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Stumbo announces Yellow Pages refund

Attorney General Greg Stumbo announced Friday the mailing of restitution checks totaling \$70,000 to over 800 Kentucky consumers and small business owners in settlement of a civil lawsuit involving illegal check solicitations by five California companies and individuals. The lawsuit alleged that the defendants mailed checks from "Yellow Pages, Inc." to small businesses in Kentucky, usually for \$3.47, and that when the check was cashed, the defendants claimed the consumer became obligated to pay \$177 for Internet directory services. When a consumer did not pay the bill, it was turned over to a collection agency, Continental Recovery and Filing Solutions.

"Scams like this are targeted by my office", said Attorney General Greg Stumbo. "Small business owners were harassed and defrauded by these bad actors. I am pleased to provide this recovery to affected citizens." The Defendants are: Yellow Pages, Inc., a Nevada Corporation operating from Anaheim, CA and Electronic Directories Company LLC of Anaheim, and their President, John Wurth; and Continental Recovery and Filing Solutions, of Simi Valley CA and Marwan Kashou, its President.

Under Kentucky's statute, KRS 372.160, checks being mailed as a solicitation must contain certain mandatory disclosures. The lawsuit charged

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Jenny Wiley pool won't open this year

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — It turns out that the rumors are true that the olympic size swimming pool at Jenny Wiley State Park will be closed throughout the summer season, leaving some concerned about where they'll take their children to cool off this year.

"I always took my kids over there because it's not as crowded as Archer Park," said one local resident. "I just hate to see it closed."

According to Jenny Wiley Park Manager Scott Ringham, a series of unfortunate events have forced the park to not reopen the pool this summer.

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This time each year the Jenny Wiley pool is usually full of swimmers but a series of problems have closed the pool for the summer.

photo by Jessica Hale

HENSLEY HONORED



Seventh District Fish and Wildlife Commission Member Doug Hensley of Hazard (right) receives the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission Chairman's Award June 7 from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Jon Gassett. Hensley, a member of the Commission since 1983, served as chairman from 2004-05. See story in Sports, page A7.

Local school libraries get Bush grants

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

Virgin Islands. The 2007 awards include 234 public schools, 11 charter schools, 14 private schools and four alternative schools. In Kentucky, eight schools were awarded grants up to \$5,000. Allen Central High School at Eastern and McDowell Elementary School were two of the schools awarded the grants.

Two local schools in Floyd County have received a school library grant from the nation's First Lady, Laura Bush.

On May 30, the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries awarded more than \$1.2 million in grants in 48 states. The foundation was founded in 2002 as a fund of The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region. Since its beginning, the Laura Bush Foundation has awarded more than \$4.3 million to 897 schools in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S.

When she was a child, Laura Bush dreamed of one day becoming a teacher. This dream was prompted by an early introduction to books by her mother at the local public library in her birthplace in Midland, Texas. She earned a bachelors degree from the University of Texas at Austin. (See GRANTS, page three)

Loophole lets candidates collect double the usual limit

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — A court ruling has changed Kentucky's campaign finance law so that candidates for governor and other state office can retroactively collect money for last month's primary election, according to the state's election-finance agency.

The Registry of Election Finance says candidates may continue raising money for last month's primary, even though that campaign is over.

Thus, anyone who gave less than \$1,000 to one of the nominees can still contribute up to that amount for the primary election, plus \$1,000 more for the general election. The registry says the nominees can use all that money — a maximum of \$2,000 — for their general-election campaigns. The Courier-Journal of Louisville reported in its Friday editions.

Candidates won't have to fully report the contributions until after the Nov. 6 election. The registry proposed closing

the loophole, which was created by a court decision that struck down parts of the state's 1992 campaign finance law, including its ban on post-primary donations. But the proposal died at the end of this year's legislative session.

Richard Beliles, chairman of the nonpartisan government watchdog group Common Cause Kentucky, said the law as it stands is "terrible" and could significantly increase the

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Two more Floyd County students have been named Governor's Scholars. Piarist School students Leena Gundamilla, left, and Lynsey Caudill received the honor, which will allow them to take part in an advanced summer studies program at one of three Kentucky universities.

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Debbie Burchell, center director at Perkins Job Corps Center accepts award from Billy Maynard, Chamber president.



Perkins Center receives award from Chamber of Commerce

PRESTONSBURG — On June 4, the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center was the recipient of a special award during the monthly membership meeting of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce.

The award, "Outstanding Participation in Chamber Events" was presented to the Center for attending all Chamber "After Hours" events held in the last program

year. Debbie Burchell, Center Director at Perkins, accepted the award for the Center from Chamber President Billy Maynard. Chamber Executive Director Mandy Stumbo added that the Perkins Center had representation at every event and thanked the Center for its constant support of the Chamber.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ Steven Michael Allen, 19, of Stanville, died Monday, June 4, at St. Mary's Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 8, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Emogene Jarrel Boyd, 79, of Banner, died Sunday, June 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Alta Mae Montgomery Fraley, 97, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, May 31, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 4, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Ruby Henderson Gayheart, 81, of Printer, died Sunday, June 3, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Dustin William Hale, 21, of Hueysville, died Tuesday, June 5, at Hueysville. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Dorothy Lee Hamilton, 62, of Elkton, Maryland, formerly of Teaberry, died Friday, June 1, at Martin. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Lavonne "LuLu" Akers

Johnson, 40, of Galveston, died Sunday, June 3, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Roberta Fitzpatrick Sloan, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, June 4, at the Hospice House of Huntington, in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 8, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Catherine "Cathy" Elaine George Walker, 49, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, June 3, at Kings Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Dennis Eugene Walker. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 7, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Cecil R. Curtis, 52, of Flat Gap, died Saturday, June 2. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 5, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Douglas Taylor Gipson, 38, of Van Lear, died Saturday, June 2, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 5, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Edward James Ramey, 91, of Paintsville, died Sunday, June 3, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 6, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Connie Skaggs, 59, of Lowmansville, died Sunday,

June 3, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Joe Skaggs. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 7, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Norma Jewell Sparks Ross, 88, of Blaine, died Saturday, June 2, at St. Mary's Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 5, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Breanna and Kevanna Minix, infant twins of Kevin Milligan and Kennelya Minix, of Salyersville, died Sunday, June 3, at St. Joseph East Hospital, in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 4, under the direction of the Salyersville Funeral Home.

■ Howard Hannah, 64, of Salyersville, died Friday, June 1, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Linda Jackson Hannah. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 4, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Curtis Ashley, 24, of Robinson Creek, died Tuesday, June 5, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital, in Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 8, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Billy Bentley Jr., 45, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, June 6, at Majestic. Funeral services were conducted under

the direction of Phelps Funeral Home.

■ Pauline Biliter, 90, of Pikeville, died Saturday, June 2. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 5, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ James Blackburn, 82, of Harless Creek, died Tuesday, June 5, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Ann Blair Blackburn. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 8.

■ Augustine Bryant, 68, of West Sookeys Creek, died Sunday, June 3, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 6, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

■ Robert Burgess, 44, of Pikeville, died Thursday, May 31, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Burgess. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 3, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Charles Chafin, 75, of Matewan, West Virginia, died Friday, June 1, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, in Williamson, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Louise Chafin. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 5, under the direction of Chambers Funeral Home.

■ Frederick Davis, 51, of Hardy, died Saturday, June 2, at the Veterans Administration Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Pamela Davis. Funeral services were conducted under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Walter Deskins, 51, of Hollis, died Sunday, June 3, in Amarillo, Texas. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 9, under the direction of Patterson Greer Funeral Home.

■ Stevie Dye, 29, of Dorton, died Wednesday, June 6, at Jenkins Community Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 9, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Alex Hopkins, 81, of Forest Hills, died Wednesday, June 6, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility, in South Williamson. He is survived by his wife, Orlean Price Hopkins. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 9, under the direction of Weaver Mortuary.

■ William Mullins, 82, of Pikeville, died Saturday, June 2, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 4, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Sadie McCoy, 85, of Phelps, died Sunday, June. Funeral services were conducted under the direction of Modetz Funeral Home, in Lexington.

■ Robert Parker, 70, of Hurricane, died Monday, June 4, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 7, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Irene Preece, 80, of Phelps, died Tuesday, June 5, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, June 10, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Deborah Reynolds, 56, of Zebulon, died Friday, June 1, at Ridgecrest Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 4, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Bertha Smith, 95, of Tronton, Michigan, formerly of Pikeville, died Wednesday,

June 6, at her residence. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, June 12, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ William Staten, 81, of Slater's Branch, died Tuesday, June 5. He is survived by his wife, Willie Jean Jude Staten. Funeral services were conducted under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Michael Webb, 43, of Red Fox, died Thursday, June 7, at Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 9, under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Diane White, 64, formerly of Virgie, died Sunday, June 3, in Michigan. She is survived by her husband, Timothy White. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 9, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

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Odds & Ends

■ SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Has political discourse gone to hell?

State senators rushing to beat a legislative deadline Thursday took time out to debate whether the four-letter invective is too coarse for use on the House floor.

During debate over a regional planning bill, Sen. Tom McClintock, a Republican, used the word repeatedly to register his objections.

"Who the hell are you?" McClintock asked time and again, directing his comment to the bill's sponsor, Sen. Darrell Steinberg, a Democrat from Sacramento. McClintock later said he meant no insult to Steinberg.

Sen. Carole Migden, a San Francisco Democrat, asked McClintock to apologize.

"Who the hell are you" is offensive," she said.

The public use of profanity by political leaders has led to a decline in accepted standards for their use, Migden said. Vice President Dick Cheney famously used the F-word during an argument on the floor of the U.S. Senate.

McClintock offered to apologize, but not for using the word some lawmakers found offensive.

"I do agree that 'preferred growth scenario' is a profanity," McClintock said, referring to language in Steinberg's bill.

Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, an Oakland Democrat, took McClintock's side after consulting with the parliamentarian.

"We're being advised it's not a profanity," Perata said.

In an interview after the debate, Steinberg said that while McClintock's use of the word "was a little over the top, I personally was not offended."

In an interview after the vote on Steinberg's bill — which passed — McClintock said he believes no apology is needed.

"I can assure (Migden) that the word 'hell' is often used in church," he said. "If it's good enough for church, it's good enough for the Senate floor."

■ ROSEMONT, Ill. — Donald Stephens spent more than half a century at the helm of this Chicago suburb. Now, less than two months after his death, some say an eerie likeness of the late mayor's face has appeared in the peeling

bark of a 50-foot sycamore.

The image is fueling speculation and wonder in the village of 4,200 residents — the town Stephens is credited with transforming from a tiny enclave of just a few dozen people to a bustling community with one of the nation's largest convention centers.

"He told me, you screw things up, I'm gonna haunt you," said Bradley Stephens, the mayor's 44-year-old son who was appointed to complete his father's term. "When it starts talking, we're all in trouble."

