jr.; one sister, Audrey Cline.

Survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law: William and Carla Johnson of Anna, Ohio, Ricky and Karen Knoxville, Harris of Tennessee, George Johnson of Hanging Rock, Ohio; one daughter-in-law, Susic Spears of Flatwoods; 14 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren; 4 sisters: Mildred Darby of Xenia, Ohio, Magdaline Harris of Jackson, Michigan; Wanda Jo Ousley of Prestonsburg, Sue Hunter of Michigan; two brothers: Clinton Laferty of Prestonsburg and Dennis Laferty of Michigan.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, July 3, at 10 a.m., at Tracy Brammer Funeral Home, Ironton, Ohio. Burial will be in the Woodland Cemetery, Ironton,

Visitation is at the funeral (Paid obituary)

The Strosnider family has

requested that, in lieu of flow-

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School of Osteopathic Medicine is now accepting 75 students for each of the four classes, increasing its total enrollment to 300. Pikeville students and alumni stand out for their commitment and care for patients as "whole" persons, a philosophy embedded in the school's psyche by Dr. Strosnider's caring presence and leadership.

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At the time of his passing, Dr. Strosnider was serving as president of the American Ostcopathic Association, the highest honor in the osteopathic profession. It is the first time that a physician from Kentucky has held this position of leadership in the 56,000-member organization. The memorial service will

be open to the public. Booth Auditorium is located on the fifth floor of the Record Memorial Building at Pikeville College. Parking is available in the Pikeville Parking Garage, which is connected to Record Memorial by

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## FCB celebrates ribbon cutting of Pikeville branch

PIKEVILLE Commonwealth Bank celebrated the opening of its new Pikeville branch with a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 19. The ceremony was attended by local officials, Chamber members, customers, bank executives, employees, the bank's Board of Directors and the First Commonwealth Bank Pike County Advisory Board. To continue the celebration

free hot dog lunch. Popcorn, cotton candy and snow-cones were also available for the guests. The festivities also included a live remote with radio station WDHR of

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"We are very excited about our move into Pike County. We appreciate the warm welcome that we have received and look forward to serving community," President and CEO Greg Wilson.



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### Kentucky facing a shortage of vets to treat large animals

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LEXINGTON — Dr. Roger Wonderlich admits he is one of a dying breed.

The Shelby County veterinarian specializes in treating large animals, like farm animals, that are often tougher to handle than domesticated dogs

Vets like Wonderlich are becoming harder to find in Kentucky, where about one in five counties are without a working large-animal veterinarian, according to figures provided by the American Medical Veterinary Association and the Kentucky Medical Veterinary Association. There are an estimated 200 to 240 in the state.

"We hope we don't go extinct. We hope they revive us," said Wonderlich, one of four vets at Shelby Animal Clinic in Shelbyville.

The shortage stems from vets who are retiring or leaving the profession.

"There aren't many students that want to go into large-animal work," Wonderlich said. "They'd prefer to do small-animal work.

Many farmers depend on the large-animal veterinarians to help with their cows, pigs

wife told Dr. Wonderlich if he quits, we'd quit," said Jeff Gibson, who with his wife, Lisa, runs Kentucky Bluegrass Genetics, a dairy and breeding operation in Shelby County.

Other farmers have been in business for a long time and have few options.

For David and Lea Miller, not having a specialist to care for the animals would mean raising only crops.

"I'm not young anymore so I don't like wrestling animals," David Miller said while Wonderlich treated a sick dairy cow, "I don't know what we'd do without him."

Kentucky has 47,000 farms spread through 120 counties, but 25 counties don't have a large-animal veterinarian, according to the numbers from the vet associations.

A recent Kentucky Farm Bureau meeting attracted farmers, vets and state legislators who attempted to address the shortage.

Marshall Coyle, the farm bureau's president, said healthier animals also contribute to safer food sources for humans.

When you talk about animal health, you can't do that without thinking about food safety," Coyle said.

The group discussed loan forgiveness for vets who go into large-animal practice and an increase in in-state tuition rates for Kentucky students who go to a vet school at Auburn University Alabama.

Currently, 136 Kentuckians can pay in-state tuition at Auburn's vet school with the state picking up the rest of the fees that total about \$20,000 per student.

"It's evident that we have Kentuckians who are interestcd," said Harry Moberly, chairman of the state House Appropriations and Revenue Committee. "What we need to do is incent more of them into becoming large-animal vets."

Wonderlich said just before delivering a baby calf this week that he found it "exciting to bring a newborn into the

After a long, messy struggle, the calf finally emerged from its mother, but it was too weak after the delivery and died minutes later. He said the birth showed the difficulty associated with treating large

"You know you have to do" it," Wonderlich said. "It's just not easy to do."

#### Transportation

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and ordered him to pay a \$500 revenues to pay for highway fine. His sentencing wraps up a two-year investigation into charges of political patronage by the Fletcher administration.

Beverage was originally charged with felony perjury for allegedly lying to the special grand jury that investigated charges that the Fletcher administration illegally rewarded political supporters with protected state jobs.

In his statement to prosecutors, Beverage also said bond projects were used for political purposes.

"The original list of potential projects was submitted to the governor and he personally selected the projects to be funded," Beverage said. "The governor asked that each senator's name be placed alongside each project that was in their district. Projects were then selected for those senators that voted for the governor's programs."

Golf

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### Court

it's been worse."

The loan was just one of several financial items approved changing its bank addressed during Friday's meeting. In another, the court declined an offer from County Attorney Keith Bartley to reduce his salary by \$5,000 in an effort to help the county through its lean financial times.

"I think that's very good of him to do that," Owens said. "But, like I told him the other day, the financial situation of the county did not come about become of the county attor-

Owens then reluctantly made a motion to adopt the resolution, but the measure died when no one else seconded the

The court also narrowly from First Guaranty Bank to County and has been helpful to Community Trust Bank, but not without heated debate.

Marshall proposed making the change, based on Community Trust's offer to pay 4.25 percent interest on county deposits, compared to the 1.5 percent rate the county has been getting from First Guaranty. Marshall said the reason for the change was "strictly economics," noting the county would realize about \$27,000 in additional revenue through the higher rate.

Owens, however, vocally opposed making the switch,

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saying he would prefer to do business with First Guaranty because it is based in Floyd

the fiscal court in the past. "I can't see switching bank accounts from someone who has been so good to us in the past," Owens said.

Community Trust Bank is

based in Pike County. When it came time for a vote, District 1 Magistrate John Goble and District 3 Magistrate Donnie Daniels voted in favor of making the change, while Owens and District 4 Magistrate Ronnie Akers voted against it. The measure passed when Marshall cast a tie-breaking vote in favor of the change.



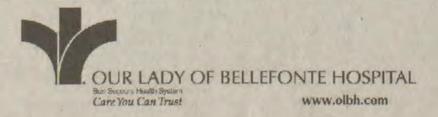
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### Guest View-

# Should have been done long ago

Suddenly, the need for the Kentucky General Assembly to approve a bill that would provide financial incentives for companies to build plants that would convert coal into liquid fuels has become so pressing that Gov. Ernie Fletcher plans to call legislators into special session beginning July 5 to accomplish that task.

Funny, Fletcher and the Republican leaders in the Senate did not consider such a bill that urgent back in March, If they had, the governor would have insisted that his party's legislative leaders not burden a bill sponsored by House Majority Leader Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, with so many unrelated provisions that it died during the closing hours of the 2007 General Assembly.

Adkins' bill would have provided the incentives for coalto-liquid plants that Fletcher now considers urgent, but it would have done more than that.

Instead of just offering financial incentives for one type of alternative fuel, Adkins' bill would have offered incentives for other types of commercial-grade alternative energy plants locating in Kentucky, including wind, ethanol and hydrogen.

But instead of giving Adkins' bill the support it deserved, the Republican-controlled Senate assured the bill's demise by attaching unpopular and unrelated amendments to it. Instead of providing a clear path for the approval of Adkins' bill, Republicans decided to play petty politics with it. Had they not done so, the incentives the governor now wants would have been in place and the special session — which costs the state about \$60,000 a day — would be unnecessary.

We're still not convinced it's necessary. While the governor's office has released a letter from Peabody Coal President Rick Brown that the company would be unlikely to consider Kentucky as the location for \$4 billion coal-toliquid plant without state incentives, that letter gives no indication of just what type of incentives Peabody wants or - more importantly - whether a decision on what Kentucky can offer to the company is so pressing that it can't wait until when the General Assembly convenes in regular session in January.

We seriously doubt Peabody is going to make the final decision on where to build the coal-to-liquid plant - or even if to build — in the next six months. And we suspect that a promise from the governor and key members of the General Assembly that the incentives would be forthcoming would satisfy the company.

Speaker of the House Jody Richards — the highest ranking Democrat in the General Assembly — said there is no consensus among legislators regarding the need for the special session or just what the incentive package should be. Without general agreement on what legislators will do in Frankfort, the special session could become a costly waste

This newspaper was a strong supporter of Adkins' bill, and we still think incentives are important to encourage the development of alternative fuels.

However, we fail to see the urgency of such incentives and object to the governor calling legislators back to Frankfort to do what they could have - or should have done months ago.

