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**In brief**

**Harlan woman arrested by Charitable Gaming**

The Kentucky Office of Charitable Gaming (OCG) Thursday arrested a Harlan County woman on charges of stealing an estimated \$17,000 from a local charity.

Julie L. Weedman, 36, of Everts surrendered to OCG investigator Michael Doane. She faces 107 counts in all - 55 counts of felony second-degree forgery, 44 counts of felony diversion of charitable gaming funds over \$300, and eight counts of misdemeanor diversion of charitable gaming funds. Weedman was lodged in the Bell County Detention Center in Pineville.

Weedman is the former treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Lodge 11139 in Middlesboro. Last fall the charity's president, Patricia Howard, was notified by its bank of a bounced check, even though the organization believed it had thousands of dollars in its accounts. The lodge filed a complaint with the Office of Charitable Gaming in November. OCG conducted an investigation during which Weedman was questioned and the charity's financial records were examined.

Investigators concluded that Weedman had forged Howard's signature on checks, cashed the checks and pocketed the money. Weedman's preliminary hearing on the charges is expected to take place soon in Bell County District Court.

## State issues warning on Pike waterways

by JESSICA HALE  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — High levels of contaminants found in two water bodies in Pike County have three state agencies issuing fish consumption advisories.

On Thursday, the Kentucky Departments for Public Health, Environmental Protection and Fish and Wildlife issued consumption advisories due to elevated PCB and mercury levels for Knox Creek and Fishtrap Lake in Pike County. The advisories also

include the portion of the Levisa Fork River above the lake to the Virginia state boundary in Pike County.

According to Benjy Kinman, director of fisheries with Fish and Wildlife, the PCBs are really the main concern. While high levels of mercury are not safe for consumption, PCBs are particularly dangerous. PCBs were used in previous years as coolants used in various varieties of pumps. Although no longer legal for use, PCBs are still making their way through the ground into bodies of water all across our por-

tion of the nation.

These advisories are intended to inform the public about the possible risks of eating unrestricted amounts of some fish from these locations. The advisory is based on the waters that flow from Virginia into Kentucky and are similar to the ones already issued by Virginia officials.

"Because they are generally low in fat and high in protein, and contain a number of vitamins and minerals, health experts agree that fish can be a part of a healthy, balanced diet," said

William D. Hacker, M.D., public health commissioner and acting undersecretary for health in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. "Fish are an excellent source of omega-3 fatty acids, which are important to cardiovascular health and fetal brain development. The key to healthy fish consumption is moderation, particularly for those who might be harmed by ingesting high levels of mercury or PCBs, such as women of child bearing age."

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### TRIP OF FELLOWSHIP



photo by Jessica Hale

This group of individuals from The Tabernacle church in Prestonsburg prepared for a trip to the Titan Stadium in Nashville, Tenn., on Friday. Most of the group will travel to the stadium for what is referred to as "The Call," where they will meet up with others from around the country and participate in a fast and a solemn assembly. Some will also travel across the country in a nearly monthlong journey to their ending destination in Golden Gate Park in California.

## Prestonsburg gas station burglarized

by JESSICA HALE  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An early morning break-in occurred at the Marathon gas station in Prestonsburg on Friday.

The gas station, which is located next to Prestonsburg High School, was apparently broken into during the night. Employees say when they arrived at 4:30 a.m., they noticed cash was miss-

ing from the store and that someone had broken into and taken money from the automatic teller withdrawal machine.

Employees also say they suspect whoever took the money was familiar with the store, citing that the person knew right where to find the cash.

Prestonsburg dispatchers say they are not yet releasing any other information regarding the case.



photo by Jessica Hale

Thieves got away with an undetermined amount of cash when they broke into this Marathon station in Prestonsburg early Friday morning.

## Speed limit increases to 70 mph sometime this week

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The speed limit on most rural interstate highways and parkways will increase to 70 mph sometime this week, a state official said.

Miranda Thacker, spokeswoman for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, said the new speed limit will take effect after signs are posted.

"We're planning to do it all in one day," she said.

The General Assembly approved the higher speed limit in March, but delayed its implementation until highway engineers completed studies to identify stretches where increased speeds would be safe. The speed limit won't increase on urban stretches of interstate highways.

Thacker said 496 speed limit

signs will be changed. Thacker said most will simply get a 70 decal pasted over the 65.

Lt. Phil Crumpton, spokesman for the Kentucky State Police headquarters in Frankfort, has said studies suggest the speed limit could be raised to 70 on rural four-lane interstate highways and parkways without a significant increase in crashes.

## Governor, House leaders schedule talks for Monday

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher is scheduled to talk with House leaders on Monday in hopes of getting a special legislation session back on track.

House lawmakers, saying Fletcher's decision to call them back to Frankfort was unnecessary and too costly to be justified, adjourned shortly after the session began Thursday without taking any action.

"It's pretty clear that politics are involved, and they're playing politics," Fletcher told reporters on Friday.

House Speaker Jody Richards said he and other House leaders agreed to

talk with Fletcher on a conference call. Richards was skeptical that the impasse could be resolved.

Fletcher appeared before a Senate committee Friday morning to urge passage of financial incentives for Peabody Energy Corp., a company interested in building a \$3 billion plant to convert coal to synthetic natural gas. The appearance may have been an exercise in futility considering the incentives can't pass unless House lawmakers come back.

When House lawmakers left, Richards said they have no intention of coming back for a session that could cost taxpayers some \$2.5 million to deal with issues that can wait

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photo by Mike Sunseri, LRC Public Information

Senate Democratic Whip Joey Pendleton, D-Hopkinsville, right, confers with Sen. Ray Jones, D-Pikeville, during a recess period in the Kentucky Senate.

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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

■ Mabel Wells Allen, 92, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, June 30, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 3, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Clifford Branham, 72, of Dwale, died Sunday, July 1, at Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Eugene Hall, 88, of Harold, died Wednesday, July 4, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Addie Bea Boyd Hall. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Juliana R. Hamilton, 60, of Teaberry, died Sunday, July 1, at the Kentucky River Medical Center, in Jackson. She is survived by her husband, Eugene Hamilton. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Garnett Richardson, 91, of Little Paint, died Monday, July 2, at Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 4, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Mary Francis Stone, 67, of McDowell, died Thursday, June 28, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, in McDowell. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Dennis Alan Vanderpool, 36, of Hippo, died Saturday,

June 30, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Cindy Carol Bailey Vanderpool. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 4, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Michael Whitaker, 53, of Hueysville, died Wednesday, July 4, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

■ Phillip Lee Akers, 48, of Grundy, Virginia, died Friday, June 29, at Buchanan General Hospital, in Grundy. He is survived by his wife, Sheila O'Quinn Akers. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 3, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

■ Mack Blankenship, 70, of Stopover, died Friday, June 29, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 3, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Lona Collins, 73, of Kimper, died Wednesday, July 4, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Lonnie Collins. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 7, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Brandi Nicole Wolford Daugherty, 28, of Majestic, died Friday, June 29, at Stopover. She is survived by her husband, Andrew Daugherty. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 4, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Glen Francis, 63, of Phelps, died Friday, June 29, at Kimper. He is survived by his

wife, Debbie Lou Francis. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 3, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Emma Lee, 78, of Lehigh Acres, Florida, formerly of Pike County, died Tuesday, July 3, at her daughter's residence. Entombment was in Bushnell National Cemetery, in Tampa, Florida, under the direction of Willis Funeral Home, of Gallipolis, Ohio.

■ Evelyn Looney, 64, of Sidney, died Sunday, July 1, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 5, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Norma Lowe, 90, of Orangeburg, South Carolina, formerly of Pike County, died Sunday, July 1, at Orangeburg Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 4, under the direction of Thompson Funeral Home.

■ Sonny Joe Miracle, 62, of Virgie, died Thursday, June 28. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Carol Tackett Miracle. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 1, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

■ Melissa Mullins, 72, of Strawberry Plains, Tennessee, formerly of Pike County, died Monday, July 2. Funeral services were conducted under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Ruth Osborne, 84, of Titusville, Florida, formerly of Myra, died Saturday, June 30. Funeral services were conducted

Tuesday, July 3, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Edgar Prater Jr., 44, of Stopover, died Tuesday, July 3, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 8, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Millard Monroe Prater, 62, of Stopover, died Tuesday, July 3, at South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 6, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Thelma Marie Salyers, 72, of Jenkins, died Sunday, July 1, at Jenkins Community Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 5, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Magalene Scott, 87, of Hardy, died Saturday, June 30, at the South Williamson Appalachian Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 5, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Leona Stanley, 86, of Sidney, died Sunday, July 1, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Virginia Stubblefield, 79, of Lexington, formerly of Pike County, died Tuesday, July 3, at Central Baptist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 6, under the direction of W.R. Milward Mortuary.

■ Magdalene Wolford, 76, of Lexington, formerly of Phelps, died Saturday, June 30,

at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 3, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Sharon Young, 49, of Varney, died Tuesday, July 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Gary R. Young. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 6, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Charles Irene, Sister Agnes Martha Holbrook, 91, formerly of Van Lear, died Sunday, July 1, at Nazareth Home, in Bardstown. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 3, under the direction of Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home.

## MARTIN COUNTY

■ Virginia Blair, 82, of Kermit, West Virginia, died Sunday, June 22, at her home. Graveside services were conducted Sunday, July 1, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Ethel Mills, 82, of Inez, died Saturday, June 30, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 3, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Robert Lee Marcum, 88, of Kermit, West Virginia, died Sunday, July 1. He is survived by his wife, Reva Gillman Marcum. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 3, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Alex Maynard, 77, of Kermit, West Virginia, died Tuesday, June 26, at St. Mary's Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 29, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Ruby Endicott Dalton Sammons, 76, of Inez, died Thursday, June 28, in Nicholasville. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 2, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Jack Smith Jr., 60, of Inez, died Wednesday, June 27, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Marie Maynard Smith. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 30, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Donald Ray Vance, 47, of Kermit, West Virginia, died Saturday, June 30, at his home.

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## Obituaries

### Neoma Hardee Meyers

Neoma Hardee Meyers, age 54, of Columbus, Ohio, passed away Sunday, July 1, 2007, of a sudden illness, at Doctors Hospital West. She was married to Doug Meyers.

Born August 21, 1952, in Paintsville, she was a retired nurse.

She was the daughter of Billie Mae Lawson and the late Bob Hardee; sister of Regina Mesier, Robert Hardee, Ray Hardee, and Tish Hardee.

There will be a memorial service on July 14, at 1:00, at Agape Worship Center in Waverly, Ohio.

### Michael Whitaker

Michael Whitaker, age 53, of Hueysville, died Wednesday, July 4, 2007, at his residence.

Born March 29, 1954, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Arthur and Haley Prater Whitaker. He was a retired factory worker for General Motors.

He is survived by a son, Michael Whitaker II, of Clarkston, Michigan; five brothers, Jerry (Michelle) Whitaker, of Gunlock, Ralph Whitaker, also of Gunlock, James (Ann) Whitaker, of Waterford, Michigan, Lloyd

Whitaker, also of Waterford, Michigan, and Roger (Eva) Whitaker, of Martin; four sisters, Kathy (J.D.) Howard, of Gunlock, Brenda (Ean) Thornsberry, of Waterford, Michigan, Clarice Hounshell, of Jamestown, Tennessee, and Rhoda (Kernie) Arnett, of North Manchester, Indiana; and two grandchildren, Michael Whitaker II, and Brittany Whitaker.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold Gordon Whitaker and Randall Keith Whitaker; and two sisters, Janet Gaye Whitaker and Fern Jean Whitaker.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin. Irvin Allen, and others, officiated.