The tree, outside a health club, was twice slated to be torn down. It was saved each time because Stephens intervened.

Now, it's guarded by a barricade, and a single candle placed by well-wishers stands nearby.

But not everyone is convinced it looks like Stephens.

"I see Jesus," said Cathy Sansone, the membership director at the health club who says any resemblance to the late mayor is simply the "power of suggestion."

■ CHELSEA, Vt. — A prosecutor dropped charges against a woman who was arrested for staring at and making faces at a police dog. After all, the prosecutor reasoned, the four-legged witness can't testify.

Jayna Hutchinson was about to go on trial this week on charges of cruelty to a police animal and resisting arrest, but the case was dropped Tuesday.

"I think it was going to be difficult to prove her conduct changed the dog's behavior," Orange County State's Attorney Will Porter said. "Most of the time (in harassment cases) people would come tell the court what it felt like. Dogs can't do that."

Hutchinson, 33, of Lebanon, N.H., was charged in July when police were called to a market to investigate a report of a brawl.

They were approached by Hutchinson, who said she had been assaulted the day before by one of the men involved and wanted to make a statement. Vermont State Police Sgt. Todd Protzman told her she seemed drunk and he would take a statement from her later.

After a heated exchange, she approached Protzman's

cruiser, where his dog, Max, was waiting. She put her face within inches of the window and stared at Max "in a taunting/harassing manner," Protzman wrote in an affidavit.

Officers arrested Hutchinson, adding a resisting arrest charge because she pulled away from them.

"Prosecuting a woman for 'staring' at a police dog is absurd," said her lawyer, public defender Kelly Green. "People are allowed to make faces at police dogs and officers to express their disapproval. It's constitutional expression."

Without the cruelty charge, jurors would be unlikely to convict her on the resisting arrest count, Porter said.

■ MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A defense attorney tried a different argument to win his convicted client a new murder trial: the attorney was too sleepy.

Charles R. Curbo wrote in a motion for a new trial that he could not properly represent the defendant, Tony Wolfe, because he was tired during the six-day trial in January.

"The court constantly rushed defense counsel, who the court knew had little sleep on account of the hours that the court was keeping for no good reason," Curbo wrote.

Prosecutor David Zak said he saw no lack of enthusiasm from the defense.

"The defense attorney showed anger, passion and zeal in representing his client. There was never a moment when he was running out of gas," Zak said.

Wolfe was convicted of first-degree murder in the fatal shooting of Leondus Hawkins, 27, in September 2004 at a service station parking lot. He was sentenced to life in prison.

But both sides said the trial held long and late hours due Wolfe's medical condition and because the judge wanted to send the sequestered jury home as quickly as possible.

Wolfe required dialysis treatments every other morning and kept the trial from starting until early afternoon for some days. The proceedings went on until 10 or 11 p.m. on some days.

The judge is scheduled to rule on the motion in July.

■ MANTON, Mich. — It wasn't buried treasure, but a boy working in his grandmoth-

er's garden pulled from the ground a wooden box that contained a Chrysler emblem, a tealight candle and newspapers from 1952, among other items.

Cole Ordway, 13, discovered the box on Memorial Day at the home of his grandmother, Betty Dowell. Cole's mother, his 17-year-old sister and a neighbor also were on hand for the discovery.

Inside, family members also found feathers, a pair of pliers, a jackknife with a colorful bear image on the handle and a carabiner.

It wasn't clear when the box was buried because although the newspapers were 55 years old, some of the other items appeared newer, Dowell said.

Dowell has lived at the home in Wexford County for about two years. She plans to try and find who owned her property in 1952 for clues.

She said she will add items to the box, including a Beanie Baby, a DVD and grocery receipts, then rebury the box.

"I hope nobody finds it for another 50 years," Dowell said.

■ ORONO, Maine — Fifty years after taking school spirit to new heights with a paint brush, a University of Maine graduate has received a pardon from the school administration.

At the Class of '57 reunion on Friday, Richard Bastow was revealed as the student who twice climbed 150 feet to the top of one of the campus' steam plant smoke stacks to paint a six-foot "57." He also climbed to the top of Stevens Hall to paint another "57."

The episode in 1953 drew rebukes from the administration. But university President Robert Kennedy gave Bastow a full pardon at the weekend reunion. The university even surprised him with a large "57" on a banner hanging from

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Court upholds racial discrimination ruling against lottery

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The Kentucky Lottery Corp. lost another round in a racial discrimination case Friday when the state Court of Appeals upheld a jury award for two former lottery employees who claimed they were targets of racial insults.

In a 2-1 ruling, the appellate court panel sided with Ursella Riles and James Maddox III, both of whom are black, and rejected the lottery's claim of trial errors. A Jefferson County Circuit Court jury in 2004 awarded \$1.5 million to Maddox and about \$1.1 million to Riles.

Riles, a marketing promotions coordinator at the lottery, claimed she was routinely snubbed by the marketing director, Riles, a veteran lottery employee, said her immediate supervisor gave her menial duties and was overly critical of her work.

When she complained to the lottery's affirmative action coordinator, she was given a lateral transfer to the sales

department. She claimed the lottery's human resources director dismissed her complaint and told her to get back to work. After her transfer, she claimed she was taunted and insulted by the marketing director and her former immediate supervisor.

Riles eventually resigned and found another job at lower pay.

After her departure, her old job at the lottery shifted back to marketing.

In searching for Riles' replacement, the marketing director was told by the lottery's affirmative action coordinator that she was not utilizing qualified black lottery employees, the court said, referring to findings at trial.

The marketing director eventually promoted Maddox, who had been working in the lottery's warehouse. In doing so, the lottery passed over qualified black employees, the court said, adding that Maddox was "patently unqualified" for the front-office job.

Maddox did not receive promised training and endured racial insults from the same

immediate supervisor that Riles worked under, the court said, again referring to findings at trial. The supervisor made disparaging remarks about Maddox's mixed-race children and about his speech being "too black," it said.

Maddox complained, resulting in a meeting at which the human resources director called Maddox a liar and a "boy," the court said. Maddox was placed on a 60-day work improvement program. Less than halfway through the program, Maddox was fired.

Writing for the court, Judge James Lambert said that a "reasonable juror could easily have found that the lottery was guilty of creating a racially hostile working environment, of retaliatory conduct and of discriminatory discharge."

Judge Michelle Keller joined in the majority opinion.

The lawyer for Riles and Maddox said she was pleased with the ruling.

"Both of these people were subjected to intense discrimination," attorney Priscilla Diamond said in a phone interview. "We were pleased that

the jury recognized it. A jury of 12 people understood what they heard, and so has the Court of Appeals."

Attorneys for the lottery corporation did not immediately return calls seeking comment, nor did a spokeswoman for the lottery.

Also named as defendants in the suit were the lottery's marketing director, the immediate supervisor for both plaintiffs and the human resources director at the time.

In his dissent, Judge Jeff Taylor said he would have sent the case back to circuit court for further consideration. Taylor wrote that the suits by Riles and Maddox should not have been tried together, noting that their time at the lottery

didn't overlap. Riles left the lottery in March 1998, while Maddox didn't start working there until the following month.

Taylor also said the trial court erred by instructing the jury to give multiple emotional distress and mental anguish

awards, calling it a "manifest injustice."

Meanwhile, in a companion ruling, the three-judge panel ruled against Riles and Maddox in their appeal of the trial court's denial to apply interest to their awards.

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mer. One such event was the theft of all of the copper piping underneath the pool, which Ringham says would be too expensive to replace right away.

Another problem which Ringham says the pool has experienced for years is a leak that officials have been unable to locate. The leak causes the

pool to lose a great deal of water, reaching upwards of a million gallons each summer season. Floodwaters and mechanical problems have also added to the list of troubles plaguing the popular summer hot spot.

However, Ringham says he wants the public to know that the park itself will not close

and they intend to bring in "replacement concepts" soon and the state has given them the impression that they will assist the park with its needs.

"Frankfort is very concerned that we are taken care of," Ringham said.

For now though, residents will have to find somewhere else to cool off.

Money

influence of money in this year's elections. And because names of some contributors won't have to be divulged until after the general election, those seeking political favors such as appointments or contracts could be rewarded before voters learn what they gave, he said.

"It's just ripe for hiding from the public what they (candidates and elected officials) are doing," Beliles said.

A spokesman for Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher said he is trying to decide whether to continue accepting primary contributions — but if he does, he would report the names of those donors before the general election.

His Democratic opponent, Steve Beshear, plans to accept such contributions and will report them before the election, spokesman Robert Keller said.

"Obviously, we're doing everything allowed by law," Keller said. "We are going to take advantage of every tool available. ... It's no secret we're going to need an incredible amount of resources to defeat an incumbent."

He's not the only candidate who wants that money. At the state Republican Party's Central Committee recent meeting, state auditor candidate Linda Greenwell urged GOP activists to send her two checks. Just make sure to write "primary" on one of them, she

told the crowd.

Greenwell did not face opposition in the GOP primary.

Most candidates for statewide office said this week that they either will accept such donations or are thinking about it. Secretary of State Trey Grayson said he would stop accepting them when he closes out his primary election account around the end of the month.

The newspaper surveyed all 11 nominees for statewide office who actively raised funds or spent money during the primary, and none said they would turn down such contributions. Some, however, said they wouldn't solicit primary contributions.

Odds

the cupola of Stevens Hall. The identity of the '57 painter had been a real whodunit.

Except for a few classmates who knew his secret — one of them used to holler, "Hey, Rembrandt!" — Bastow concealed his identity as the graffiti artist until this year's reunion. It was revealed during the Class of 1957's Golden Reunion dinner Friday.

■ FARMINGTON HILLS,

Mich. — Wild turkeys have been showing up on the streets of this Detroit suburb, pecking at windows and eating from bird feeders.

The skittish birds are generally found in rural areas or large parks, but naturalists and wildlife experts say the turkeys could get used to life in this city of more than 78,000 people.

"Wherever you have a suburb that still has large stands of big trees left, where they think


they are comfortable, you may be prone to having wild turkeys," said Joe Derek, city naturalist for Farmington Hills.

Tim Payne, southeast Michigan wildlife supervisor for the state Department of Natural Resources, said the birds may be growing accustomed to city life.

"They are very adaptive," he said. "If they've got cover and protection, they can adapt to people."

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Mistakes raise troubling questions

It is disappointing to believe Kentuckians are more vocally concerned with the number of wins and losses racked up last season by former UK basketball coach Tubby Smith than about the growing number of discrepancies in the resumé of recently appointed Kentucky Education Commissioner Barbara Erwin.

The Kentucky Board of Education in a unanimous vote approved Erwin to the state's highest school post last month with a four-year contract paying \$220,000 a year. Their 10-0 vote came despite a cloud of questions and doubt about the truthfulness of her resumé that continue to accumulate. Add to this the fact that Erwin has received other states' mixed reviews on her leadership style and past accomplishments and one has to wonder if a bad and potentially costly hiring decision has been made.

