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Section B

briefs

Man indicted for dumping sewage near Paintsville water intake

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

A man previously charged for dumping 8,500 gallons of raw sewage into the Big Sandy River has now been indicted.

David L. Bowling, owner of Dave's Concrete Products and Septic Service Inc. was caught in the act several months ago following a six month long KBI investigation. The operation was discovered when surveillance located at a facility leased by Bowling was found to be the site of "suspicious activity". Bowling was using a tanker truck labeled "Water" to dump sewage into a drain that flows into the Big Sandy River. The facility is located less than one mile from the Paintsville public water intake.

Bowling admitted to agents when he was taken into custody that he dumped sewage at the site at least once a week over an eight month period. When Bowling was arrested, Attorney General Greg Stumbo said their investigation showed that he had dumped at least one quarter million gallons of human waste into the river.

An indictment filed on Thursday in U.S. District Court says from December 2005 through December 18, 2006 in Johnson County, Bowling "knowingly discharged a pollutant, that is, septic waste, from a point into a water of the United States without a permit".

If convicted, Bowling could face a maximum of three years in prison, a \$50,000 fine per day of violation or a \$250,000 fine, which ever is greater, and up to one year of supervised release.

2 DAY FORECAST

Today



High: 87 • Low: 58

Tomorrow



High: 89 • Low: 61

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Law enforcement teams with UNITE on bust

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

As law enforcement officials set about the task of herding 23 suspected drug dealers into the Floyd County Courthouse Fiscal Courtroom for processing, it became apparent that there were no "lucky numbers" to be had as each suspect was assigned a number for his or her wait in line.

Beginning early Tuesday morning, local law enforcement officials, along with UNITE task force officers, hit the streets, hollows and highways in a blitzkrieg round of abrupt wake-up calls.

Sometimes, according to Paul Hays, UNITE deputy director of law enforcement, a rude awakening is exactly what it takes to make those heavily involved in drug activity willing to shake off the foggy stupor they have been living under.

"Bottom line is," Hays said, "we really want to help these people. We offer treatment to everyone that comes through. Not only that, but we pay for it, even long term...because some of these people have problems that just aren't going to be resolved in a matter of a few weeks."

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Arrested under charges of alleged drug dealing, this Floyd County man was photographed and fingerprinted by UNITE officials following a rude awakening at his home early Tuesday morning.

CITY COUNCIL



photo by Jessica Hale

Perstonsburg City Council members viewed a plot map provided by Robin Humphrey, Manager at Brock McVey. Brock McVey plans to demolish their existing building and rebuild further away from the main road.

Alley closing re-evaluated by council

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

With several items on the agenda for Monday's Perstonsburg City Council meeting, only two took center stage before yet another long executive session.

The closure of an alley behind the Brock McVey building in Perstonsburg raised concerns for some council members. Brock McVey Manager Robin Humphrey came before the council to request that a resolution brought up some time ago regarding the closure of the alley be re-evaluated and that the city approve McVey's plans.

Humphrey says their existing building is in irreparable condition and they want to move forward with demolition and construction of a new facility. He also says they want to move further back from the road into the alley space which was the main concern for council.

Brock McVey plans to deed a portion of this property to the city for the construction of a new alley.

"There's people on that street that don't want this and my father is one of them," said councilman C. "Shag" Branham, citing that his father who resides on the street behind Brock McVey is against the proposal.

Humphrey said they had done their homework and had all the necessary documents and paperwork in place, he just needed council approval to close the alley and create a new entrance between Brock McVey and the Custom Cleaners building which they also own. Brock McVey plans to deed a portion of this property to the city for the construction of a new alley.

Branham requested to see plot maps for the project which Humphrey happened to have on hand. Each of the council members viewed the map and with the exception of Branham, came to the conclusion that the project should go forward. Branham was the only council member to vote against the motion to approve the change of the alley.

The second reading of the city's budget ordinance brought up discussion regarding the manner in which the budget is maintained. Council member Chris Slone said he was under the understanding that they were working with a line item budget all along, but found out otherwise that the budget was actually departmentalized. Slone seems to think that a line item budget would be easier to work with in regards to any future need to amend the budget.

(See ALLEY, page eight)

Wrestler Benoit strangled wife, smothered son, hanged himself

By Greg Bluestein
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ATLANTA (AP) - Pro wrestler Chris Benoit strangled his wife and smothered his son before hanging himself in his weight room, a law enforcement official close to the investigation told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Authorities also said they are investigating whether steroids may have been a factor in the deaths of Benoit, his wife and their 7-year-old son. Steroid abuse has been linked to depression, paranoia, and aggressive behavior or angry outbursts known as "roid rage."

"We don't know yet. That's one of the things we'll be looking at," said Fayette County District Attorney Scott Ballard. He said test results may not be back for weeks.

Autopsies were scheduled Tuesday by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

Authorities were investigating the deaths at a secluded Fayette County home as a murder-suicide and were not seeking any suspects. The official who described the

manner of death spoke on the condition of anonymity because the information was to be released at a news conference later Tuesday.

Investigators believe Benoit (pronounced ben-wah) killed his wife, 43-year-old Nancy, and son Daniel during the weekend and then himself Monday. The bodies were found Monday afternoon in three separate rooms of the house, off a gravel road about two miles from the Whitewater Country Club.

Fayette County Coroner C.J. Mowell did not return

calls seeking comment. The answering service for his funeral home said he was out of town.

Asked about the condition of the interior of the house, sheriff's Sgt. Keith Whiteside said investigators found "nothing really out of the ordinary." He said Benoit was found in the home's weight room, his wife in an office and the son in an upstairs bedroom.

Neighbors said the Benois led a low-key lifestyle.

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Students beg board to let admins coach

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

In an impassioned plea to the members of the Floyd County Board of Education, student athletes from Betsy Layne High School petitioned the board members to reconsider a policy prohibiting school administrators to serve as coaches, sponsors and volunteers to the county's school athletic teams.

Brennan Case, student representative to the board at Monday's meeting, left his place at the board table to add his voice to the concerns in regard to the policy. "Pay attention to your motto," he pleaded, "put children first. Please, let us keep our coach...in case you don't know it, Brent Rose can multi-task." Case commented in a light-hearted moment. Rose, assistant principal of BLHS, has served in a variety of coaching positions with county schools throughout his career, including during his term as assistant principal.

The policy in question, granted final approval by the board in a meeting held last week, states that "district department heads, school principals, and assistant principals shall not serve as coaches, assistants or volunteers for any school based extra-curricular or co-curricular teams or squads, including, but not limited to, athletic and academic teams, cheerleading, and dance squads."

Board members have said that their support of the policy is in regard to a belief that school administrators in key positions should exercise their concentration and energies toward the "maintenance of an effective learning environment." However, board members Carol Stumbo and Linda Gearheart have voiced opposition to the policy in past meetings.

At Monday night's meeting, Stumbo put a motion on the table to reconsider a revision, or rescission, of the policy. The motion, however, died for lack of a second.

Also speaking in regard to the policy was BLHS Principal Sean Ousley who said that he believed that "not enough thought has been put into this policy." "I don't think the board has really considered how this policy is going to impact students...this policy did not go through as lengthy a process before final consideration as has been done with other policies," he said.

Ousley said that he felt that the policy infringed upon the authority of school administrators to evaluate their own personnel. "What you are doing with this policy, in effect, is micro-managing," he told the board.

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Obituaries

Edward Caudill

Edward Caudill, age 80, of Van Lear, formerly of Garrett, husband of Faye Petry Caudill, passed away Friday, June 22, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

He was born December 23, 1926, in Louisville, the son of the late Jesse Caudill and Ora Crase Caudill. He was a retired machinery repairman for General Motors; a U. S. Army World War II veteran; a member of the First United Methodist Church, in Prestonsburg; a member of Masonic Lodge No. 468, Troy, Michigan; a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of the Moslem Temple Shrine, both of Detroit, Michigan; and a life member of Eastern Star, No. 165, Troy, Michigan.

Survivors include his wife, Faye; three nephews: Charles Edward Petry of Hermitage, Tennessee, James Mason Caudill of San Francisco, California, and Larry Edward Caudill of Hurst, Texas; two nieces: Carol Petry Wheeler of Hermitage, Tennessee, and Linda Caudill Ronan of St. Cloud, Florida; and a brother Earl Caudill of San Francisco, California.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Estill Caudill.

Funeral services for Edward Caudill were conducted Monday, June 25, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Mark Walz officiating.

Entombment was in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, with the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation was after 6:00 p.m., Saturday, with a Masonic Service, by Van Lear Masonic Lodge, Sunday, at 7:00 p.m., at Hall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Larry Edward Caudill, Charles Edward Petry, Rickey Calhoun, Bill Francis, Vernon Mayton, Tom Florence, and Rodney Oney.

Honorary: Willie Martin,

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Hargus Salisbury

Hargus Salisbury, age 79, of Jackson, Michigan, went to be with his Lord on Saturday, June 23, 2007. He passed on to Heaven peacefully, surrounded by his family.

He was born the son of the late Togie and Minnie (Howard) Salisbury, on June 13, 1928, in Langley.

On November 18, 1950, he married Juanita Vanderpool, and she survives.

Hargus was a simple man who believed in honesty and respect for one another. He enjoyed the country life, hunting and gardening, and his birdhouses, which he painted with his own special touch. Most of all, Hargus loved the Lord and his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his kind and loving wife Juanita; and his children, Peggy Honaker, and Ricky (Teresa) Salisbury, both of Jackson, and Toby (Patti) Salisbury of Munith; as well as his grandchildren, Neal and Kevin, Angie, Nicky, Stephanie, Toby Jr., CeeCee, Rob, Nicki, Brandon, Tyler, Jake, Cassidy and Ritchie. Also surviving are his great-grandchildren, Madison Rose, Brenna, Cameron and Devin; as well as his sisters, Sally Bowen of Plant City, Florida, Dora King of Baltimore, Maryland, and Joyce Wroten of West Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Dickie; and an infant daughter, Vickie; brothers: Sam, Togie Jr., Jim, and an infant brother; as well as his sister, Rebecca Conley.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 27, at the Mt. Olive Old Regular Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m. with Brother Estel Hamilton, Brother Russell Hicks, and Brother Scotty Hamilton officiating.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the family.

Visitation, at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

Jack Bennett Reynolds

Jack Bennett Reynolds, 62, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, June 24, 2007, at Pikeville Medical Center.

Born March 13, 1945, in Pikeville, he was the son of the late Carmel Bennett Reynolds and Olga Irene (Keene) Reynolds.

He was a retired employee of Bell South Telephone, and a member of the East Point Church of Christ, and member of the Bell Pioneers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carmel Bennett Reynolds and Olga (Keene) Reynolds of Pikeville.

Also preceding him in death was an infant son, Jason Bennett Reynolds.

His survivors include his wife, Emma Sue (Ratliff) Reynolds; son, Heath Allen (Barbara) Reynolds of Lexington; his brother, Robert (Betty) Reynolds of Frankfort; his sisters: Rosa Lee (Kenneth) Smith and Jean (Jack) Hale, both of Pikeville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, June 27, at 1:00 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, in Prestonsburg, with Brother Dave Flanery officiating.

Burial will follow at Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel.

Visitation, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be: Tom Cook, Eric Hall, Astor Hicks, Chalmer Howard, David Robinson, Danny Troxell and Larry Joe Wells.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the East Point Church of Christ, 5809 Ky. Rt. 1100, East Point, Ky. 41216.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

James Freddie Slone

James Freddie Slone, 48, of Harold, died Saturday, June 23, 2007, at his residence.

Born April 11, 1959, in Floyd County, he was the son of Nancy Jane Howell Slone, and the late Charles Ray Slone. He was a heavy equipment operator.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene Stratton Slone.

Other survivors include three daughters: Jessica Ann Slone, Michelle Lee Slone, and Melissa Lynn Slone, all of Betsy Layne; four brothers: Bobby D. Slone, Charles R. Slone, and Willie R. Slone, all of Betsy Layne, and Walter M. Slone of River Rouge, Michigan; four sisters: Loraine Clardy of Southfield, Michigan, Mary Gross of Dearborn Height, Michigan, Jean Berk of Columbus, Ohio, and Margaret Kashette of River Rouge, Michigan.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Ellen Wright.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 27, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Tracy Patton officiating.

Burial will be in the family cemetery, in Harold, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

Robert A. DeRossett

Robert A. DeRossett, 86, of Lexington, formerly of Floyd County, died Saturday, June 23, 2007, at the VA Medical Center, in Lexington.

Born June 26, 1920, he was the son of the late John and Anna Calhoun DeRossett.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia DeRossett.

Other survivors include a son, Matthew DeRossett of Alabama; a daughter, Jennifer (Bud) Morrison of Lexington; two brothers: Frank (Dordena) DeRossett of Prestonsburg, and Oscar (Lexie) DeRossett of Ypsilanti, Michigan; two grandchildren: Jessica and Jason; and a great-grandchild, Wesley.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Calvin DeRossett, Jimmy DeRossett, and Taylor DeRossett; and five sisters: Lack Lafferty, Lula Lafferty, Rebecca Skeens, Ellen Lafferty, and Billie Wallen.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 26, at 1 p.m., at the Tom Moore Freewill Baptist Church, in Prestonsburg, with Clifford Austin, Bobby Joe Spencer, and Jody Spencer officiating.

Burial was in Richmond Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-

Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

Sarah Margaret Combs

Sarah Margaret Combs, age 93, of Florence, formerly of Bevinsville, widow of Herbert Combs, passed away Sunday, June 24, 2007, at The Gallatin County Health Care, in Warsaw.