Burial was in the Whitaker Family Cemetery, at Gunlock. Visitation was at the funeral home.

All arrangements were under the care of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin. [www.nelsonfrazierfuneral-home.com](http://www.nelsonfrazierfuneral-home.com). (Paid obituary)

## Study: Black lung hot spots due to 'gaps' in control dust efforts

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — An alarming number of black lung disease cases among coal miners in portions of Eastern Kentucky and southwestern Virginia may be caused by "gaps" in efforts to control dust in the mines, according to a study.

"There is something going on, a failure of protection of these miners," said Dr. Edward L. Petsonk, a senior medical officer at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

Petsonk and lead author Michael Attfield discovered 37 cases of advanced black lung during screenings conducted in seven counties in the heart of the two states' coal mining operations.

The study, published in a federal medical journal, said finding miners under the age of 50 with several black lung is "particularly concerning because they were exposed to coal-mine dust in the years after implementation of the disease prevention mandated by ... 1969 federal legislation." Petsonk said the number of

"hot spots" of the disease is troubling.

"We are finding more disease among younger miners that can be rapidly progressive," Petsonk said.

Researchers visited 26 sites in seven counties and tested 975 miners. They were asked to fill out questionnaires, given lung-capacity tests and X-rays. Four percent of the miners tested had advanced black lung.

The 37 afflicted miners had worked underground for at least one 10-year interval without a chest X-ray, and 22 had gone two decades without getting one. The federal government offers free, voluntary chest screenings for miners.

The miners told researchers one of the reasons they didn't

take the test was fears that their employer may find out the results.

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### Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the Sheriff of Floyd County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2006. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Guide for County Fee Officials* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a regulatory basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents, fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees of the Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2006, in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 27, 2007, on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Sheriff and Fiscal Court of Floyd County, Kentucky, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is not intended to be and should not be used by any one other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

Crit LuAllen  
Auditor of Public Accounts

March 27, 2007

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# House lawmakers adjourn special session; Senate continues work

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — House lawmakers adjourned without taking any action during a special legislative session on Thursday, saying Gov. Ernie Fletcher's decision to call them back to Frankfort was ill conceived.

"Our moral obligation is to do what is best for the citizens of Kentucky," said House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, who objected to the \$60,000-a-day cost of the session. "We have a duty to protect the constitution from being manipulated for the sake of political expediency."

Fletcher, a first-term Republican who is running for re-election this fall, had included potentially volatile issues on the agenda, including a measure that could prohibit public universities from providing health insurance benefits to domestic partners.

Richards urged lawmakers to adjourn without taking

action on any of the issues, including a proposal to offer tax incentives to lure a \$3 billion coal gasification plant to Kentucky that could have created some 800 jobs.

Richards questioned the need for the session, saying the costs outweighed the benefits and that any legislation could wait until the General Assembly reconvenes in January. Fletcher charged that House Democrats put partisan politics ahead of doing what's best for Kentucky.

"This is something we cannot afford not to do," Fletcher said speaking to reporters in his Capitol office.

The Senate continued in session, assigning five initiatives included on the agenda to legislative committees for hearings. And, Fletcher said, he hopes House lawmakers return and do likewise.

The governor contends that House lawmakers are required under the state constitution to return in three days if the Senate remains in session. He

declined to say what action he might take if they do not.

"We'll cross that bridge when we get to it," Fletcher said.

The issue could spill into the courts, but Richards said he believes the House was on sound constitutional grounds by adjourning without taking action. "Anyone that wants to go to court over it, have at it," Richards said.

After heated debate, the House adjourned just over an hour after the session was called to order. House lawmakers also agreed to forfeit their salaries and expenses for the special session.

Senate President David Williams said he would not be part of any move to go to court to force House lawmakers to return. If they haven't agreed to return by Monday, Williams said Senate leaders would then meet to decide whether to continue in session.

"Until then, this body came to town to work, and work ...

we will," he said.

Williams, in a floor speech, also urged Fletcher to call House leaders and encourage them to return to session.

Richards said it could have taken up to eight weeks to get through Fletcher's 67-item agenda, costing taxpayers some \$2.5 million had lawmakers not adjourned.

"To lend any further credibility to this charade would be a dangerous precedent which I feel sure we would all live to regret," he said.

Richards also asked House lawmakers to forfeit any salaries or expenses for the session.

Fletcher said he called lawmakers to the Capitol primarily to pass a package of incentives for companies looking to build high-tech fuel plants in Kentucky. So far, Peabody Energy Corp. is the only company to have publicly expressed an interest.

"This session was about billions in investments and

thousands of jobs," Fletcher said Thursday evening.

Peabody executive Rick Bowen has said the company is considering building a \$3 billion plant to transform coal into a cleaner burning fuel in either Illinois, Indiana or Kentucky. Bowen said Kentucky needs to offer incentives to stay in the running.

Fletcher released a list on Thursday of 19 potential sites spread across the state for such high-tech projects.

Fletcher signed an executive order on Monday calling lawmakers back to Frankfort at 4 p.m. EDT Thursday. The agenda was extensive, including a proposal to authorize \$427.6 million in construction projects and another to give active duty military reserve families an income tax break.

The domestic partner initiative is aimed primarily at the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville. Both universities have already opted to provide health insur-

ance to domestic partners.

Fletcher has called the General Assembly into special session twice previously since he took office — once in October 2004 to improve health insurance benefits for teachers and state employees and again in June 2006 to provide tax relief for small businesses.

## Session

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until lawmakers return in January. Richards reiterated that on Friday afternoon.

"It is unfathomable to me that we would pass up this opportunity," Fletcher told the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Fletcher, a first-term Republican who is running for re-election this fall, had included potentially volatile issues on the agenda with the incentive package, including a measure that could prohibit public universities from providing health insurance benefits to domestic partners.

The domestic partner initiative is aimed primarily at the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville. Both universities have already opted to provide health insurance to domestic partners. Senate President David Williams said the measure was expected to pass the Senate on Monday.

The Senate met briefly Friday. Williams said if Fletcher can't persuade House lawmakers to return, the Senate may adjourn on Monday.

The governor contends that House lawmakers are required

under the state constitution to return in three days if the Senate remains in session. He declined to say what action he might take if they do not.

"We'll cross that bridge when we get to it," Fletcher said.

Richards said it could have taken up to eight weeks to get through Fletcher's 67-item agenda. House lawmakers voted to forfeit any salaries or expenses for the one-day session.

Peabody executive Rick Bowen told lawmakers Friday that the company is considering building the plant to transform coal into synthetic natural gas. Bowen said Kentucky needs to offer incentives to stay in the running. He said the company plans to decide on a location for the plant within about three months.

Richards gave Bowen a letter on Friday assuring him that House leaders were willing to approve the incentives at the next regular legislative session, which begins in January.

Sen. Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, said the proposed incentive package would total \$295 million over 20 years.

## Contaminants

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and children."

"Fish are fun to catch, and many fishermen now practice catch and release, which helps ensure our lakes and rivers have good populations of larger, higher quality fish. If you decide to keep and eat your catch, just keep in mind the frequency for consumption," said Kinman. "Fish are a nutritious, low fat food and good for you when eaten in moderation."

Cooking may reduce some contaminants in fish but, will not reduce mercury levels. To better protect the public, state scientists have developed a specific protocol to determine safety levels and risk for contaminants.

The following are consumption precautions for various tested species in the two bodies of water. However, if a species is not listed, this does not mean they are risk free to consumers, just that there is no data available for that species. The state maintains that neither PCB or mercury is associated with the Consol Energy, Inc., brine discharge at Grundy, Virginia.

**Advisory for Knox Creek General Population**  
Black Bass, 1 meal per month  
Crappie/Rock Bass, 1 meal

per month  
Catfish/Drum, 6 meals per year  
Flathead Catfish, No consumption

**Special Population**  
Black Bass, 6 meals per year  
Crappie/Rock Bass, 6 meals per year  
Catfish/Drum, No consumption  
Flathead Catfish, No consumption

**Advisory for Fishtrap Lake General Population**  
Black Bass, 1 meal per week  
White Bass, 1 meal per month  
Catfish/Drum, 1 meal per month  
Suckers/Carp, 1 meal per month  
Flathead Catfish, 1 meal per week

**Special Population**  
Black Bass, 1 meal per month  
White Bass, 6 meals per year  
Catfish/Drum, 6 meals per year  
Suckers/Carp, 6 meals per year  
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# expression

Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society.

— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

## Scooter scooted

Anyone who is surprised that President George W. Bush commuted I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby's prison sentence hasn't been paying enough attention to the way this administration does business:

It wages a pre-emptive war in search of nonexistent weapons of mass destruction. It ignores the judges of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and wiretaps citizens without warrants. It holds prisoners for years without charges or trial, and uses secret prisons overseas where prisoners are tortured in everything but name. It nominates its own unqualified lawyer to the Supreme Court and fires career prosecutors to make room for its own stooges. It ravages the environment and calls it the Healthy Forests Act and Clear Skies Initiative. It walks away from international arms treaties and even claims the vice president isn't part of the executive branch.

Surely giving Libby a get-of-jail-free card is no big deal.

After all, Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff merely saluted and followed orders. He was told to undermine the credibility of former Ambassador Joseph Wilson's assertions that the administration knew its claims about Iraq buying uranium for Niger were bogus. So Libby chatted up some reporters, fed them some misleading information and suggested that Wilson's trip to Niger was a boondoggle set up by his wife, Valerie Plame Wilson, who happened to be a CIA operative.

Then Libby lied to FBI agents and a grand jury investigating the leak of Mrs. Wilson's identity about what he had said when to whom. Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald charged him, appropriately, not with exposing a covert agent but with perjury and obstruction of justice. A jury convicted him, and Judge Reggie Walton sentenced him to spend 30 months in prison, pay a \$250,000 fine and serve two additional years on probation — all well within the federal sentencing guidelines for a first-time offender.

But on Monday, the very day that a federal appeals court said Libby's basis for appeal was so weak that it wouldn't permit him to stay out of prison as the appeal proceeded, Bush declared the sentence "excessive." The fine and the probation will suffice, he said — although on Tuesday he would not rule out an eventual pardon for Libby, which would erase those punishments as well.

The political calculus on this was easy: With 18 months to go in his presidency and his approval ratings hovering in the 30s and with Republicans in the Senate having jumped ship on his immigration bill and beginning to jump ship on his Iraq policy, Bush has little left to lose by giving Libby a break.