Consider these discrepancies and Erwin's public responses from recent published reports:

Erwin notes in her resumé having twice received the Texas Superintendent of the Year award. Unfortunately, the Texas Association of Superintendents, one of the groups listed on her resumé, has publicly acknowledged that it doesn't award such an honor. Before her hiring, Erwin shrugged this off as a "typo" in her resume.

She also lists having conducted presentations on school improvement, Advanced Placement programs and superintendent search processes during the 2004 and 2006 Illinois Association of School Boards Triple I conferences. But Erwin wasn't listed in the record of speakers and presenters for the 2006 conference, according to an administrative assistant with the Illinois association. Erwin has responded to this resumé problem by clarifying that she "signed off on the applications for presenters" and introduced two in 2006 and was "asked to be involved" in the 2004 conference.

Another typo?

In just the past few days, another problem has been discovered. Erwin cites having been a member of the executive board of the American Association of School Administrators from 1991 to 2001. According to a Louisville television news station, Amy Vogt, a spokeswoman for the AASA, said Erwin only served three years, from 1999 to 2002.

Yet another typo?

Maybe we're wrong in our assumption that Kentuckians are apathetic about the quality and credibility of the individual who is charged with improving the quality of Kentucky's education system. If so, where is the public outcry?

Why has leadership within the Kentucky Education Association simply stated they are giving Erwin "the benefit of the doubt" that her resumé accurately reflects her experience, credentials and accomplishments? Why aren't teachers, parents and taxpayers asking Erwin to publicly explain and answer to the questions surrounding her resumé, maybe the same ones that apparently "satisfied" Chairman Keith Travis and the other members of the Kentucky Board of Education. Why haven't superintendents and school board members across the commonwealth at least asked for a review of the selection and appointment process so that appropriate and necessary improvements can be made to avoid surprises like these in the future?

Why? We're not sure. Maybe to most Kentuckians basketball really is more important. And that's disappointing.

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Speaking of obstruction...



— Rich Lowry Column

The French devolution

France has often, for better or worse, led the way during its history: in state-building, when Louis XIV created the modern French monarchy; in proto-totalitarian politics, with its revolution of 1789; in mass-mobilized warfare, in the wake of the revolution. Now, France is being reduced to a sad object lesson, a warning of the deadening effects of Big Government economics.

France might not be on the road to serfdom, in the phrase of free-market philosopher Friedrich Hayek. But it has traveled far down the road to stagnation. Newly elected president Nicolas Sarkozy offers a glimmer of hope that the country will find a detour. Otherwise, this is how a great power ends, with a whimper.

Other European governments have reduced the burden of the state during the past decade, but France bucked the trend. Once associated with revolution, France now specializes in devolution, the steady descent of its economic indicators.

The old saw is that other poor Southern states always say, "Thank God for Mississippi," since it can be counted on to rank 50th in most state rankings. Europe can say, "Thank God for France," since it seems ready

to take on from Germany or Italy — both recovering smartly — the title "The Sick Man of Europe."

The Heritage Foundation Index of Economic Freedom ranks France as only the 44th freest economy in the world, and it shows. It can't cope in a world characterized by free-market dynamism. It used to rank eighth in the world in terms of per capita GDP; now it has slipped to 19th. In the late 1970s, France had a bigger economy than Britain's by a comfortable margin; now Britain has passed it. Fifteen years ago, France had a per capita GDP that was 83 percent of that of the United States; now it is 71 percent.

A 35-hour work week, mandates that make it expensive to hire new employees, liberal welfare payments and vacation policy — all combine to make France the world's slacker. According to one economist, an average worker in America will work 30 percent more hours than the average worker in France during his career. That is, if the Frenchman works at all. Astonishingly, only 41 percent of French adults work, "one of the low-

est labor-participation rates in the world," the Financial Times reports.

The perpetual French growth industry is government. At 54 percent of GDP, the state is large even by European standards. A quarter of French workers are employed by the government, double the rate of 1970. Not surprisingly, a nation of bureaucrats has not proven itself supple nor innovative. According to the Financial Times, "about half of the French electorate is dependent on the state for wages, benefits or pensions" — a powerful voting bloc in favor of the state and of stasis.

There are recent examples of countries mired in decline breaking out of their funk — foremost among them Margaret Thatcher's Britain. Sarkozy's reformist rhetoric has had critics calling him an "American neocoon with a French passport" (would it were so), but he might be hard-pressed to deliver on promises of change.

In which case, France still will have something to recommend it: the museums.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.



The Rich Lowry column

— guest Column

Bring back summer programs

by MARC H. MORIAL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

With the end of the school year, the prospects of putting America's youth to work to keep them off the streets this summer are meager. This is especially true for those living in urban areas, given the lack of federal support and competition for these jobs from other sectors of society.

In 1974, near the end of his administration, President Richard M. Nixon injected nearly \$400 million into Uncle Sam's so-called Summer Jobs Program, which has been around in some form or another since the 1960s. In 1999, the program was funded at \$871 million and served 500,000 at-risk youth. Since then, the federal government has pretty much taken itself out of the summer youth employment business. In 1998, Congress took steps to replace the Job Training Partnership Act, which had funded the Summer Jobs Program in the past, with the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). WIA went into full effect in 2000, and essentially ended the program as it was known for decades.

It went from standalone status — with its own budget — to one of 10 youth services under WIA. In order to work during the summer, disadvantaged youth now must be involved throughout the year, a requirement that has increased the cost considerably and severely limited the number of participants. Also, the act made the program optional for municipalities.

That was back in 2000 when the economy was still going strong, the housing market hadn't collapsed and crime was at an all-time low. Since then, the nation has gone to war, the economy has lost some steam and unemployment among youth — especially blacks — is high. According to the National Urban League's 2007 Equality Index, unemployment among blacks 16 to 19 years old is 29 percent, compared to 13.2 percent for whites.

What happens when too many youths have nothing to do all summer long? They get into trouble. They join gangs, they take drugs and they get pregnant. Even if they manage to stay out of trouble, they miss opportunities to gain desperately needed skills that will lift them out of the projects through college and into a promising future.

Why does the federal government need to play a role in putting low-income disadvantaged youth into summer jobs? Because the likelihood of them securing employment without outside help is slim. In 2006, only 17 percent of young blacks from families with household incomes under \$20,000 managed to find summer jobs, according to a 2006 report by Northeastern University's Center for Labor Market Studies.

The higher the income the better their prospects: 38 percent of blacks from families with incomes over \$75,000 a year were employed. But even blacks from the most-affluent households were less likely to get jobs than whites from the least-affluent households: 45 percent of whites from families with incomes under \$20,000 landed summer jobs for 2006. Affluent whites outperformed their black counterparts by 17 percentage points. So, it's not only economic standing but also race that dic-

tates to some extent the success of black summer job seekers.

That said, it has still been difficult for teenagers of all races and income backgrounds to find summer jobs. From 2000 to 2006, the seasonally adjusted employment rate of youths 16 to 19 years old fell from 45 percent to 37 percent, despite strong national wage and salary job growth, which usually boosts teen worker demand. This overall reduction, the report surmises, is a result of increased competition from newer immigrants, older workers, college students home for the summer and young college graduates unable to obtain jobs in their chosen field. This trend is likely to limit opportunities available for youths, especially those from disadvantaged economic backgrounds.

"For teens, work experience begets more work experience, and cumulative work experience has a high payoff in determining the wages and annual earnings of young adults in their early to mid-20s," the Northeastern University report noted.

In 2000, the U.S. Conference of Mayors urged lawmakers to reconsider the government's bad decision to phase out the old Summer Jobs Program. "Investing in these populations returns many times over in reduced welfare dependence, fewer crimes, lower incarceration expenses, and greater workforce productivity," the letter stated. That is why I'm calling on our Congress to reinstate the Summer Jobs Program of old. If our nation ever hopes to close the gap between minorities and mainstream America, it must start with our youth. If we don't invest in them now, the disparities they now face will be reinforced in the years to come.

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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.

What baseball games start as late as 10 o'clock at night (our time) if they put the whole thing off till the next day.

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They've twisted the saying around till a lot of people think the reward is its own virtue.

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See by the papers that JFK may have put one of the New York newspapers on his black list. He should take a look at that movie magazine and see what it did to Mrs. Kennedy by putting her picture and Liz Taylor's on its cover and by devoting some space inside to an article comparing the two. Presidents' wives are only human and they don't rate fawning adulation, but they don't deserve degrading, either.

SEPARATED FROM WHAT?

We are willing to back the principle of separation of church and state to the limit of our ability, but we sometimes wonder if we don't go afield trying to practice this doctrine.

The Supreme Court may have a point in its favor by pointing out that the prayer declared unconstitutional for New York schools was a state-ordered prayer. It is true that a powerful and militant majority in a state with such a law could eventually force idea or concept of prayer into the schoolroom and thus break the separation barrier.

But, one wonders where all this will stop. Have the enemies of God the Founding Fathers trusted and of the Bible they read and studied and lived by—have the basic law of the land on their side?

This court decision may be a prelude to a move to halt the reading of the Bible in the presence of schoolchildren. Yet we doubt there is a law which will protect your children or mine against a teacher's standing before them and reading from pseudo-scientific or outright atheistic theory.

Freedom can be an elusive thing.

On the one hand, God may not be "inflicted" upon pupils on the other, anything goes.

When you get to thinking about this entire master you begin wondering if the upshot of the whole business will be separation of church and state, or separation of state and God.

SOME CONSOLATION

I did a bit of commiserating with Jack Howard, this day. He has accepted a place on the commission to study redistricting and he has an idea he and others with him are in for rough sledding. The situation reminded him of the story told by Lincoln when a friend

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Dr. Nancy B. Johnson presents the keys of her new Habitat home to Sue Ann Branham.

College students, faculty work with Habitat for Humanity

Big Sandy CTC employees and students joined with the Habitat for Humanity Board to dedicate the newly completed home of Sue Ann Branham and her two boys.

Rain washed the eastern sky on Tuesday night, June 5, as a crowd of volunteers from Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) joined the Habitat for Humanity Board and others to dedicate the newly constructed home of Sue Ann Branham and her sons. Due to the rain, the festivities moved inside but that just gave everyone a good look at the home this family had worked and waited for so long.

Dr. Nancy B. Johnson, Provost for BSCTC, presented Ms. Branham the keys to her new home and spoke about how the College was most supportive of the project with not only students working from all kinds of programs but also faculty, staff and their families coming together to work on the construction. Johnson said, "Everyone I have spoken to about the work they have been able to do has expressed their sense of pride at being able to help Sue Ann and her boys."

Provost Johnson later commented, "This partnership has been a wonderful experience for the college - students, faculty, staff, administration, and family members have all worked on the home at some point over the last six weeks. Each of us has achieved a sense of inner satisfaction from being able to collectively help a family gain a new home and a positive outlook toward the future. The partnership also demonstrates yet another way in which Big Sandy Community and Technical College focuses on our communities and the needs of people who live here."