She was born March 13, 1914, in Bevinsville, the daughter of the late Frank Jones and Roxie Cook Jones. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Point Pleasant Church of Christ, in Hebron, and was a former member of the Prestonsburg Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Ernie Paul Combs of Walton; four daughters: Barbara Combs Proctor and Sharon Fugate both of Florence, Margie Tuttle of Burlington, and Evelyn Tolliver of Erlanger; a brother, Ernie Jones of South Point, Ohio; two sisters: Dolly Jones and Elva Winters, both of Columbus, Ohio; seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Preceding her in death were her husband; her parents; two sons, Clyde Combs and Tommy Combs, and two brothers, Levi Jones and Fayette Jones; and two sisters, Thelma Autore and Mattie Walker.

Funeral services for Sarah Margaret Combs will be conducted Wednesday, June 27, at 10:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Elder Joe Ryan officiating.

Burial will follow in the Newman Cemetery, in Hi Hat, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice, of Northern Kentucky, Turfway Road, Florence, Ky., 41042; or Point Pleasant Church of Christ, 3259 Point Pleasant Road, Hebron, Ky., 41048. (Paid obituary)

Vivian Jewell Wells Caudill

Funeral services were held, Friday, June 15, at 10 a.m., at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel for Vivian Jewell Wells Caudill of Hager Hill, who passed away, Tuesday, June 12, at St. Joseph Hospital East in Lexington, Ky.

Mrs. Caudill was born January 20, 1930, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late Caleb and Nancy Wells. She was a homemaker, and was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Carl T. Caudill.

Surviving are two sons: Jerry (Jennifer) Caudill of Paintsville, and Larry Caudill of Hager Hill; two sisters: Wilma (James) McClung of Prestonsburg, and Donna Blair of West Van Lear; two grandchildren: Crystal (Eric) Trimble of Lexington, and Todd (Misty) Caudill of Hager Hill; and one great-grandchild, Addison Lane Trimble.

The service was officiated by Bobby Joe Spencer, with burial in the Highland Memorial Park at Staffordsville.

Pallbearers: Todd Caudill, Tim Napier, Brian Gayheart, Eric Trimble, Mike Smith, and Melvin Carl Wells.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home of Paintsville. (Paid obituary)

In Loving Memory of Betty Jo Shepherd

You were so special to us all. A wonderful mother who would love her children when they would fall. You was the best granny in the whole wide world. You loved us all so very dear. It broke our hearts when you had to go, but you were tired of suffering, so Jesus took His angel home. As each day goes by, you are sadly missed. We just wish we could hug you or give you a kiss, but we know in our hearts you are at rest, cause now you're in heaven with Jesus who loved you the best. I will always remember the good times we all had. You told us to be strong even though we were so sad. We all want to thank you so much, for being there when we needed you for showing that special touch. You will always hold a special place in our hearts never to be forgotten. You had a beautiful smile no matter what, even when your battle was tough, you still fought. You loved others so much. You touched peoples' lives by your tender caring touch. We all miss you here today, but will see you in heaven again, someday.



—written by your granddaughter, Irvonna Jo Shepherd

From your Children and Grandchildren

Card of Thanks

We the family of Daryl Deane Gibson, would like to extend our deepest and sincere thanks to those who made our time of sorrow less worrisome, and a little easier to bear. We are forever grateful to the Old Regular Baptist ministers, the Floyd County Sheriff's Dept., and especially the Hall Funeral Home.

We want to offer a very, very special thank-you to Elder Chuck Hall, Johnny Stumbo, Audrey, Della and Marcie and families, whose help was invaluable.

Thanks to everyone who sent flowers, spoke a kind word, called, sent food, came to visit, or offered a loving embrace or helped in anyway. We will never forget you.

Card of Thanks

The family of J. Douglas Johnson wishes to gratefully acknowledge the kindness expressed during the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who comforted us through prayers and concerned thoughts, food, flowers, visits, calls, and all the acts of love and encouragement. We would like to especially thank the Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church and their singers; Pastor Chad Blair; Van West of the Bonanza Freewill Baptist Church; Jim Price of the Staffordsville Freewill Baptist Church; the family of Clista Pelfrey; all who assisted in traffic control; and the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their service.

THE FAMILY OF J. DOUGLAS JOHNSON

Card of Thanks

We would like to extend our deeper gratitude and heartfelt thanks to so many who helped us during the mournful sickness and death of our mother, Amalee Spurlock.

Thank you, Riverview Nursing Home and your staff for being so caring and good to our mother, during her stay with you. She enjoyed the attention and exceptional care that was given her, and we appreciate your staff so very much.

Thank you Highland Hospital for your attentiveness to our mother's comfort and special care given from Shirley Mousse, Maria, Eloise Stiltner, Juanita Branham, and 2nd floor staff. Your sitting with us and support during her last hours will never be forgotten. Your caring mannerisms exceeded our expectations.

Thank you friends, neighbors, and extended families, for all the delicious food, gracious cards, beautiful flowers, and prayers.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

Attention:

Garrett High Alumni

Anyone who knows any basketball players who played for Coach 'Dog' Campbell at Garrett High School that have since passed away, please contact Joe Hancock at 886-0223 or write to: P.O. Box 152, Garrett, KY 41630.

Also, those wishing to make donations to help pay for a monument honoring Coach Campbell and deceased Garrett High players, to be placed in the Garrett Park, mail check or money orders to: "Dog" Campbell Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 152, Garrett, KY 41630 (C/O Joe Hancock).

Dwale Auction

An auction will be held at the Dwale Pavilion or Shelter at 7 p.m., on Friday, June 29. There will be a concession, live entertainment starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to Dwale Homecoming.

Layne Family Reunion

Will be held on June 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center, located in Pike-Floyd Hollow, near the Betsy Layne Fire Station. Please bring a covered dish to share for the potluck meal. For more info, contact Gary Clarke at gclarke_47@yahoo.com. Please enter "Layne Reunion" in subject header.

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Vacation Bible School

There will be Vacation Bible School at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church. Registration party on Sunday, June 24th, at 3 p.m., VBS starts on Monday, June 25 thru Friday, June 29, 6 to 9 p.m. Quality Kid Puppets will be here on Sunday, June 24.

Amburgey Family Reunion

To be held Saturday and Sunday, July 28 & 29. Saturday dinner to be held at the LKLP Conf. Room, in the old Dice Combs High School, at Jeff. Dinner at 6 p.m., but feel free to come early. Cost is \$12/person.

On Sunday, reunion to be held at the Knott Central High School, in Hindman, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Questions, call Lucille Combs at 642-3842.

Pratt Family Reunion

To be held on June 30, at the Old Maytown School Lunchroom.

Potluck dinner to be served at 1 p.m.

Lunchroom reserved for all day.

Please bring a covered dish or a dessert to share and "Come Early, Stay Late."

An auction will be held to raise funds for next year's reunion, so bring a craft, a canned, preserved or baked good, or a gift item to auction off.

Playground, horseshoes, and volleyball will be avail-

able, plus use of the gym from 2-4 p.m.

For more info., call Julia Jones at 285-3179, Loretta Hackworth at 886-3928, or Jimmy Pratt at 358-4083.

SFHS Class of '97

The South Floyd High School Class of 1997 will host a 10-year reunion on Saturday, September 15, at the Heritage House Hotel (formerly Holiday Inn), in Prestonsburg.

Registration: 6:30 p.m.
Dinner: 7 p.m.
Dancing: 'Til Midnight
Cost: \$25/person; after July 7, \$30/per person.

Make checks payable to: SFHS Class of 1997, 619 Regent Rd., Versailles, KY 40383.

Several classmates have not yet been located. If you have not received your invitation, please notify Jessica Frazier Little at the above address or email to: jessicafrazier_2001@yahoo.com OR long.lora@adelphia.net.

Cheer Clinic

August 11 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign up before July 15, \$15/person.

T-shirts will be given out. Call Leslie Ousley at 874-0317 or Nikki Shepherd at

886-2321 to sign up.

PHS Class of '97 Ten year reunion

10 year class reunion to be held Saturday, July 14, at 7:30 p.m., at the Best Western Prestonsburg Inn. Cost will be \$50 per couple/\$25 for individuals. This will cover food, taxes, gratuity, and entertainment. Money needs to be in no later than June 14. Payment will not be able to be accepted at the door — deposits must be made and head count verified. Make your check or money order out to "Prestonsburg High Class of

1997" and mail to: Prestonsburg High School Reunion, 464 Newbury Way Lexington, KY 40514.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center Kids Summer Camps

Sewing Camp - June 25-29, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Kids Healthy Cooking Camp - July 2-6 (class not held on July 4). Age 7 and up. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Sewing Camp - July 16-20, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Cost of each camp session: \$10. Most supplies included. Camps limited to

first 12 paying students. Call 886-0709 to register.

Allen Central Class of 1977

30-Year Reunion

The ACHS class of 1977 will have a 30-year reunion, September 22, at Best Western, 7-12 p.m. \$25 single, \$40.00 couple. Contact E-mail: class77ACHS@hotmail.com Debbie Bailey, 405 Turkey Cr. Rd., Langley, KY 41645, Lynn Isaac, 1327 Prater Fk. Rd., Hueysville, KY 41640.

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Guest View Be careful what you wish for

House Democrats are getting it from two sides as they begin bringing to the floor the 12 spending bills that will fund the government next year. After presiding over the largest expansion of federal spending since the Great Society, President Bush has decided he's now Mr. Fiscal Conservative. And House Republicans are cruelly taking the Democrats at their word.

When the Democrats took over Congress this year, they promised an end to the Republicans' free-spending, iron-fisted ways and part of that was a pledge to publicly list "earmarks" and their congressional sponsors on the spending bills as they came out of committee.

Earmarks are the pet spending projects of individual lawmakers, a particularly egregious example being the notorious Alaska "bridge to nowhere." In and of themselves earmarks are not necessarily bad, but they escape normal budget scrutiny and they exploded under GOP control. The Appropriations Committee has 32,000 requests for earmarks on its hands.

Presumably, these should be posted and the full House able to vote on them, but Appropriations Chairman David Obey, the Wisconsin Democrat, says he and the committee staff need time to study them.

Obey would send bills to the floor minus the earmarks and only add them just before the bills go to joint House-Senate conference committees for final approval. This gives opponents less time to mobilize and makes it easier for the leadership to slip through favored earmarks. Since the Republicans did this sort of thing all the time when they were in control, they balked.

Taking advantage of the Democrats' promise of unlimited amendments and debate, they flooded the floor with amendments, bringing progress on Homeland Security funding to a halt.

And there was a further complication. Bush, who vetoed only two bills his first six years in office, has now become a virtual veto-threat machine. He has vowed to veto any bill that exceeds his own spending caps, not something that ever bothered him before, and the Democrats' Homeland Security bill does exceed his request by 6 percent. And the one bill that is less than he asked, funds for foreign aid and the State Department, he's threatened to veto because of a contraceptive provision.

Obey, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her top aides must surely be mulling the expression, "Be careful what you wish for."

-- The Kentucky Post



WHEN PEACE FINALLY COMES TO THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter Taking adults' word over a child's not always right

Editor:
During the last few months I have become alarmed about how the courts just assume, because they are children, that they are lying. Why would a child lie about bad things that happened to them? Adults lie to manipulate, children don't understand how to manipulate by lying. Unless the child is well experienced in the art of lying and manipulation by their parent. It's

no wonder children endure mental, physical and sexual abuse for years! In their mind, why should they tell an adult when the child is told she or he is lying!

I was told recently that some people get EPO's for entertainment. From what I have seen recently, I surely believe it. One female is unofficially referred to as "queen of EPO's." One incident I know about was when an EPO was taken against a child because she tried to phone her dad to see, if he still loved her! The step mother wouldn't allow it, but took out an EPO. I ask you!

Recently, I sat in on a Family Court in another county. One ongoing theme was, "believe the adult, not the child." In fact, the children had no say what-

soever in the proceedings. One noticeable thing was the absence of the father. I heard one mother say that the father "didn't have time" to attend. If father's don't have time for their children, what do they have time for?

Until about two years ago, I believed in the death penalty. I don't anymore. Seeing how easily accusations can be brought against not only children, but adults, it would be easy for anyone to be sentenced and not be guilty.

I read that it is estimated that 33 percent of inmates in prison are innocent, something, that with DNA has proven out in an alarming number.

Lois Boyd, Garrett, KY.



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Freed Paris Hilton in 'good spirits' as she leaves jail

LYNWOOD, Calif. (AP) - It's back to the not-so-solitary and far-from-simple life for Paris Hilton, who flashed a beaming smile as she walked out of jail early Tuesday into a frenzied gathering of photographers and reporters.

Hilton ignored the media but waved and slapped hands with excited well-wishers. Her parents, Kathy and Rick Hilton, waited in a black sport utility vehicle. Hilton, her blond hair pulled back in a braided ponytail, hurried to the vehicle, where she hugged her mother through the SUV's window.

The hotel heiress, who was wearing a sage jacket with white trim over a white shirt and skinny jeans, didn't respond to reporters' questions.

Hilton, 26, wrapped up her three-week stay at the all-women's jail in Lynwood at about 12:15 a.m. She had checked into the Century Regional Detention Facility late June 3, largely avoiding the spotlight, after a surprise appearance at the MTV Movie Awards.

"She fulfilled her debt. She was obviously in good spirits. She thanked people as she left," said sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore.

Chased by photographers in the air and on the street, the celebante and her parents drove to her grandparents' mansion in fashionable Holmby Hills. She spent the morning behind the mansion's gates while people in more than a dozen cars came and went.

During her stay at Lynwood, Hilton was mostly confined to a solitary cell in the special needs unit away from the other 2,200 inmates.

At one point, a black Cadillac Escalade arrived carrying balloons and a cake with the words "Welcome Home" in pink frosting. At another, a van from Dream Catchers Hair Extensions, Hilton's own company, passed through the gates. Dream Catchers receptionist Crystal Armijo confirmed the heiress was having extensions added to her hair.