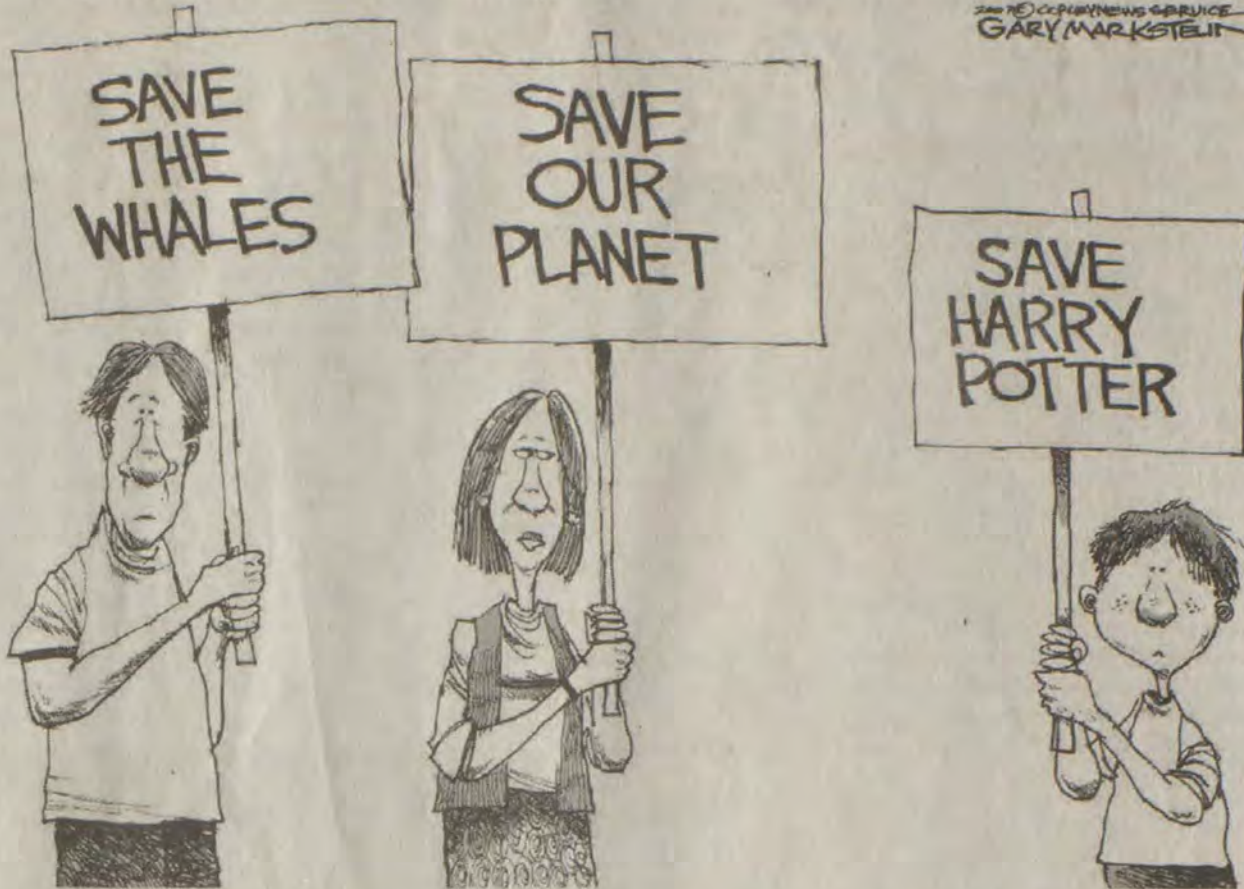
Indeed, some conservatives thought the president should have done more for Libby. The Wall Street Journal editorial page even argued that the president should have issued Libby a full and complete pardon.

It is almost impossible to be overly cynical about this administration's regard for the rule of law. In that regard, Cheney's office said the vice president would have no comment about his role in Bush's decision. As if comment were necessary.

The single significant unanswered question is this: Would Libby, perhaps as he was being issued a toothbrush and his prison blues, have cut a deal with Fitzgerald and Judge Walton? It would have been interesting to know more, for example, about how the decision to out Mrs. Wilson had been made, who else was involved, what other secrets have been kept and what other deals have been cut.

Now we'll never know. How convenient.

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch



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## Rich Lowry Column

### Hillary vs. the 'on your own' society

Hillary Clinton has identified a grievous flaw in the contemporary American economy: It leaves "it all up to the individual." This hateful individualism is allegedly driving income inequality and destroying the American Dream.

Clinton calls it "the 'on your own' society," displaying a liberal Democrat's curious aversion to people doing things on their own. In contrast, she offers a collectivist vision of "shared responsibility for shared prosperity," making the case for it based on a farrago of mistruths about the state of the economy. She actually is not interested in sharing anything, but instead hogging all the credit for economic growth in the 1990s for her husband and, by extension, herself.

Clinton cites figures to paint a picture of an immiserated middle class, but avoids the main event. As Democratic economist Stephen Rose notes in his new book, "Social Stratification in the United States," once people outside their prime working years are excluded — the elderly and the young — the median income for an American family is \$63,000. Which, in the words of The Washington Post, "in most parts of

the country buys a pretty comfortable middle-class lifestyle."

Clinton portrays the 1990s as a Paradise Lost that only she and her policies can rediscover. She wants "to hit the restart button on the 21st century and redo it the right way." Like not having a tech bubble burst after it grew to unsustainable proportions in the late 1990s? Like not suffering from corporate scandals that stemmed from loose practices in the same period?

No one can deny that the 1990s were good, but they wouldn't hold up to the kind of demagogic critique of the economy Hillary makes now. For example, she complains of CEO compensation increasing, but it grew right through the 1990s.

The real news from her recent speech is the way she, in keeping with the leftward shift of her party, turns her back on her husband's actual policies. It is too inconvenient for her to explain the sources of the deficit reduction in the 1990s besides his (relatively inconsequential) tax increase: first, Clinton's huge cut in defense spending; then a budget deal with Republicans that reduced the rate of growth of Medicare and cut

taxes on capital gains; then, a wondrous flow of revenue into the federal treasury from capital gains and the "rich getting richer."

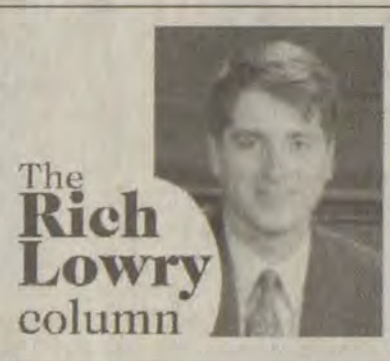
She doesn't even mention welfare reform, although it is largely thanks to it that the bottom fifth of families had a 35 percent increase in income from 1991 to 2005. She talks of free trade as something to fear,

when President Clinton courageously championed NAFTA and other free-trade initiatives, providing boosts to the U.S. and global economies. Of course, she leaves out all the deregulation and how important it was that President Clinton let Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan pursue his low-inflation policies without political interference.

None of this fits into her narrative of an economy needing wide-ranging government intervention to escape the nefarious consequences of individuals left to act "on their own." One can only conclude that if you liked the 1990s boom, don't elect this woman.

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Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



The Rich Lowry column

## beyond the beltway

### Close up, Washington looks grim

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

It was a wild and crazy week in Washington. In quick succession:

■ The Supreme Court decided that the free speech of corporations and special interest groups was worthy of Constitutional protection but that free speech exercised by a high school student wasn't.

■ Dick Cheney's office argued that the vice president wasn't bound by the rules that govern the executive branch of government because he is not a member of the executive branch. He isn't a member of the legislative branch either. Apparently, Cheney is a whole branch of government all by himself. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is said to agree.

■ The CIA made public its "family jewels," the official record of all the assassination attempts, illegal wiretaps, connections to organized crime and other chicanery it committed over the years. The CIA director said he released the 702 pages of documents "to give those we serve a window into the complexities of intelligence." Unfortunately, it was a dirty window. It turns out that the CIA is pretty much what a lot of us always thought—the KGB with an Ivy League education.

■ Dick Lugar, ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, finally rebelled against the president's Iraq policy, if any. The six-term senator,

who has spent these many years supporting the president, said: "In my judgment, the costs and risks of continuing down the current path outweigh the potential benefits that might be achieved." That's Senatespeak for "Let's declare victory and leave." The White House was non-committal but you could tell the people there felt as though they'd been bitten by their pet Labrador.

■ A group of high school presidential scholars (key word: smart) slipped a hand-written note to President George W. Bush on a visit to the White House asking him to remove the part of the anti-torture bill which allows him to make exemptions to the ban on torture. The president's response was muted, but it was reported that Dick Cheney wanted to nuke the kids' bus on their way home.

Of all those events, I found the Supreme Court's decisions the most interesting.

The first free speech case involved the McCain-Feingold ban on phony "issue ads" indirectly aimed at supporting or attacking a particular candidate in the last few weeks before an election. The law bans such ads paid for by corporations, unions and special interest groups.

What the court did was loosen those restrictions to the point of meaninglessness, limiting the ban to ads that are "susceptible of no reasonable interpretation other than as an appeal to vote for or against a specific candidate."

"Where the First Amendment is implicated," Chief Justice John Roberts wrote, "the tie goes to the speaker, not the censor."

Except in cases where the speaker is a kid, apparently. In a separate case the court upheld a 10-day suspension

from high school of a student who held up a sign, "Bong Hits 4 Jesus," as the Olympic Torch passed through the streets of Juneau, Alaska, on its way to the Winter Olympics.

In that instance, the court gave the tie to the censor, the principal.

Justice Clarence Thomas wrote: "In the light of history of American public education, it cannot seriously be suggested that the First Amendment 'freedom of speech' encompasses a student's right to speak in public schools."

The upshot of it all is that moneyed interests will have even more freedom to buy elections, and high schools encouraged to be cheerless, fascistic organs of the establishment (as though they needed that encouragement).

It's all a sign of the fact that we now live in the world of George W. Bush. His court nominees have tipped the balance in favor of this country's reactionaries and, given the nominees' relative youth, that's the way it's going to stay.

Those presidential scholars were lucky they weren't arrested for slipping the president that letter. What right do they have to hold an opinion and, even worse, express it? This is America, after all.

Sort of.

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## This Town, That World

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

When the man said, "Hitch your wagon to a star," Junior, he didn't necessarily mean the one farthest away and most one farthest away and most unattainable. Besides, that sports model you're driving doesn't have a trailer-hitch.

### MULTI-PURPOSE GIFT

Bill Crawford was over from Mallory, W.Va., this week, and he gave me a Fish-Knife. One blade will serve as a fish-scaler, hook disgorging and bottle opener. And if a-body doesn't catch any fish, he can use the other blade for throat-slitting purposes.

### A CONTRIBUTION

In response to my statement in this column last week, to the effect that I had lost my Ladies' Birthday Almanac, a friend at Martin who does considerable fishing, too, ups and sends me a copy of The Bank Almanac. His salutation, "dere edditor," is reminiscent of my old friend Joe who, once upon a time, contributed his atrocities in spelling and English to this column.

Which reminds me of a recent communication from: Joe, who wrote to inquire if I had "heard" of the big Fallin' Out, ever his way. Let me quote a few excerpts from this 'community Q' of his:

mr. edditor, hit is turrible what a roomer can do. The word got out that wee had beter sta indores for a spell, cause there was goin a bee a big fallin out aroun hear. And that did hit. i wanted to go see the trubled and Serry sed no. yu losc' yore hed when you git mad, you stay home. an i insisned an she lost her hed and hit me. bein a man of curage i riz to my feat and she hit me agin, and shore cnuff I lost my hed and, tole her sum day she wood push me too fur. Thin the fur flu. Mostly mine.

His wuz the same storie all over the communitie. Cupples fell out and fit fer all this wuz wuth till doc jones run out uv bandiges. But this feller jones is a smart man and he saved the day an my skelp to, i gess. he axed me what all the fitin wuz a bout and i tole him hit wuz bee cause us, men wanted to go and watch the fallin out, what fallin out, whos fallin out he wanted to no, sumboddy tole him tha heard that sumboddy had red a bout hit in the papper.

Doc turned sow people I thot maby a snaik had bit him.