Habitat for Humanity representatives presented plaques to the College in appreciation of their work on the project; also to Mike Froman (Carpentry - and he is on the Habitat Board), Randall Haney



The new Habitat for Humanity home for Sue Ann Branham and her boys.

(Masonry), and Eric Campbell (HVAC). The plaques included the SVHFH, Habitat Symbol, and Sandy Valley Habitat For Humanity on the top part followed by a statement: Sandy Valley Habitat For Humanity Gratefully Acknowledges Big Sandy Community & Technical College "Learning Through Serving" For Outstanding Support of Our Ministry to Provide Affordable Housing For People in Need and Helping Our Partner Families Experience God's Love.....The wise person built his house upon the rock. Matthew 7:21

Others attending the ceremony included people from the Pikeville medical community where Ms. Branham works, which raised \$18,000 to assist in covering the cost of materials in building the house.

The program included prayer, a

song by Laura Ford Hall, comments from Habitat for Humanity representatives, acknowledgement of the Habitat Board members, words from Habitat Director Andrew Dinsmore, and presentation of the plaques. Sue Ann Branham and her family were presented with a Family Bible by Habitat for Humanity followed by expressions of gratitude and thanks from Ms. Branham. The ceremony concluded with a presentation of the keys to the new home to Ms. Branham by Dr. Johnson.

BSCTC plans to stay involved with Habitat for Humanity. The project has been a rewarding one with involvement of employees and students from all areas of the College. Dr. Johnson said, "Service is an important part of what we do and we want to do more. We expect to be involved in a new Habitat build in the near future."

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'The Satanic Rites of Dracula'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Professor Van Helsing and the Prince of Darkness square off with nothing less than the fate of the entire world in the balance in this final Dracula epic from Britain's Hammer Studios.

By the time Hammer made this feature they were desperate to reinvent the monster formula again. They opted to add copious amounts of nudity and gore, but the real attraction here is seeing Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing reunited for the final smackdown between Dracula and his nemesis in the franchise they began together in the 1950s with "The Curse of Dracula." By the time they reappeared here they were a bit long in the tooth, but their stalwart work ethic helps sell a story that is somewhat lacking.

The film starts off with a black mass that sees several hooded figures getting ready to sacrifice a young woman. Meanwhile a man who is trussed up in another room manages to outsmart his guard and make good his escape. He is taken to a secret British Intelligence agency, where he expires after croaking out a report of his undercover activities amongst the satanists glimpsed in the opening ceremony.

The news is not good and hints that a major event is being planned, and that the coven includes high ranking officials (including the boss of the guys hearing the confession) and a Nobel Prize-winning blood disease expert.

Top cop Peter decides to bring in an independent investigator named Murray to take up the investigation. At this point we are 20 minutes in and there's no sign of the stars, but Murray takes care of that by noting that they will need the advice of Van Helsing, owing to the occult angles.

While Peter and Murray are playing the tape for Helsing, their secretary is snatched up by goons who work for the coven. These aren't the most inconspicuous of thugs. They ride identical motorcycles and each sports a happening sheepskin vest. The secretary is turned over to Dracula, who apparently pumps her for information before giving her a taste of his fangs.

Meanwhile Van Helsing admits that he knows the Nobel Prize winner and opts to seek him out alone while Murray, Peter and Helsing's granddaughter check out the building where the black masses are held. Everyone knows what happens when people split up and this movie reinforces that notion. Van Helsing elicits a confession from the blood guy but is then knocked out by another sheepskin muscle boy, while the trio are attacked

(See LAGOON, page six)

The angina monologues

by MARK CHRISTOPHER DRURY
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL HEALTHY LIVING: HEART DISEASE"

We will all have that time in our lives when our knees buckle beneath us. That pink slip in your work mail slot. The phone call in the middle of the night. The "I don't love you anymore" letter. The policeman at your door at 2 a.m. The heart-disease diagnosis. How will you get through the next few hours, few days, few months, few years?

Here's how I did.

I was lap swimming at the YMCA

and succumbed to chest pains and had to be rescued. I had pulled a muscle. Yeah, that's it.

At the hospital, they ruled out a heart attack. They were wrong. Three blood tests later, Dr. Doom came in the room to lower the boom. I had a myocardial infarction, a fancy name for what every man over 40 fears most, a heart attack. After a cardiac dye test, Dr. Doom lowered the boom again. I needed a quadruple bypass. Now.

With an 8 a.m. surgery schedule, I spent a sleepless night alone crying. I had just lost 90 pounds but was still

morbidly obese. I thought the surgery was a death sentence. My nurse, a young man named Thomas, convinced me to place myself in God's care. He told me to allow God, my family and friends to take care of me for 10 days. On the 11th day, he told me to take control again. It was great advice. I cried no more.

I recovered in record time. My rehabilitation was astounding. The doctor told me that losing those 90 pounds saved my life. If I had not lost that weight, he would have been unable to do the surgery. He would have given me medicine and sent me home to die. I have now lost a total of 170 pounds, and my life has zoomed into the stratosphere.

After heart surgery, I became fear-

less. Every day is now "gravy." I take nothing for granted anymore. I embrace family, friends, opportunities, challenges, fears and life. My friends call me "reMARKable."

Within three months, I had resumed my job, as well as swimming, strength training and my fitness transformation. I set new wild and seemingly insurmountable goals for a former 422-pound fat guy with a history of heart surgery. I went on radio and television to talk about reclaiming one's health. I became a certified aerobics instructor. I went 610 feet into

the air parasailing over Disney World. I jumped from an airplane in a tethered skydive and parachuted 8,000 feet to the ground. I went from size 60 pants to wearing skimpy posing trunks onstage in a body-building competition. YIKES!

I even discovered that I could sing. That's the remarkable thing about a lofty goal. Sometimes the fun is in the personal discoveries and growth along the way long before the goal ever comes into view.

I refuse to put limits on myself just because of my past. My past no longer dictates my future. I just won't allow it.



Clearing up confusion about new oil-change feature

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
I recently bought a Honda Fit. I love the car, and the dealer even gave me a few hundred dollars for my Metro. I really like the Fit and want to take care of it. The Fit has a feature that shows the oil usage as a percentage. Do you guys have any idea what this is measuring? The dealer told me I don't need to worry about changing the oil until it shows 20 percent. I want to make sure this car lasts at least 10 or 12 years. Is there any advantage to changing the oil at 50 percent? I am basically a cheapskate and don't want to waste oil, but want to get the maximum life out of the car. Your thoughts and insight would be great. — Stuart

TOM: Well, Stuart, the mileage interval — which we've used to change our oil for generations — is basically a guess. It says, "If you change your oil every 7,500 miles



(most manufacturers' recommendation), you should get the old oil out of there before it stops being effective.

RAY: But it's just an educated guess. It's a one-size-fits-all solution. So what Honda and others have done (actually, I think GM was the first to do this) is opt for a more high-tech and individualized way to estimate oil life.

TOM: We know that oil wear is directly related to the amount of use it gets and the temperature under which it operates. In your Honda Fit, the car's computer measures those things. It keeps track of the fluid temperatures and the number of revolutions of the crankshaft.

RAY: And then, based on an algorithm that Honda came up with, it determines when the oil really needs to be changed. The advantage of this is that you save money by not draining out perfectly good oil. And the planet benefits because we don't have to dispose of that drained, perfectly

good oil.

TOM: This, of course, assumes that Honda's system works as described and that the algorithm is good. But if we assume those things (Honda has a pretty good reputation for engineering), then they HAVE come up with a better system. It fine-tunes the oil-change interval based on your actual driving.

RAY: The Honda system gives you a reading of "oil life remaining." So when you first change the oil, it reads 100 percent. You're supposed to change the oil before the gauge reads 0 percent. Your dealer is recommending that you change it when it gets down to 20 percent, and I'd agree with that. By changing it when the computer thinks you've used up 80 percent of the oil's life, you're playing it safe and changing it too early rather than too late.

TOM: And until we have more years of experience with this system under our collective belts, it's probably better to err on the safe side, Stuart.

press firmly one time when near the light to stop, should one intermittently and repetitively press firmly to slow down incrementally, or should one ride the brakes with light pressure, or coast to gradually slow down and then stop if the light remains red or accelerate if it turns green? Does it damage the brake lining or brake cylinders to coast with continuous light pressure or "ride the brakes"? — Gerald

RAY: When you see a red light 100 yards ahead, Gerald, the proper thing to do is take your foot off the accelerator, and start coasting to slow down. Continuing to accelerate once you see a red light ahead just wastes gas.

TOM: Then, when you're a reasonable distance from actually having to stop the car, apply the brakes gently so that, if possible, you come to a stop right at the light, without ever having to change the amount of pressure you put on the brake pedal.

RAY: In other words, if you push the brake pedal 25 percent of the way down, ideally, keeping it pressed 25 percent of the way down should bring you to a complete stop exactly where you want to stop. That means you've braked perfectly.

TOM: That's the ideal, anyway. Don't be afraid to adjust the brake

pedal and push harder if you've estimated wrong! But in general, you want to brake as gently and smoothly as possible.

RAY: Why should you do it this way? So your passengers don't get carsick, or bump their heads on the dashboard.

TOM: Well, those are very important considerations. But it's also better for the car. When you brake suddenly, you put stress on lots of other components. For instance, you cause the car's nose to dip, which makes the suspension work harder. And you can overheat the brake rotors, which leads to warping.

RAY: Plus, you surprise the cars behind you, which is never a good idea.

TOM: So, start coasting when you know you're going to have to stop, and then brake as smoothly as you can, using gentle, constant pressure. Your brake and suspension guys may miss their next boat payments, but your passengers and fellow drivers will thank you, Gerald.

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SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

It's wise to know the 'work requirements' for Social Security disability benefits

by GREGORY REYNOLDS
SOCIAL SECURITY DISTRICT
MANAGER, PRESTONSBURG

Did you know that you could qualify for Disability Benefits from Social Security if you were suddenly to become disabled through an accident or illness?

While most people are aware of the basic requirements for Social Security

retirement benefits, I think far fewer understand how — or if — they would qualify for disability benefits.

In addition to meeting the Social Security medical definition of disability, you also must have worked long enough and, unless you are blind, you must have worked recently enough under Social Security to qualify. Some people who may think they are eli-

gible actually aren't.

Here is a quick checklist you can use to see where you stand.

Eligibility for disability benefits is based on your Social Security work credits, which are based on your total yearly wages or self-employment income. You can earn up to four credits each year. The amount needed for a credit changes from year to year. In 2007, for example, you earn one credit for each \$1,000 earned; when you've earned \$4,000, you would have your four credits for the year.

The number of work credits you need to qualify for disability benefits depends on your age when you become disabled:

■ Before age 24 — You may qualify if you have 6 credits earned in the 3-year period ending when your dis-

ability starts.