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### Rich Jowry Column

### Michael Moore's 'Sicko' propaganda

Is all that ails the U.S. health-care system that it's not run by a communist dictatorship? That has long been a premise of apologists for Fidel Castro who extol the virtues of medical care on his totalitarian island

Lest-wing documentary silmmaker Michael Moore is reviving this Cold War relic of an argument in his new movie on health care, "Sicko," which favorably compares the Cuban health-care system to ours. Moore ostentatiously took a few sick 9/11 workers to Cuba for care. "If they can do this," Moore told Time magazine, referring to the Cubans, "we can do

All that the Cuban government has done, however, is run a decadeslong propaganda campaign to convince credulous or dishonest people that its health-care system is worth emulating. These people believe or pretend to believe for ideological reasons - that a dictatorship can crush a country's economy and spirit, yet still deliver exemplary medical

Cuban health care works only for the select few: if you are a high-ranking member of the party or the military and have access to top-notch clinics; or a health-care tourist who cies are pre-emptively ended, can pay in foreign currency at a special facility catering to foreigners; or a documentarian who can be relied

whitewashing the system.

Ordinary Cubans experience the wasteland of the real system. Even aspirin and Pepto-Bismol can be rare and there's a black market for t h c m According to a

report in the Canadian newspaper the National Post: "Hospitals are falling apart, surgeons lack basic supplies and must reuse latex gloves. Patients must buy their sutures on the black market and provide bed sheets and food for extended hospital stays."

Yet we're supposed to believe the routine medical care is superb. The statistic frequently cited for this proposition is that Cuba has the lowest infant mortality rate in Latin America. Put aside that the reflexively dishonest Cuban government is the ultimate source for these figures. Cuba had the lowest infant mortality rate in Latin America prior to the revolution and has lost ground to other countries around the world since. It also has an appallingly high abortion rate, meaning most problem pregnan-

The way public health works in Cuba was nicely illustrated by the case of Dr. Desi Mendoza Rivero, upon to produce a lickspittle film who complained of an outbreak of

dengue fever that the regime preferred to ignore in the late 1990s, and was jailed for his trouble.

As is always the case with Cuba, anything that's wrong is blamed on the United States. If there is a shortage of medicine,

well, that's because of the U.S. embargo. But the United States is not the only country in the world that sells drugs. Cuba could buy them from Europe or elsewhere, and the U.S. embargo makes an exception for

The only reason to fantasize about Cuban health care is to stick a finger in the eye of the Yanquis. For the likes of Michael Moore, the true glory of Cuba is less its health care than the fact that it is an enemy of the United States. That's why romanticizing Cuban medicine isn't just 6 folly, but itself qualifies as a kind of

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### beyond the beltway

### Giuliani is not the one

by DONALD KAUL MINUTEMAN MEDIA

A couple or three presidential debates ago, a Fox News clacker asked a Democratic critic of Bush's war policies a question that went something like this:

"If you knew that a terrorist group had an atom bomb and was planning to blow up an American city, would you be willing to torture a suspected member of that group to find out where it was?"

(The unstated premise of the question is that candidates who are reluctant to torture terror suspects are too soft to be trusted with the leadership of the Free World.)

I don't remember who the candidate was but I recall that he got that Mike-Dukakis-caught-in-the-headlights look and mumbled a totally unsatisfactory answer.

It's too bad I'm not running for president; I'd know what to say. This: "Damn right I'd torture him. And

if that didn't work, I'd bring in his mother and put a blowtorch to her feet as he watched. And if that didn't work, I'd bring in his son and cut his ears off in front of his dad.

"And if THAT didn't work, I'd show him a picture of Rudy Giuliani. That would break him. You can't afford to be squeamish when national

security is at stake." Perhaps that answer would satisfy

the blood lust of the Fox people. The

problem is, the decision to commit

torture is never that easy or clear-cut. Life is not like a television show. (And thank God for that.)

In real life, not all the people you suspect of being terrorists are really terrorists. A lot of them are merely people with the wrong names who got caught in the wrong place at the wrong time. Innocent people.

That's why we have laws and rules, to protect people like that;

like us. When we violate those laws and rules, when we ignore them, we abandon the very ideals we claim to be defending. And the enemy has

But while we're on the subject of Rudy Giuliani, the hero of 9/11, remind me again of what was so great about his response to the Twin Towers' disaster. Basically, he did what a mayor is supposed to do in that situation-stayed calm, looked as though he was in charge, showed up. There are 100 mayors, maybe 1,000, who could have done the same. Why does that make him qualified to be president?

The American people, in recent decades, have shown a lamentable bias against presidential candidates with discernable qualifications for the job. They choose Bush the Younger over Al Gore, Bill Clinton over Bush the Elder, Jimmy Carter over Gerald Ford, in each case choosing the man with the thinner resume.

So I suppose that works in Giuliani's favor. He's never held an elective office above mayor, never had to deal with foreign governments, continent-wide problems,

global economic relations. Why not put him on the world stage to decide issues of life and death? Why not let

> him deal with a legislature 20 times bigger than he's ever looked at before?

If you were picking a Republican candidate strictly on qualifications, you'd pick John McCain. He's been in the military and knows something about it. As a senator, he's

dealt with national and international problems. He has at times, though not always, had the courage of his convictions. If you're a conservative Republican, you could do worse than McCain. And you probably will.

If I were to choose Most Interesting Republican, however, I'd pick Ron Paul, the Texas congressman. He is easily the most forthright candidate on either side.

He's a Libertarian. He's against big government. He's against taxes, the ban of same-sex marriage and the

"I'm for the individual," he says. "I'm not for the government."

I may not agree with him on the issues, but I admire him. He stands

But Rudy Giuliani? Do you really want Rudy Giuliani with his finger on the nuclear trigger? What are you,

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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 bis eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.

JULY 4, 1962

Since this is July Fourth, and ideas for this column are plumb scarce, and all my sources of supply are out celebratin', permit me to do some harking back. Never mind how long ago it has been.

It was the first Fourth I ever "celebrated." Yes, we knew about the Fourth, up my creek, but we didn't celebrate it. We saved our fireworks to make unholy the Christmas season, much as boys do yet.

I recall a lot of American flags, a brass band, a parade, men on prancing horses, a man with long, flowing whiskers, aging men in the line of march, veterans of the Civil War, perhaps seven or eight of them.

The crowd stood and listened to an Independence Day oration. And it cheered wildly when the last rounded phrase was spoken.

There was lemonade; ice cream, too, and pretty girls, and it all amounted to something special.

Now the sights of the day are memory-dimmed, but just a glimpse of them this day, and a faint echo of that band music that drifts in and out, make a fellow feel just a mite younger, if it isn't my second childhood I'm lapsing

Well, the brass band has gone, and the parade, and the last Civil War veteran has been gathered to his fathers. Fourth of July oratory isn't heard around here, any more, and the horses prance only across television and movie screens.

But the Flag still waves.

Yet it takes an American to wave it. Come to think of it, it will wave by itself in the breeze, if anybody will take the pains to hang it from doorway or window.

But how many did you see flying today, July 4, 1962?

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### SUMMER LEARNING



Heather Johnson, an Alice Lloyd College student who is working with the EKSC summer camp program, helps participants put the finishing touches on rockets they plan to launch from center grounds

# EKSC summer camps help kids explore their world

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

All moms know it well - that summertime 'I don't have anything to do' whine. For students participating in the East Kentucky Science Center's summer camp program, that complaint has been effectively

EKSC is offering a variety of summer camps this season that are sure to keep summer boredom away. From exploring the universe to a 'hands-on' mock disaster inciHarry Potter, campers are sure to

things like that," said camper Christina, a home-schooler who was attending last week's session on space exploration. "Camp has been fun," she also commented.

This past Thursday and Friday, campers had the opportunity to explore the universe by designing their own constellations, being treated to a private showing in the

dent and a visit to the world of center's planetarium, and discovering what can happen when a little find something that fits their indi- alka-seltzer fizz is contained inside vidual personalities.

"I like stars and planets and the opportunity for launch-off! an ordinary film canister and given

Friday morning, campers were busy assembling small rockets and preparing to launch them on the grounds outside the science center with the assistance of camp directors Dan Blevins and Heather

Johnson. "We've launched rockets this

(See CAMPS, page six)

Up, up and away! Campers look to the sky as a successful launch takes place.



MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

### 'The Clones of Bruce Lee'

by TOM DOTY TIMES COLUMNIST

When Bruce Lee died, he had only completed four films. But the breakthrough success of "Enter the Dragon" put martial arts films on the map and producers were not about to let the death of the genre's superstar stop them from cashing in on the current kung-fu craze.

Lee's four films inspired over a hundred imitators and found studio executives willing to paste a Paul

McCartney wig over any performer who bared a passing resemblance to Lee. These guys were then handed new monikers which were meant to sound like Lee's and the resulting films were often titled to sound like direct sequels to



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the late master's work and sported names like "Exit the Dragon," "Enter the Tiger" and "The New Game of Death.'

Some of these actors were actually accomplished martial artists but all of them had to endure name changes. Some of these names were blatant, such as Bruce Li and Bruce Le, while others were downright goofy, like Bronson Lee and, my personal favorite, Bluce Rhee.

The resulting films often featured excellent martial arts but were often pale imitations of Lec's films. This one is probably one of the worst, technically, but it contains so many outlandish ideas that it is extremely viewable as an unintentional comedy.

"Clones" starts off like many of the "Brucesploitation" films with newsreel footage of Lee following his untimely death. We are then treated to a scene at a hospital where Lee is wheeled in on a gurney to an operating room, where he soon expires.