Late in the morning a police officer went inside the mansion and came out a few minutes later to announce that the family would not be making a statement Tuesday.

"There's not going to be a press conference today," said police Sgt. B. Anthony Roberts.

The star of the TV reality series "The Simple Life" planned to appear on CNN's "Larry King Live" on Wednesday.

Besides the few cars entering and leaving, there was little sign of activity throughout the day at the Holmby Hills house, which was shielded by large, wrought-iron gates, a block wall and tall shrubs.

Later in the day, as traffic began to back up for blocks and people in cars leaned on their horns, neighbors expressed their irritation.

"I'm trying to get my daughter to her dance class," an angry Mindy Mann said as she called police on her cell phone.

One passing motorist took both hands off the steering wheel to make an obscene gesture to reporters.

Just before her release, Hilton's lawyer, Richard Hutton, reportedly slipped a note to Harvey Levin, managing editor of celebrity news Web site TMZ.com, that included a penciled-sketch of Hilton in front of cell doors in the Lynwood jail.

Hilton thanked Levin for his "fair and unbiased reporting of the events in my case," according to the note posted on the Web site. It was signed "Paris Hilton" - each letter "i" dotted with a heart.

While Hilton was in custody, Levin repeatedly belittled the judge for the length of her sentence, saying anyone else would have served less

time.

Hilton will complete her probation in March 2009 as long as she keeps her driver's license current and doesn't break any laws. She can reduce that time by 12 months if she does community service that could include a public-service announcement, the city attorney's office has said.

During her stay at Lynwood, Hilton was mostly confined to a solitary cell in the special needs unit away from the other 2,200 inmates.

After spending only three days there, she was released to home confinement by Sheriff Lee Baca for an unspecified medical condition that he later said was psychological.

The following day, Superior Court Judge Michael T. Sauer, who had sentenced

Hilton, called her back into court and ordered her returned to jail, saying he hadn't condoned her release.

Hilton left in tears, calling for her mother and shouting, "It's not right!"

She was then taken to the downtown Twin Towers jail, which houses men and the county jail's medical treatment center, where she underwent medical and psychiatric exams to determine where she should be confined. Eventually she was returned to Lynwood.

Her early release caused a firestorm of criticism over whether she was getting special treatment because of her wealth and fame. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors was to meet with Baca on Tuesday to discuss the matter.

Hilton's path to jail began Sept. 7, when she failed a sobriety test after police saw her weaving down a street in her car on what she said was a late-night run to a hamburger stand.

She pleaded no contest to reckless driving and was sentenced to 36 months of probation, alcohol education and \$1,500 in fines.

In the months that followed, Hilton was stopped twice by officers who discovered her driving with a suspended license. The second stop landed her in Sauer's courtroom, where he sentenced her to 45 days in jail. She was released after three weeks for reasons including good behavior.

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Families return to homes destroyed or damaged by fire burning near Lake Tahoe

By **AMANDA FEHD**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MEYERS, Calif. (AP) - Families whose homes were in the path of a wildfire burning near Lake Tahoe returned to their property Tuesday, finding some houses reduced to charred ruins and others largely unscathed, except for the odor of smoke and a blanket of ash.

In the most heavily damaged neighborhoods, firefighters doused pockets of lingering flames. Smoke hung thick over blackened piles of rubble that were once homes to nurses, police officers and teachers.

"I didn't save hardly anything in the house," said retired firefighter John Hartzell, who lost his home of 20 years. Along with his wife, adult son and a daughter, he sorted through the rubble in search of any mementos.

"I got out with the clothes on my back, my fire coat and my helmet," he said.

Elsewhere, a beautiful home stood nearly untouched, even though all the sod in its yard had burned.

"It picks and chooses," said Lynn Cisl, whose home along the edge of the most damaged area also survived. "It's sort of like a disease. It's devastating."

Investigators determined that the fire began near Seneca Pond, an area popular with runners and teenagers in this resort area along the California-Nevada state line. They also said they were close to identifying its cause. An announcement on that was expected later Tuesday.

Authorities have said they

believe the fire was caused by some kind of human activity, but U.S. Forest Service officials said there was no indication it was intentionally set.

At the point of origin, investigators covered in soot cordoned off an area with yellow police tape and were crouched at the base of a rock collecting dirt samples.

The forest here was so dry, Forest Service spokeswoman Beth Brady said, that a discarded cigarette butt or match could easily have ignited the fire.

The area was also dotted with the remnants of illegal campfires, she said.

The flames broke out Sunday and claimed 200 houses, along with dozens of out-buildings. The danger to homes diminished overnight as firefighters got a badly needed leg up on the inferno. But it was still burning along rugged, uninhabited slopes, and authorities cautioned that strong winds forecast to arrive Wednesday could fan the flames.

As of Tuesday morning, the blaze had consumed 2,730 acres - about 4 1/4 square miles - and was about 40 percent contained, fire officials said.

Experts have said California and the rest of the West are entering what could be a long and dangerous fire season after one of the region's driest winters on record. They warn that years of logging, development and forest mismanagement have left the Tahoe area particularly vulnerable to catastrophic wildfires.

"Lake Tahoe Basin is probably an extreme example, but

very similar conditions exist throughout the Sierra Nevada," Forest Service spokesman Matt Mathes said. "It can happen literally anywhere at any moment."

In Meyers, the charred landscape included manicured driveways leading to metal garage doors that were still standing amid the ruins of destroyed homes.

Hartzell's sister-in-law, Ruth Orozco, a nurse, also lost her home but was able to escape with her two dogs and one cat.

"I can't believe it's all gone," she said, breaking into tears.

Concerned about looting, dozens of sheriff's deputies and California Highway Patrol officers roamed the burned neighborhoods, ensuring that only those who lived in the area were allowed in. Cars lined up to pass through an elaborate checkpoint where each vehicle's window was marked with white shoe polish to designate the street number of the home it was allowed to visit.

"It was eerie and awkward. You could see the expressions on everyone's face," said Lindsey Douglass, 22, after she made her way through the line of more than 30 waiting cars.

Concerns about downed power lines and other hazards forced some homeowners to delay their return until later this week.

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Fletcher spends \$3.5 million on primary race

By ROGER ALFORD
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FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) - Gov. Ernie Fletcher, campaigning in the wake of a political scandal, spent nearly \$3.5 million to win the GOP primary in his bid for re-election.

The heated race left Fletcher with just more than \$23,500 on hand, according to records filed with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance.

The first-term Republican governor and his administration had to overcome a high-profile investigation into whether they illegally rewarded political supporters with protected state jobs.

Weakened by the nearly two-year probe, Fletcher faced stiff opposition from a former congresswoman and a wealthy businessman.

"We left nothing to chance," said campaign manager Marty Ryall, referring to the hefty primary election bud-

get. "Our goal was to get through the primary without any debt, and we did that."

Fletcher was indicted last year on misdemeanor charges stemming from the hiring probe. Those charges were later dropped in a deal with prosecutors.

"We've not seen any dampening of the enthusiasm for the governor's campaign or his financial support," Ryall said. "Our fundraising is going very well for the general election. We're pleased with that."

Fletcher easily defeated his two GOP challengers in the primary, former U.S. Rep. Anne Northup of Louisville and millionaire businessman Billy Harper of Paducah. Both candidates claimed during the campaign that Fletcher had been politically wounded by the investigation and couldn't win a second term.

Harper spent more than \$6.1 million on his unsuccessful campaign, according to campaign finance records. The money, nearly all of

which came from his own bank accounts, paid for non-stop political ads leading up to the May 22 primary election.

Northup spent nearly \$1.9 million on her campaign, according to finance records filed Tuesday.

The Democratic nominee, former Lt. Gov. Steve Beshear, spent \$1.8 million while beating a crowded field that included Louisville businessman Bruce Lunsford and former Lt. Gov. Steve Henry.

Lunsford spent \$6.6 million on his unsuccessful bid for his party's nomination. That included \$5.7 million in personal loans to the campaign.

Former Lt. Gov. Steve Henry raised \$1.6 million, and finished the campaign with a \$420,000 balance.

He listed debts of just more than \$1 million. House Speaker Jody Richards, another of the major Democratic candidates in the race, reported spending \$653,000 on his campaign.

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Members of the Betsy Layne High SBDM Council presented an overview of their school via powerpoint for the members of the Floyd County Board of Education when they met in regular session this past Monday at the school. Later, some student athletes from the school spoke to the board in regard to a policy prohibiting school administrators from serving in coaching positions.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

Board

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"It is my responsibility as a school personnel evaluator to determine whether or not a coach or administrator can do their job."

Ousley also pointed out to board members that he felt that "having a valued administrator present at away games" was a positive influence and safety net for both students and parents.

Rose also addressed the board, becoming emotional while doing so, as a result of "seeing these students stand up for something they love and

believe in."

"I love coaching," Rose said. "Parents often ask school administrators to step in and help out (with athletic teams), now the administrators can't do that...But, I can say, that when my kids are out there, I'm going to volunteer and I don't care what kind of policy this board's got."

Betsy Layne student Case, in his plea to the board, reminded them that "this policy is affecting my team, my school, and my community, as well as other communities...take into consid-

eration our opinions and put students first."

Carol Stumbo praised the students for doing "an excellent job" in addressing the board as well as offering praise to Betsy Layne administrators for leading by example. "That's what we do at Betsy Layne," Ousley said. "We prepare our students to present themselves in a manner that's acceptable and dignified...I couldn't sit back there and do my students an injustice by letting them speak for me. That's why I had to say something myself."

Alley

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Councilmen Nunnery and Branham also agreed with the idea to change the format of the budget. The city's comptroller Yvette Stephens, was against the notion that a line item budget would be feasible for the city. Stephens says it would mean additional work for her department and would require additional funds to publish the finished product to the public.

Mayor Jerry Fannin agreed with Stephens and also said he didn't see the need to fix something that wasn't broken.

"This is the way we've always done it," he

said. "But it's up to you if you want to start from scratch again."

Jim Webb, attorney for the city, said it would take a series of ordinances to put the line item budget in place since the city is currently following a 1960's city ordinance which regulates how the budget is maintained. Webb plans to look more closely at the ordinance and come back to the council with an answer at a later date. Following a nearly three hour long executive session which came back with no resolution, council approved the lowest bid for the financing of insurance which was submitted by First Commonwealth Bank at a rate of 4.9 percent. Discussion of a fencing project on the agenda was put off until the next meeting.

Wrestler

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"We would see Chris walking in his yard from time to time. He wasn't rude, but he wasn't really outwardly warm," said Alaina Jones, who lives across the street.

Jimmy Baswell, who was Benoit's driver for more than five years, placed a white wreath at the Benoit's gate. "They always seemed like they were the happiest people," he said.

World Wrestling Entertainment said on its Web site that it asked authorities to check on Benoit and his family after being alerted by friends who received "several curious text messages sent by Benoit early Sunday morning."

The WWE, based in Stamford, Conn., said authorities asked that it not release further information on the deaths.

Benoit, born in Montreal,

was a former world heavyweight champion, Intercontinental champion and held several tag-team titles. His names in the ring included "The Canadian Crippler."

"WWE extends its sincerest thoughts and prayers to the Benoit family's relatives and loved ones in this time of tragedy," the company said in a statement on its Web site.

"He was like a family member to me, and everyone in my family is taking it real hard," said fellow Canadian Bret Hart, a five-time champion with the World Wrestling Federation. The federation has since changed its name to World Wrestling Entertainment.

Benoit had maintained a home in metro Atlanta from the time he wrestled for the defunct World Championship Wrestling. The Fayette County Tax Assessors Office lists the value of the house, situated on more than 8.5 acres, at nearly

\$900,000.

The WWE canceled its live "Monday Night RAW" card in Corpus Christi, Texas, and USA Network aired a three-hour tribute to Benoit in place of the scheduled wrestling telecast.

Benoit's wife managed several wrestlers and went by the stage name "Woman." They met when her then-husband drew up a script that had them involved in a relationship as part of a story line on World Championship Wrestling. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported.

Benoit has two other children from a prior relationship.

Bust

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As suspects were led, handcuffed, into the courtroom by state troopers, county deputies and city police officers, Dan Smoot, UNITE law enforcement director, noted that the drug task force holds round-ups such as this "about three times a month in a 29-county area."

Smoot, along with Ian Dalrymple, UNITE Big Sandy task force manager, explained the importance of working closely with local law enforcement officials in a joint effort to rid the area of drugs.

"Our goal," said Dalrymple, "is to stamp out drug use and abuse in southeastern Kentucky. It's a common goal and we all work together on achieving it."

Since such a large number of suspects were being brought in at one time, Dalrymple explained that the spaciousness afforded in the fiscal court courtroom would help expedite the process.

Suspects were interviewed, photographed and fingerprinted in the courtroom, then

"Our goal is to stamp out drug use and abuse in southeastern Kentucky."

- Ian Dalrymple, UNITE Big Sandy task force manager

escorted by law enforcement officers to a jail cell in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center.

"It's hard, sometimes, to have sympathy for drug offenders," commented Hays, "but you have to realize that they really can't see when they're in the midst of the storm. And this is what we have to do, take them down, arrest them, open their eyes, and then, maybe, you can help them."

A listing of those arrested in Tuesday's round-up was unavailable at presstime but will appear in a later edition.

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PHS Class of 1987 plans 20th reunion
The Prestonsburg High School class of 1987 is currently planning their 20th reunion. Please e-mail your contact information to phsclass87@bellsouth.net.

Democratic Woman's Club meets at Floyd Co. Library
The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club meets regularly on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m., at the Floyd County Library.