■ Age 24 to 31 — You may qualify if you have credit for working half the time between age 21 and the time you become disabled. For example, if you become disabled at age 27, you would need credit for 3 years of work (12 credits) out of the past 6 years (between ages 21 and 27).

■ Age 31 or older — In most cases, from age 31 through age 42, you would need 20 work credits. The number of credits needed between age 43 and age 62 or older rises each year. For example, at age 44 you would need 22 work credits, and at age 46 you would need 24 credits. Also, once you are age 31 or older, unless you are blind, you must have earned at least 20 of the credits in the 10 years immediately before you became disabled.

The Social Security

Statement that you receive each year is a good way to monitor your eligibility. The Statement shows all earnings reported to date, and also provides an estimate of the benefits for which you are eligible. Review this statement carefully to be sure it reflects all your earnings, and notify Social Security right away if you find errors or omissions.

While most people who work regularly will not have a problem keeping their disability coverage current, people who move in and out of the workforce, or in and out of covered employment, may not be covered.

The importance of having

Social Security disability insurance protection is underscored by one statistic: there is a nearly 3 in 10 chance that a 20-year old will become disabled before reaching retirement age.

For more information about disability benefits call your local Social Security Office in Prestonsburg at (606) 886-8525 between 8:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The office is located at 1897 Kentucky Route 321 in Prestonsburg.

And remember, we have representatives available to give presentations and speeches about Social Security Programs. Contact the office for more information.



Gregory Reynolds

Allen

found him at the White House, in a mood more melancholy than usual. In the South he was a monster—and he knew what they were writing and saying about him. But to the friend the sad countenance lit up, and Abe explained his situation with a characteristically humorous story.

It was the yarn about the miserent who had got himself caught and who had received at the hands of an irate citizenry a liberal coating of tar and feathers. His captors were adding the finishing touches by giving him a ride out of town on a rail. Young boys followed, catcalling, hurling insults, and the rail became sharper by the second. Finally, after a mile of this, the unfortunate one turned to one of his tormentors and remarked:

"If it wasn't for the honor of the thing I would just as soon get off and walk.

replied with an observation which rang true. Said he could work an hour, two hours in the hot sun and give every evidence of an industrious farmer, and never a soul would pass to be a witness to his later. But let exhaustion set in and let him sit down in the shade for even ten minutes, and—you know it!—Sure as shootin' along would come some letter to sing out." That all you do—sit in the shades?"

I say this rings true not because I have worked myself to a quivering mass of muscle on the farm, but because of my experience fishing. Let me come into port, any old evening, empty-handed, and the whole gang will be lined up to chorus "where's the fish?" But let me get lucky and be ready for 'em, and every soul will have long since departed for home.

WHAT'S THE "CATCH"?

Surefire Fishing Tip: Find you a clear place in the Big Sandy and start casting. I guarantee you'll catch fish.

IT'LL HAPPEN EVERY TIME
Asked "Snow White, Tuesday, how he was getting along with his farming, and he

Lagoon

by Dracula's wives (who are kept chained in the cellar and don't appear too happy about it).

The group meets up after their respective failures and Van Helsing informs them that Dracula must be the leader of the group and runs it from a corporation that was built on his resting site. He then lays the real bad news on them and states that Dracula used the blood expert to develop a stronger version of the bubonic plague. This news lights a fire under the group, which leads to a final confrontation with Dracula at the coven's headquarters.

They manage to burst in on the group as they are engaged in a blood ritual and Van Helsing spoils their rite by telling them that Dracula's plague will kill them all. Mayhem ensues and Dracula goes after Van Helsing like he burned his breakfast.

Their final battle sees an interesting method of dispatching Dracula employed when he stumbles into a nest of thorns that were the same type used by Herod's minions

to weave the crown that adorned Jesus on the cross.

Sole credit for this enterprise rests with the performances by Lee and Cushing, who don't get much support from a listless cast and a tired script. The plan by Dracula is an especially dumb one as it would give him dominion over no one. Van Helsing gives tired excuse for Dracula wiping out his blood supply which amounts to biting off his nose to spite his face.

Still the leads give it everything they have and the final battle, once again, finds a new method of dispatching Dracula. Hammer would try to reinvent the series once more by crossing it with a kung-fu film in "The Seven Brothers Meet Dracula," but Lee wisely avoided that effort, which saw Cushing looking bemused as he wielded a stake while the rest of the cast employed nunchucks.

Best line: "We have a group of middle aged men over indulging themselves in some sort of sick orgy."

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Hensley receives Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission Chairman's Award following successful stint

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Seventh District Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission Member Doug Hensley received a Chairman's Award for his service as chairman of the Commission in 2004-05. Dr. Jonathan Gassett, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, presented Hensley with the award Thursday.

"Commissioner Hensley is one of the Commission's longest-serving members," said Dr. Gassett. "He played a key role in the restoration of elk, deer, wild turkey and other wildlife to eastern Kentucky, and pro-

jects that provide economic support and tourism to the region."

Hensley's tenure on the Commission began in 1983. He serves the sportsmen and sportswomen of Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Perry and Pike counties. An avid hunter and angler, he is a life sponsor member of several conservation organizations.

He earned a business degree from Eastern Kentucky University and owned a petroleum supply and trucking company in Hazard for many years. He also is an active member in his church and serves on several civic and business boards in Perry County and the surrounding region.

"Commissioner Hensley doesn't just enjoy the resources of our state — he gives back as well," said Dr. Gassett. "I sincerely appreciate his contributions to this department and to the sportsmen and women of Kentucky."

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission is a nine-member board which oversees the operations of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. The Commission approves the Department's budget, sets season dates and approves all regulations pertaining to hunting, fishing and wildlife conservation.



MOUND INTENSITY: Beaver Creek Twins pitcher Blake Dean eyed a batter during a recent Little League game.

Rosters for Ky./W.Va. hoops series take shape

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

PIKEVILLE — The inaugural Kentucky/West Virginia All-Star Series promises to heat up the hardwood with some of the best talent across the Bluegrass State.

"Our squad is really coming together," Kentucky All-Star coach Jason Booher said. "I am anticipating a very fast-paced and fan-friendly game."

The game, which will be played at the Logan (W.Va.) Fieldhouse on Friday, June 15 and the East Kentucky Expo Center in Pikeville on Saturday, June 16, pits the best graduating players from across the Bluegrass and Mountain states.

Fans across Eastern Kentucky will get the opportunity to see two of the state's top 25 scorers take the court in Belfry's Jamie Case and Hazard's Justin Hicks. The two will continue as teammates next season at Pikeville College.

Case, named the 15th Region Player of the Year, ranked seventh in the state in scoring with 24 points per game. He is second all-time in scoring at Belfry High School, surpassing current BHS assistant Dr. Gary Smith.

A 6-foot point guard, Case led the Pirates to a 24-8 record this season, including a 60th District championship and a berth into the 15th Region Tournament. Belfry was eliminated in the semifinals by eventual regional champion Shelby Valley, 53-41.

Hicks, a 6-foot guard, was 22nd in the state in scoring with a 21-point per game average. He led the Bulldogs to the 54th District championship before they were eliminated by June Buchanan, 51-46, in the 14th Region championship.

Hazard finished with a 25-9 mark.

Johnson Central's Jamie McCarty could also allow the Kentucky All-Stars to go with an explosive three-guard set. The 6-foot-2 sharpshooter evolved into one of the most versatile players in the 15th Region over his career.

McCarty helped guide the Golden Eagles to a 15th Region championship in 2006. Central's run in 2007 was not as impressive, but the guard continued his solid play, breaking a school record with 56 points in an early season win over 57th District-foe Sheldon Clark.

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RUNNIN' REBELS



HOOPS HOPEFULS: Campers enjoyed a solid week of basketball during the 2007 Runnin' Rebel Basketball Camp. The camp concluded Friday morning.

photos by Steve LeMaster

Annual Allen Central basketball camp held

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Veteran Allen Central High School boys' basketball coach John Martin held his annual youth camp this past week — Monday through Friday. Basketball players from various parts of Floyd County attended the camp.

Each camper received a basketball, trophy and T-shirt at the conclusion of the camp.

A list of the camp winners follows.

BIG REBS: Free Throw Champion — Deshea

Elliott; Three-Point Champion — Jacob Prater; Hot Shot Champion — DeShea Elliott; Knockout Champion — Cory Thornsberry; One-on-One Champion — Sheldon Rice.

All-Events Champion — Landon Hall.

LITTLE REBS: Free-Throw Champion — Rico Dominguez; Three-Point Champion — Cameron Blevins; Hot Shot Champion — Steven Howard; Knockout Champion — Rico Dominguez; One-on-One Champion — Rico Dominguez.



Reds to honor trio of broadcasters

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds and radio partner 700 WLW will honor three long-time broadcasters during ceremonies prior to today's game against the Cleveland Indians. The festivities will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Radio microphones representing Waite Hoyt, Marty Brennaman and Joe Nuxhall will be unveiled for permanent display below the 700 WLW

Radio broadcast booth at Great American Ball Park, alongside retired uniform numbers 1 (Fred Hutchinson), 5 (Johnny Bench), 8 (Joe Morgan), 10 (Sparky Anderson), 18 (Ted Kluszewski), 20 (Frank Robinson), 24 (Tony Perez) and 42 (Jackie Robinson).

The first 30,000 fans entering the ballpark for today's 1:15 p.m. game will receive a commemorative CD featuring the three broadcasters' greatest hits, courtesy of 700 WLW

Radio.

The 2007 season is Brennaman's 43rd as a broadcaster. He joined the Reds radio team in 1974 and has been named Ohio Sportscaster of the Year 13 times, most recently in 2006. He also is a member of the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association Hall of Fame, the National Radio Hall of Fame and the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.

McCoy husband-wife duo are proven winners

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

All things considered, it's a good time to be Cheri McCoy.

Thursday, May 31 to be exact, was a great day for Cheri. That morning, her husband Randy was hired as the new head basketball coach at University Heights Academy, ending the longest stretch without a coaching job of his adult life.

Later that evening, her East Ridge Lady Warriors won their first 15th Region softball championship, avenging a district-finals loss to Shelby Valley and propelling them into this year's state tournament in Jeffersonton.

Success, to be sure, is something Cheri McCoy should be comfortable with. Consider the path of her husband's career, a road she has traveled alongside him every step of the way:

- At Pikeville College, he was with Wayne Martin as he led the Bears to the 1976 NAIA national tournament, the school's first trip to the event in 20 years

- At Morehead State, he assisted Martin to two trips to the NCAA tournament in the early 1980s, a feat that none of the four coaches since have been able to accomplish

- At Elkhorn City, McCoy won four district titles and three regional crowns — two All "A" trophies, one 15th Region award — in 11 seasons

- And back at Pikeville College, his Bears went to three NAIA Div. I national tournaments, including the 2001 Final Four, and claimed two Mid-South Conference titles

Not too bad, huh? But please, don't fool yourself into thinking it's all about Randy. You must remember a few things about the lady who runs the household:

- As a player, she was a part of two state championship softball teams

- She joined Jill and Terry Morgan when they took over at Elkhorn City and won the last 15th Region title the school claimed in 2001

- And now, last week, she was right there in the dugout when the Lady Warriors knocked off Shelby Valley 4-3 to win another regional title.