"i swarc, sed doc, i aim to leve this place, efn i dont its the nut house for me. Fallin out!—tha ain't no sech thaing, wy a man uv even yore intelligence otter know what thet pepper was talkin a bout wuz fall-out. and i hope ever won, uv yu git a snute full uv hit."

mr. edditor' I jest want to ax you won questshun, shood i be mad at doc an lose my hed and had a fallin out with him."

## TASTY LESSONS



photos by Kathy J. Prater

Students participating in the healthy cooking class enjoyed homemade waffles with fresh strawberry topping this past Friday morning, a delicious treat they learned to prepare for themselves.

## Cookin' with kids at Auxier Center

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

With all the fast and junk food ads that bombard kids today from the television screen, it's no wonder they get confused about what to eat and when. Enter the Floyd County Extension Service Expanded Food & Nutrition Education program.

"We want kids to know what's healthy and how to prepare it," said Judy McGuire, extension service teaching assistant.

The "Kid's Healthy Cooking Class," taught by McGuire this past week at the Auxier Lifetime

Learning Center, focused on educating children about healthy food choices in addition to how to prepare healthy foods for themselves.

"We began the week just learning how to read a recipe," McGuire said. "Then we learned about measuring and the different types of kitchen utensils. And then we started cooking," she laughed.

Some of the foods the children learned to prepare this past week included veggie tacos, homemade pizza, strawberry topped waffles, and a breakfast shake made of strawberries, pineapple, yogurt and lowfat milk.

"All the food's been really good," said David Stacy, a student in the class. McGuire added that the boys in the class seemed to enjoy themselves just as much, if not more, as the girls.

On Friday, each student received a certificate for completion of the course, along with a gift bag filled with culinary items such as measuring cups, strainers, pot holders, jar openers and more.

"I loved the class," said Erin Cox, of Fayetteville, North Carolina. Erin shared that she visits

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Erin Cox, of Fayetteville, N.C., checks out the cool culinary gear she received as a reward for completing the kids healthy cooking class at Auxier Center.

## MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

### 'Nine Deaths of the Ninja'

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Though cinematic ninjas bear little resemblance to the real thing, they were a cottage industry in the 1980s. Sho Kosugi did well for himself with the genre and starred in one of the best ninja movies of the decade ("Revenge of the Ninja") before landing in this bomb, which is so awful that you might just have a heck of a time watching it.

It opens with a well choreographed s h o w d o w n between a heroic team of fighters and some terrorists. The joke is on the audience as it turns out to be a training exercise for a trio led by Spike Shinobi (ninja turned covert American spy).



Tom Doty  
Times Columnist

Next you get a credits sequence which is supposed to be a tribute to James Bond. Three disco dancers gyrate while an overactive fog machine fills the set with ambiance. Kosugi shows up brandishing his sword and wields it at the dancers, who duck under the edged weapon like a limbo stick. All the while Kosugi sports a bemused expression which seems to impart that he is going to get a big check for this workout.

The next sequence is also quite good and follows a Congressman and his entourage on sightseeing tour through the Philippines. When the bus stops to let a wedding party go through, the screen erupts in activity as the bridal party turns out to be a team of supermodel terrorists. The ladies take the tour bus and its occupants hostage.

Meanwhile we get to see Spike doing some training moves under the guidance of a ninja master. The master warns him that a group of bad ninjas are on the way and Kosugi takes them downtown in a brief but well executed battle. Here you get the one ninja battle scene and its rife with gas bombs, throwing stars and bizarre gadgets (the trademark of a ninja flick).

Sadly, this is it for cool ninja scenes and the film shifts back to the Philippines, where Spike and company are engaged to find and eliminate the terrorists.

Unfortunately it takes the forever to get to the confrontation. While the Spike posse blunders around town, the terrorists get busy. They film a hostage being murdered and send the tape to an ambassador's office with a demand to free their incarcerated buddy, Rahji. It turns out that these terrorists are actually drug dealers and Rahji is their best enforcer.

Spike's team investigates a lead at a local museum and is soon attacked by a female assassin who employs four kung-fu killers, who also happen to be dwarves with very unfortunate teeth. Spike mows them down without breaking a sweat but is still no closer

(See LAGOON, page six)

## The vision

by PAUL CHARLILLO  
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE VETERAN'S SOUL"

I thought being raised in a devout Roman Catholic family would give me the faith and courage to face any hardship a young man of 19 would be asked to bear, but I quickly realized that nothing can prepare a young man for war.

Originally assigned to a supply division during World War II, I found myself at the front when the generals began stripping the rear units for more replacements to cover their heavy losses. As part of Patton's Third Army, I

joined up with a squad that spearheaded the American advance through France. Our job was to probe the front line, looking for the enemy. Hitching rides on the back of tanks and armored vehicles, we drove through many French towns, all the time pushing back the German troops. When we made contact, my squad would deploy on the flanks, setting up a 50-caliber machine gun, and wait for our infantry to close in. The German soldiers were first-rate; well trained, highly disciplined and unwilling to give up their conquered territory, they fought viciously in retreat. We were always a prime target, and German artillery fire was deadly accurate. Many buddies, as well as guys I barely knew, were hit. I lived moment to moment, always in fear of being the

next GI carried out. This pattern persisted day after day. Village after French village was leveled in our effort to push the enemy out, towns and cities reduced to smoldering rubble. Witnessing all the destruction — seeing guys like me, getting killed or wounded — I despaired that I would ever see my home and family again. The ruined French towns were also filled with civilians looking for lost loved ones, digging through debris for anything that might help them live. Through all of this chaos, I prayed constantly for the strength to continue. Dog-tired, constantly on the move, alert every minute to the possibility of enemy fire and numb to the violence surrounding me, I was drained of all hope for my survival.

As we approached the German border

after endless months of fighting, one last nameless French village lay ahead. A recent artillery exchange had left the town another smoking wreck, and we probed cautiously forward. Riding in the back of a half-track, my vision obstructed by the haze from still-burning fires, I caught a glimpse of a bombed-out Catholic church. There, on the only standing wall, was a crucifix, the body of Christ, arms still outstretched, eyes lifted to the heavens, untouched by the destruction around it.

I could see the wounds Jesus had received at the hands of a different enemy, but he had been left perfectly safe from this battle. I instinctively made the sign of the cross, tightened my helmet strap another notch and gripped my rifle even firmer. If he had made it through, I could make it through. Although almost destroyed by the harsh reality of war, now I was able to continue. I carried this sight within my heart and mind into many more battles through the war, and then safely home. The image has never left me.



# It's not a hybrid — the battery is just in the trunk

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

The other night, I came out of a function that was 99 percent women and 1 percent men (a quilt show, to answer your question). In the parking lot, two women asked if I had jumper cables, since their rental Chevy wouldn't start. I pulled up my Suburban, popped the hood, pulled out my jumper cables and stopped two men to help us. The two men, myself and the two women stared at the engine of the rental car and had no idea where to place the jumper cables. We think it must have been a hybrid car, but the renter was never told this, and none of us had ever seen one. All we could do was tell her to call the rental firm. Question: Where were the battery terminals, and how do you tell a hybrid if you've never seen one? — Roni



TOM: The way you tell that a car is a hybrid, Roni, is that the word "HYBRID" is plastered all over the vehicle — usually once on the back and once on each side. People who buy hybrids like other people to know that they bought a hybrid, so they can smile and feel smug about their decision. I would do that, too, if I had a car to feel smug about.

RAY: So, companies that sell hybrids aren't shy about plastering them with labels. In fact, I can't think of any hybrid car that Chevy makes yet, so I don't think it was a hybrid.

TOM: More likely, the rental car was a Chevy Cobalt. The Cobalt's battery happens to be located in its trunk, near the spare tire. There are other cars that have the battery in the trunk, or under the rear seat, usually to create more room for other stuff in the engine compartment ... like the engine!

RAY: And in almost all such cars, there's a set of auxiliary battery terminals under the hood that are attached by wire to the battery. Those are there for jump-starting the car. In the Cobalt, the remote terminals are attached to the fuse box, which is up near the firewall, close to the windshield.

TOM: So that's the explanation, I think, Roni. It was dark, you didn't know to look for the remote battery terminals, and the guys you stopped to help you weren't experts on battery placement either. I'm just guessing. I mean, I don't want to stereotype anybody, but knowing that they just came out of a quilting show, I'd be surprised if they're also big readers of Automotive Battery Digest.

## Reader discovered the way to get better gas mileage

Dear Tom and Ray:

I found the answer to getting better gas mileage. It's called SLOWING DOWN. Instead of the usual 75 mph on the highway that I've done for ages, I tried an experiment now that gas is three bucks a gallon. Today the wife and I drove from Memphis to Texarkana, which is 300 miles. I

set the cruise control at 60 mph the whole way. Yes, I got passed by everyone and everything, but I got the last laugh when I pulled into the gas station and put 6.73 gallons in the tank, for a mpg rating of 44.5. And just so you don't think I was driving a little teapot, I was in my 2004 Chevy Malibu with a 3.5-liter V-6 engine and 76,000 miles on it. Today's mileage was 10 mpg better than I've ever gotten in this car. So this is how we can kick our oil habit, or at least reduce our thirst, as a nation. Your thoughts? — Frank

TOM: You're absolutely right, Frank. There's no doubt about it: Slowing down increases gas mileage.

RAY: Since you've done this experiment only once, we can't vouch for your actual mpg numbers. You'd have to do it a few times to determine whether the numbers are accurate. But the scientific data certainly backs up your theory.

TOM: You might recall that in the 1970s, the Nixon administration imposed a nationwide 55-mph speed limit. Why? Because they knew that if everybody drove at 55 mph instead of 75 mph, the country would save a buttload of fuel!

RAY: The reason that slowing down works has to do with wind resistance. You might think, "Well, how much more wind resistance is there at 75 mph compared with 55 mph?" And the answer is: a lot.

TOM: Wind resistance increases by the square of your speed. If you square 55 (55 x 55), you get 3,025. If you square 75 (75 x 75), you get 5,625. So, the wind resistance at 75 mph is nearly DOUBLE what it is at 55 mph. Wind resistance is a HUGE drag on your mileage. And it's even worse if you drive some un-aerodynamic rolling hatbox, like an SUV.

RAY: So you're absolutely right, Frank. Driving slower will get you significantly better mileage. Unfortunately, I'm guessing that most people are still in too much of a hurry to heed your advice. Maybe when gasoline hits \$5 or \$6 a gallon, they'll slow down a little more and take some time to smell the diesel fumes.

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](http://www.cartalk.com).

## Odds & Ends

■ SEVIERVILLE, Tenn. — Two baby marmoset monkeys stolen from an exotic pet store in East Tennessee have been found safe and two Kentucky teenagers were charged in the theft, authorities said Monday.

The monkeys were taken from the Exotic Pet Center in Sevierville early Thursday morning but were found in Maryville, about 30 miles to the west, authorities said.

Jessica D. Fields, 18, of Butler, Ky., and Luis D. Flecha, 19, of Covington, Ky., were charged with felony theft and felony burglary.

The monkeys were found in their car by Maryville police, who were questioning the teenagers in an unrelated matter, The Knoxville News Sentinel reported.

One of the monkeys, a common marmoset, has a retail price of about \$2,800. The other, a rarer Geoffrey's marmoset, could bring up to \$4,500. They appeared to be in good health when returned.

The two monkeys are both females born in captivity. One was about 7 weeks old, the other between 8 and 10 weeks old, said Gilbert Perez, owner of the Exotic Pet Center.

■ CHICAGO — Stealing someone's heart can cost you: Just ask German Blinov.