MCA Class of '87 to hold class reunion
Mountain Christian Academy Class of 1987 will be holding its 20th class reunion. The reunion is scheduled for June 30, at MCA in Martin.

ACHS Class of '96
The Allen Central High School Class of 1996 will be holding their 10-year reunion. For more information, call Amanda at 285-9491 or Leslie at 886-8003.

Hope in the Mountains
Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 60, on Watergap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church.

Free Body Recall classes
Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg.

tributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.
Prestonsburg Rotary Club
Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at Made From Scratch Restaurant, 1566 North Lake Drive. For additional information, contact Chris Daniel, 886-7354, or Tommie Layne, 886-2321, ext. 1297.

J.M. Conley Family Reunion
The J.M. Conley family reunion will be held as usual on July 1st, at the home of Bessie Conley. Please bring a covered dish. A pot luck dinner will be served at noon. For more information, you can call 606-358-9608, or 606-424-9090. Come one, come all!

UNITE
The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet, beginning in March, on the SECOND Monday of each month, at 5:30 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m. Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

Free Body Recall classes
Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

'Earn While You Learn'
The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

Senior employment program
Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?
If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

External Diploma Program
Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext.

160 to make an appointment. GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings
Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.
David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.
Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.
Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning Center.
Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.
South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)
Left Beaver: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Osborne Elem. School Library.

Special interest groups:
Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Extension Office.
Newbees Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office. (The Newbees do not meet during the months of January and February.)

Looking for a Support Group?
Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the center for meeting times.

Domestic Violence Support Group - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center holds meetings each Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call Jessica Slone at 886-6025 for more information.

Overeater's Anonymous - Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past red light. Call 889-9620 for more info.

US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to

assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.
A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care) foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.
PARENTS! - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).
East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com.

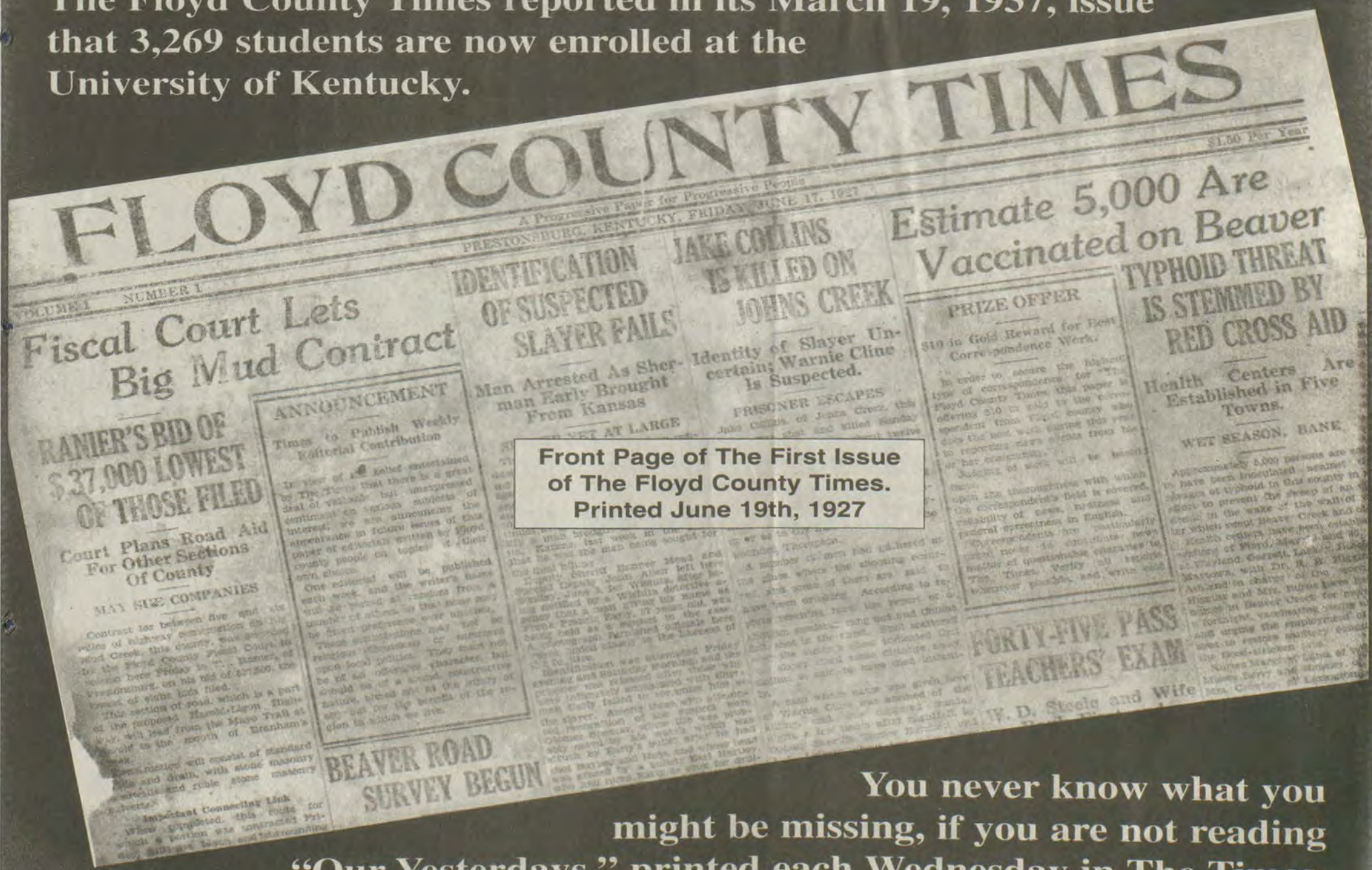
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Family statement says girl injured on ride in stable condition

By **BRETT BARROQUERE**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - A 13-year-old girl whose feet were severed in an accident on an amusement park ride is in stable condition in a Nashville, Tenn., hospital, her family said in a written statement Tuesday.

The family of Kaitlyn Lasitter issued the statement through Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Her name had not previously been released by officials.

Lasitter was riding the Superman Tower of Power ride Thursday at Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom in Louisville when a cable broke loose on the ride, cutting off the girl's feet above the ankles. Bill Clary, a spokesman for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, which inspects amusement park rides, said Tuesday the incident remains under investigation.

"The parents of Kaitlyn Lasitter would like to acknowledge everyone across the country that have been

supporting their daughter with many positive thoughts and prayers over the last six days," the statement said.

The statement, the first issued since Thursday's accident, did not give the parents' names or hometown. It also included a plea for privacy for the family.

The family's statement said no one from the theme park had contacted them since the accident.

Wendy Goldberg, a spokeswoman for Six Flags in New York, said two representatives from Kentucky

Kingdom accompanied Lasitter's family to the hospital and stayed for "some time" before the family asked that they leave.

"We are deeply saddened by this incident and of course have genuine concern for the well-being of the entire family. We stand ready to be of any assistance we possibly can," said Kentucky Kingdom spokeswoman Carolyn McClean.

The ride passed inspection in each of the last four years according to inspection records. The ride lifts pas-

sengers 177 feet straight up, then drops them nearly the same distance at speeds reaching 54 miles per hour.

Six Flags shut down similar rides at parks in St. Louis; Gurnee, Illinois; and near Washington as a safety precaution, Goldberg said. Those rides remained closed Tuesday.

"The rides are closed while we conduct a rigorous safety inspection," Goldberg said Tuesday.

She said Six Flags Over Texas, near Dallas, also has a Superman Tower of Power, but it is not the same ride.

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Republicans block bill making it easier to form unions

By **JESSE J. HOLLAND**
AP LABOR WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate Republicans on Tuesday blocked a bill that would have allowed labor organizations to unionize workplaces without secret ballot elections.

Democrats were unable to get the 60 votes needed to force consideration of the Employee Free Choice Act, ending labor's chance to win its top legislative priority from Congress.

The final vote was 51-48. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., had said for months that he would stop the legislation. The White House also made clear that the bill would be vetoed if it passed Congress.

The House approved the bill in March. Democrats and labor unions pressed for a vote in the Senate in hopes of rallying their voters in the 2008 elections. They hope to win the White House and increase their majorities in the House and Senate next year.

"We will keep coming back year after year after year," said Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio.

The GOP also plans to use the vote for election-year campaigning, with corporations and businesses being the top opponents to the legislation. The National Republican Senatorial Committee sent out

a fundraising video last week asking people to contribute in order to help stop the Employee Free Choice Act.

"Republicans will remind our constituents about the fact that Democrats proposed to strip workers of their voting rights," McConnell said.

The legislation was a litmus test vote for organized labor and businesses, strong supporters of Democrats and Republicans respectively. "Today's vote shows us who is standing with workers and which politicians are in collusion with corporate America to destroy the middle class," Teamsters President Jim Hoffa said.

"Working men and women will remember when they go to the ballot boxes in 2008, armed with the scorecard filled in by today's vote," said John Sweeney, president of the AFL-CIO, the nation's largest labor federation.

Business associations, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, also plan to grade lawmakers based on their votes. "This will be one of the issues that helps decide who we support in future elections," Chamber of Commerce President Tom Donohue said.

The bill would require employers to recognize unions after being presented union cards signed by a majority of eligible workers on their payrolls. Under current labor law, a company can demand a secret ballot election supervised by the federal govern-

ment after being presented the union cards. The bill's proponents say years of Republican control of the White House and Congress have given corporations and businesses the upper hand when it comes to union elections. Obstacles to organizing are a major reason union membership has dropped from 20 percent of wage and salary workers in 1983 to 12 percent in 2006, they say.

Unions complain that employers have greater access to workers during secret ballot campaigns and claim that corporate threats, intimidation and eventual firings have become common for union activists. By dragging out the election process, companies often succeed in wearing down union enthusiasm, they add.

Employers contend that union recognition elections prevent just the reverse from happening. Using only a card check system, they argue, would enable union organizers to use their knowledge of who did and didn't sign cards to intimidate reluctant workers.

In the 2004 elections, organized labor gave \$53.6 million to Democratic candidates and party committees in a losing effort to capture both the White House and Congress, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. That number rose to \$57.5 million in 2006, when Democrats successfully took the House and Senate from the GOP.

NYC fast food chains refuse to post calories on menus

By **DAVID B. CARUSO**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) - Don't expect to see the calorie count for Burger King's Double Whopper with cheese on the menu anytime soon.

Burger King, McDonald's and Wendy's are among the chains planning to defy New York City's new rule that they begin posting calories on menus Sunday.

Other big fast food eateries like Taco Bell and KFC aren't saying whether they will comply, but with just days to go until the deadline, the menu boards in their Big Apple restaurants remain unchanged.

All are hoping a New York Restaurant Association lawsuit in federal court will get the new regulation thrown out. Meanwhile, the city won't fine anyone for violating it until October.

"We are not trying to avoid providing this information to customers," said Wendy's spokesman Denny Lynch. He noted that the company has made nutritional information

available for 30 years on fliers and posters.

However, New York is the first city in the country to require certain fast food restaurants to list calorie counts next to menu items in type that is at least as large as the price.

Lynch says adding all those numbers will make menus impossible to read.

"You'll either have to have a Times Square-sized menu board, or it could look like a bad day at the eye doctor's office," said Jack Whipple, president of the National Council of Chain Restaurants.

Fast food chains also say they have been unfairly singled because the new rule only applies to restaurants that serve standardized portions and offer nutritional information voluntarily.

Michael Jacobson of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a health advocacy group, had a different take:

"They are afraid that when people see these eye-popping calorie numbers, they might switch to a smaller size," he said. "They feel it is going to hurt sales."

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2007 Chevy Silverado (Ext. Cab, 4x4, LOADED, New Body Style).....Only \$24,995	2004 Chevy Impala LS (Leather, Low Miles, LOADED).....Only \$12,495
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Consumer confidence falls in June amid worries about jobs

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) - Consumer confidence slid in June as Americans began to worry that high gas prices and a slumping housing industry may be undermining the health of the job market.

The New York-based Conference Board said Tuesday that its Consumer Confidence Index, which is meant to measure how good shoppers feel about the economy and employment, fell to the lowest level in almost a year.

At the same time, the Commerce Department said that new home sales dropped in May for the fourth time in the past five months.

Both pieces of the economic puzzle dropped into a market that is already concerned about inflation, interest rates and economic growth ahead of a two-day meeting of the Federal Reserve that begins Wednesday. The Fed is expected to keep interest rates steady at 5.25 percent, but investors are watching for clues about future moves.

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Board said that its Consumer Confidence Index fell almost 5 points to 103.9, down from a revised 108.5 in May, reaching the lowest level since August 2006 when the reading was 100.2. Analysts had expected a reading of 106.

"A perceived softening in present-day business and employment conditions are the major reasons behind this month's pullback in confidence," said Lynn Franco, director of The Conference Board Consumer Research Center in a statement. "Looking ahead, consumers remain subdued about short-term economic prospects. All in all, the glass remains half empty and half full."

The Present Situation, which measures how shoppers feel now about economic conditions, fell to 127.9

from 136.1 in May. The Expectations Index, which measures shoppers' outlook for the next six months, edged down 87.9 from 90.1.

Economists closely monitor confidence since consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of all U.S. economic activity. The nation's retailers have had sluggish sales amid a weaker housing market and volatility in gasoline prices.

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that sales of new single-family homes fell in May by 1.6 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 915,000 units. U.S. home prices fell for a fourth consecutive month in April, with all regions showing the effect of the housing slowdown, according to the most recent figures in a housing index

released Tuesday by Standard & Poor's.

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"There are a lot of things weighing on consumer confidence," said Gary Thayer, chief economist at A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc.

Thayer said that although consumers are worried about jobs, the employment situation remains healthy. He warned, however, that the longer gas prices remain high and the

housing market stays weak, the more the perception will grow that the job market is shrinking.