Cheri McCoy? She's a winner. "We've been pretty blessed," Randy said this week. "We've taste-

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Wrestling show to benefit National Guard program

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

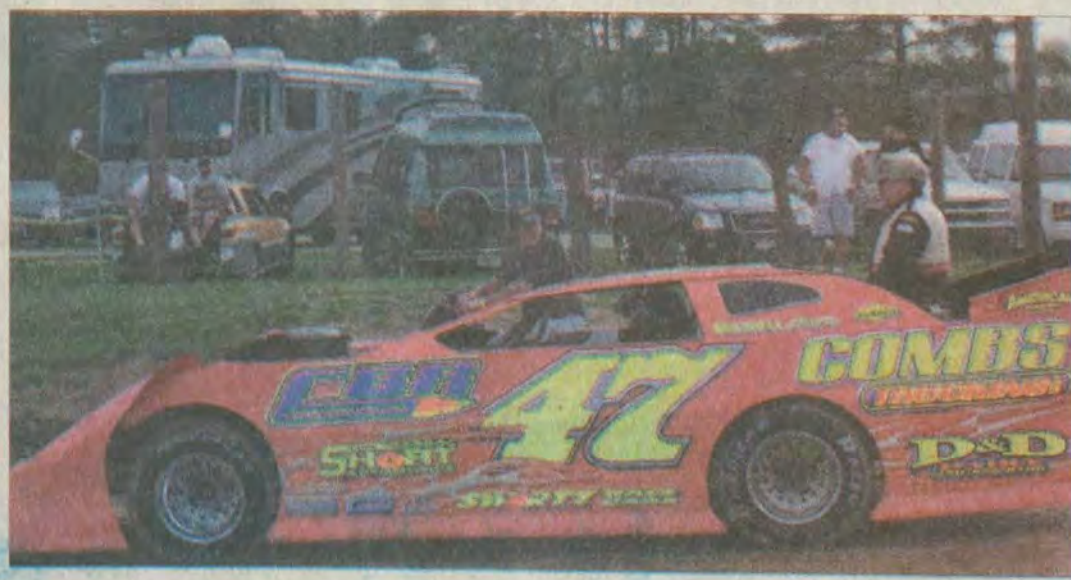
PRESTONSBURG — Professional wrestling will make its return to the Prestonsburg National Guard Armory on Friday, June 22. The upcoming professional wrestling card is being jointly promoted by Eastern Kentucky promotions Appalachian Wrestling Federation (AWF) and Hardcore Championship Wrestling (HCW), two Eastern Kentucky organizations. The event will serve as a fundraiser for the Kentucky National Guard Family Readiness Program.

"We are very excited about returning to Floyd County; it's been several years since

we've been there," said AWF Promoter/Ring Announcer Joe Clark. "And what makes it even more exciting is, this time we are coming to help our brave men and women in uniform — the troops and their families. We are glad to be able to give back, to some degree, to those who sacrifice so much for our freedom."

Clark welcomes the opportunity to team up with another professional wrestling promotion.

"We are also excited about teaming up with HCW for this event," Clark added. "HCW (Hardcore Championship Wrestling) is where I got my start in the business back in 1998. And

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AROUND THE TRACK AND BACK AGAIN: Letcher County dirt Late Model driver Chris Combs continues to make a claim as one of dirt track racing's top young drivers. Combs has raced at tracks in various midwestern and southeastern states.

photo courtesy of Chris Combs Racing

Fishing tournament donations to help pay for largemouth bass stockings

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Donations from several bass tournaments will help pay the costs of stocking 200,000 largemouth bass a year in the Markland Pool of the Ohio River for the next three years.

"We would like to thank B & J Marine in Louisville, Dixie Marine in Fairfield, Ohio and Early Times Bourbon along with the tournament anglers for making these donations," said Ryan

Oster, fisheries program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

B & J Marine and Early Times Bourbon together donated \$3,000 while Dixie Marine will donate \$10,000 a year for the next three years. These donations will make up a significant portion of the cost of rearing and releasing the largemouth bass that will be stocked in the Ohio River.

"We are trying to help out the river as much as we can,"

said Dana Robertson, tournament coordinator for B & J Marine in Louisville. "We held a Derby Tournament on the river and we gave a portion of the entry fee toward this effort. We wanted to make sure the donation went toward the largemouth bass stocking."

Largemouth bass reproduction in the Ohio River is often poor due to a variety of factors. The Ohio River lacks spawning habitat for the bass to breed and nursery areas for newly born

bass to find sanctuary. The river level often fluctuates and deposits a great deal of sediment during high water periods that can smother the eggs of bass.

"The goal of the study is to see if stocking hatchery-reared largemouth bass can improve angler catch rates in the Ohio River," Oster said. "The feasibility of this study will be examined in the Markland Pool over the next five years."

Sixteen embayments and

backwater areas between Markland and Mehdahl dams will be stocked in June with 2-inch largemouth bass. Anglers fishing this section of the river should notice an improvement in fishing for largemouth bass 12 inches or longer in the next three to four years.

"I've been fishing the river since 1967," said Bruce Cunagin, general manager of Dixie Marine. "The river used to be a fantastic place to fish. We would catch 50 to 60 bass a day. The stockings will defi-

nately help the river. Fisherman will spread the fish out when they move them from one pool to another."

Dixie Marine donated \$25 of each entry fee for their Adopt A Bass tournament. They hold the 150 to 180-boat tournament every July.

"This donation is a great way for tournament anglers and fisheries biologists to work collectively to help improve the largemouth bass fishing on the Ohio River," Oster said.

The Gallatin County Bass



AT THE PLATE: Blake Dean took a stout swing at a pitch during a recent Beaver Creek Little League game. Dean plays for the Twins.

COMMENTARY

Clemens' act has worn thin

by NANCY ARMOUR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — On what feels like Day 175 of the Rocket Watch, Roger Clemens threw batting practice and pronounced himself almost ready for the major leagues.

Again. This is getting old. I don't know about anybody else, but I'm tired of Clemens' act and wish he would go away. Pitch or don't pitch. Holding a handful of teams hostage while he takes until May to decide what he wants to do, then wrangling a cushy contract that puts him above the game has gotten annoying.

Nobody is worth this kind of angst, not even a seven-time Cy Young Award winner who still has a flame-thrower for an arm at 44.

"It's a huge boost for us," New York Yankees outfielder Johnny Damon said Wednesday. "Now we're looking at four guys who've gotten the job done at the big league level. Our team will be a better team that day."

But at what price? By giving the right-hander a deal that essentially allows him to be a part-timer — an obscenely rich one, at that — the Yankees are setting a dangerous precedent.

It's no surprise the Yankees went after Clemens. They're closer to the bottom-feeding Tampa Bay Devil Rays than those loathsome Red Sox these days, and we know how cranky George Steinbrenner gets when his high-priced team is underachieving. Even with Wednesday night's win in Chicago, the Yankees were still five games below .500 and trailed Boston by double digits.

While New York's rotation has stabilized recently, the starters are 19-21 with a 4.74 ERA. The offense is sputtering, and it's going to take work just to get back into wild-card contention.

Clemens won't solve all of the Yankees' problems, but they believe he's a start.

Two months shy of his 45th birthday, he's still probably better than most guys half his age. He picked up his most recent Cy Young three years ago, and has had an ERA below 3.00 each of the last three seasons. Last season, he had almost as many strikeouts (102) as innings pitched (113 1-3).

But Clemens is a mere mortal, not a messiah. Treating him as such isn't good for anybody, no matter how many games he might win this year.

When Clemens hemmed and hawed last year, saying he really didn't know if he wanted to pitch again, I believed him. His mother, Bess, had died during the 2005 season, and he'd already missed too much time away from his own

family. His oldest son, Koby, was starting his own professional baseball career, and it wouldn't be long before his younger boys were off doing their own things, too.

So when his hometown Houston Astros lured him back with the promise that he could opt out of road trips if he wasn't scheduled to pitch, it sounded like the ideal compromise. He could have his career and his family, too.

Only that wasn't quite the case.

"What sort of happened was we'd turn on the TV, and he's playing a golf tournament in Hollywood, so it evolved to be more than just seeing family," Houston Astros manager Phil Garner said recently on ESPN Radio's "Mike & Mike in the Morning" show. "And that might have been a little bit of an issue."

"But it did not hurt our ball-club."

Of course not. Notice, though, that the Astros weren't exactly distraught when the Yankees outbid them — and everybody else — for Clemens' services this year.

You'd think after going through his deliberations last year, Clemens would have had a clearer idea of what he wanted to do this year. But no. Or maybe he just didn't want to be bothered with spring training and the first two months of the season.

Whatever, all of baseball was hanging on his every word for months. Would he pitch? Would he retire? Would he be the next athlete to take a spin on "Dancing with the Stars?"

By the time he finally made his big announcement — perfectly choreographed, right down to the appearance in Steinbrenner's box — Clemens' act had worn thin. Hearing that he's again going to be allowed to skip road trips when he's not pitching made it official.

There was a time when no excuse was good enough to get players time off. Birthdays, funerals, illness — too bad. That's what the offseason was for.

Life in the major leagues is more humane now, and that's a good thing. Angels manager Mike Scioscia left his team for two games last month when his son was graduated from high school, and the Cubs' Derrek Lee missed half of the last month of last season after his daughter was diagnosed with a rare genetic disease.

But Clemens' special treatment is in a category all by itself.

If he wants to be with his family that badly, then stay home. If he wants to play, his place is with his team.

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McCoy

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ed a lot of success."

In fact, Randy has a lot to say about Cheri. If you think he's proud of his accomplishments, of which, it should be said, there have been many — remember, he also won a 15th Region baseball title at Elkhorn City — just listen to him talk about the lady who has stood by him to these many years.

As you would imagine, Randy isn't the only one happy to have Cheri around. "Cheri's character always shows through, and I think the girls appreciate that," Jill Morgan said. "She's also a good sounding block for them. Sometimes she tells me things they talk about, but I'm sure there's a lot of things I don't know that they've shared with her. Personal stuff, maybe stuff going on at home."

The last few years have brought on another battle for Cheri to face. While her husband publicly battled an illness that led to his resignation at Pikeville College, she has also stared down a couple of health scares, including breast cancer.

Randy said their combined coaching experience paid off in that battle as well. "We talked about it and talked to a lot of people," he said. "In the end, we were very comfortable with the people in Pikeville who were treating her — particularly Dr. Oon (Leedhanchoke) — and it worked out well."