A Cook County jury ordered Blinov to shell out \$4,802 last week after he was sued by a husband from a Chicago suburb for stealing the affections of the man's wife.

Arthur Friedman used a little-known state law to mount the legal attack against Blinov. The alienation of affection law, one of eight across the country, lets spouses seek damages for the loss of love.

But Natalie Friedman, the woman at the center of it all, claims her husband asked her to have sex with other men and women — including Blinov — to spice up their relationship.

She supposedly began having feelings for Blinov, prompting her husband to file the lawsuit.

"This guy ruined my life — he backstabbed me," Arthur Friedman told the Chicago Sun-Times. "What he did was wrong. And I did what I had to do to get my point across."

Blinov doesn't deny having a relationship with Natalie Friedman while she was married, but he was surprised to learn he could be sued for it. His attorney also said Natalie Friedman was unhappy with her marriage before the relationship started.

"German was not a pirate of her affections," attorney Enrico Mirabelli said. "Her affections were already adrift."

■ DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Erotic dancers in adult bars in most parts of this Spring Break city are going to have to wear as much clothing as most people on the beach.

A federal appeals court upheld municipal zoning and nudity ordinances on Thursday after the city and Lollipop Gentlemen's Club made their cases before the court on March 23.

"The bottom line is the 11th Circuit Court (of Appeals) upheld the city's authority to enforce its zoning regulations and public nudity ordinance with regard to the adult entertainment establishments," City Attorney Bob Brown said.

In other words, dancers at adult clubs that serve liquor are required to wear conservative bikinis. G-strings and pasties won't be enough to meet that requirement, the court said.

Both sides were trying to reverse previous rulings.

A district court ruled in January 2006 that Daytona Beach's nudity laws were unconstitutional because they violated the right to free speech, and dancers at adult clubs had been going nude

ever since.

Lollipops officials wanted the appeals court to reverse a court ruling from December 2004 that upheld the city's zoning laws, which regulate where adult businesses can operate.

Lollipops lost that one, too.

An attorney for Lollipops said they were prepared to take the case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"I don't think it means anything," said lawyer Brett Hartley of Daytona Beach. "We don't see (this) ruling as a major setback. This is just part of the dance."

■ LAKE HAVASU CITY, Ariz. — A woman who works as a makeup artist and deli clerk found \$20,000 at a bank's drive-up depository, then calmly walked into the bank and turned over the cash.

Linda Hatch said her mind raced in the seconds after she found the two \$10,000 bundles in a plastic deposit tube on June 25.

"Am I in the middle of a bank robbery ... a drug bust, is someone going to pick up the money?" Hatch said. "I was like, 'Oh, my gosh. What do I do?'"

Hatch, who owns a permanent makeup business in Lake Havasu City and also works at an Albertsons grocery store, said the bank teller she approached was just as confused about what to do.

"She looked at me like, 'What is this?'" Hatch said.

Hatch said she filed a police report in the days after turning over the cash and hasn't been told by the bank whether the rightful owner has ever surfaced.

Bank employees declined to comment.

Hatch said she was "shaken for five hours" after the discovery. But she has no second thoughts about turning in the cash and laughed while recall-

ing the scenario.

"It's not enough money to move to Mexico," she said.

■ CHICAGO — A busy section of highway was closed for seven hours Sunday after a truck tipped over and spilled pig cars, pig feet and grease.

The greasy pig parts created slippery conditions and forced the closure of northbound lanes of the Edens Expressway. The lanes were

reopened Sunday afternoon.

A sudden shift in the truck's load caused it to tip onto its side near an entrance ramp in Skokie, according to Illinois Department of Transportation spokesman Mike Claffey. The Edens Expressway connects downtown Chicago to its northern suburbs.

No injuries were reported.

Hassan Ware, 39, of the Chicago suburb of Bolingbrook, was cited for dri-

ving too fast for conditions and spilling his load on a highway, according to state police.

Transportation department workers used sand to absorb the grease, Claffey said. They also sprayed a foam usually used in hazardous materials situations and spread rock salt to provide more traction.

"This is obviously something that's really hard to clean up," Claffey said.

## SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

### Declare your independence from waiting in line by applying for Social Security

by PAUL BARNES

SOCIAL SECURITY REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

This month we celebrate Independence Day ... and you declare your freedom from waiting in line by taking advantage of Social Security's online retirement application. You can apply for retirement benefits from the convenience and comfort of your home or office.

Here's how to apply online for Social Security benefits.

First, go to our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov/applretire](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applretire). Here, you can apply online not only for your own retirement benefits, but also

for your spouse if they are also eligible.

The online application will be signed electronically. Now, you may think, "I don't know how to do that." But it's easy. Signing electronically just means that you accept responsibility for the accuracy of the information you submitted by selecting the "SIGN NOW" button at the end of the application. This electronic signature also authorizes Social Security to complete the processing of your application for benefits.

You will still need to submit appropriate documents to prove your age, citizenship and, in some cases, earnings

and marriage.

If you are nearing retirement age but are uncertain whether you are ready to retire you will find another Social Security online service to be very helpful — Retirement Planners. These planners allow you to estimate future Social Security retirement benefits and also provide links to outside websites that discuss other sources of retirement income and post-retirement concerns, such as housing and medical care.

For more information about these and other Social Security retirement topics, visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

## Lagoon

to the bad guys.

Eventually they decide to free Rahji and tail him to the hideout but even this plan takes forever, as Rahji decides to visit two brothels along the way.

Finally the movie steers toward the action packed finale we have been waiting for but darkness falls before an assault can be finished. Here the director opts to film the rest of the action sans proper lighting, which leads to the best martial arts battle you almost saw.

At least they offer a second ending, during which the main villain, Alby the Cruel, is dispatched by catapulting him out of his wheelchair into the midst of a polo game. That's right folks — we are also treated to some horse-fu as the polo-ponies trash an obvious dummy and finally bring this one home.

This may be lame ninja tale but it's a corker of 1970s exploitation movie in the hands

of director Emmet Alston. You know it's the 1980s because of the hair don'ts, but Alston punches up the exploitable elements.

There's plenty of cheap thrills here which include the aforementioned brothel scenes as well as some clumsy fight scenes and a lot of cheesy dialogue. This is also a spot on parody of the Bond films and the references to them are so over the top that they probably sailed over a few heads.

First you get the all-female death squad led by a character called Honey Hump (Mike Meyers would have loved that name for the Austin Powers series). Hump is a true 1970s invention who spits out her dialogue like it was two-week-old tuna salad.

Then there is the main villain, Alby. This guy is such a caricature that Dana Carvey should have played him. He is wheelchair bound and speaks in a terribly fake German

accent while always clutching his beloved monkey. A cigarette is always clamped between his lips and he mangles the English language worse than the governor of California.

Then there is Sho Kosugi, who tries his best to do Jackie Chan type stuff here. He's obviously not cut out for it and appears to be terrified during a sequence where he bravely climbs onto the lower rung of a rising helicopter. He's obviously more comfortable in the fight scenes than in the "sexy" sequence that forces him to stroll around in ultra-tight bikini briefs.

All in all this is a fun time if you like parody, but it doesn't appear that everyone involved was in on the joke.

Best line: "This is Doctor Wolf. He likes to cut people open and see what they had for breakfast."

1985, rated R.



Graduates of the Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program, taught under the auspices of Judy McGuire, Floyd County Extension Service. From left to right: Nicholas Hites, Nick McDonald, Kateland McDonald, Kennedy Conley, Destiny Shell, Will Callihan, Erin Cox, David Stacy, and Judy McGuire.

## Cooking

family in Floyd County each summer and that she always enjoys the variety of classes taught each summer break at Auxier Center. "Last year, I made a jacket in sewing class," she said. "I really like coming here."

"We've had a ball," McGuire said. "Even in ninety degree weather, and I normally don't have much fun in ninety degree weather, this has been a really fun week. These kids are great and I hope to see them all back next summer."

To learn more about educational learning programs offered through the Floyd County Extension Office, call 886-2668.

Also, one more kids learning camp is scheduled to be held at the Auxier Center before the end of summer break - Kids Sewing Camp will be held July 16-20, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost of camp is \$10. Fee includes most supplies. Call 886-0709 to register your child. Camps limited to first 12 children who sign up.

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## P'burg-Bath County game moved to Week Three

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Football season is just around the corner and Prestonsburg's schedule for the 2007 campaign has underwent some change. Originally scheduled to host new district foe Bath County in Week Nine, Prestonsburg will now entertain the Wildcats in Week Three, a date that was previously an open spot for the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg will take on Clay County in an away scrimmage on Aug. 11. The Blackcats will host longtime rival Sheldon Clark on Aug. 18 in their second and final preseason contest.

Bath County concluded last season 7-

4. The Wildcats return junior quarterback Zak Metz and senior back/receiver Blandon Clemons as leading players for the 2007 season.

Prestonsburg will host Betsy Layne in a season-opener on Aug. 24 in the Joe P. Tackett Gridiron Classic. After opening the season at home versus Betsy Layne, Prestonsburg will travel to former state champion Breathitt County on Aug. 31 to take on another longtime rival in the KRMC Honey Bowl.

Three of Prestonsburg's 10 opponents in the 2007 season own multiple state championships. The Blackcats are also slated to take on Pikeville (Oct. 6) and Pikeville (Oct. 12), two perennial state championship contenders.

The meeting later this year between Prestonsburg and Beechwood – the first-ever – will take place at Morehead State University. Kickoff for the Prestonsburg-Beechwood game is set for 4 p.m.

Prestonsburg's updated schedule is as follows: Aug. 24 Betsy Layne (Joe P. Tackett Gridiron Classic), 7:30 p.m.; Aug. 31 at Breathitt County (KRMC Honey Bowl), 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 7 Bath County, 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 14 Lawrence County, 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 21 at Morgan County, 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 28 at Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 6 Beechwood (at Morehead State University), 4 p.m.; Oct. 12 at Pikeville, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 19 Open; Oct. 26 Shelby Valley, 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 2 at Perry County Central, 7:30 p.m.



file photo  
Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett will guide the Blackcats into a Week Three matchup versus new district rival Bath County.

## Former Wildcats value experience of playing for Keathley

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

PIKEVILLE – Words spoken from former University of Kentucky Wildcats carry much weight – not just in the Commonwealth but around the country. First-year East Kentucky Miners head coach Kevin Keathley has coached various college and professional basketball players. Keathley, set to lead the Miners into competition in their first season, has had the opportunity to mentor many Kentucky-born players, including a pair of former University of Kentucky Wildcats. When he was coaching in the ABA (American Basketball Association) and guiding the Kentucky Colonels, Keathley coached Anthony Epps and Antwain Barbour, two beloved former Kentucky Wildcats. Before he ever coached the Kentucky Colonels, Keathley had history with both players. In 2003, Keathley (coaching) and Epps (playing) teamed up to help lead the Louisville Eagles to a UPBL (United Pro Basketball League) championship.

Barbour (playing), before even suiting up for the University of Kentucky, crossed paths with Keathley (coaching) on the junior college level.

Each of the former UK standouts speak highly of the East Kentucky Miner head coach.

"I have played on the highest levels in the game of basketball, and yet, I still learned a great deal from playing for Coach Keathley," Epps said in the Foreword to *Hardwood Constitution – A Blueprint to Coaching Success*, Keathley's book that was published in 2004.