A healthy outlook for jobs has been helping consumers overlook the weakness in housing and higher gas prices. But there have been worrisome signs recently that the employment market may be fraying at the edges.

On Thursday, the Labor Department reported that unemployment claims rose to the highest level since mid-April. Analysts said the large bump up in jobless claims did not change their view that the labor market remains healthy.

But the Conference Board's report — derived from responses through June 19th — revealed consumers are not as sanguine.

Those saying jobs are "hard to get" inched up to 21.1 percent from 19.7 percent. Those claiming jobs are "plentiful" fell to 27.0 percent from 29.1 percent in May.

Those expecting more jobs in the months ahead edged up to 14.0 percent from 13.6 percent, while those anticipating fewer jobs also increased to 17.0 percent from 15.6 percent.

Former Interior official Steven Griles gets 10 months in Abramoff scandal

By MATT APUZZO
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Interior Department's former No. 2 official was sentenced to 10 months in prison Tuesday for lying to senators in the Jack Abramoff lobbying scandal, the highest administration official sentenced in the probe.

J. Steven Griles, who was the department's deputy secretary, had pleaded guilty to obstructing a congressional investigation, and a federal judge said he continued to make excuses about his lies.

"Even now you continue to minimize and try to excuse your conduct," U.S. District Judge Ellen Segal Huvelle told Griles before doubling the five-month person prison term he and prosecutors had agreed on.

Griles admitted to lying to Senate investigators about his relationship with Abramoff, the central figure in a corruption investigation that has led to convictions of a former congressman, legislative aides, lobbyists and officials in the Bush administration.

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Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
05-24-07	07-P-201	Mary Elizabeth Coots	David Williams	Dwight S. Marshall
05-29-07	07-P-203	Kenneth Steele	Vrenda Steele	
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6-8-07	07-P-193	Kathy Brown	Claude Allen	Thomas Moak
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6-13-07	07-P-230	Shirley Newsom	Christopher Newsome	
6-14-07	07-P-231	Anthony D. Johnson	Percy Johnson	
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Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	03-P-6	Willie Ratliff	Faye Cecil & Lora Williams	5-18-07
Final	06-P-403	Eva A. Carpenter	Harvey Sizemore	05-18-07
Final	06-P-390	Rhodes Prater	Ina Mae Prater	05-24-07
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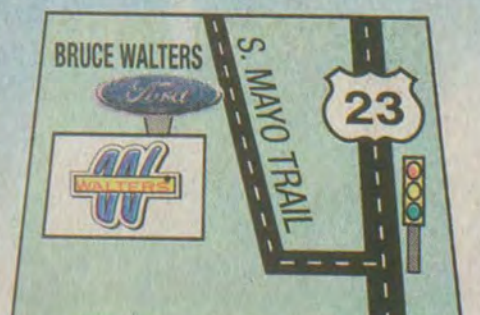
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Bobcat gridiron program sets first practice date

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Despite posting a 1-9 record last season, the Betsy Layne High School football program made significant strides under first-year head coach Bobby Branham. Now, Betsy Layne is due to get back into district play. The Bobcats, who have area powers Pikeville (a district rival) and Prestonsburg on their schedule for the upcoming season, hit the weights hard during the offseason. Betsy Layne is set to re-enter district competition as a member of Class A, District 8.

"We chose to forego spring practice this year," said Betsy Layne Coach Bobby Branham. "I felt that it would be more ben-

eficial for our program to get stronger. Our schedule is a pretty tough one. I tried to play some better teams in case we make the playoffs, it will pay off then. We have scheduled a Bowl Game in week two in which we will host Jackson County and Jenkins will play Beth Haven Academy out of Louisville."

Betsy Layne is now in the same district as Pikeville, Paintsville, Phelps and Floyd County foes South Floyd and Allen Central.

"We have been out of district play for the previous four years," Branham confided. "In the 2006-07 school year I started practice with the Bobcats on July 15, 2006 and we played our first game on August 18, 2006. These young men came along way in a short time. They have shown great dedi-

cation to the weights this year. I feel that we will make great improvements this season."

Betsy Layne will boast one of the area's most athletic freshman classes. The Bobcats return quarterback Brennan Case and multi-purpose back Brandon Blair – two top offensive threats.

Betsy Layne will start practice July 9 on its home field. Practice will get underway at 6 p.m. and end approximately three hours later at 9. According to Branham, all information concerning the preseason practices will be there on the opening day of preseason drills.

The Betsy Layne football program is currently seeking volunteer assistant coach-

(See PRACTICE, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg touched up on its passing game last week, hosting several teams during a passing camp at StoneCrest.

NEW HEAD COACH: Webb takes over BLES Football

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – There's a new head coach calling the shots for the Betsy Layne Elementary School football program. Johnny Webb has been named the new Betsy Layne Elementary School football coach. Webb takes over for Dwight Jarrell, the program's longtime coach who stepped down earlier in the year. During his tenure, Jarrell was able to help build the Betsy Layne program into a Floyd County Conference contender.

Betsy Layne is set to again compete in the Big Sandy Valley Conference. Fourteen teams will make up the conference during the 2007 season. The conference will feature North and South divisions. The North division will include Adams, Allen, South Floyd, Betsy Layne, Magoffin County, Martin County and Johnson County Seventh. The South division will include Breathitt County, Paintsville, Hazard, Johnson County Eighth, Perry County, East Letcher and Whitesburg. The conference's annual preseason grid will be held on Saturday, Aug. 25 at Magoffin County High School. Betsy Layne is pitted against familiar Floyd County foe South Floyd in one of seven preseason scrimmages as part of the preseason grid.

BLES FOOTBALL MEETING: The Betsy Layne Elementary School football program will hold a meeting on June 30 at 6 p.m. at the Betsy Layne Elementary School Gymnasium. The meeting is for Betsy Layne and John M. Stumbo students in grades 3-8 interested in playing football during the upcoming season. Students of both schools are eligible to play for the BLES football team.

For more information on the BLES football program, call any of the following individuals – Johnny Webb (478-4464); Billy Spencer (424-2101) or Billy Stevens (478-1598).

BATTLE OF THE BLUEGRASS



photos by Thomas Hendrickson

Victor Lee took a tough tumble Saturday during the 9th Annual Lee Fleetwood Memorial at Brownstown (Ind.) Speedway. The race was sanctioned by the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series.

NARA BoB Series' next stop: 201 Speedway

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON – The highly-competitive O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Series will travel east to Johnson County on Saturday to the 3/8ths-mile clay oval of 201 Speedway for a 30-lap, \$3,000-to-win event.

Twenty Late Models took to the 201 Speedway red clay this past Saturday, racing as part of a regular show at the storied Johnson County dirt track.

Rohn Moon of Greenwood, Ind., outlasted the rest of the racefield at Brownstown (Ind.) Speedway Saturday night to take home the win in the 9th Annual Lee Fleetwood Memorial – an O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Series-sanctioned event. Moon became the 12th different winner in 13 events this season in the 2007 O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Series presented by Arizona Sport Shirts when he picked up the Saturday night paycheck. The O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Series rolled into the famed short track after an unexpected



Friday night off as the Twin Cities Raceway Park fell victim to Mother Nature.

The other O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Series feature winners this season have included: Michael England (Florence Speedway, April 13); Rick Aukland (Twin Cities Raceway Park, April 20); Don O'Neal (Brownstown Speedway,

April 21); Aaron Hatton (Ponderosa Speedway, April 27); Mike Marl (Bluegrass Speedway, April 28); Jimmy Owens (Tazewell Speedway, May 12); Audie Swartz (Portsmouth Raceway Park, May 27); Don O'Neal (Bluegrass Speedway, May 28); Greg Johnson (Richmond Raceway, May 29); Josh McGuire (Lake Cumberland

Speedway, May 31); Brad Neat (Ponderosa Speedway, June 1); and Mike Jewell (Bluegrass Speedway, June 16).

Former winners of Battle of the Bluegrass-sanctioned features races at 201 Speedway have included Eddie Carrier Jr. and Prestonsburg driver Paul Harris.

Prestonsburg driver Harris wins Late Model feature

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA – Prestonsburg driver Paul Harris set the fast time in the Late Model class Saturday at 201 Speedway and carried his success over into the feature event. Harris, one of Kentucky's most successful Late Model drivers, held off charges from Anthony Adams and others en route to the feature victory.

Chuckie May, 201 Speedway's owner, returned to competition Saturday night, racing in the Late Model division. A flat tire sidelined May in the feature race.

Other feature race-winners Saturday night were Marty Meade (Open Wheel Modified), Scott Lemaster (Mr. Metal Bomber) and Shawn Ousley (Four Cylinder).

A breakdown of Saturday night's racing from 201 Speedway follows.

Late Model Qualifying: 10 Paul Harris, 13.91; R1 Rod Evans, 13.95; 10 Raymond Nichols, 14.04; 8 Anthony Adams, 14.06; 28 Chuckie May

(See HARRIS, page two)

P'burg 11-12-year-old All-Stars set for postseason

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Prestonsburg Little League's 11-12-year-old All-Stars are gearing up for the start of postseason play in the District 7 Tournament at Paintsville. Manager Larry Chaffin will guide the Prestonsburg 11-12-year-old All-Stars. Ronnie Baldridge has been designated as the team's coach.

The team's roster is made up of the following players: J.D. Adams; Gary Arnett; Chase Baldridge; Brett Blankenship; Austin Blanton; Josh Carrier; Cody Chaffin; Adam Crisp; Alex Kidd; Derrick Newsome; Chad Ousley; and Josh Stambaugh.

The District 7 Tournament will be a single round-robin for-

(See P'BURG, page two)

BOYS' BASKETBALL: Rebels pick up winning ways in summer play

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – The Allen Central High School boys' basketball team has kept up one of the busiest summer schedules of any area squad. Not one to rest on the accomplishments of this past winter, Allen Central managed to get in plenty of games earlier in

the month prior to the start of the mandatory KHSAA (Kentucky High School Athletic Association) Dead Period.

Allen Central ended the 2006-07 season 23-8. The Rebels complied the 15th Region's third-best record. Allen Central fell to Pikeville in overtime in the 15th Region Tournament Semifinals.

Finishing this past season undefeated in the Floyd County Conference/58th District, Allen Central captured conference and district championships.

"We played really well this summer – much better than I anticipated," said Allen Central Coach John Martin. "We lost three games the first day while playing with only

five players. After that, we had more players and were able to do more and finished strong by winning seven of our last nine games, losing only to Hazard and Buckhorn."

The Rebels visited Clay County and played some of their best basketball at the home of the Tigers and head coach Kevin Spurlock, a former Allen Central assistant.

"We won all of our games at Clay County, including an 11-point victory over Clay County in a game in which we never trailed," Martin confided.

Numerous players stepped up for Allen Central throughout the summer games.

"Alex Hammonds was as good as anyone we played against this summer," Martin

added. "I expect him to really come on his senior year."

"Robbie Cole played the two-guard and had some nice games for us as well.

"The Crowder twins (Hunter and Logan) played really well as did Chris Stumbo. We started three sophomores most of the time.

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BASKETBALL RIVALRY: Indiana teams complete sweep

BOYS' ALL-STARS: Indiana 104, Kentucky 87

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana All-Star Eric Gordon made quite an impression on Kentucky All-Star coach Ron Bevars.

Gordon, the 2007 Indiana Mr. Basketball, had a game-high 20 points to lead the Indiana All-Stars to a 104-87 victory over the Kentucky All-Stars in Saturday's annual matchup of the states' top high school seniors.

In last week's opening game of the home-and-home series, Gordon scored 32 as Indiana beat Kentucky 97-79 in Bowling Green, Ky.

"In the state of Indiana, he's Michael Jordan," Bevars said following Saturday's game at Conseco Fieldhouse. "He might be making a living (in professional basketball) if it wasn't for the fact he has to go to college."

Gordon's effort helped Indiana win its seventh consecutive game against

Kentucky and improve its all-time series lead to 79-41.

"It's a big thing for Indiana and it takes a lot of pride," said Gordon, who signed with Indiana University. "I know I take a lot of pride in it."

Scott Martin was named the Most Valuable Player after finishing with 12 points and 10 rebounds for Indiana, which turned an eight-point deficit into a commanding 47-31 halftime lead.

"Some baskets went down and we got on a roll," said Martin, who's headed to Purdue. "We started knocking down shots and that's what helped us."

Austin Hill had 19 points, Steffphon Pettigrew scored 14 and Matt Walls chipped in 13 for Kentucky, which shot 38 percent from the field and committed 18 turnovers.

"I think we got beat by a better basketball team," Bevars said. "It would have been a whole lot of fun to watch the Indiana team play if I hadn't been coaching on the side."

After falling behind early in the first half, Indiana tied the score at 19 on Ben Botts' 3-pointer, and minutes later, Gordon's triple gave Indiana a 32-21 advantage with 6 minutes left.

Indiana extended its lead to 75-48 following Nate Blank's 3-pointer with 11:37 remaining in the second half.

"This wasn't the prettiest win, but we fought back hard to gain control," Indiana coach Mike Miller said. "This is a group of very talented guys and they know how to play hard against a physical team like Kentucky."

Indiana got a balanced scoring attack with five players finishing in double figures. Matt Howard had 12 points, Botts 11 and Blank 10.

"It's good because it's easier for everybody to contribute," Gordon said. "It wasn't just one guy trying to take over."

GIRLS' ALL-STARS: Indiana 90, Kentucky 72

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana All-Star coach Larry Pringle used just the right words to motivate his players following a sloppy first half.

Trailing by 10 points, the Indiana All-Stars responded to the challenge and coasted to a 90-72 victory over the Kentucky All-Stars in Saturday's annual matchup of the states' top high school seniors.

Indiana, which beat Kentucky 104-80 last week in the first game of the girls home-and-home series, shot 37 percent from the field and committed 14 turnovers in the opening half Saturday.