"We talked about it, prayed about it — there were a lot of prayers about it — and then we made our decision. Once the game plan was developed, she followed it to a tee."

Jill Morgan talked about the impact Cheri's illness had on many of her players. "I was at a basketball game with her after her illness," she said. "A lot of the girls came over to talk to her and hug her, and some of them were in tears."

"I think that shows what kind of person she is."

Typical of Cheri, she didn't allow it to define her — "I think it bothered me more than it did her," says Randy — and now, thankfully, it is in remission.

Ask around the Elkhorn City or the East Ridge area about Cheri McCoy. Go ahead. You'll hear the occasional joke about putting up with Randy — "She's gonna have a lot more jewels in her crown than most of us," quipped Jill — but there's something I promise you won't hear.

That's a bad word about her.

You may be a fan of East Ridge, or perhaps you follow another school. You may like Randy, or you may not. There's a lot of sides to a lot of issues you may feel strongly about.

But if you've ever met Cheri McCoy, I have no doubt you feel the same way I do.

You love her.

She's strong, she's a little quiet, she's the backbone of many things. She's proud of her Christianity, proud of her husband, proud of her town, proud of her school.

And I am one of the many proud to know her and call her my friend.

It's a good time to be Cheri McCoy.

But then again, it seems like it's always a good time to be Cheri.

Wrestling

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therefore HCW has a very special place in my heart. So, anytime we can work with them, is a great honor for me."

A longtime pro wrestling promoter, Clark is hoping for a big crowd to be in attendance at the upcoming show.

Bell time for the June 22 show is set for 8 p.m. The card is scheduled to include wrestlers from both the AWF and HCW.

"We encourage everyone to come out for a great night of pro wrestling at its best," said Clark. "At the same time, help support our troops, who everyday put themselves in harms way for us."

"Come see why the Appalachian Wrestling Federation and HCW are 'the Champions of professional wrestling.' You are going to see pro wrestling at its best. Not some guys in their jeans and T-shirts and sneakers, but guys who dedicate themselves to every aspect of the business day in and day out."

Wrestlers scheduled to appear on the card at the Prestonsburg National Guard Armory include AWF Champion "Showtime" Shawn Christopher, "Heartbreaker" Jamie Baker, The American Eagle, HCW International Champion J.R. Roc, Ric Gunner and more.

Tickets for the show are priced at \$7 each. Tickets for children ages 12 are priced at \$5.

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Central finished the season 11-17 and lost to Paintsville in the second round of the 57th District Tournament.

"We have a very solid team," Booher continued. "We feel that we have accumulated some of the best talent in not only eastern Kentucky, but across the state."

Other players who have committed to the game include Bell County's Ryan Whitaker, Pendleton County's Kane Belcher, Boyle County's Spencer Perrin and Clinton County's Justin Vitatoc.

Whitaker led Bell County to an impressive run in 2007 as the Bobcats finished 25-6, losing to Corbin in the semifinals of the 13th Region Tournament, 66-64, in overtime.

Belcher, a 6-foot-7 center, averaged 17 points per game this season and led Pendleton County to a 10-14 record. They were eliminated in the first round of the 38th District Tournament.

Vitatoc, a 6-foot-4 forward, led Clinton County to a 21-10 mark. He averaged 19 points per game and led his team to the semifinals of the 4th Region Tournament.

Perrin, a 6-foot-4 forward, posted a 22-point per game average and led Boyle County to an 18-13 mark, losing to Lincoln County, 64-51, in the championship game of the 12th Region Tournament.

The All-Star Series will feature a girls and boys' game each night. Game times are set for 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., respectively.



MAJOR MOVE: Kyle Macy, considered to be one of basketball's all-time best free-throw shooters, demonstrated dribbling skills during a stop at South Floyd High School's Raider Arena Wednesday afternoon.

Mendenhall coaching dynasty to end after All-Star games

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — An 80-year coaching dynasty spanning three generations of Murray Mendenhalls is ending in Fort Wayne.

Murray Mendenhall III, the son and grandson of Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame coaches, is retiring after 28 years at Wayne High School, including 11 as boys head coach. His last assignment will be as an assistant coach with the Indiana All-Stars in their annual two-game series against Kentucky later this month.

"I've enjoyed coaching and teaching in Fort Wayne Community Schools. We had a good year this year and the kids did a good job," he said. "With the All-Star thing, it was just a good time to end everything on a positive note."

Wayne was 11-10 last season, giving Mendenhall a 123-116 record. He previously coached one year at Columbus East and was an assistant at

Wayne for 17 years. He also was Wayne's interim athletic director in 2004-05.

"It is just time," said the 54-year-old Mendenhall, who plans to remain at Wayne as a business teacher. "It is not just one thing, but a culmination of a few things. There is a lot of demands on the job, which is a 12-month job these days. It wears on you."

His grandfather, Murray Sr., began coaching at the old Fort Wayne Central in the 1920s, winning the state championship in 1943 and finishing as runner-up to Anderson in 1946. He also coached in the NBA in 1949-51 with the Fort Wayne Pistons, who moved to Detroit in 1957.

Murray Jr., who played on his father's 1943 championship team, won more than 200 games as coach at Beech Grove, Greensburg, Fort Wayne Snider and Fort Wayne South high schools. Murray Jr. also was an assistant at Snider when his son, Murray III, played there.



ASHLAND DRIVER Steve Francis competes in dirt Late Model races at tracks across much of the nation.

Fans can track Griffey's home run chase

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CINCINNATI — With Ken Griffey Jr. closing in on 600 career home runs, Cincinnati Reds fans can chronicle the historic chase with a new poster to be given away on the next homestand.

On Friday, June 15, the first 30,000 fans entering Great American Ball Park for the Reds' 7:10 p.m. game against the American League West Division's Texas Rangers will receive the Junior Swings Into History poster listing the names and career totals of the other 19 members of the 500-

homer club.

With 575 career homers, Griffey ranks eighth on that all-time list. Already this season he has passed Reggie Jackson (563), Rafael Palmeiro (569) and Harmon Killebrew (573).

Reds fans can check the poster's empty boxes as Griffey passes Mark McGwire (583) and Frank Robinson (586) in his pursuit of Sammy Sosa (598) and then the 600-homer club that includes Willie Mays (660), Babe Ruth (714), Barry Bonds (746) and all-time leader Hank Aaron (755).

MSU's Thieme named First Team Academic All-District

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Steve Thieme, a standout student-athlete on Morehead State University's cross country and track and field teams, has been named ESPN the Magazine CoSIDA First-Team Academic All-District. It's the second consecutive year that Thieme has earned all-district status as he was named on the district TV second-team last year. His name will now appear on the

national ballot for consideration for Academic All-America.

A senior from Decatur, Ind., Thieme has put together a decorated academic career at MSU, winning the Male Academic Student-Athlete of the Year award for the department in 2005-06 and being named an Ohio Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete for 2005-06. He was honored as Mr. Eagle at the MSU athletic awards banquet this year

and has been on the MSU Dean's List and the Ohio Valley Conference

Commissioner's Honor Roll each year as well. Thieme has also been an extremely active member of the Morehead State Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Thieme was one of two OVC track/cross country student-athletes honored with academic all-district awards, joining Eastern Illinois' Daniel Strackeljah.

Student-athletes chosen to the first teams of their respective districts move on the national ballot for Academic All-America consideration. Thieme joins a long list of Eagle student-athletes who have earned all-district status — including softball's Becky King and baseball's Donald Cheney and Nick Nail this year. As of 2006, 22 Morehead State student-athletes have been named CoSIDA Academic All-Americans.

Kentucky's Mitchell announces coaching staff changes

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — In his first season at the helm of the Kentucky women's basketball program head coach Matthew Mitchell has finalized his coaching staff for the upcoming campaign.

Mitchell retained current assistants Niya Butts and Vonn Read and promoted former assistant coach Pam Stackhouse to Assistant Athletics Director for Women's Basketball. WNBA All-Star Wendy Palmer also was added to the coaching staff after serving two years as an assistant at Virginia Commonwealth.

Butts, who handles the recruiting efforts and has been tabbed associate head coach by Mitchell, is entering her fifth season with the Wildcats. The former Tennessee Lady Vol standout was hired by former head coach Mickie

DeMoss in 2003 after one season as an assistant at Michigan State and two years at Tennessee Tech. Considered to be one of the top young coaches and recruiters in the business, Butts helped UK land four straight top-25 recruiting classes, including the ninth-ranked class for 2007-08 according to the All-Star Girls Report.

Read, a former WNBA assistant coach, is in his third season at Kentucky where he has coached an accomplished group of post players. Under his tutelage, senior forward Jennifer Humphrey and junior center Sarah Elliott were named to the Southeastern Conference All-Conference teams in 2007 and Humphrey became UK's second all-time leading rebounder.

Stackhouse will move to an administrative role after 12 years as an assistant coach, including four seasons at

Kentucky. She will be responsible for team travel, scheduling, supervising all non-coaching personnel, management of the budget, facility coordinator, overseeing student managers, supervising the team's NIKE account and special event management.

Palmer, an 11-year WNBA veteran, will pull double duty this season as she will coach and continue playing in the professional league, a role she has been doing the last two years at VCU. She will be responsible for coaching the post players at Kentucky.

Palmer, one of just six players to participate in all 11 WNBA seasons to date, was selected by the Utah Starzz in the second round of the 1997 Elite Draft. Since then Palmer also has played for the Detroit Shock, Orlando Miracle, Connecticut Sun, San Antonio Silver Stars and her current club, the Seattle Storm.

She averaged 15.8 points and 8.0 rebounds per game for the Starzz in 1997 and was named to the All-WNBA Second Team. After a 1999 trade to Detroit, Palmer made the 2000 WNBA All-Star team, averaging 13.8 points and 6.8 rebounds for the Shock. Traded to Orlando in 2002, Palmer had a slow season after moving with the team in Connecticut in 2003, but bounced back to share Most Improved Player honors the following season, helping lead the Sun to the WNBA Finals. After signing with San Antonio in 2005, Palmer averaged 10.1 points and 6.2 rebounds on career-best 51.3 percent shooting from the field. In February 2006, she signed with the Storm.

Palmer has played in 281 career games with 212 starts in her WNBA stint, and maintains career averages of 10.7 points and 6.0

rebounds per contest.

Palmer's stellar collegiate career began at Virginia under legendary coach Debbie Ryan. She quickly found success on the hardwood as she became the first UVA woman and only the second UVA player to score 1,000 points and grab 1,000 rebounds (Ralph Sampson was the other). She was twice named a Kodak All-American (1995, 1996) and ended her career at Virginia ranked among the program's all-time leaders in several statistical categories, including first in career rebounds (1,221), second in career field-goals made (780) and third in career scoring (1,918). In 1998 she became just the fourth Cavalier in the program's history to have her jersey retired.