Epps was voted one of the top 50 greatest players in UK history. Second all-time in assists for the Wildcats, Epps was an All-SEC (Southeastern Conference) performer. The Lebanon native was a member of the University of

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## DISTRICT 7 LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS



photos by Steve LeMaster and Jamie Howell

Hundreds of Little Leaguers have been in District 7 Tournament competition in Paintsville. Little League Charters from Floyd County competing in district tournament games were Beaver Creek, Harold-Allen-Prater and Beaver Creek.

### DISTRICT CHAMPIONS:

The Prestonsburg 15-16-year-olds claimed a District 7 championship earlier in the week. The team is scheduled to compete in the State Tournament on July 14 at Corbin. The Prestonsburg 15-16-year-old team is made up of the following players: Billy Robinson, Cameron Tincher, Seth Setser, Travis Welch, Chris Schoolcraft, D.J. Ousley, Nick Johnson, Chris Bostic, Josh Blackburn and Austin Gearheart.



## SPEED to re-air Nextel Prelude to the Dream today

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SPEED has secured exclusive basic cable replay rights for Tony Stewart's "Nextel Prelude to The Dream" dirt late model race, with the first airing scheduled for today at noon ET.

Two-time NASCAR champ Stewart headlines a list of drivers including NASCAR's Jeff Gordon, Carl Edwards, Matt Kenseth, Juan Pablo Montoya and Mark Martin, and NHRA drivers Cruz Pedregon and

Ron Capps, who competed at the Stewart-owned half-mile track located in Western Ohio in 2,300-pound dirt late model stock cars capable of putting out more than 800 horsepower. The full lineup included an impressive five Cup champions, three Daytona 500 winners and 24 major racing championship winners.

"This is a cool opportunity to give race fans another chance to see some of their favorite drivers having a lot of fun together," said SPEED President

Hunter Nickell. "Tony has built this into quite a special event and SPEED is happy to be able to deliver it to the fans."

SPEED also will support the event's cause, donating advertising time to the Victory Junction Gang Camp, a year-round camp founded by NASCAR driver Kyle Petty and his wife, Pattie, in memory of their son, Adam. The camp serves children, ages 7 to 15, with a variety of health issues.

## P'burg players to report for practice on Monday

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

### PRESTONSBURG

Members of the Prestonsburg High School football program are to report to practice Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett and his coaching staff are eager to get to work in the preseason.

"We had a good offseason," said DeRossett. "Everyone worked hard. We were able to get a lot of work in during the winter and spring. In June, we hit it hard with our passing."

In June, Prestonsburg traveled to Eastern Kentucky University for a camp. During the ECU camp, Prestonsburg competed against some of the state's most athletic high school football teams.

Prestonsburg ended the 2006 season 7-5. The Blackcats fin-

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## Blackcat Touchdown Club/Turf Committee meeting tonight

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – The Blackcat Touchdown Club/Turf Committee will meet tonight at 8 p.m. at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse. The Prestonsburg Touchdown Club is currently fundraising to put synthetic turf on Josh Francis Field at Prestonsburg High School. A turf committee has been established and is currently accepting donations or ideas in making the project a reality.

The Blackcat Touchdown Club is currently selling \$100 tickets on a \$10,000 drawing. The \$10,000 prize will be given away on Aug. 24 during halftime of the Joe P. Tackett Gridiron Classic, a game pitting host Prestonsburg against Floyd County rival Betsy Layne.

Those who donate \$100, in addition to having a chance to win \$10,000, will also receive two square yards of turf in their name.

To purchase a ticket, see a Touchdown Club member or Prestonsburg High coach. Additional donations should be mailed to the following address:

It's Time for Turf Account, Attention: Greg Wilson, Committee Member, First Commonwealth Bank, 311 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

## Special Olympics Kentucky holding raffle for Harley-Davidson

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT – Ever dreamt of the feel of the open road on your very own Harley-Davidson motorcycle? Well, Special Olympics Kentucky is offering you the chance to live the dream for as little as \$10 through the organization's sixth annual Harley-Davidson raffle (KY Gaming License #0000236). This year Special Olympics Kentucky is giving away a black 2007 Harley-Davidson Street-Glide. Tickets cost just \$10 each and can be purchased directly from the Special Olympics Kentucky office, at Man O War Harley-Davidson in Lexington or through volunteers in various parts of the state.

For the first time in the raffle's history, there is also an alternate prize. This year's raffle winner has the option of taking a \$10,000 cash prize in lieu of the Harley-Davidson.

Tickets for the raffle are just \$10 each and the winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, Aug. 4 at Eastern Kentucky University at the conclusion of the 2007 Ride to Win Motorcycle Ride.

All proceeds from the raffle go to Special Olympics to provide sports training and competition opportunities for children and adults in Kentucky with intellectual disabilities.

Special Olympics Kentucky could also use help selling additional tickets. Anyone wishing to help sell tickets can

request packs (in groups of 10) from the Special Olympics office. To request tickets to sell, contact Ellen Moore via phone at 800-633-7403 or via e-mail at emoore@soky.org.

For more information about the 2007 Harley Raffle or about the Ride to Win, or to purchase tickets, call the Special Olympics Kentucky office at 800-633-7403.

Special Olympics is the world's largest program of sports training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Participation is open to all individuals eight years of age or older. Training and competition in local, area, state, and national programs is offered year-round in Kentucky in 17 sports.



photo by Steve LeMaster  
WATCHING AND WAITING: The Knott County 11-12-year-old All-Stars looked on during a District 7 Little League Tournament game. The Knott County team was waiting for its turn to take the Paul B. Hall Field in Paintsville.

# Fishing enjoys growth in college ranks

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

If the increase in university-sanctioned fishing programs in the past 12 months is any indication, the future of America's favorite pastime appears to be in good hands for yet another generation.

Just one year ago, two dozen colleges had formal fishing programs with teams interested in competing for a national fishing championship. That number has already grown to more than 100 schools planning to participate in 2007 - and not by accident. The Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF), the non-profit organization formed to promote the benefits of sport fishing participation, explains why it is among a group targeting the college-student demographic.

"When we saw the interest leading up to last year's first-ever National Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship, we believed it to be a good fit for our long-term strategic growth initiatives," said Jim Stewart, RBFF manager of

education and outreach. "These college students are proving that fishing is cool and judging from the growth that we're seeing, they are spreading the word."

Stewart is referring to his organization's involvement in the BoatUS National Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship (NCBFC). The NCBFC is a first-of-its-kind effort to make bass fishing a fully recognized college sport with conference play, an annual season-ending championship and national television coverage on the Fox College Sports (FCS) network.

At the debut championship held last Fall on Lake Lewisville near Dallas, 41 teams represented 24 schools in the competition. Conferences like the Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and SEC had a prominent presence. North Carolina State won the premiere and the \$12,000 first place prize.

But to the RBFF, more important was its Anglers' Legacy competition. Anglers' Legacy is a "share the pas-

sion" RBFF program that asks all people who love to fish to give back what they've been given and introduce someone to fishing. Designed as a membership recruitment program, the Anglers' Legacy collegiate competition offers cash awards to the top 10 school-sanctioned fishing clubs with the most growth based on the highest percentage of new members who have not fished in at least the two previous years.

Winning the top Anglers' Legacy prize of \$2,500 in 2006 was North Carolina State, and the \$1,750 second place prize went to Eastern Kentucky University. The prize monies must be used for purchasing club equipment and gear.

"Our contest is designed to increase interest and excitement among these young people and reward them for their recruiting efforts, creating new anglers and club members," Stewart said. "The clubs are embracing the challenge, and the student-athletes are excellent ambas-

sadors and recruiters for fishing."

Fishing's placement as a student activity varies from university to university, but to date, most are falling either under intramural or recreation departments. To the college anglers, they really don't care.

"Unlike many in our club, I've only been fishing a couple of years and it's awesome; I love it. I'm learning everything I can," said Joel Blackburn, a junior at the University of Arkansas, one of the latest schools to add a fishing program. "I've got my own tackle now, and a fishing boat will be one of my first investments after I graduate and get a job."

The Arkansas fishing program started in January and already has 28 members, appearing to be one of the front-runners in the club growth contest. Blackburn said his school will certainly participate in the 2007 Anglers' Legacy competition because winning would help them buy equipment they want for hosting tournaments

and getting even more college students involved.

Webber International University, Babson Park, Fla., is presently the largest collegiate fishing program with more than 90 members.

The Anglers' Legacy contest is based on specific criteria and a formal application process. Proof of new fishing license holders is the primary measurement. Fishing license sales are critical to the sport, as approximately 85 percent of all state game and fish departments' funding comes from them. Anglers are also accessed a special 10 percent excise tax on certain fishing tackle items that goes into a federal fund, which is then apportioned to each state for sport fish restoration efforts. As a result, anglers are the biggest contributors to the nation's fishery resources, and college anglers are the next generation of gatekeepers.

"Our camera crews have seen firsthand just how much the support of RBFF and Anglers' Legacy means to the college kids who received

new fishing gear to pursue their passion," said Wade Middleton, on-camera host of the NCBFC television series. "More importantly, that support isn't just a one-time opportunity. It, along with the enthusiasm, continues to grow."

More than 100 two-person collegiate teams are expected to participate in the 2007 NCBFC, returning to Lake Lewisville, Sept. 27-29, with daily weigh-ins to be held at Sneaky Pete's Marina.

In addition to Anglers' Legacy, FCS and BoatUS, the NCBFC is supported by the following national sponsors: Ranger Boats, Garmin, Evinrude, Cabela's, Minn Kota, Costa Del Mar, Pioneer Beef Jerky, American Rodsmiths, Keelshield, Nemire Lures, Sebile and Stearns.

For more information on the FCS BoatUS National Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship and the related Anglers' Legacy contest, visit <http://www.collegebasschampionship.com>

## Aquatic nuisance plant found in Cumberland River

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT - The aquatic nuisance plant *Didymosphenia geminata*, commonly referred to as didymo, is now in the Cumberland River below Wolf Creek Dam.

"I found it at Rainbow Run," said Dave Dreves, fisheries research biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "We've heard reports from all over the river." Rainbow Run is approximately 12 miles downstream of Wolf Creek Dam.

Didymo is an algae that blankets the stream bottom

with thick mats that resemble wet cotton. It has a rough fibrous structure that is scratchy to the touch, not slimy feeling like most native aquatic vegetation.

"It is going to be a nuisance for anglers," Dreves said. "There is no feasible control for it. It fouls lures that come in contact with the bottom and it breaks loose and floats on the surface. It is something they'll have to deal with when they fish."

Didymo is native to Canada and prefers cool, low fertility waters like a tailwater, but is aggressively expanding its range. Recent findings by the

Environmental Protection Agency show didymo is also growing more tolerant of waters that are more fertile and at lower latitudes.

The noxious plant is now present in tailwaters in Tennessee and Arkansas and throughout the northern Rockies and Pacific Northwest. It is also now throughout Europe, Asia and even New Zealand. Didymo smothers native insects that trout and other fish eat and out-competes native plants.

"It would be beneficial for those leaving the Cumberland River below Wolf Creek Dam to check your felt-soled

waders or boots, float boats, canoes, kayaks, motorized boats, boat trailers, bilge water and livewell for the presence of didymo," Dreves explained.

"If you find it, remove it at the river. Don't take it home. We don't want didymo to spread."

The nuisance algae can survive several days out of the water in a moist environment such as in the felt of a pair of wade boots or waders or in the livewell or hull of a boat.

Anglers who recently fished Cumberland River below Wolf Creek Dam should soak equipment and clothing in a 2 percent bleach solution or a 5 percent solution of salt

or dishwashing detergent. The surfaces must come in contact with the cleaning solution for a full minute and dry completely before using again.