Enter Colin (no last name) of the SBI (Secret British Intelligence). He has a plan to clone Lee and use the results to fight crime. To this end he brings along Professor Lucas, who extracts a syringe of Lee's blood and spirits it away to his cloning lab. There he quickly grows three new dragons whom he refers to as Bruce 1, 2 and 3.

Science doesn't get much play here, as all three men look nothing at all alike and none of them would ever be mistaken as Lee. The three clones also appear to have few of Lee's skills, so trainers are brought in to teach them various fighting styles like Crane, Tiger and Lion.

Professor Lucas pronounces them ready and the Bruces are quickly given assignments by Colin. Bruce 1 is sent to Hong Kong to match wits with a gold-smuggling film producer named Chai Lo, while Bruces 2 and 3 are shipped off to Thailand to bring down a drug lord, Mr. Ni, who saw Dr. No way too many times.

Bruce I quickly gets a job at Lo's

(See LAGOON, page six)

### Beating asthma

by EMILY BAMBERGER, age 17 "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL HEALTHY LIVING: ASTHMA"

It was my first year at summer camp, and I was excited and scared, but more important, I was alone. I had taken a plane to Wisconsin, hundreds of miles away from my home, to spend three long weeks away from my parents.

A few days later, I was in love with camp. I enjoyed all the different activities, from swimming in the lake to eating with my cabin mates in the big mess hall.

One day, I was very late to dinner and I was scared that I would get in trouble with my counselors. I loved all of them, and I desperately wanted to be a great camper. I dashed out of my cabin, slammed the screen door and started running across camp. As I ran I felt my chest start to coil tighter and tighter, but I was in too much of a hurry to stop and worry about it. As I stopped in front of the mess hall, I noticed there was a squeaky sound coming from my chest and that it was very hard to breath. As I went into the mess hall and sat down, I just kept trying to ignore it, but my breathing was getting worse.

Finally, I gathered my courage and went up to my youngest counselor, Laura. I sat down on the bench next to her and said, "Laura, I can't breathe." She looked really surprised, and I could tell she couldn't quite believe me. She told me to put my head on her lap and concentrate on breathing. But my breathing was getting worse, and I was starting to

At last, Laura helped me up and we started walking across camp to the infirmary. As we walked, I vaguely remember Laura talking to me and telling me to keep breathing, but I was so terrified, the walk was a blur. When we got to the infirmary, the doctor put a mask over my face and

told me to breathe deeply. Finally I could breathe! When the treatment was over, the doctor. sat down next to me and said: "Emily, I think you have asthma. I am going to order you an inhaler, and it will be here tomorrow." I was sure he was kidding. Me, have asthma? No way! But he said it was

The next day, as I came to realize my fate, I was terrified. Here I was, hundreds of miles from home, and the scariest thing that had ever happened to me was happening without my parents. My counselors tried to be there for me, but I was

miserable, and sick too. That summer I spent more time in the infirmary than out.

At last I came home, and my asthma was confirmed through breathing tests. My asthma is

now well controlled with the help of steroids, and I have the support I need from my parents and friends. I am so proud of myself. because I know I am beating asthma.

# Higher efficiency generally equals less pollution

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

I'm a sales rep handling six states in the Midwest. I drive about 36,000

miles a year. I'm concerned about the amount of garbage cars spew. I'm thinking about finding a cleaner car, but the Toyota Prius and Honda Insight are not options. How can I find not only the most fuel-efficient vehicles, but the ones that also spew the least amount of pollution? — Christian

TOM: Well, genspeaking, they're one and the same, Christian. The

less gasoline a vehicle uses, the less pollution it expels.

RAY: Right. There might be some small differences between cars that get the same mileage, because of specific engine technologies and different pollution-control systems. But broadly speaking, the better your mileage, the less you're polluting.

TOM: You say that the Prius and

Insight are not options for you, but you don't say why. I'm guessing that you're either a big fella, or that when traveling 36,000 miles a year, you want something a little bigger and

> more comfortable in order to cut down on chiropractic bills.

> RAY: If that's the case, take a look at the Toyota Camry Hybrid or the new Altima Nissan Hybrid, both of which are pretty spacious cars that get about 40 mpg. Honda also makes the Accord Hybrid, but we don't recommend it because its mileage is mediocre.

TOM: If you're skipping the Prius and Insight because you'd rather buy American, unfortunately there are no large American-company hybrids on the market at the moment. But just make high mileage your top priority when you're shopping, Christian, and you'll be saving money and helping to save the planet. What a deal, huh?

Watch closely when car burns oil Dear Tom and Ray:

I have a 2001 Dodge Intrepid with about 110,000 miles. I have the oil changed regularly, but recently noticed smoke coming from my tailpipe when I take off from a stop. This doesn't happen all the time, but it's enough to make me nervous. I know the car has a lot of miles, but other than that, it runs well, doesn't make any funny noises and idles pretty quietly. I do have to add oil between oil changes. Should I be super worried? Any suggestions for what I can or should do without spending a lot of money? - Lisa

RAY: Well, I can tell you two things for certain, Lisa. First, you're burning oil. That's the smoke you see coming out of the tailpipe from time

TOM: Second, it's not coming out from time to time, it's coming out every time you accelerate.

RAY: You may not notice it all the time because of the wind, or because you're - get this - paying attention to the road in front of you instead of looking for smoke in your rearview mirror. But I'm pretty sure it's blowing smoke all the time, because that's what cars do when they're burning enough oil to be visible.

TOM: What you do about it ter and burns faster. depends on how much oil you're burning. You say you're adding oil between oil changes. Are you adding a quart every 2,500 miles? In that case, you've probably got a long way to go before this becomes a crisis. The car could go for tens of thousands of miles. Or something else could end this car's life before your oil consumption ever does.

RAY: Right. Like a transmission failure. Or a run-in with a FedEx

TOM: But if you're adding a quart every 300 miles, then you're already in a holding pattern circling the boneyard, and air-traffic control might clear you for landing there any time

RAY: In either case, you want to make sure you keep the crankcase full. Check the oil level frequently even more often than you think you need to - because your oil consumption can increase suddenly, and you don't want to run out of the stuff. Plus, when the crankcase is full, the engine will burn less oil. That's because the lubricating work is spread among four or five quarts, instead of two, three or four. When there are fewer quarts, the oil has to work harder, which means it gets hot-

TOM: Also, keep changing the oil. A lot of people will say to us, "Well, I'm adding a fresh quart every week; why should I ever have to change the oil again?" The answer is, you can't decide which oil - the old or the new - the engine is going to burn. Itgoing to burn a mixture of new oil and old oil, leaving you with an engine full of the same mixture. So you still need to drain that old stuff out on a regular basis and refill it with new oil

RAY: And you'll find that fresh, new oil burns more slowly than cruddy, old oil. So changing the oil frequently, and keeping it topped off, are two inexpensive things you can do to extend the life of the car.

TOM: But you've got an engine that's burning oil. And whatever stage it's at now, it's only going to get worse with time. So keep a close eye on it. And when you get to where you're adding a quart of oil every 300 miles or less, start looking at the '02 Intrepids. Good luck, Lisa!

Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or e-mail them by visiting the Car Talk Web site at www.cartalk.com.

### Odds & Ends

■ PROVIDENCE, Utah — Balloons apparently were boring. A young man returning home from a church mission in Mexico found his family's home completely wrapped in newspaper.

"As soon as the headlights hit the house it was like, 'What has happened?" said Kelly Wigington, the father of Mormon missionary Brian Wigington. "I've never seen anything like this before."

The family returned from the Salt Lake City airport about 1:30 a.m. Thursday to find the unusual welcome home decorations.

The pranksters were Brian Wigington's friends, who volunteered to remove the newsprint. It took three hours to wrap the house.

"Some of these guys have too much free time on their hands," Kelly Wigington said.

estate is often a long-term investment. But 10,000 years?

Talk Cars

Lo'ihi Development Co. will soon start offering oceanview lots speculators won't even be able to stand on for many millennia. That's because they're currently submerged more than 3,000 feet below sea level - on an underwater volcano called Lo'ihi, located about 20 miles southeast of the Big Island.

His Web site will be renovated in the next couple of weeks to officially begin selling parcels for an introductory price of \$39.95. Buyers will receive a brochure and a "deed," but much like Internet groups that claim to sell stars, they probably can't call themselves owners.

"What's the scam?" said Norm Nichols, co-developer of the online venture. "If you really think there's something here that you can't live with,

It's meant to be fun."

The Web site advertises, "Lo'ihi Seaview Estates: Real Estate for the Future. Grand Water View Front Lots." A photo of the sales office is a raft in the middle of the ocean.

Nichols and his business partner, Linda Kramer, both Honolulu entrepreneurs, envision online chat rooms and newsletters to discuss everything from street names to what kind of government to install. They want to hold a "homeowners association" meeting — a boat ride over the volcano - every April Fool's

Scientists don't really know when, or if, Lo'ihi will break the surface of the Pacific Ocean. Many guess about 10,000 years, but it could be much longer than that.

Stephen Levins, head of the state consumer affairs office, said the offer could be a prob-

"However, if the Web site is clear it's a parody and you're not going to be receiving an actual interest in real estate, that's something else," he said.

■ LEVITTOWN, Pa. — Most Pennsylvania gamblers aren't betting on their self-

Just 52 people have signed up so far for a new state program that allows compulsive gamblers to ban themselves from casinos.

Those who participate in the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's self-exclusion program could be ejected from casinos or have their winnings

An estimated 124,000 people in Pennsylvania, or 1 percent of the state's population, are "pathological gamblers," according to the National Problem Council on Gambling. The group esti-■ HONOLULU — Real nobody's forcing you to buy it. lem if it were serious, mates that 3 percent of the

state's residents are "problem where the state's Casino gamblers.'