Pringle didn't hesitate to tell his players about their poor effort during his halftime speech.

"We talked about pride and how this game was going to make history," he said. "I asked them what they wanted to see next to their names when they looked at future scorebooks."

Indiana apparently took that message to heart, turning the halftime deficit into a 50-48 advantage following Sydney Smallbone's layup with 15 minutes left in the second half.

"Coach came in the locker room and gave us a really great speech about tradition," said Indiana Miss Basketball Ta'Shia Phillips, who finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds. "We came out ready

to go and fired up."

Indiana began to create some separation later in the second half, using an 8-0 run to open a 69-58 lead with less than 9 minutes left. Becca Bruszewski, who signed with Notre Dame, had consecutive layups to cap the rally.

"We came out a little soft in the first half and not as intense as we normally would," said Bruszewski, who finished with 14 points and nine rebounds, earning the Most Valuable Player award. "That changed in the second half."

Indiana also used a spark from Phillips to pull away. In the first half, the 6-6 center and Xavier-bound standout had zero points and two rebounds in six minutes after collecting two fouls. She had 12 points and eight rebounds in the second half.

"Phillips was a big factor when she came back into the game," Kentucky coach Randy Napier said. "Good big teams will beat good little teams all the time."

Keyla Snowden had 14 points, Rebecca Gray scored 11 and Thia Gholson added 10 points and 12 rebounds for Kentucky, which suffered its fifth consecutive loss to Indiana.

Smallbone, who's headed

to Tennessee, had 13 points and Jasmine Ussery finished with 11 points and nine rebounds for Indiana, which took a 36-28 all-time series lead against Kentucky.

"I'm very proud of these kids," Pringle said. "This was truly Indiana-type basketball."

In the first half, Hope Brown's pair of free throws helped Kentucky jump out to a quick 13-3 lead.

Indiana, which never led in the opening half, got within 27-25 on Smallbone's two free throws with 6 minutes left, but Kentucky answered with a 17-7 run to take a 44-32 advantage late in the half.

"We needed to have some pride, play hard and be ready to go at them in the second half," Phillips said. "That's exactly what we did."

ASHLEY JADE HOWARD: Magoffin County High School graduate Ashley Jade Howard wrapped up a successful prep career with the Kentucky-Indiana All-Star Series. Howard – one of the state's top high school girls' basketball players during the 2006-07 season – is headed to Berea College.

Practice

es for the Junior Varsity and Freshmen teams. The volunteer assistant coaches must be at least 21 years old and meet the criteria set forth by

the Floyd County Board of Education. Those interested in becoming a volunteer assistant coach for the Betsy Layne High School football

team, should email bobby.branham@floyd.kyschools.us for more information.

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Rebels

"Clinton Turner did a good job the first couple of days and then missed the rest of the games due to an educational commitment at UK."

Josh Prater, a player headed into his junior season, didn't play for Allen Central earlier in the month, but is expected

to be a leading player for the Rebels during the 2007-08 season.

"It was a very productive and much-needed look at some of our returning players," Martin commented. "Losing five of our top-seven players really put us in a bind for next

year, but with some leadership from our seniors and juniors, plus the maturing of our sophomores, we could be right back in the hunt next year."

Allen Central has not yet released its schedule for the 2007-08 season.

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P'burg

mat. Each team is guaranteed to play a minimum of three games.

Prestonsburg will be one of three Floyd County teams competing for the 11-12-year-

old district championship.

Other 11-12-year-old All-Star teams in the District 7 Tournament include HAP (Harold-Allen-Prater), Beaver Creek, Knott County,

Paintsville, Morgan County, Belfry, Phelps, Whitesburg, East Ridge, Fleming-Neon and Virgie.

Belfry is the reigning District 7 Champion.

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Harris

14:11 First Late Model Heat: 10 Paul Harris; 51 Randy Boggs; 6 Rodney Davis; 24H Michael P. Howard; 10 Raymond Nichols; 28 Chuckie May; 81 Brandon Fouts; 15 Corey Wadell; 25 Cowan Kinney; 3 Scooter Lemaster.

Second Late Model Heat: 64 Terry Hicks; R1 Rod Evans; 8 Anthony Adams; 18 Eric Wells; 97 David Powers; 43K Kevin Hall; 88T Tandy Spurlock; 3 Jacob Ross; 3 Richie Edwards; 9 Michael Butcher.

Late Model Feature: 10 Paul Harris; 8 Anthony Adams; 24H Michael P. Howard; 10 Raymond Nichols; 64 Terry Hicks; 97 David Powers; 43K Kevin Hall; 88T Tandy Spurlock; 15 Corey Wadell; 25 Cowan Kinney; 3 Jacob Ross; 18 Eric Wells; 81 Brandon Fouts; 9 Michael Butcher; 3 Richie Edwards; GS 51 Randy Boggs; 6 Rodney Davis; 28 Chuckie May; 3 Scooter Lemaster.

Open Wheel Modified Qualifying: 38 Marty Meade, 15.36; 46 Dennis Deboard, 15.53; CJ1 Charlie Jude, 15.66.

First Open Wheel Heat: 38 Marty Meade; 33 Corey McKenzie; 911 Jason Hall; 11 Pete Castle; CJ1 Charlie Jude; 21 J.J. Brock; 8 Paul Jordan; 2T Jack Tackett.

Second Open Wheel Heat: 55 Darren Muncy; 46 Dennis Deboard; TH1 Derek Powers; 17S Brian Salisbury; J16 Leslie Johnson; 30 William Hensley; K3 Michael Huffman; 74 Beadie

Blackburn.

Open Wheel Modified Feature: 38 Marty Meade; 911 Jason Hall; 33 Corey McKenzie; 55 Darren Muncy; 21 J.J. Brock; 3 Jim Lemaster; 74 Beadie Blackburn; 8 Paul Jordan; 46 Dennis Deboard; TH1 Derek Powers; CJ1 Charlie Jude; 30 William Hensley; 11 Pete Castle; 2T Jack Tackett; 17S Brian Salisbury; K3 Michael Huffman; 7A Glen Patton.

First Bomber Heat: 3 Shannon Richmond; 3 Scott Lemaster; 20 Bo Howard; J17 J.J. Terry; B4 Jared Blair; R17 Don Risner; P12 Dean Pennington; 73 Charlie Mullett.

Second Bomber Heat: 37H Greg Hensley; 24 Jimmy Johnson; 3D Darren Damron; P20 Ervin Vance; R18 Justin Risner; 31 Albie Howell; 44 Ryan Jarrell; 66 Rodney Hamilton.

Mr. Metal Bomber Feature: 3 Scott Lemaster; 37H Greg Hensley; J17 J.J. Terry; 3D Darren Damron; 20 Bo Howard; 24 Jimmy Johnson; P20 Ervin Vance; R18 Justin Risner; R17 Don Risner; 73 Charlie Mullett; 3 Shannon Richmond; 44 Ryan Jarrell; P12 Dean Pennington; 66 Rodney Hamilton; B4 Jared Blair.

First Four Cylinder Heat: 3D Jamie Hamilton; RA47 Robert Hall; D6 Darren Rogers; 63T Shirlee Tackett; B2 Michael Blair; A17 Alan Salisbury; B70 Jason Blair.

Second Four Cylinder Heat: 18S Shawn Ousley; Old 7 Gary Whitt; 18K Shawn "DI" Henson; 21 Pat Morris;

33 Matt Hamilton; B15 Benji Mayhan.

Four Cylinder Feature: 18S Shawn Ousley; 3D Darren Damron; Old 7 Gary Whitt; 18K Shawn Henson; 21 Pat Morris; RA47 Robert Hall; 33 Matt Hamilton; 63T Shirlee Tackett; B15 Benji Mayhan; B70 Jason Blair; B2 Michael Blair; A17 Alan Salisbury; D6 Darren Rogers; L8 Leroy Newsome.

Pearson takes \$10,000-to-win Lucas Oil Late Model feature race

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JAMAICA, Va. – Two-time and defending Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt National Champion Earl Pearson, Jr. of Jacksonville, Fla., survived a three-wide battle for the lead, taking over the top spot on lap 13 and then held off a hard-charging Donnie Moran to take the \$10,000-to-win All American 50 presented by Thurston Spring Service, Inc. at Bill Sawyer's Virginia Motor Speedway. Pearson, driving the Bobby Labonte Racing / Life Long Locks/MOPAR/Larry Wallace Racing Engines/ MasterSbilt Dodge Charger No. 44 beat Moran to the finish line by two car lengths. Jeremy Miller was third, followed by Scott Bloomquist and Terry English, fourth and fifth, respectively.

Completing the top-10 were Billy Drake, Jimmy Owens, Jason Covert, Justin Rattliff and Steve Casebolt.

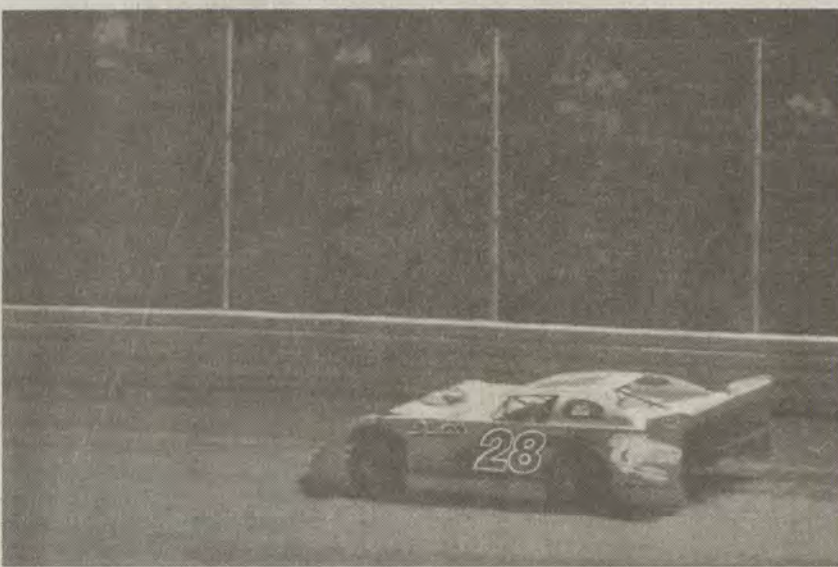


photo by Steve LeMaster

BACK ON TRACK: Chuckie May returned to 201 Speedway's red clay oval Saturday night, piloting the No. 28 Late Model. May owns the Johnson County dirt track.

Derby winner Street Sense begins preparation for fall season

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE – Kentucky Derby winner Street Sense returned to the scene of his victory Sunday, breezing through a four-furlong workout – his first in three weeks.

Street Sense, the 3-year-old son of Street Cry, ran the four furlongs at Churchill Downs in :49.40. Two-time Kentucky Derby winning trainer Carl Nafzger called the workout "perfect."

"He went good," Nafzger said. "He was relaxed. He went really good and we're back on schedule. Let's see if

we can make the Jim Dandy or the Haskell and go from there."

Nafzger held Street Sense out of the Belmont Stakes, the final jewel of the Triple Crown, but said he would aim the Kentucky Derby winner for the \$500,000 Jim Dandy (GI) on July 29 at Saratoga or the \$1 million Haskell Invitational (GI) at Monmouth Park on Aug. 5.


Nafzger said the race would mark the start of a summer/fall campaign that would include the \$1 million Travers (GI) at Saratoga on Aug. 25 and the \$5 million Breeders' Cup

Classic powered by Dodge (GI) on Oct. 27 at Monmouth.

"Let's hope he comes out of this good and starts moving forward," Nafzger said. "If we're going to make the Jim Dandy or the Haskell, we've got to start cranking up. And he did it exactly the way we wanted him to."

Street Sense, who won last fall's Bessemer Trust Breeders' Cup Juvenile (GI) to earn the Eclipse Award that honored him as America's champion 2-year-old, has a career record of 4-3-2 in nine races and has earned \$3,158,200.

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ROAD COURSE WARRIOR: Montoya gets first Cup win

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SONOMA, Calif. — When team owner Chip Ganassi first came up with the thought of luring Juan Pablo Montoya back to America from Formula One, it was days like this that he had in mind.

Montoya used his well-honed road-racing skill to save his tires and stretch his fuel Sunday, winning the Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Infineon Raceway for his first NASCAR Nextel Cup victory.

"One of the nice things, working with him again, is he's matured in a way as a race driver that you could not write in a movie," said Ganassi, for whom Montoya won the 1999 CART championship and the 2000 Indianapolis 500.

"He's a lot calmer, if you can imagine that. He actually came on the radio today and said, 'It's a little too early to race these guys.' I was looking at (crew chief Donnie) Wingo and he was looking at me. Juan's a changed man, all in a positive way."

The NASCAR rookie, who qualified a disappointing 32nd in the 43-car field, was the first driver to win on the Northern California road cir-

cuit starting further back than 13th.

Montoya, who jumped from Formula One to the stock car circuit late last season, got his first Cup win in his 17th start and, more important, gave Ganassi his first win in NASCAR's top series since Jamie McMurray won in October 2002.

"It's huge," Montoya said. "I would say right now it's the biggest thing I've done. In open-wheel, that's what I was meant to be winning in. In stock cars, I wasn't."

"To get our first win in our first year is huge. We know we're a little bit behind on some of the ovals, but I think this is a big boost for everybody working in the shop."

Montoya and his team came into this race struggling. He had not finished higher than 20th since an eighth-place finish at Texas in April, falling from 13th to 23rd in the points during that span.

"Juan's been through a lot of rough and tumble things the last year since that fateful date when we first talked about this," Ganassi said. "I don't want to say I ever had any doubts, but once in a while a little doubt does creep in the back of your mind."