Palmer was a three-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference first-team selec-

tion, and she became only the third player in league history to receive two straight ACC Player of the Year nods. The 6-2 forward led the ACC in rebounding during her sophomore and senior seasons, ending her career ranked eighth all-time among the league's top rebounders. To date, Palmer remains atop UVA's career rebounds list and still owns the single-season rebounding record (358). She also set a Cavalier single-game scoring record when she registered 39 points in just 26 minutes of play at Maryland during the 1994-95 campaign.

The 32-year-old is a native of Roxboro, N.C., and is a 1996 graduate of Virginia. She received a bachelor's degree in history and is a member of Zeta Phi Beta sorority. In her spare time, Palmer likes horseback riding.

When shading the truth becomes an occupational hazard

by **JIM LITKE**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Some coaches get so good at shading the truth they occasionally lose sight of it themselves. At some point, with some guys, it becomes an occupational hazard. Billy Donovan, to cite the latest example, talked so long and so longingly about coaching in the NBA someday that he stubbornly pursued the opportunity even after he knew deep down it wasn't what he wanted.

Coaches used to fear being called dishonest or double-dealing, but that apparently troubles them less nowadays than being labeled "not for sale." Yet by most accounts, that's the tag Donovan should have been wearing.

He was coming off a second straight college basketball championship at Florida, backed by an administration, an athletic director and a fan base whose commitment hadn't wavered since the day he walked through the door in Gainesville. And there was that contract extension sitting on his desk since the end of the 2005-06 season, awaiting only a signature.

Yet when the Gators arrived at the Final Four in Atlanta this year, the deal still wasn't sealed and suddenly the job at Kentucky was open. Donovan could have ended any speculation then and there with a few strokes of the pen, but he didn't. As a negotiating ploy, it made plenty of sense. In retrospect, viewed as part of a continuing pattern of saying one thing and thinking another, it was a troubling omen.

Despite returning his starters,

Donovan downplayed the Gators' chances last season nearly every chance he got. He maintained they wouldn't amount to much — let alone repeat as national champions — unless they played with a title-game intensity every night. No sooner did Florida lock up a second straight title against Ohio State, though, than Donovan began insisting these Gators be ranked alongside the UCLA, Duke and Carolina teams regarded as among the best of all-time.

And the contract extension Donovan said he wouldn't sign during the season because he didn't want to cash in on the title while his returning players were leaving NBA dollars on the table? When the numbers in it grew to \$3.5 million a year, he finally said leaving for Kentucky wasn't an option and agreed to sit down and sign it. Soon after, the funny stuff started.

When rumors of talks between Donovan and the Magic began making the rounds, he denied it. By then, he had almost certainly let some of his current players and recruits, staff and higher-ups at Florida in on his plans to take the job in Orlando. And he must have cleared the move with the family members who would be most affected, many of whom had already relocated in and around Gainesville.

Only Donovan knows at what point he convinced himself it was the right move. Nobody who heard him talk at the news conference in Orlando had any idea he was harboring any doubts. He talked about leaving his comfort zone, about discovering things about himself as a coach and person that only a career in the

pros would make possible.

Getting everybody else to buy in was never Donovan's problem. The Magic figured they were getting a name and a face to shore up an ailing franchise and an image, enough goodwill to sell a few hundred season tickets right off the bat, and maybe get a reluctant community to help finance a new arena.

Donovan turned to be every bit as convincing as the Magic could have hoped. He got just about everybody to buy into the move, ultimately, except himself. A day later, returning to Gainesville for what should have been a graceful exit, Donovan broke into tears several times and went to work soon after, trying to undo all that work, all those hopes and expectations.

It's happened to a few coaches in recent years. Rick Majerus is going back to work as coach at St. Louis, but only after backing out of the Southern California job after three days in 2004. Gregg Marshall took the College of Charleston job in 2005 and returning home to Winthrop to pack up his family, changed his mind and stayed for one more season.

Bobby Cremins wound up with the Charleston job, a nice twist of fate since in 1993, Cremins left the Georgia Tech job to move to South Carolina, his alma mater, and moved back to Atlanta two days later. Back then, that kind of waffling was considered rare. Increasingly, with both coaches and schools increasingly itchy about long-term commitments, it looks like the wave of the future.

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CAMP TIME: All Runnin' Rebel Basketball Camp participants received a basketball, trophy and T-shirt at the conclusion of the camp Friday morning. Above: campers looked on during the trophy presentation. Below: Six-year-old Landon Hall was the All-Events Champion.



• BALLHANDLING •

Twins draft Kentucky high school outfielder in opening round

by **DAVE CAMPBELL**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Twins took prep center fielder Ben Revere with their first-round pick in the draft on Thursday, the 28th overall selection.

Revere, who turned 19 last month, recently completed his senior season at Lexington Catholic High School. He batted .516 in 91 at-bats with 10 doubles, five triples, nine home runs, 41 RBIs and 24 stolen bases and received a state player of the year award for Kentucky.

Though he was ranked as the 135th-best player available by Baseball America, a publication that specializes in amateur draft and minor league analysis, the team was enamored enough with Revere's speed and batting ability to take him ahead of most projections. He was recommended by scout Billy Corrigan.

"This is one that we gained con-

viction on over the course of the spring and over the last few weeks realized that we were going to put this guy up to where we picked," scouting director Mike Radcliff said.

Revere, who became a Twins fan at an early age while watching first Kirby Puckett and then Torii Hunter roam center field, played at the Metrodome on a traveling team in a tournament earlier in his career and even claimed to have developed a fondness for the often-reviled stadium.

Even though the new ballpark will be open before Revere makes it to the majors, he still sounded quite enthused to be joining the organization.

"My heart started pounding, big time," he said from his home in Lexington on a conference call with local reporters.

He had some friends over for the afternoon, after he cleaned the house, of course. He said he had been relying on his Christian faith and spend-

ing plenty of time "on his knees" as the draft drew near.

"God just answered my prayers, I guess," Revere said.

At 5-foot-9 and 170 pounds, Revere has the potential to be a classic leadoff hitter and offensive catalyst. In 433 career at-bats for Lexington Catholic, Revere struck out only 19 times.

He's considered similar to Denard Span, the team's first-round pick in 2002 who is currently playing center field for Triple-A Rochester, but Radcliff said Revere had better "instincts" at the plate coming out of high school than Span did.

"Like a power hitter, a guy hitting in the middle, that's a lineup position that's hard to find in the amateur market," said Radcliff, who also called Revere "maybe the fastest guy in the draft."

Teams typically pick by talent in the early rounds, preferring to wait until later rounds to fill position needs at the lower levels of the minor leagues. The Twins have had a shortage of prospects at third base, shortstop and second base, and they could always use more power hitters.

Baseball used a different format for this year's draft, in light of the broadcast on national cable. Thursday's schedule called for only five rounds, with the remainder set for Friday.

REDS' NO. 1: The Cincinnati Reds took high school catcher Devin Mesoraco in the first round. Mesoraco is a product of Punxsutawney (Pa.) High School.

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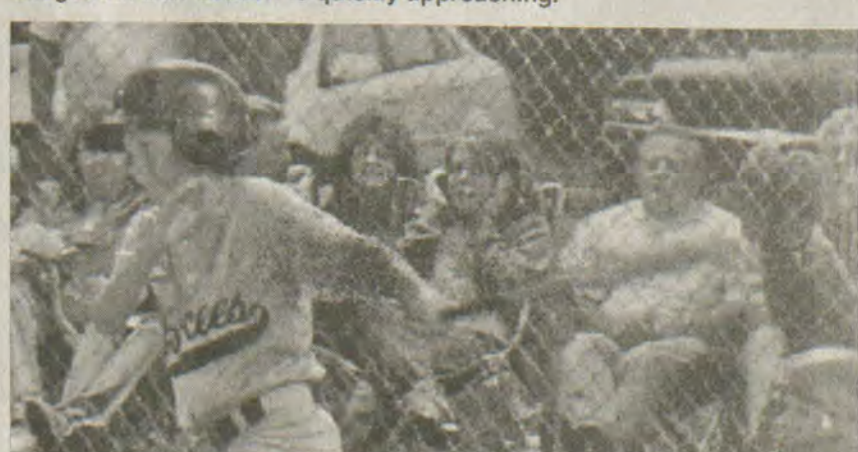


South Floyd's Andrea Conn worked on her moves Wednesday afternoon when former University of Kentucky standout Kyle Macy visited for a session with the Lady Raider basketball team.

BEAVER CREEK LITTLE LEAGUE



Jacob Prater (above) and Dalton Lawson (below) have helped the Beaver Creek Yankees to numerous wins during the 2007 season. The Little League All-Star season is quickly approaching.



Marshall-Miami kickoff set for noon

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — The Atlantic Coast Conference and ESPN have announced that the Marshall-Miami game set for Sept. 1 at the Orange Bowl in Miami will kick off at noon and be televised by ESPNU.

The Sept. 1 contest between the Thundering Herd and Hurricanes will be the first career meeting between the two schools on the gridiron. It will also be the first game for Marshall on ESPNU.

Other Conference USA-ACC games announced by ESPN and the ACC on Monday include East Carolina at Virginia Tech on

September 1 on ESPN2 at noon, UCF at North Carolina State on ESPN360 at 6 p.m. on September 1, and UAB at Florida State on ESPNU Sept. 8 at 5 p.m.. All times are listed as Eastern times.

The Miami game is now the fifth nationally televised game set for 2007 for Marshall football. Other games set for national television are versus West Virginia (Sept. 8, 11:10 a.m., ESPN2), at Memphis (Oct. 2, 8 p.m., ESPN2), versus Southern Miss (Oct. 21, TBA, ESPN2), and versus Rice (Oct. 27, 4:30 p.m., CSTV). The Herd's contest at UCF Nov. 3 will be broadcast regionally on Comcast Sports Southeast at 3:30 p.m.

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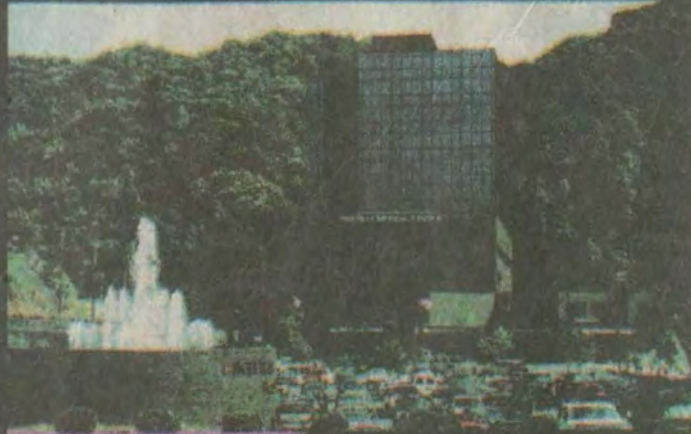
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