Pennsylvania's program began last year with the opening of the Philadelphia Park Casino and the Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs near Scranton.

It is similar to a six-yearold program in New Jersey,

Control Commission said there are 580 people signed

Pennsylvania could become one of the nation's largest gambling states soon, with five casinos slated to open by the end of next year.



One camper works at making her rocket unique while another's attention moves to an interactive learning gadget.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

## A look at the Social Security number

by GREG REYNOLDS LEVEL 1 DISTRICT MANAGER

When Social Security was created in 1935, the Social Security number (SSN) was devised to keep an accurate record of each person's Social Security earnings.

The use of the SSN as an identifier has grown and there has been a dramatic increase in the misuse of the SSN.

SSN fraud results when someone either obtains an SSN based on fraudulent documents or use someone else's number or card illegally.

SSN misuse means that the number has been used with criminal or harmful intent.



Greg Reynolds

Social Security is taking steps to prevent or deter fraud in the assignment of SSNs:

Mandatory in-person interview for any individual age 12 years or older who applies for an original SSN

Requires evidence of age, identity and U.S. citizenship or immigration status, including work authorization for all original SSN applicants; evidence of identity for all replacement SSN cards applicants; and evidence of immigration status, including work authorization, for noncitizen replacement card applicants.

■ Verifies with the issuing vital records office all U.S. birth certificates for U.S.-born applicants of any age for an original SSN and for U.S. born individuals who ask to correct the date of birth on our records

Verifies with the

Department of Homeland Security or Department of State all immigration documents for non-citizens applying for an original or replacement SSN card;

Limits the number of replacement SSN cards an individual may receive to three per year and ten in a lifetime.

Assigns SSNs for all newborns as part of the birth registration process

SSA no longer releases SSNs or any personal information to a caller who cannot provide his or her SSN.

To report misuse contact your local Social Security Office or the SSA Fraud Hotline, 1-800-269-0271, Internet socialsecurity.gov/oig.

#### Camps

week of different sorts," Blevins said. "We've used the alka-seltzer and film canisters as well as two liter soda bottles and bicycle pumps. The kids also got to make and design their own paper rockets."

During Friday morning's outdoor launch, campers were sufficiently impressed with the rockets they had made as many launched completely out

Continued from p5 of sight before losing momen-

tum and returning to earth. Registration is still ongoing for future summer camp programs "Harry Potter, Chamber of Secrets," "Pirates of the Big

Sandy," and "1st Responders." Camps are full-day sessions

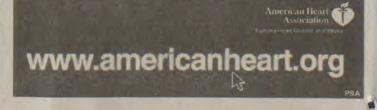
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### Lagoon

studio, where he is groomed to become their latest action star. When Lo finds out that Bruce hasn't passed a background check, he quickly announces that the man must die and brings in two assassins to kung-fu him to death. The plan backfires when the men lose every ounce of snot they can produce to Bruce, which leads Lo to go to plan B.

This plot is particularly ghoulish and involves killing Lee while he is filming a scene for their movie. Once again, however, their plan is thwarted and Lee manages in Lo's head without breaking much of a

The scene abruptly shifts to Thailand where Bruce 2 and 3 are met by an SBI agent to plan their mission. Things start off slowly, with the agent deciding to take them on a tour while he tries to figure out Nai's location. What follows is a 10minute travelogue that culminates at a nude beach. They return to their hotel and Bruce 3 kills a nude female assassin with

a brutal chop to the throat before the trio head out to Nai's place.

Meanwhile we meet Nai, who sports dark shades and an evil laugh as he displays that he has invented a drug which turns men into metal. He's also a little grandiose and given to making pronouncements like, "I will conquer the whole world."

After a few clumsily staged fights, he sics his metal warriors (actually a bunch of stunt men rocking bikini briefs and way too much bronzer) on the Bruces. The to take out the cast of the movie and cave resulting fight is hilarious as the soundtrack is off by a few seconds, leading to a great clanging noise being heard way after each warrior is struck.

The Bruces stumble onto the metal men's weakness, which is that they eat whatever you put in their mouth. All it takes is some poisoned weeds and Nai's plans for world domination are toast.

The film climaxes in the professor's lab. Turns out he didn't get so much as a thank you from Colin, so he now plans to

■ Continued from p5 take over the world after having his Bruces duke it out in a battle royale. It's not much of a plan and it is quickly

undone by his nursing assistants, who

have developed crushes on the faux Lees. This works as a comedy and all credit goes to director Joseph Kong. He apparently failed to watch any martial arts films before beginning production and the result is bad choreography, worse acting and a script that Ed Wood could have improved. The major sin here is that Kong chooses to film the fights in extreme close up, so you almost never see a punch land in the same frame it was thrown in. These guys could be fighting in separate zip

codes for all the connecting that's visible. That said the villains are hilariously over the top and the out-of-sync dubbing puts this farce on a par with "The Three Stooges." Unfortunately, we're talking post-Curly stooges.

Best line: "They run and they hide. They are frightened of my steel men.'

1977, unrated.

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COMING SOON: The East Kentucky Miners, a Continental Basketball Association (CBA) team under the guidance of head coach Kevin Keathley, will call Pikeville and the East Kentucky Expo Center home starting with the 2007-08 season.

### P'burg football skills camp to teach fundamentals

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - The Prestonsburg High School football program has scheduled its annual skills camp for Friday, July 20. The one-day youth football camp will include instruction from PHS Coach Josh DeRossett, members of his coaching staff, and current and former players. Annually, Prestonsburg's grade school skills camp attracts youth football players from Floyd and other surrounding counties.

The camp, which is for players in grades K-8, will run from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. each day. Cost of the camp is \$50 per camper and \$25 for each additional participant in the same family. Registration will be held the morning of the camp.

"Our skills camp teaches various football fundamentals," confided DeRossett.

Each camper will receive lunch and a free gift. For more information on the camp, call 874-2550.

- The Blackcat Touchdown Club is currently selling fence signs and reserved seats for the upcoming season. Another promotion the Prestonsburg High football boosters club has going is a \$10,000 giveaway. Tickets are currently being sold for a \$10,000 prize to be given away at halftime of the Joe P. Tackett Gridiron Classic on Friday, Aug. 24. The inaugural Joe P. Tackett Gridiron Classic will pit host Prestonsburg versus Floyd County rival Betsy Layne. For more information, contact any member of the Blackcat Touchdown



Prestonsburg wrapped up a busy June passing session with a camp at StoneCrest Mountain.

#### Blackburn turns practice laps at Kentucky Speedway

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SPARTA - More than 20 drivers, including Prestonsburg resident Steve Blackburn, made their way to Kentucky Speedway on Thursday

Steve Blackburn

pate in a day ARCA RE/MAX Series open test session designed to serve as a warm-up

to partici-

for the Friday, July 13 WLWT Channel 5-150 at 1.5-mile superspeedway.

Unofficially, Pete Shepherd, in a No. 99 Roush Fenway Racing Ford, posted the quickest time (30.59 speed onds/176.528 mph). Shepherd, a native of Brampton, Ontario, made his ARCA RE/MAX Series debut in 2006, finishing a career best fourth in his first series attempt at Gateway International Raceway. .

Shepherd is a veteran of CAS-CAR and the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series. He was followed closely on the speed charts by Robb Brent, who attended the Kentucky test under the tutelage of the Keselowski family. Brent was unofficially quickest early in the session but ended his day after making contact with the outside wall coming off of turn four.

Brian Scott, making his ARCA RE/MAX Series debut, was unofficially clocked third quickest. Scott spun his Country Joe Racing Dodge coming out of turn four but did not make contact with the wall. Colleyville, Texas native Ryan Lawler, also making his ARCA debut, was unofficially fourth quickest.

Michael McDowell and Justin South, 2007 ARCA RE/MAX Series national championship point contenders also tested, unofficially posting the fifth and sixth quickest times. They were followed on the speed charts by not one, but two Kimmels. Eight time and defending ARCA RE/MAX Series champion Frank Kimmel and his nephew Will (son of Frank's crew chief/brother Bill Kimmel and a crew member on the No. 46 Pork Ford) both tested. Will, who is 19 years old, tested an ARCA RE/MAX Series

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### BRANDON KINZER MOTORSPORTS



photos courtesy of Carlson Race Photos, Brandon Kinzer Motorsports

Allen driver Brandon Kinzer is scheduled to race at Portsmouth (Ohio) Raceway Park today in a \$10,000-towin Lucas Oil Series-sanctioned Late Model event. Kinzer is scheduled to compete in the 2007 edition of Ray Cook's Southern Nationals later this month.

#### BRANDON KINZER **MOTORSPORTS**

UPCOMING SCHEDULE July 1 at Portsmouth (Ohio) Raceway Park, Lucas Oil, \$10.000-to-win July 7 at Volunteer (Tenn.) Speedway, Lucas Oil, \$10,000-to-win July 16 at Wythe (Va.) Raceway, Southern Nationals, \$3,500-to-win July 17 at Cherokee (SC) Speedway, Southern Nationals, \$3,500-to-win July 19 Tri-County (NC) Race

Track, Southern Nationals, \$3,500-to-win

July 20 Lavonia (Ga.) Speedway, Southern Nationals, \$5,300-to-win



Brandon Kinzer Motorsports has placed the No. 18 Late Model on tracks in many different states. Brandon Kinzer has raced both Late Models and Modifieds.