"This guy next to me

(Montoya) never flinched, never once. He didn't have anything but winning on his mind, and that's what's great about him. The fire still burns in his belly to be in the front."

Series points leader Jeff Gordon overcame a 41st-place start to finish just behind Greg Biffle and Tony Stewart in seventh with a strategic effort in the first road race for NASCAR's new Car of Tomorrow.

Gordon, who became a father for the first time Wednesday when his daughter, Ella Sofia, was born, and Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jimmie Johnson, the reigning Cup champion, were both banned from practice and qualifying on Friday and had to start from the rear of the field after NASCAR inspectors found their cars had illegally modified front fenders.

Both drivers and their crew chiefs face more penalties from NASCAR in the next few days, but they ran hard to overcome their handicapped start Sunday. Johnson's fuel strategy didn't work as well as Gordon's and, after getting into the top 10 for a while, he finished 17th.

Montoya, whose only other NASCAR victory came

earlier this year in a Busch Series race on the road course in Mexico City, passed McMurray, who now drives for Roush Fenway Racing, on the 104th of 110 laps on the 1.99-mile, 12-turn course.

Montoya was running third, trailing McMurray and Kevin Harvick and desperately conserving fuel with 18 laps to go. But he passed Harvick on lap 92 and began to track down McMurray.

"What really paid off at the end was I was just running behind Kevin, saving the tires and trying to keep up with him," Montoya said. "I did that for 10, 15 laps and I started pushing, I started making up ground on them and that's when everything fell into place."

The winner got past McMurray for a moment on lap 102, driving his Dodge past McMurray's Ford in the slow hairpin near the end of the circuit. But Montoya got too wide and McMurray was able to squeeze by.

The pass that counted came two laps later, with Montoya getting under McMurray's car and passing easily. This time, he stayed out front.

"I saw he was always hugging that corner and I thought,

"This is it.' I knew I could pass him there," Montoya said.

Wingo said his calculations told him Montoya would run out of fuel about a lap from the end.

"We had to play a little bit of catch-up, so we had to take a gamble there at the end," Wingo said. "He did a great job on saving fuel, everybody did a good job on the stops, and the motor shop did a great job. Without the fuel mileage we'd have never made it."

McMurray ran out of gas at the start of lap 109 and finished 37th while Montoya saved enough fuel to run a cool-down lap and do a victory burnout before his fuel light came on.

Harvick inherited second place when McMurray slowed. He was followed across the finish line by Richard Childress Racing teammates Jeff Burton and Clint Bowyer, who also got great fuel mileage.

Harvick, who appeared to be getting the best mileage of all, thought he might have the race won when McMurray slowed and Montoya was short-shifting to save gas late in the race.

"They came on the radio and told me you've got 20

laps to make up one lap of fuel and the two cars in front of you are both three laps short," Harvick said. "That's how we played it and (Montoya) didn't run out of gas."

Harvick wasn't surprised that he was chasing Montoya at the end.

"I've been a big fan of Montoya's since he came over," Harvick said. "He's a great road racer, but he wasn't the fastest. The strategy worked for him today."

Robby Gordon, who started alongside pole-winner McMurray, also was a victim of failed strategy after leading a race-high 48 laps. He finished 16th.

Reed Sorenson spun out on lap 67, bringing out the last of full-course caution flags. While Robby Gordon and several other leaders gambled and stayed on track, opting to pit later under green, Montoya and other contenders made their final stops under the yellow flag on lap 68.

Montoya came out of that stop 12th but moved steadily forward as the drivers ahead of him began to make their gas stops. He was third by lap 78, setting up the dramatic finish.

Griffey passes McGwire on all-time home runs list

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SEATTLE — Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 583rd and 584th home runs during the Cincinnati Reds' game against the Seattle Mariners on Sunday, tying and then passing Mark McGwire for seventh on the career list.

In the first inning, Griffey hit a 2-0 pitch from Miguel Batista to left-center. The slugger took a step and hopped in anticipation of a home run that

he had said he hoped to hit this weekend at Safeco Field, "The House that Griffey Built." The ballpark opened in 1999 — the last full season Griffey played in Seattle before he was traded to his hometown of Cincinnati.

His second homer was vintage Griffey, a no-doubt drive in the fifth reminiscent of so many he launched at the since-demolished Kingdome across the street. He jumped all over Batista's first pitch and sent it

rocketing off an advertisement lining the second deck beyond right field for another solo shot.

The homers, his first two against Seattle in six career games, left Griffey two behind Frank Robinson for sixth place. It also gave Griffey 1,654 RBIs. That gave him sole possession of 18th place ahead of ex-Red Tony Perez.

Reds sign top draft pick Mesoraco

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SEATTLE — The Cincinnati Reds signed high school catcher Devin Mesoraco on Friday, the 15th overall pick in this month's draft.

Mesoraco will get a \$1.4 million signing bonus. The Reds assigned him to their rookie league team in

Sarasota, Fla. "Devin is a little better athlete than you normally get at that position. It is a hard position to fill in the majors and in the minors, so we're pleased to find a catcher who is such a good athlete with such good makeup," Reds senior director of scouting Chris Buckley said.

Mesoraco hit .467 with four

homers and 21 RBIs in his senior season at Punxsutawney (Pa.) High School. He was selected the Gatorade player of the year for Pennsylvania.

Mesoraco was the third catcher the Reds' have taken with their top draft pick, joining Dan LaMar (1979) and Dan Wilson (1990).

Harigae wins Public Links title

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Mina Harigae beat Stephany Fleet 4 and 3 Saturday to win the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links championship.

Harigae set the tone early by making crucial putts to halve the first two holes, then raced out to a big lead and spent the rest of the day holding off Fleet with excellent putting.

She drained an 8-foot putt to halve the first one and a 12-footer on the second.

"When those putts went in, I said 'OK, I can make any putt today,'" Harigae said. "I just tried to keep my lead. I didn't want to lose it but I knew if I kept trying to make birdies, but not be too aggressive, I'd be all right."

Harigae, who won the California Women's Amateur as an 11-year-old, then three more times before she was 15, had never made a final in 13 USGA national championships.

"It means so much to me," Harigae said. "I worked so hard to get here and now it's paid off."

Fleet, a junior at Eastern Michigan, was competing in her first USGA championship. She had to win a playoff in sectional qualifying to make this championship and didn't even expect to reach the final.

"But it definitely helps my confidence," she said. "I never knew I could compete against the best players in the country."

Harigae made seven

birdies and just one bogey in the morning round and ended with a 5-up lead at the 6,094-yard Kearney Hill Golf Links.

Fleet birdied the 19th and 20th holes of the match, but Harigae made a 10-foot putt to halve the 20th.

With six holes to go, Fleet was down six, but won the next two to stay in the match.

"I told myself to keep playing," Fleet said, "keep trying to hit the best shot I could. I didn't have anything to lose."

Harigae is the fifth high-school-age player to win the Public Links since 2000. Before then, no competitors under the age of 18 had won this championship.

Harigae bests Fleet to win Public Link

Former conservation officer to be honored July 10 during ceremony

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will recognize the service of former conservation officer and district law enforcement coordinator Joe Burchell with a public dedication ceremony on Tuesday, July 10.

The Beech Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) will be renamed the Burchell

Beech Creek WMA in honor of the former Clay County officer whose family donated the property to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife for wildlife management and public use.

The dedication will begin at 11 a.m. Eastern Time at Beech Creek Park, Shelter #2 and the public is invited to attend. Keynote speakers will include Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Deputy Commissioner Hank Patton and Fish and Wildlife

Commission Member Doug Hensley.

Directions: From Hal Rogers Parkway, take Exit 20 to Manchester. Turn north onto US 421. Travel approximately 1.1 miles and turn right at the traffic light onto Hwy 3432 (Littleton Road). Turn left after crossing the bridge and travel Hwy 3432 for approximately 3 miles to Beech Creek Park.

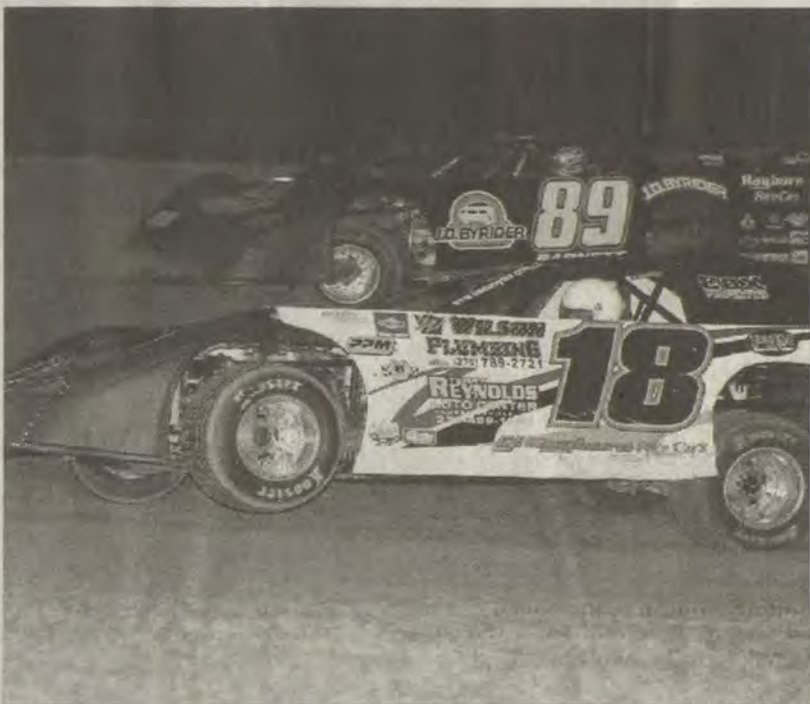


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Tim Tungate (18) pushed his Late Model out in front during a recent NARA O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series feature race. The BoB Series will visit 201 Speedway Saturday for a feature event.

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- Americans tap into about 341 billion gallons of tap water every day. Total water use (both indoor and outdoor) in a typical single-family home is 101 gallons per capita per day.

Did You Know?

Only 3 percent of the tap water we use on a typical day is used for drinking. The rest goes for outdoor watering, bathroom uses, clothes washing, etc.

Hurricane Katrina underscores value of water

A reliable water supply contributes to our quality of life in so many ways that it is difficult to fully measure. However, it is possible to get a sense by examining what can happen when disaster strikes.

- When Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005, more than 1,220 drinking water systems and 200 wastewater treatment facilities were damaged.
- With water service out, urban fires could not be extinguished.
- While bottled water provided emergency drinking water relief, people needed tap water service to clean out homes. Businesses could not return to normal operations until water service was restored.

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POISON OAK

And speaking of favorite books ...

A feature in Sunday's Lexington Herald-Leader asked several people, mostly in the Lexington area, to list their 10 most favorite books. I was happy to



Clyde Pack

see that my most favorite, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, popped up on several lists. One reader said she liked the book so much, she named her daughter, Harper.

As a

sophomore English teacher way back in my other life, I must have read it 10 times, as it was required reading for my students for that many years. Every once in a while I'll run into one of them and they'll mention how much they, too, liked the book, and how much they appreciate the fact that I "made" them read it.

I'll admit, though, that *To Kill a Mockingbird* has not always been my favorite. The following explanation was borrowed from Muddy Branch, a book I authored a couple of years ago.

Remember the old spelling books we had in grade school? Remember how thin they were? I can remember wondering why, if learning to spell was all that important, the books weren't bigger.

Ironically, though, of all the books we had back then, the speller was actually used more than any other, and was toted back and forth from school to home nearly every day. After all, even then, we were expected to do homework, and all our teachers expected us to take books home. Quite naturally, since we weren't dummies, we'd take home the book that was least burdensome. Our teachers would smile proudly as we'd file out of the room at

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KIM'S KORNER

Come as you are

Those four little words, "come as you are," have prompted many a tongue to wag over these past few months. These words have been repeated time and again from our Pastor and are at front and center of his vision for our church. Yes, our little church is different. It is full of love and acceptance with open arms no matter the color of your skin, the clothes on your back, or what your past entailed that got you to the point of entering our doors. Our Pastor has been blessed with the ability to use some eye opening analogies at expressing this "come as you are" sentiment.

The latest of these analogies used was that of five clay flower pots. Here we will use just one for an example: The first, which was filthy, cracked, and even sporting a hole in one side, was the first the Pastor set apart. Not a very good flower pot to grow anything inside, our congregation seemed to agree. And definitely not appealing to the eye. Most of us would have tossed the poor thing in the garbage and come to the conclusion that its days of growing anything were done. Ah, but not some people. Some people are able to see beyond the cracks, holes, and filth, and take a little time to fill in the cracks, patch up the hole and wash away the filth. Add some good rich soil inside, plant a few seeds and the next thing you know, sprouting from that once nasty old pot is an array of beautifully

Kim Little Frasure

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Local vet treats animals on the go

by KATHY PRATER
 FEATURES EDITOR

They came, some unassuming with tails wagging; others, apprehensive, with tails tucked - but all with happy owners in tow.

"I have five animals," said Sheila Griffith, of Allen, "and this is a great way to get them all taken care of, at one time, and be able to save a little money, too."

Griffith's words of praise were for the traveling animal vaccination clinic that came through her area this past Saturday, courtesy of local veterinarian Dr. Carol Combs-Morris.

Combs-Morris, owner of Beaver Creek Animal Clinic, shared that the traveling clinics began "years and years ago" under the supervision of former Martin veterinarian, the late Dr. Beecher Scutchfield.

"Dr. Scutchfield had a really, very good idea and we've all just sorta picked up where he left off," Combs-Morris said.

Combs-Morris and a staff comprised of both office assistants and volunteers, traveled throughout Floyd County on Saturday to offer rabies, canine 5-way and feline 4-way vaccinations to pets whose owners were interested in a convenient, and less expensive, way to ensure that their pets receive their annual shots.