If the cleaning solution isn't practical, allow the affected equipment to dry for 48 hours before use. "All it takes is a single cell of didymo to infect a waterway," Dreves said.

Aquatic nuisance species are exotic plants and animal species that cause adverse impacts to native species. These species are a national problem that can quickly spread and impact Kentucky waterways.

Other common examples of aquatic nuisance species present in Kentucky include the zebra mussel, silver and big head carp and the plant *Phragmites* - an invader of our limited wetland habitat.

There are state and national efforts to prevent, control and eradicate these nuisance species. Regrettably, once these species are established in an area, they become almost impossible to eradicate. The focus remains on prevention and control of their spread to other areas.

## Practice

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ished the campaign ranked fifth in the final Class 2A, Region 4 rankings.

Prestonsburg returns a strong, proven contingent of players on both offense and defense for the upcoming season. The Blackcats are scheduled to play Clay County on the road Aug. 11 in their first scrimmage.

Prestonsburg was one of the state's many prep football programs affected by the

Kentucky High School Athletic Association's new six-class alignment. Beginning with the 2007 season, Kentucky will have six football classes instead of the traditional four.

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## Miners

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Kentucky's 1996 national championship unit.

"As a player, Anthony Epps was everything you want as a coach," Keathley commented. "He was a warrior who gave everything he had for his team and coach. Epps was the most important part of our championship squad with the Louisville Eagles of the UPBL. He gave us unequalled leadership on and off of the floor. But more importantly with Anthony, I value our relationship off of the floor. He was and is a quality person."

"Not only was he a coach, but he also became a friend," Epps added. "He would talk to us on a professional level. He didn't consider himself bigger or better than us. We were on the same level in his eyes and that made the playing experience very easy for us."

While playing for Keathley, Epps was a two-year starter.

Barbour, who came to UK after starring in the juco ranks at Wabash Valley College, holds Keathley in equally high regard.

"Coach K is intensified," an energetic Barbour commented. "He's always ready to play. I've never seen him sit down."

Like Epps, Barbour values Keathley's quality personal attributes in addition to his coaching traits.

"On a personal side, he's a great friend - off of the court as well as on the court," Barbour, an Elizabethtown native, commented.

"Barbour has the one quality that every coach can hope for - he is one of the most loyal players I have ever coached," said Keathley.

"Coming out of Kentucky, Barbour had something to prove and I think he succeeded. He is as good a scorer as there is on the pro level. When Antwain gets going, he's very hard to contain on the offensive end."

"I think with both of these guys - Anthony Epps and Antwain Barbour - what you have is two players who played for the Mecca of College Basketball and learned how to conduct themselves both on and off of the court. I couldn't have been more grateful to have coached them."

Keathley became acquainted with Louis Dampier, the ABA's all-time leader in scoring and assists during his stint with the Kentucky Colonels. At the time, Dampier was the team's Player Personnel Director. Dampier, one of the top players in pro basketball history, starred at the University of Kentucky as an All-American guard before putting together a storied professional career.

As the East Kentucky Miners prepare to begin play in the CBA (Continental Basketball Association), Keathley hasn't ruled out an affiliation with one or more former University of Kentucky Wildcats. Keathley, who is currently in the process of securing and finalizing times for try-out camp sessions, has vowed to sign the top players to be a part of the East Kentucky pro basketball team in its debut season. For more information on the East Kentucky Miners, contact Coach Kevin Keathley (phone: 606/454-4432; email: [coachkeathley@yahoo.com](mailto:coachkeathley@yahoo.com)).

## Third Annual Eagle Excellence Auction deemed a great success

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD - The Third Annual Eagle Excellence Auction and Golf Outing, presented by The Citizens Bank and Pepsi and held June 22-23 in the Adron Doran University Center and at Morehead State University's Eagle Trace Golf Course, was again a big success. The event grossed more than \$55-thousand, an increase of more than 10 percent from 2006.

For the first time, a full field (32 teams) was registered in the golf portion of the event. The winner of the golf scramble competition was the team of Gary Schoo, Hubert Allen, Lee Chancy and Jaime Gordon.

Finishing second was the team sponsored by WLGC Radio that included Steve Greenhill, Bob Hall, Darryl Smith and Jim Forrest. Finishing third was the team sponsored by Osborne Tax Services that included John Osborne, Skipper Smith, Jack Smith and Mike Brown.

"I certainly want to thank all who participated," said MSU Assistant Director of Athletics David Lichtenstein. "Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and at the same time, they were providing the critical support we need, as we strive to provide an excellent experience for all of our student-athletes."

"Our presenting sponsors, Citizens Bank and Pepsi, along with our hole sponsors, our suction item donors and our

event committee deserve special thanks. There was wonderful interaction between all who attended and our coaches and athletic staff. We hope everyone makes plans to be back with us next year."

Hole sponsors were Pepsi; Citizens Bank; Comfort Inn & Suites; U.S. Bank; Larry Fannin Chevrolet; Whitaker Bank; Jetz Laundry Systems; Lowe's Sporting Goods; Osborne Tax Service; Wendy's/Downtown BP; Pack's, Inc.; Reno's Roadhouse; Liberty Mutual; Cardinal Office Supply; in honor of C.E. "Buster" Norris; WKYT-TV/WYMT-TV; Louisville (Miss.) Brick Company; WLGC-Radio and St. Claire Regional Medical Center.

## Billups, Pistons reportedly agree on one-year deal

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT - Chauncey Billups and the Detroit Pistons agreed on a five-year, \$60 million contract, a person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press.

The person, who requested anonymity because of league rules preventing contract announcements before July 11, said the deal is worth \$46 million guaranteed over four years and the fifth year is a team option.

Billups was drafted third overall in 1997 by Boston and was with Toronto, Denver, Orlando and Minnesota with in his first four years in the league.

ORLANDO, Fla. - Patrick Ewing was hired as an assistant coach for the Orlando Magic, filling out Stan Van Gundy's staff.

Brendan Malone, Steve Clifford and Bob Beyer also were hired as assistant coaches.

Ewing, an 11-time All-Star, was a Rockets assistant from 2004-06, and served on the Washington Wizards' coaching staff. He'll work with low-post players, including All-Star Dwight Howard.

Ewing played 15 seasons, mostly with the New York Knicks, and finished his career with Orlando in 2001-02.

Grant Hill is leaving the

Orlando Magic after several injury-plagued seasons to join the Phoenix Suns.

Hill, 34, was considering retirement or returning to Orlando for another season. His seven-year, \$93 million contract just finished this season.

Agent Lon Babby said Hill agreed to a two-year deal worth about \$1.8 million for the first year, with a second-year player option for about \$2 million.

Teams are prohibited from commenting on any deals until the free agent signing period begins Wednesday.

SEATTLE - P.J. Carlesimo was hired as the new coach of the SuperSonics, eight years after being fired from his last head coaching job and ending Seattle's search that lasted more than two months.

Carlesimo, who spent the past five years as an assistant in San Antonio, replaces Bob Hill, who was fired April 24 after Seattle struggled to a 31-51 record in Hill's only full season leading the Sonics. Carlesimo previously coached the Portland Trail Blazers and the Golden State Warriors.

Carlesimo, 58, will inherit a young team in the middle of a roster overhaul orchestrated by 30-year-old general manager Sam Presti.



photo by Steve LeMaster

FOCUSED: Beaver Creek 11-12-year-old All-Star Jordan Plinson looked on from his first base position during a recent District 7 Little League Tournament game.



YOUNG MARTIAL ARTISTS: Rocky Crisp and Wyatt Crisp received their 4th Gup Blue Belt on Wednesday, June 20. The Crisps are Family Academy of Martial Arts students, training under Master Michael Gambili.



# Cincy doubles up San Fran: Reds 6, Giants 3; Arroyo homers

by JOE KAY  
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CINCINNATI — Bronson Arroyo outfoxed Barry Bonds — and outthundered him, too.

Bonds managed only a modest single Thursday night, stalling his chase of the home run record, while the Cincinnati Reds rolled to a 6-3 victory over the San Francisco Giants behind their power-hitting pitcher.

"I'll be surprised with every home run I hit, if I hit anymore," Arroyo said.

Arroyo (3-9) also kept Bonds guessing with an assortment of pitches that gave the radar gun a workout, registering between 67 mph and 91 mph. He even brushed Bonds back with an up-and-in fastball that drew one of the loudest cheers of the night.

"It was funny," Arroyo said. "They gave the natural reaction when you're near a guy, then they realized, 'Oh, it's Bonds, we've got to cheer.' I was just

trying to throw one off the plate, but it got a little closer than I wanted it to."

Bonds remained at 751 career homers, four away from Hank Aaron's record.

Arroyo also hit his third career homer off Matt Morris (7-5), a solo shot that helped him end the longest slump of his career. The right-hander hadn't won since May 6, going 0-7 in his last 10 tries.

Ken Griffey Jr. doubled home a pair of runs, and Josh Hamilton also homered for the Reds, who took two of three for their first winning series in nearly a month.

"We have to build some momentum and get that winning feeling," said interim manager Pete Mackanin, who took over before the series. "There's a lot of talent on this team. What I need to introduce to this team is a new personality — something to get us going."

Bonds left one city known for a historic homer and headed for another.

Aaron tied Babe Ruth's mark of 714 in Cincinnati on opening day 1974, then went home to Atlanta and topped it four days later. During his three-day stay in Cincinnati, Bonds took another step toward Aaron's total, hitting a two-run homer in the series opener.

Now, Bonds is off to a three-game series in St. Louis, where Mark McGwire broke Roger Maris' single-season record in 1998.

After that, Bonds will fly back to San Francisco to start in the All-Star game. The Giants resume with three home games against the Dodgers, then hit the road for seven games in Chicago and Milwaukee.

If Cincinnati is a barometer, he'd have a much more enjoyable time breaking the record at home.

Reds fans gave Bonds rough treatment every time his name was mentioned. When he hit No. 751 on Tuesday night, he was booed and jeered while he rounded the bases. Before he

came to bat on Thursday, fans yelled "Cheater!" in reference to baseball's steroids scandal.

It wasn't a totally bad time for Bonds.

The series matched two of baseball's greatest sluggers — Bonds with 751 homers and Griffey with 585. The two buddies shared laughs on the field before games, and had a friendly try-to-top-this competition.

Each can claim they won. Bonds had a 1-0 advantage in homers, but Griffey had more RBIs (4-2). Bonds can point out that he sat out one game, resting his sore legs.

On the final night, the bulky Bonds was outthundered by a lanky, long-haired pitcher who plays guitar in concert and has a nice touch with the bat, too. He connected on a first-pitch fastball from Morris in the second inning.

"You take your chances there," said Morris, who gave up six runs in six innings. "You don't want to be too careful. He's not the best

hitter on that team, but he was able to catch one that was right there for him."

Arroyo now has homered off two pitchers — he connected twice last season off the Cubs' Glendon Rusch. Bonds holds the major league record, having homered off 442 pitchers.

Arroyo's name wasn't on Bonds' expansive list, and the right-hander wanted to keep it that way. Arroyo threw him everything he had, at every speed he could find.

Bonds had a tough time guessing what was coming next. In a marathon first at-bat, he saw pitches clocked at 91, 68, 74, 69, 91, 78, 73, 74 and 91 mph. Bonds lined out, singled and popped out against Arroyo.