#### Starns, Rice leave JCHS boys' basketball program

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - Some new faces will be gracing the Johnson Central High School Fieldhouse hardwood when the JCHS boys' basketball season tips off later this year. Mark Starns, who spent two years at the helm of the JCHS boys' basketball program turned in his resignation earlier in the week and was named the head coach at another school the same day

tion on Tuesday (June 26). Later in the day, Henderson County High School announced Starnes as its new boys' basketball head coach.

In two seasons at Johnson Central, Starns compiled a 30-29 record. The Lexington native went 19-12 in the 2005-06 season, guiding Johnson Central to the 15th Region champi-

At Henderson County, Starns has taken over for Phil Gibson, who guid-

Starns turned in a letter of resigna- ed the school's boys' basketball program for a dozen seasons. Gibson went 260-95 in 12 years at the top of the Colonel basketball program.

Darren Rice, an assistant coach under Starns on the Johnson Central boys' basketball staff, took over the Sheldon Clark girls' basketball program last week. Rice took over for legendary coach Robin Harmon-Newsome. The Sheldon Clark position is Rice's first head coaching job at the high school level.

#### **Pikeville College** set to host volleyball camp

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - The Pikeville College volleyball program will host its annual volleyball camp July 19-21 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the PC Gym. The camp - which will teach volleyball fundamentals and cover all facets of the sport - is limited to the first 65 girls. The fee for the camp is \$65 per camper. For more information, call Robert Staggs at 606/218-5357 or 606/432-1807 or via email at rstaggs@pc.edu.

The Pikeville College volleyball program is on the rise. Staggs has enjoyed success at the helm of the Lady Bear volleyball program.

The Pikeville College volleyball team ended the 2006 season with a 14-22 record (2-9 in the Mid-South Conference).

"We didn't have any seniors on last year's squad, so it will be good to return everyone," said Staggs. "We'll be older and

(See VOLLEYBALL, page two)

#### **Football officials** meeting slated by STEVE LeMASTER

PIKEVILLE - Football officials are needed throughout Eastern Kentucky. Those interested in officiating high school football during the 2007 season should contact assigning secretary Kevin Garris at 606/437-9972 or 606/422-6565. A meeting is slated for Wednesday, July 18 at 7 p.m. at Pikeville High School.

Last August, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) approved a two-year six class football alignment.

After considerations and review of feedback from the member schools, the Board voted to implement a two-year alignment under the six class system for the 2007 and 2008 playing seasons. The Board also adopted a scheduling grid that would assist school personnel in scheduling both district and non-district games.

"The Board, along with the Football Advisory Committee, has worked hard on this alignment," KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries said following the move. "Anytime you re-align, you do your best to maintain a global perspective on alignment and not get caught up in competitive ability or who is in what district," DeVries concluded.

Teams will begin play in the sixclass system this August.

### Johnson fall baseball/softball league announces signups

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE - The Johnson County Youth Baseball and Softball League recently wrapped up a successful second season. One of the area's leading youth baseball and softball leagues, the Johnson County organization is gearing up for its annual fall league.

The Johnson County Youth Baseball and Softball League will hold registration for its fall baseball and softball seasons July 15 from 2-6 p.m. at Central Elementary.

Each signee will compete in the age division he or she played in during the previous

2007 campaign. The Johnson County fall ball league is for boys and girls ages 6-11. The signup fee for the league is \$20 a player, \$10 for any additional player(s) in the same family.

Johnson County fall ball will open Aug. 4. The season is tentatively scheduled to run through Oct. 6. League officials have said the schedule is dependent upon the weather, but should range from 10-15 games. League games will be scheduled around other school-

The Johnson County league has experienced a considerable amount of growth in its two-year history, attracting players from Johnson and other surrounding counties. The league is currently fielding various teams in All-Star competition against squads from other area charters.



MOTOCROSS WARRIORS: Beaver Junction Motocross, located in Dwale, continues to attract 100 or more racers of various ages each raceday. The track will resume racing today with races in numerous classes.

### IN 10 INNINGS: Host Phillies 8 outlast Reds, 8-7

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA - Jimmy Rollins gave the Philadelphia Phillies some momentum going into the team's biggest series of the season.

The shortstop had four hits, including a game-winning RBI single in a rainsoaked bottom of the 10th inning and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Cincinnati Reds 8-7 on Thursday night.

Chase Utley hit a pair of two-run homers for the Phillies, who pulled within three games of NL East-leading New York. The Mets come to Philadelphia for a four-game series starting with Friday's day-night doubleheader.

"It's a big win for us," Rollins said. "A lot of things tend to carry over from series to series. Hopefully, we can carry this momentum against the Mets."

Alex Gonzalez, Adam Dunn and Edwin Encarnacion

each homered for Cincinnati, which finished its road trip at

Pinch hitter Rod Barajas led off the 10th with a walk against Victor Santos (1-3). One out later, Abraham Nunez laced a single to left field. Rollins worked the count full before lacing a line drive to the right-center field gap, easily scoring pinch-runner Jayson Werth.

"That's what I'm supposed to do in that situation," Rollins said. "Timing is everything. I got my opportunity tonight, it might be someone else's opportunity tomorrow."

Rollins also connected when the game's future could have been in doubt. Rain had fallen through the final three innings and intensified in the 10th as puddles were beginning to form on the infield

"They would have to do something (if the game moved to the 11th)," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "Whether they would have put the tarp on or fix the field up, it was getting pretty bad out there."

Clay Condrey (3-0) escaped a two-on, two-out jam in the 10th to pick up the

Gonzalez gave Cincinnati a short-lived 7-6 lead in the eighth, homering off reliever Ryan Madson for his 13th of the season.

The Phillies rallied in their half of the eighth off Marcus McBeth. Rollins delivered the big hit, roping a two-out triple to right field to score Nunez with the tying run. Rollins sinished a home run short of the cycle.

The victory was a painful one for Philadelphia's Greg Dobbs, who was beaned in the side of the head by Reds catcher Chad Moeller in the fifth inning.

Dobbs was struck on the left side of the head when Moeller was throwing the ball back to starter Matt Belisle. The ball caromed all

the way to the far end of the Reds dugout, but the unusual play caught baserunners Ryan Howard and Aaron Rowand by surprise and neither moved up.

The ball appeared to hit Dobbs just over the left ear, which wasn't protected by an earflap since he is strictly a left-handed hitter.

showed little Dobbs effects of being hit at first. Two pitches later, he roped a one-hopper off the right-center field fence to plate Howard and Rowand and give the Phillies a 6-5 lead.

Dobbs, who bent over and held his head while on base, was replaced in the top half of the sixth by Michael Bourn.

Bourn lost a fly ball in the lights in the seventh inning, resulting in a double for Scott Hatteberg and moving Norris Hopper to third. Brandon Phillips then lifted a sacrifice fly to center field, scoring Hopper and tying the game at

Encarnacion cut the deficit

to 2-1 in the second inning with his fifth homer.

After a Ken Griffey Jr. sacrifice fly tied the game at 2-2, Dunn crushed an Adam Eaton fastball off the base of the second level in right-field.

Dunn, the subject of numerous trade rumors, has homered in three straight games and leads the Reds with 23 homers, second in the NL behind Milwaukee's Prince Fielder (27).

Cincinnati took a 5-4 lead in the fourth inning on Hatteberg's RBI single, which scored Josh Hamilton on a bang-bang play at home plate.

Philadelphia took a 2-0 lead in the first inning when Utley connected on a 3-0 fastball for his first homer of the

Belisle appeared to be cautious with Utley again in the third inning, but the All-Star second baseman hit another 3-0 fastball over the right-field fence for his 15th home run to tie the game at 4.

"The first time he swung 3-

0 I was a little surprised that he swung. I figured he'd wait, That was my wrong doing," Belisle said. "The second time I thought he might swing. I wanted to challenge him. I

didn't want to back down." While Belisle might have been surprised at Utley swinging 3-0, Reds manager Jerry

Narron wasn't. "Not one bit," he said. "There's no better hitter in baseball (than Utley). Anybody who thinks he wasn't going to swing is nuts."

Belisle worked five innings, surrendering six runs and eight hits. He walked one and struck out six.

Eaton yielded five runs on six hits over six innings. He walked three and fanned two.

Notes: It was Utley's 13th career multihomer game and first of the season. ... Howard made a nifty over-the-shoulder diving catch in the third inning. ... Dunn has homered in three straight games three times this season.

### All-new DTWC website makes debut

by DOC LEHMAN

CHILLICOTHE, Ohio -Race fans and race teams will now be able to find an abundance of complete and concise information for this year's star-studded 27th Annual Dirt Track World Championship presented by Gottarace.com that will be held Oct. 18-20 at KC Raceway in Chillicothe, OH as the promoter of the event, Carl Short, has launched an all new website dedicated to the famed 'crown jewel' dirt Late Model event. The new website is located at: www.dirttrackworldchampionship.net and was designed, constructed and maintained by WRT Web Designs.

"All information regarding from race schedules to area motels to rules to ticket orders and more can be found on the site," stated Carl Short. "Jason Walls of WRT Web Designs

has, as usual, done an outstanding job with this new website. Jason is a leader in this field in dirt racing and he has done the race, and this new website, proud. I am very impressed with it."

A weekend DTWC schedule is already in place and visitors will also find pages devoted to current news, photos, rules, track information, local motel information, links and much more. A list of preentries will be updated as they come in.

WRT Web Designs, based in Fayetteville, Pa., specializes in building quality affordable web sites and no matter how large or small your vision, WRT Web Designs has a plan that will fit your needs. For more information contact Jason Walls at 717-352-9995 or 717-377-4907 (cellular) or simply visit the WRT Web Design website

www.wrtwebdesigns.com

In addition to the full Dirt Track World Championship presented by Gottarace.com dirt Late Model program the 3rd Annual Jim Dunn Memorial for non-qualifiers will be held in addition to a full program for Modifieds.

Advance sale tickets for the DTWC, especially reserved seating, go swiftly and race fans are encouraged to order early. Presale prices for individual tickets are \$40 for adult general admission, \$10 for children general admission ages 6-11 with children under age six admitted free for general admission. The deadline for ordering pre-sale tickets is Oct. 1. A pre-sale three-day pit pass will be offered for \$50.

After the October 1 pre-sale deadline expires tickets prices will be \$50 for adult general admission, \$15 children general admission ages 6-11 with

children under age six admit- deadline is reached for those credit card orders with ted free for general admission. Three-day pit passes will be

Special reserved seating is also being made available for the 27th Annual Dirt Track World Championship presented by Gottarace.com. The top five rows of the grandstands, including the main grandstands and the new grandstands in turn four, will be mandated reserved seating. Pre-sale tickets for reserved seating are \$45 per ticket. After Oct. 1, reserved seating will be \$55. Reserved seating ticket prices for children age 11 and under will be \$15 per ticket pre-sale and \$20 per ticket after Oct. 1. A seating chart is available on the KC Raceway website (www.kcraceway.com) and race fans may pick their preferred seats on a first-come, first-served who wish to reclaim their reserved seats from last year.

The 27th Annual Dirt Track World Championship presented by Gottarace.com kicks off on Thursday evening, Oct. 18 with an open practice session. Qualifying and heat races will be held on Friday evening October 19 with the consolation race, a non-qualifiers race and the 100-lap Dirt Track World Championship presented by Gottarace.com to be held on Saturday evening, Oct. 20. Sunday October 21 will serve as the rain date.

Driver entry fee will be \$100 if pre-entered by Oct. 1. After Oct. 1, the driver entry fee will be \$200.

To purchase presale tickets and pit passes and/or to preenter a driver, money orders, cashier's checks and credit cards may be used. The basis after July 1 when the DTWC will accept pre-sale

Mastercard or Visa. To place your credit card order telephone the KC Raceway office at 740-289-4114.

Tickets are also available via mail order by sending a money order or cashier's check to: DTWC, 340 Bailey Chapel Road, Piketon, Ohio

FYI: For more information contact DTWC promoter Carl Short at 865-945-3423. For marketing, special promotions, public relations or media inquiries contact Doc Lehman at 330-669-9029 or via email at: DocLehman@sssnet.com

Race fans will also be able to order pre-sale tickets from the new Dirt Track World Championship presented by Gottarace.com website that will be released soon. Fans will also be able to use PayPal to order pre-sale tickets from the DTWC website.

#### Volleyball

be a lot stronger.' Three different Pikeville College volleyball players earned postseason honors at the conclusion of the 2006

Hillary

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more experienced and should (Longview, Wash.) and Vicki Hall (Belfry) were each named Second Team All-Conference last fall. Heather Robbins (Morristown, Tenn.) carned an Academic All-Conference nod for the Lady Mussman Bears.

#### Blackburn

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car at Daytona International Speedway last December and is an accomplished Late Model racer at Salem Speedway in Southern Indiana.

Blackburn, former NASCAR Weekly Racing Series Atlantic Region champion, finished 10th fastest out of the 20 drivers. Blackburn timed in at 31.61, reaching a

speed of 170.832 miles per

"We were okay in the testing session," Blackburn commented. "It was dry and slick. This time, it was hotter and the track didn't have as much grip. We're looking forward to racing there again."

#### Roush Fenway to conduct competition for NCTS ride

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CONCORD, N.C. - As Roush Fenway Racing makes plans for the 2008 Craftsman Truck Series, the team has decided to showcase some of its young driving talent in several upcoming Craftsman Truck Series races. The No. 50 truck will serve as the test truck, with a few different drivers slated to make starts for the remainder of the 2007 season.

"We have a talented pool of young drivers at Roush Fenway Racing," team owner Jack Roush said. "Peter and Shepherd Danny O'Quinn have been impressive, and T.J. Bell has shown great promise as well. We're

going to give these guys an opportunity to show what they can do, and we'll make a decision as far as who we're going to put in our trucks for 2008 based off of that."

Shepherd made his first start of the 2007 season at Milwaukee last week, and was scheduled to race the No. 50 at Memphis Motorsports Park this weekend and Kentucky Speedway next month. O'Quinn, a native of Southwest Virginia, will make the first Craftsman Truck Series start of his career at O'Reilly Raceway Park in July. Bell will return to the scat of the No. 50 truck at Nashville, with additional races later in the season.

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#### by BRIAN MAHONEY ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - The Portland Trail Blazers got Greg Oden and felt like they won a championship.

The Seattle SuperSonics settled for Kevin Durant, thrilling fans disappointed by the trade of All-Star Ray Allen to Boston.

The Trail Blazers ended months of debate Thursday night when they chose Oden over fellow college freshman Durant with the No. 1 pick in a highly anticipated NBA draft.

Portland opted for the 7-footer who can dominate a game with his defense over the sensational scoring of Durant, who would have been the No. 1 pick in many other years after one of the most outstanding freshman seasons in NCAA history.

But franchise centers are hard to find,

and most believe the Blazers got one. "I was on the phone with the radio station back in Portland," Oden said. "They said they stomped the floor like they won the NBA championship once they called my name."

Fans rushed the court at the Rose Garden, where a perennial playoff team has fallen on hard times after some worse behavior. But the Blazers got Rookie of the Year Brandon Roy last year and got an early start on having next season's winner when they grabbed Oden to play alongside LaMarcus Aldridge.

"They did have a bad (reputation), but I think Brandon and LaMarcus kind of turned that around," Oden said. "I hope that I can come and just push that along some more."

Even with Durant, feelings weren't quite the same in Seattle.

Moments after he was picked, Durant saw on TV that the SuperSonics had traded Allen, their leading scorer, to Boston. Fans booed the Allen trade at a draft party for the Sonics, who still face losing Rashard Lewis to free agency.

The 6-9 Durant, wearing an orange tie to match Texas' colors, doesn't consider himself the Sonics' savior.

"Not at all, not at all," Durant said. "When you play since you were 8 or 9 years old, you know the game is not a one-man sport. I'm far from being a savior."

Portland also made a deal, clearing room in the middle for Oden by trading Zach Randolph to New York. The Blazers also sent Fred Jones and Dan Dickau to the Knicks for Steve Francis and Channing Frye.

The only other trade involving an NBA player came when Golden State sent Jason Richardson and the rights to four picks. Jermareo Davidson, the No. 36 pick, to Atlanta finally grabbed that point Charlotte for Brandan Wright, taken at guard by taking Acie Law at No. 11 - the No. 8 by the Bobcats.

The rest of the trades, most in the second round, involved picks or cash.

Looking nervous and battling 'a head cold since arriving in New York, Oden shared a long handshake with commissioner David Stern before heading off for interviews. He was expected to fly to Portland later Thursday night.

The Pacific Northwest rivals got an immediate jump-start to their rebuilding plans by moving up in last month's lottery to grab the top two picks. Though this is considered the deepest draft in years, Oden and Durant were regarded as the only can't-miss players.

Oden led Ohio State to the national championship game, despite never playing at full strength after surgery on his right wrist. Still, he averaged 15.7 points and shot nearly 62 percent while drawing comparisons to Bill Russell for his rebounding and shot blocking abilities.

Joining Durant to help the Sonics rebuild is Georgetown's Jeff Green, picked by Boston with the No. 5 pick. Durant knows Green from growing up in the Washington, D.C. area.

"I know Jeff pretty well, on a D.C. Blue Devils team we gained a friendship from there," Durant said. "He's a great player, and I can't wait to play with him."

The Atlanta Hawks used the No. 3 pick, their first of two in the lottery on Al Horford, who saluted the pro-Florida crowd with the Gator chomp. The twotime defending NCAA champions became the first school with three players selected in the top 10 of the same

They made it when Corey Brewer went to Minnesota at No. 7 and Joakim Noah - donning a bow tie and getting a huge reaction from his hometown crowd was taken by Chicago two picks later.

"This is an unbelievable experience" Horford said. "Winning two national championships. Moving up to the next level is unreal."

Two more Gators went in the second round: Chris Richard at No. 41 to Minnesota and Taurean Green by Portland at No. 52. The five players equaled the second-most for one school in a draft. UNLV had six in 1977 though that came in four rounds.

The Hawks passed on Michael Conley Jr., even though they still need a point guard after passing on Chris Paul and Deron Williams two years ago. The Memphis Grizzlies then grabbed Conley. Oden's teammate since their junior high days and the third freshman in the top

Trail Blazers go for Oden with No. 1 pick

first college senior taken.

"Freshmen are very, very talented," Law said. "I think in the draft, it's all about position and what a team needs, and you see some great, great players in this draft. I'm happy with the team that I went to and just happy to get to Atlanta and help turn that franchise around."