"It was fun," Arroyo said. "I don't think I want to see him up there five or six times a game, but under the circumstances — having a lead, really not being in a super pressure situation — it was fun."

The crowd of 30,080 gave

rookie reliever Jon Coutlangus a standing ovation after he got Bonds on a called third strike to end the eighth inning.

"Actually, I wasn't thinking anything," Coutlangus said. "I appreciated the cheers. I was trying not to smile and show too much emotion."

David Weathers pitched the ninth for his 16th save in 18 chances.

Notes: INF Luis Figueroa cleared waivers and was out-righted to Triple-A Fresno. He accepted the assignment to the minors. Figueroa was designated for assignment Saturday when the Giants activated outfielder Fred Lewis from the disabled list. ... A riverboat docked outside the ballpark loudly played calliope music for the Giants' first three batters. Plate umpire Gary Darling checked with the Reds' dugout, but was told that the music was coming from outside the ballpark. By the time Bonds came to bat, the riverboat was on its way and the

# More than 1,100 athletes turn out for Special Olympics Summer Games

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — More than 1,100 athletes and more than 600 coaches and officials turned out at Eastern Kentucky University June 1-3 to help Special Olympics Kentucky celebrate "The Year of the Athlete" at the 2007 Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games.

With 16 Kentucky athletes headed to Shanghai, China, in October for the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, the State Games took on a Chinese feel in order to get all of the athletes into the spirit of the World Games and to help wish the World Games athletes well before they headed overseas.

That Chinese feel was probably not more evident anywhere during the weekend than in an elaborate Opening Ceremonies held on Friday June 1 in The Ravine in the center of the EKV campus. This was the second consecutive year The Ravine hosted the Opening Ceremonies and this year's turned out to be an event that topped most other Openings in recent memory. In addition to featuring a pair of Special Olympics athletes — Marcus Cooper of Lexington and World Games athlete Natalie

Williams of Bowling Green — working with WLEX-TV's Ryan Lemond as co-emcees of the event, the Ceremonies featured nine thrilling performances of traditional and not so traditional Chinese entertainment. Performances included modern and traditional dance, a musical performance on the Pipa (a traditional Chinese instrument much like a sitar), a martial arts demonstration and a traditional Chinese fashion show. All of the entertainment was coordinated by Lexington resident Hong Shao.

In addition to the tremendous entertainment, the Opening Ceremonies naturally included so many of the elements that make it such a special experience every year. Nearly all of the athletes competing during the weekend paraded into The Ravine with their teams at the beginning of the Ceremonies and near the end of the Ceremonies more than 100 law enforcement personnel from across the state, including a large contingent from Fort Campbell, escorted the "Flame of Hope" into the ravine for the Cauldron lighting that signifies the opening of the Games.

This year, the Flame of Hope was carried into The Ravine by Lieutenant Erika Frederick of the

716th Military Police Battalion at Fort Campbell and Special Olympics Kentucky World Games athlete Matt Manning of Taylor Mill. The pair handed the torch off to Sergeant Albert Merrifield, who lit the Cauldron.

Three dignitaries also took part in Opening Ceremonies. Once again this year Richmond Mayor Connie Lawson and Eastern Kentucky University president Joanne Glasser were both on hand to welcome athletes, coaches and volunteers to the Summer Games. But one of the biggest honors of the evening was reserved for the Opening Ceremonies' biggest participant. Former University of Kentucky basketball star Lukasz Obrzut, or "Woo" as he is better known, was on hand to declare the Games open.

Several Eastern Kentucky Special Olympians were among the athletes at this year's Summer Games.

For more information about the Special Olympics Summer Games, contact Special Olympics Kentucky Executive Vice President Trish Mazzoni via phone at 800-633-7403 or e-mail at tmazzoni@soky.org. For sponsorship information, contact Senior Marketing Director Kelly Hutchinson at 800-633-7403 or khutchinson@soky.org.

# Kentucky names Forcier as basketball strength coach

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kentucky named assistant Syracuse coach Todd Forcier as its men's basketball strength and conditioning coach on Thursday.

Forcier, who spent five seasons at Syracuse working with the basket-

ball, soccer, rowing and volleyball teams, replaces Scott Holsopple, who left the Wildcats for a similar job at Florida.

"Kentucky is fortunate to be able to attract the very best, and Todd Forcier is one of the very best in the business," head coach Billy Gillispie said in a statement. "He's proven it at

the highest level."

The native of Rainier, Wash., graduated from Washington State in 1999 with a degree in kinesiology. Besides coaching at Syracuse, Forcier has coached at Dayton, UNLV and with the NBA's Seattle Supersonics.

# Reigning NASCAR champ Jimmie Johnson nominated for two ESPYs

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Jimmie Johnson, nominated for two ESPY Awards, feels like he has a shot to win both, when the 15th annual sports awards are presented Wednesday night (July 11) at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, Calif.

But Johnson admits he'll need some help — from his fans.

Johnson, the reigning Nextel Cup Series champion, is nominated for Best Championship Performance and in the racing-specific Best Driver category. In the first category, he's up against NFL Super Bowl-winning quarterback Peyton Manning, NBA star LeBron James and 2007 Australian Open tennis finalist Serena Williams.

"That's good company," Johnson said.

In the driver category, Johnson's competition starts with his car owner Jeff Gordon and continues with Daytona 500 champion Kevin Harvick, 2007 Indianapolis 500 champion Dario Franchitti, NHRA Top Fuel champion Tony Schumacher and 2006 IndyCar Series champion Sam Hornish Jr.

"The Best Driver award, I feel pretty good about my chances," Johnson said Thursday at Daytona International Speedway, where he'll race Saturday night in the Pepsi 400.

Performance? Well, if all the NASCAR fans start voting, I could have a good chance there, too. It'd be great for all of our fans to get involved and help really put motorsports on the map."

Fans can vote online for their favorites in all ESPY categories by going to <http://espn.go.com/espy2007/index.html>.

Johnson's two nominations are joined by four others that are NASCAR-related.

- Best Driver: Harvick and Gordon. Harvick won last year's Busch Series championship and also challenged for the Nextel Cup title, then started this season by winning the Daytona 500. Gordon has led the Nextel Cup point standings since March.
- Best Finish: This year's Daytona 500, won by Harvick with an .020-second margin of victory over Mark Martin.
- Best Sports Movie: Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby, the comedy starring Will Ferrell. "NASCAR and our partners involved in Talladega Nights are thrilled so many people wanted to see Ricky Bobby go fast," said Sarah Nettinga, managing director, film, television and entertainment for NASCAR.

"Most of all, we appreciate NASCAR fans coming out to support the film and cheer on Ricky." Double-nominee Harvick thinks

this year's Daytona 500 was "what a 'Best Finish' is supposed to be all about.

"It was close, exciting. It was obviously very neat to be a part of it," Harvick said. "I think it's pretty cool to be nominated a couple of times. Hopefully we can win."

Added Johnson: "To even be considered for one of these awards says a lot. It's a huge accomplishment and it speaks volumes about our sport."

The ESPYs will be broadcast by ESPN on July 15 at 9 p.m. ET, co-hosted by NBA star LeBron James and comedian/talk show host Jimmy Kimmel.

## Elliott named spokesperson for Friends of Foundation

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The NASCAR Foundation has announced that driver Bill Elliott will serve as the official 2007 spokesperson for its Friends of the Foundation program.

Voted 16-time Most Popular Driver, the fans' champion on the track has now become The Foundation's champion off the track. As part of his new role, Elliott recently appeared in a television, print and radio advertising campaign for the program.



photo by Steve LeMaster  
FEATURE WINNER: Campbellville driver Justin Ratliff claimed the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass feature win Saturday, June 30 at 201 Speedway from behind the wheel of his No. 16 Late Model. The Late Model feature race included some of Kentucky and Indiana's top drivers.

## 2007 NASCAR Nextel Cup Schedule/Results

- Feb. 10 — x-Budweiser Shootout, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Tony Stewart)
- Feb. 18 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Kevin Harvick)
- Feb. 25 — Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif. (Matt Kenseth)
- March 11 — UAW-Daimler Chrysler 400, Las Vegas (Jimmie Johnson)
- March 18 — Kobalt Tools 500, Hampton, Ga. (Jimmie Johnson)
- March 25 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kyle Busch)
- April 1 — Goody's 500, Martinsville, Va. (Jimmie Johnson)
- April 15 — Samsung 500, Fort Worth, Texas (Jeff Burton)
- April 21 — Subway Fresh Fit 500, Avondale, Ariz. (Jeff Gordon)
- April 29 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Jeff Gordon)
- May 5 — Crown Royal 400, Richmond, Va. (Jimmie Johnson)
- May 12 — Dodge Avenger 500, Darlington, S.C. (Jeff Gordon)
- May 19 — x-NASCAR Nextel All-Star Challenge, Concord, N.C. (Kevin Harvick)
- May 27 — Coca Cola 600, Concord, N.C. (Casey Mears)
- June 4 — Autism Speaks 400, Dover, Del. (Martin Truex Jr.)
- June 10 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa. (Jeff Gordon)
- June 17 — Citizens Bank 400, Brooklyn, Mich. (Carl Edwards)
- June 24 — Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif. (Juan Pablo Montoya)
- July 1 — LENOX Industrial Tools 300, Loudon, N.H. (Denny Hamlin)
- July 7 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Race ended too late to make this edition)
- July 15 — USG Sheetrock 400, Joliet, Ill.
- July 29 — Allstate 400 at the Brickyard, Indianapolis.
- Aug. 5 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.
- Aug. 12 — NEXTEL Cup at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
- Aug. 19 — 3M Performance 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
- Aug. 25 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
- Sept. 2 — 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

# Busch, Sauter each lose 25 points for COT infractions

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR has issued penalties and fines to the No. 5 and No. 70 teams that compete in the Nextel Cup Series as a result of rule infractions found last weekend at New Hampshire International Speedway in Loudon, N.H.

Both cars — the No. 5 Chevrolet driven by Kyle Busch and the No. 70 Chevrolet driven by Johnny Sauter — were found to be in violation of Sections 12-4-A (actions detrimental to stock car racing); 12-4-Q (car, car parts, components and/or equipment used do not conform to NASCAR rules); and 20-12.8.1B, COT Technical Bulletin No. 3, dated 4/10/07 (failed to meet the minimum front car heights) of the 2007 NASCAR rule book. The violations were found during post-race inspection last Sunday.

As a result, Kyle Busch and Sauter have each been penalized 25 driver

championship points. Their respective crew chiefs — Alan Gustafson and Robert "Bootic" Barker — have each been fined \$25,000 and placed on probation until Sept. 19.

Busch dropped from ninth to 10th in the point standings, 18 points behind Martin Truex Jr. Busch is 29 points ahead of Clint Bowyer and 30 in front of Dale Earnhardt Jr.

In addition, Rick Hendrick, owner of the No. 5, has been penalized 25 car owner championship points as has Joe Custer, the owner of the No. 70.

Each driver's finish in last Sunday's race — 11th for Busch and 14th for Sauter — will stand.

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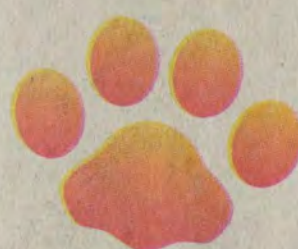


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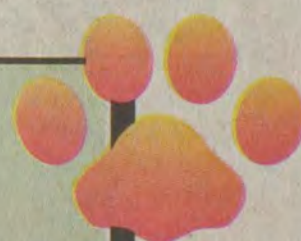
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