The Milwaukee Bucks took a chance at No. 6 on the draft's mystery player, Chinese forward Yi Jianlian. Though Yi was getting plenty of attention - half of the record 60 international media members were from China - he came with plenty of question marks. He hasn't played against top competition in the Chinese leagues, and he is rumored to be older than the 19 he is listed.

Milwaukee also ignored concerns that Yi only wanted to play in a major market with a large Asian population. He didn't even work out for the Bucks.

"It's a surprise to me as well, because when I was in China, Milwaukee didn't come to watch me play or work out," Yi said through a translator. "Myself, I'm not really familiar with the city. But I'm happy with the team, and I'm happy to play in the NBA."

Charlotte took North Carolina's Wright at No. 8, and Washington center Spencer Hawes was picked by Sacramento, the fourth and fifth freshmen in the top 10.

The Bobcats later sent Wright's draft rights to Golden State for guard Richardson and the rights to Davidson, taken by the Warriors at No. 36.

Ohio State's Daequan Cook went to Philadelphia at No. 21, giving both national championship-game teams three players in the first round. His rights later were sent to Miami for the rights to Jason Smith of Colorado State, taken by the

Heat with the 20th pick. Thaddeus Young (Philadelphia, No. 12) and Javaris Crittenton (Los Angeles Lakers, No. 19) gave Georgia Tech two first-rounders. Sean Williams (No. 17, New Jersey) and Jared Dudley (No. 22, Charlotte) did the same for Boston College - though Williams was kicked off the team last season for rules viola-

The second round included some players with famous relatives. The Lakers used the No. 48 pick on Marc Gasol, the young brother of Grizzlies star Pau Gasol. Phoenix took D.J. Strawberry at No. 59, bringing chants of "Darryl! Darryl!" from the crowd who remember his father playing in New York for the Mets and Yankees.

#### JUAN'S WORLD: Montoya breathing easier after getting first win

by JENNA FRYER ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. -There was so much buildup for Juan Pablo Montoya's first NASCAR road race, he knew only a victory would satisfy his

So when he crossed the finish line for his first Nextel Cup win, Montoya couldn't help but feel relieved.

"So many people thought I would win. It didn't really matter if I thought I would win. Because, yes, we were going to try, but a lot of people just thought it was automatic," Montoya said of Sunday's win at Infineon Raceway.

"So when it was over, I was just so, so relieved that it was like taking pressure off my shoulders. It was a really big thing for me.'

Considered one of the world's best road racers, Montoya knew he was expected to put on a show at the winding course in Sonoma, Calif.

Few took into account that Montoya's still learning stock cars, that his Chip Ganassi Racing team lags behind and that victories can be few and far between in NASCAR. Consider that before

Montova's win: - It was the first Nextel Cup victory for car owners Chip

Ganassi and Felix Sabates since October 2002. It was the first win for

crew chief Donnie Wingo since he led Geoff Bodine to a 1993 win in Sonoma. Sponsor Texaco/Havoline

had not been to Victory Lane since Ricky Rudd won at Sonoma in 2002.

Montoya's No. 42 had not been to Victory Lane since Joe Nemechek drove it to a 1999 win at New Hampshire.

Montoya's victory was his first in 17 Nextel Cup starts and marks his first finish higher than 20th since placing eighth at Texas on April 15. There's no denying the switch from Formula One to stock cars has been difficult, and the Montoyas are increasing their commitment by relocating to the Charlotte area.

They've been based in Miami for years, and Montoya was adamant that he wouldn't move to NASCAR's hub. But

NASCAR's elite organizations his wife, Connie, recently suggested they should consider it, so he's looking for a second home.

"I never thought I would get a place in Charlotte, and the wife, normally we wouldn't move," he said. "But Connie said we need to move, she said 'We need to stop running 20th every week,' We will still be based in Miami, but I am going to start spending a bit more time in Charlotte.

"I think it will be best to help drive the team forward, to be around for support and to show how much this means to us."

Although he's 21st in the points and has struggled at times on the track, Montoya is having a fabulous year that started with a victory in the Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona road race, a Busch Series win at the road course in Mexico City and now the Cup win. He's now the third driver - joining Mario Andretti and Dan Gurney - to win in Formula One, IndyCar and NASCAR.

But the tough times at Dover Darlington, and Michigan have been humbling for a driver who has won the Indianapolis 500, the Monaco

Grand Prix and a CART Championship.

"This isn't easy stuff, but I never thought it would be," Montoya said. "We've been working so hard lately, and the last few races were tough. So this is a good step. I mean, I was definitely going to try to win in my first year. But could we do it? It is really hard to say it could be done.

"I am very happy we got a win, but there's so much more work to be done.'

Q: It sounds like Connic has a lot of influence in your career from saying in Victory Lane she knew you would win and now telling you to spend more time in Charlotte. Has it always been that way?

JPM: "You know, lately, she's been really, really, really, excited. She just really enjoys NASCAR, and we both just want to win as much as we can.

Q: How was Chip after the win?

JPM: "He told me he nearly had a heart attack. I will say that's the happiest I have seen him, maybe he was like that a little bit in Mexico City, but

not been since the Indy 500."

Q: What about your family? JPM: "My father said he almost had a heart attack, too. He was very happy. Only he and Connie were there. And my

Q: Oh, your kids missed it? Does (2-year-old son) Schastian understand it yet?

JPM: "He is really surprising how good he is. He really picks it up. He can look at the TV, and he knows what car is mine. He sees the Texaco star and he says 'Papa,' straight away. It's really pretty cool. But he was not there. He didn't know I won.'

Q: Have you heard from anyone since the win?

JPM: "Kevin Harvick came to Victory Lane to say congratulations, and I saw Jeff Gordon and he said 'Great job.' And both of my teammates came. It was very nice."

Q: Is this the happiest you've ever been?

JPM: "Yeah, as a person, I am really happy right now. Working with Chip has been really cool. I really like Chip. He believes in you, and he supports you. He's just a guy that really believes in me, and he'll trust you 100 percent. Chip is a guy if something goes wrong, he still always believes I can get the job done."

Q: Been a long time since you received that kind of sup-

port from a boss? JPM: "I don't even want to discuss that."

Q: So has life changed as a Nextel Cup winner?

JPM: "No, I played golf and was on the Jet Skis a bit, playing in the water. But now we go to New Hampshire, and it's a bit like getting back to reality. There's a lot of things that need to be done. We cannot forget why we are here, because it's about winning more than road courses.'

Q: Yes, but the Sonoma win put you in some pretty elite company. Does that mean anything to you?

JPM: "I'm really happy. really relaxed. When you think about it, I've won in anything and everything I've raced. Even this year, I've won so far in a Grand Am car, a Busch car and now a Nextel Cup car. That's very big. But my place in history? Not so important right now.

### Wallace family breeds speed, tension

by CHRIS JENKINS ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILWAUKEE - The tension might be typical of any father and teenage son, particularly when both have a stubborn streak. But it's a little more intense in the Wallace family, where those father-son squabbles play out on live TV at triple-digit speeds.

Former NASCAR star Rusty Wallace says he just wants to help his son learn how to turn raw speed into respectable results during his first full season in the NASCAR Busch

But 19-year-old Steve Wallace says his father's sudden success as a driver in the mid-1980s has bred unrealistic expectations.

"The thing he doesn't understand is, when he was winning all those races, there weren't 43 cars that could win," Steve Wallace said. "There were, like, live."

He knows his father's team, Rusty Wallace Inc., gives him good cars, good engines and a good pit crew. What he really wants is a little more slack

"He doesn't understand all the time that it's not me," Steve Wallace said. "I give 110 percent all the time. Sometimes the cars, they don't han-

The younger Wallace has won two pole positions, but his best finish in 17 races so far is 12th.

"He's the youngest of everybody here," said Rusty Wallace, the 1989 Cup champion who retired after the 2005 season. "And he's probably got a bigger foot than anybody here. But he's got a lot to learn in terms of patience.

rious moment came June 16 at Kentucky Speedway, when he wrecked Busch Series points leader Carl Edwards while trying to take the

The incident didn't endear the younger Wallace to fellow drivers some of whom Rusty said already might be concerned that Steve has a mild form of Tourette's syndrome, a neurological disorder that causes his eyes to blink involuntarily.

"We were concerned about that early, but it's grown to be a nonexistent issue," Rusty Wallace said.

Steve Wallace said his medical condition doesn't bother him on or off the track. The incident with Edwards, he said, is just a sign that he still has to learn when to take chances.

"I need to calm down a little bit," Steve said. "Everybody knows I can

As he watches his son try to find his way on the track, Rusty doesn't plan on pulling punches - not as his father, not as his team owner and not as a TV analyst for ESPN.

"I said, 'You know, I might rough you up a little bit, but I've got to tell you the truth," Rusty said. "And I can't get on television and be covering for my kid all the time and sound stupid, you know.'

That approach isn't going over

"It's just like any dad," Steve said. "You're going to butt heads as you get older."

Take, for example, Rusty's reaction to Steve buying a 200-mph Ducati motorcycle.

"I took the keys, and I locked it up," Rusty said. "He said, 'You can't do that. I'm 18, and I paid for it with

The younger Wallace's most noto- my own money.' I said, 'The hell I can't."

Rusty is sending the bike back to the dealer.

"He sometimes thinks me and his mom are the biggest pain in the (rear) in the world, because we won't let him have enough fun," Rusty said.

Fun? That's where Rusty's brother, NASCAR class clown Kenny Wallace, comes in. Kenny has taken over as Steve's spotter for most of the remaining races this season, with hopes that Steve will be more receptive to advice coming from his favorite uncle.

In contrast to Rusty's dead-serious demeanor, Kenny Wallace said he and Steve share a common bond hyperactivity.

"He always seems to be in trouble - kind of like I was," Kenny said,

Despite the bickering, Rusty beams with pride when he talks about Steve's potential. Rusty brags that Busch Series director Joe Balash stopped by at the Milwaukee Mile last weekend to give Steve a pep talk in the wake of his crash with Edwards.

"He said, 'You know what? If I was in your shoes, I probably would have done it again. People have been beating you up all week. I just wanted to let you know that you're doing

a great job," Rusty said. He figures it's only a matter of time before his son makes his way to the Cup series, and it's there where father and son find common ground. Steve, it seems, has inherited plenty

of his dad's self-confidence. "When I get in the race car, I'm not intimidated by Carl Edwards or intimidated by anyone else," Steve Wallace said.

AT KENTUCKY SPEEDWAY: Michael McDowell (pictured above and below) was among the ARCA drivers who turned laps at Kentucky Speedway earlier in the week. Prestonsburg driver Steve Blackburn (not pictured) also turned laps during the testing session.



2007 NASCAR Nextel Cup Remaining Schedule

July 1 - LENOX Industrial Tools 300, Loudon, N.H.

July 7 - Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla. July 15 - USG Sheetrock 400, Joliet, Ill.

July 29 - Allstate 400 at the Brickyard, Indianapolis.

Aug. 5 - Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pal.

Aug. 12 - NEXTEL Cup at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.

Aug. 19 - 3M Performance 400, Brooklyn, Mich. Aug. 25 - Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.

Sept. 2 - 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

NASCAR Nextel Cup Driver Standings: 1. Jeff Gordon, 2,538; 2. Denny Hamlin, 2,267; 3. Jimmie Johnson, 2,172; 4. Matt Kenseth, 2,105; 5. Jeff Burton, 2,084; 6. Tony Stewart, 2,058; 7. Carl Edwards, 2,019; 8. Kevin Harvick, 1,964; 9. Clint Bowyer, 1,934; 10. Kyle Busch, 1,905.

#### Edwards' 99 car to feature Red Sox logo relationship with the Boston Red Sox

#### SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BOSTON - Roush Fenway Racing announced Thursday that Boston Red Sox sponsors, Lumber Liquidators and Gillette, have signed on as sponsors of the No. 99 Ford Fusion driven by Nextel Cup driver Carl Edwards during this weekend's race at New Hampshire International Speedway.

The companies will celebrate their

and NASCAR fans by featuring the Red Sox logo on the No. 99 Lumber Liquidators/ Red Sox Ford Fusion during the race in Loudon, N.H. on

"I'm really proud to have Lumber Liquidators and Gillette on board as the primary sponsors of the No. 99 Ford at Loudon," Edwards said. "Both organizations have deep ties in the New England area and it is truly an honor to represent a team like the Boston Red Sox that has so much respect and history.

"There is an obvious cross-over between the NASCAR fan base and Red Sox fans and I'm excited that Lumber Liquidators and Gillette have chosen me to represent them at New Hampshire International Speedway."

As Red Sox sponsors, Lumber Liquidators and Gillette have secured the rights to utilize Boston Red Sox marks for marketing and promotional

# Want to stop cheating? Send the driver home

by JENNA FRYER ASSOCIATED PRESS

When six crew members were thrown out of the Daytona 500 for cheating it was suggested that NASCAR start suspending drivers as part of the penalty process.

Jimmie Johnson was aghast

The defending Nextel Cup champion said he has no idea what crew chief Chad Knaus does while building his race cars. And even if Johnson were privy to such information, he has no control in how his Chevrolets are constructed.

Johnson's defense is at the very core of why NASCAR should start suspending its drivers. Benching the star of the team would force him to take responsibility for his crew.

Nothing else is working.

Johnson and teammate Jeff Gordon both showed up in Sonoma, Calif., with cars that NASCAR refused to let them on the track Friday. But they still were allowed to race Sunday, and crew chiefs Knaus and Steve Letarte were both on site to guide their drivers to decent finishes. Gordon finished seventh and Johnson 17th.

Now they wait and wonder what further punishment will NASCAR impose. Penalties are traditionally issued on Tuesdays.

"All of us are blown away and we don't know what's coming next," Gordon said. "We are at the mercy of NASCAR and I hope they are light on us, but who knows?"

That there's any doubt in what the penalties will be stems from decades of inconsistency when it comes to enforcing the rules and doling out the punish-

Cheating has long been celebrated as a quaint piece of

failed initial inspection, and its own slogan - "If you ain't cheatin', you ain't tryin." There's long been a blurry territory of what is flagrant, what is working the margins of the rule book and what is a simple mistake.

Hendrick Motorsports is using that defense following this latest infraction, with team owner Rick Hendrick contending his crew chiefs were working within a "gray area" of the rule book.

"I don't necessarily say they bent the rules - I think they thought they were working inside an area in which they could," Hendrick said. "It's going to be tough, as we go forward, on what's intentional and what's accidental and how they handle it, so you're definitely going to have to show up with

these things measured up." Here's the issue the Hendrick guys aren't understanding: There is no "gray area" any-NASCAR culture that even has more.

NASCAR is pretty serious about its new Car of Tomorrow, and has made it clear it won't tolerate any alterations in its design. In fact, series officials distributed a memo before the car debuted in March that outlined the penalties teams would be subjected to if they were caught messing with the COT. So it was no surprise to any-

one, Hendrick teams included, when Dale Earnhardt Jr. was docked 100 points and crew chief Tony Eury Jr. was suspended six weeks and fined \$100,000 when their COT failed a May inspection.

The Hendrick teams most likely will get the same punishment - although some argue Knaus' past infractions should warrant a much stiffer penalty because anything short of what Earnhardt and Eury received would seem unfair.

Problem is, it's probably not enough to even dent the Hendrick juggernaut.

Even after a 100-point penalty, Gordon would still be leading the Nextel Cup standings by 171 points. Johnson would drop from third to fifth. The monetary fines are irrelevant, and Hendrick proved last year it can overcome the absence of a crew chief when Johnson won twice during Knaus' four-race suspen-

And, don't think for a minute that Knaus and Letarte won't spend their free weekends back at the Hendrick compound making sure their program is locked and loaded for when the Chase for the championship begins in

What kind of message would it send if Knaus and Letarte. who have combined to win eight races this season, return after a suspension more dominant than they already are?

If NASCAR is serious about taking a stand, and chairman Brian France said Sunday officials "have to lay down the

law," then it's time to suspend the driver. The driver is the most high-

profile member of the team, and if he's at risk for going home, chances are he'd keep a very close eye on those charged with building his car. And the fans don't care of

Knaus or Eury or any other crew chief isn't on top of the pit box come race day. But they certainly wouldn't be pleased if Earnhardt, Johnson and Gordon weren't on the track.

NASCAR believes suspending drivers punishes the fans. Even better, because it would create more pressure on the driver to keep his team from break-

ing the rules. There's no gray anymore, not according to NASCAR, which insists its all black and white these days. But that message will never be delivered until NASCAR proves it with a penalty system that officially frightens its competitors.

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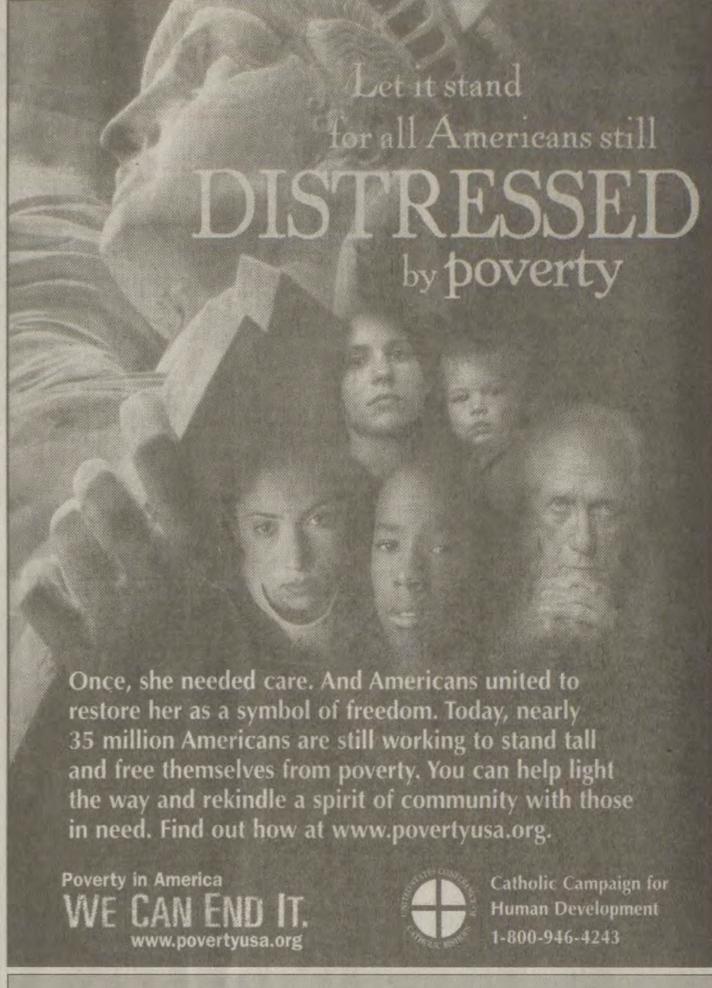


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