"I can't say enough good about these people," said Tammy Farmer, whose daughter, Hannah, volunteers at the Beaver Creek clinic. "I've never seen people any more devoted to animals or who care any more about the ones they work with. I know they sure are awful good to my child," she said. Farmer's daughter has aspirations of becoming a veterinarian herself and volunteers her time at the clinic to learn all she can about the field of animal medicine during breaks from school and whenever she has free time throughout the year.

Beginning at 8 a.m., in Wayland, on Saturday morning, Dr. Combs-Morris and her caravan made routine stops throughout the county, working until past 6 p.m. when the final animal was treated at the Harold Marathon Kwick Mart. At the end of the day, 184 vaccinations had been administered.

"You know, this doesn't replace a regular, routine office visit," Combs-Morris said. "I mean, we can't do thorough exams or blood tests out in the field, but at least it does get a lot of animals vaccinated."

Linda Bailey, of Eastern, and daughter, Steffany, showed up at the Dwale Post Office stop to get



"Dr. Carol!" as she is affectionately known by those who visit her clinic, prepares to vaccinate a pair of Chinese Cresteds at a pit stop at Bill Woods Grocery Store, in Allen. Clinic employees Sarah Shelton and Carla Hall lend a helping hand.



The good doctor inspects a stray black Lab puppy that was hit by a car for injury. Steffany Bailey, of Eastern, is pictured holding the pup.



Dr. Carol, of Beaver Creek Animal Clinic, prepares to vaccinate "Scrappy," a Pom-mix, owned by Lisa Parsons, during a stop in the Dwale area. Clinic volunteer Carla Hall assists.

their family pet, along with a stray puppy they had adopted, vaccinated. The puppy, a friendly Black Lab, had been injured earlier in the week when a neighbor had accidentally run over it in her driveway.

"We took it in, fed it, bathed it,

got the ticks off of it and did what we could for it," Bailey said. "My daughter's boyfriend is going to keep it...we've been joking with him and telling him that it's a 'Blackcat' black dog."

Dr. Combs-Morris gave the

injured pup's leg a good lookover that afternoon and suggested to Bailey that they bring the animal in to her clinic on Monday morning for x-rays.

"It seems like it's doing okay," Combs-Morris said, "but there's only so much we can do out here. We'll have to look it over more thoroughly in the office later."

In addition to Floyd County, Combs-Morris and her staff also worked the Letcher and Knott county areas on prior weekends. "It's kinda crazy," she said. "We have some really crazy things happen sometimes, like one guy who showed up with 14 dogs in one vehicle, he didn't even know all their names, but we think it's well worth doing each year."

Combs-Morris and her staff will take their traveling clinic to Magoffin County on Saturday, July 7. It is not required that the pet owner be from the county being served during any particular clinic. "We don't really care where the owners live," Combs-Morris said. "We've had people as far away as Louisiana...our objective is to get the animals vaccinated."

"Our record so far," Combs-Morris said, "in the years we've been doing the clinics, is 36 animals in one car. They had the poodles and chihuahuas up front and the large dogs and cat carriers in the back - it was some sort of covered truck, you know. I reckon they must have brought the whole neighborhood out in one trip," she laughed.

In addition to Dr. Combs-Morris and her staff from Beaver Creek Animal Clinic, local veterinarians Drs. Mark and Melanie Greene, of Country Hills Veterinary Hospital, also participate in the traveling vaccination clinics.

CRITTER CORNER

Dog quotes that hit home

"Man's best friend," your constant companion, the one being in your life that overlooks all your nasty faults and loves you unconditionally - your dog.

In honor of canines everywhere, we fill this space with dog quotes from around the world. Enjoy.

- In order to really enjoy a dog, one doesn't merely try to train him to be semi-human. The point of it is to open oneself to the possibility of becoming partly a dog." - Edward Hoagland
- "I once decided not to date a guy because he wasn't excited to meet my dog. I mean, this was like not wanting to meet my mother." - Bonnie Schacter, founder, Single Pet Owner's Society Singles Group
- "Whoever said you can't buy happiness forgot little puppies." - Gene Hill
- "Old dogs, like old shoes, are comfortable. They might be a bit out of shape and a little worn around the edges, but they fit well." - Bonnie Wilcox ("Old Dogs, Old Friends")
- "If your dog doesn't like someone you probably shouldn't either." - Unknown
- "Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring - it was peace." - Milan Kundera
- "When you feel dog tired at night, it may be because you've growled all day long." - Unknown
- "Even the tiniest poodle or chihuahua is still a wolf at



This is "Maddie" and her owner, Billie Jean Cole. Maddie is a 9-mos. old German Shepherd that lives in Pike County with Billie Jean and her husband, Kenny. Billie Jean says that Maddie "loves to play ball and would rather play than eat!" Maddie has been trained to respond to both verbal and hand signals. "We are just crazy about her," Billie Jean writes.

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Yesterdays

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Hospital...There died: Leonard Adkins, 50, Monday, at his home at Stanville; Jake Stratton, 52, Monday, at his home at Stanville; Edgar N. Carver, 76, formerly of Prestonsburg, June 7, at West Palm Beach, Florida; Mrs. Ida Belle Hall, 74, of Harold, Sunday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Hattie Crager, 66, last Thursday, at her home at Hueysville; John Whitt, 72, of Water Gap, Tuesday, at Paintsville; Kermit Moore, 54, formerly of McDowell, Tuesday, at St. Mary's, in Ohio; John H. Collins, 74, of Lancer, Monday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago
(June 27, 1957)

Floyd County's new health center is scheduled for official opening next Wednesday...Paul Gearheart, head of the Harold Telephone Company, made the first call on his company's new dial system, Monday, after the switch-over was made from the old crank-style telephone...Floyd County's newest financial institution, the Floyd Federal Savings and Loan Association, began

operation, here, Monday morning...43-year-old Arthur Hall, of Dema, was crushed to death, Friday, beneath a coal truck which left Ky. 7, near Hall's home in the vicinity of the Floyd-Knott line, and dropped over an embankment unto him...Chalmer H. Frazier, former superintendent of Prestonsburg schools, is quitting educational work to become administrator of the Prestonsburg General Hospital, it was announced here, this week...Married: Miss Phyllis Jane Reed, of Drift, and Mr. Richard B. Lowry, of Berea, O., June 18, at Berea; Miss Martha Lemaster, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. Wilka Dean May, of Bonanza, June 16; Miss Ernestine Grace of Arlington, Va., and Ensign Charles Stephen Bond, of Lexington, Ky., June 8...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Maranville, a son, Robert Jr., May 30, at Lexington; to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Sloane, of Prestonsburg, their sixteenth child, June 25...There died: Lenna Alonzo Conley, 70, of Bonanza, Saturday; Jerome R. Shepherd, 84, Floyd County native, who became county judge of Greenup County, Tuesday, at the home of a son, at South Shore, Ky.; William H. Ratliff, 55, of

David, Friday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Cynthia C. Martin, 53, of Wayland, Friday, at her home; Mrs. Amy Sammons, 69, June 18, at her home at Martin; Claude Cooper, formerly of Estill, Monday, at Tecumseh, Mich.; Mrs. Flora B. Banks, 69, Friday, at her home, at Water Gap.

Sixty Years Ago
(June 26, 1947)

The U.S. Senate joined the House of Representatives, Monday afternoon, in enacting into law, over President Truman's veto, the Taft-Hartley labor bill, and by Tuesday morning, practically every rail mine in Floyd County was on strike...The "drying up" of Floyd County, through a partial stoppage of legal liquor sales, will begin next Monday midnight, 10 days before the prohibition deadline set by the Court of Appeals...Floyd County dry forces prepared, this week, for the return of prohibition, by forming a permanent organization to promote enforcement of the law...Married: Miss Opal Pearl Hall, of Flemingsburg, and Mr. Lloyd William Waddell, of Covington, Ky., June 21, at Flemingsburg; Miss Helen Marie

Austin, of Allen, and Mr. George Edwin Wright, of Middletown, Va., June 6, at the Prestonsburg Methodist Church; Miss Martha Jo Preston, and Mr. Ray Crisp, both of Allen, June 14, at Louisa...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Scaff, of Tram, a son, Jimmie Spurgeon, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wilson, of David, a daughter, Elizabeth Ruth, June 7; to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wallen, of David, a son, June 8...There died: David Chaffins, 87, Wednesday, at his home on Rock Fork, near Garrett; Mrs. Eula Salmons Adkins, 21, June 14, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Rev. Julius Castle, 56, Saturday, at his home at Auxier.

Seventy Years Ago
(June 25, 1937)

Prestonsburg, with 2,500 population, is not the largest town in the county. This distinction goes to Wayland-Garrett, incorporated as one...Resignations of Prestonsburg's Chief of Police Bill Spradlin, Fire Chief Mitch Thomas, and City Attorney E. P. Hill, will become effective July 1, it was announced by Mayor

Arthur C. Carter, following the decision by the city council, Saturday night, that all city officials who are candidates in the campaign for county offices, should resign. The cry, "Shine, Mister?" will no longer be heard on Prestonsburg's city streets, due to an ordinance enacted by the city council Saturday, which rules that henceforth, all shoeshine boys must not seek business on the city streets or in public buildings, such as the courthouse...An advertisement for a reportedly miraculous medicine appeared in this week's issue, with the heading: HOT WEATHER IS HERE—BEWARE OF BILIOUSNESS!...Married: Miss Beulah Mae Bentley of Garrett, and Mr. Wash Shepherd, also of Garrett, June 19, in the office of the Floyd County Times; Miss Mary E. Spears and Ike Mulkey, June 22, at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Isaac Stratton...There died: Richard Burchett, 20, of Banner, last week, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington; Mrs. Sarah Smiley, 68, Friday, at her home at Dana; "Uncle" Bill Paxton, 73, of West Garrett, Thursday, at the home of a son.

Oak

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the end of the day, pencil behind our ears, speller in hand.

Once outside, though, the tiny book would fit perfectly into the bib pocket of our overalls, thus enabling us to pass ball or play tracks (marbles) all the way home. That's where three or four of us would each take a marble as we walked along, knuckle down and shoot at one another. If we hit the other player's taw, he'd have to forfeit a marble to whoever it was that hit him.

Anyway, the speller thus became my favorite textbook, but only because it helped in my deception. I'm afraid that I paid little attention to what was between its covers.

While Harper Lee's famous novel would easily top my list of favorites, the number two spot would definitely go to Rivers of Kentucky by David Dick. I'd have to give some special thought to finish the list.

Anyway, I thought the whole idea of getting readers to submit their favorite reads was a good one, and decided we might try that too. So, if you'd like, send us your favorites. We might have us a special column in the making.

Critter

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heart." - Dorothy Hinshaw

"If dogs could talk it would take a lot of the fun out of owning one." - Andy Rooney

"When a dog wags her tail and barks at the same time, how do you know which end to believe?" - Anonymous

"Things that upset a terrier may pass virtually unnoticed by a Great Dane." - Smiley Blanton

"I've seen a look in dogs' eyes, a quickly vanishing look of amazed contempt, and I am convinced that basically dogs think humans are nuts." - John Steinbeck

"He is my other eyes that can see above the clouds; my other ears that hear above the winds. He is the part of me that can reach out into the sea. He has told me a thousand times over that I am his reason for being; by the way he rests against my leg; by the way he thumps his tail at my smallest smile; by the way he shows his hurt when I leave without taking him. (I think it makes him sick with worry when he is not along to care for me.) When I am wrong, he is delighted to forgive. When I am angry, he clowns to make me smile. When I am happy, he is joy unbounded. When I am a fool, he ignores it. When I succeed, he brags. Without him, I am only another man. With him, I am all-powerful. He is loyalty itself. He has taught me the meaning of devotion. With him, I know a secret comfort and a private peace. He has brought me understanding where before I was ignorant. His head on my knee can heal my human hurts. His presence by my side is protection against my fears of dark and unknown things. He has promised to wait for me...whenever...wherever - in case I need him. And I expect I will - as I always have. He is just my dog." - Gene Hill

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colored flowers with such a sweet aroma you are thankful you didn't toss that little clay pot to the side, for its days of producing were definitely not done.

Ah, if only we could all see one another like the analogy of that little clay flower pot. Our Pastor has been told he's going to have nothing but pure "riff-raff" walk through our doors if he "keeps it up." He's been told he's wrong for accepting the likes of some "characters" sitting in the pews of our little church on Sunday mornings. And what really amazes is that some of these very statements

came from others whose own pasts were just as dirty as those very souls they are speaking so unkindly about.

At a recent Sunday night Youth Service, there was a young man present who will be entering his senior year of high school this coming year. Tall in stature, a smile bright as ever any star set in the sky, a personality of pure warmth, and a Mohawk atop his head that you would just have to see. After the evenings' singing from the various youth groups that performed - and they were awesome I might add - it was time for the evening message. Up to the pulpit went the tall, smiling, young Mohawk man. Definitely a sight these eyes

have never seen behind a pulpit before. He lead us to Proverbs, chapter 2 and began sharing God's Word on Wisdom. And though his message was not one of fire and brimstone but one full of love and grace, it came across loud and clear - and all from a seventeen-year-old with a Mohawk. Showing that what was more vivid than this young man's choice of hairstyle was the love he carried for Jesus Christ in his heart.

Joyce C. Lock wrote, "Have you ever dreamed of being such a wonderful person and devoted servant of Christ that ...

Your heart overflowed with love toward your fellow man?

Others could, truly, see Christ in you?

It would be a joy being in your presence?

People would come to you, seeking godly wisdom; their ears falling upon your every word.

The moment you entered a room, the atmosphere would suddenly change?

Whenever your mouth opened, the most humble words would flow?

From your speech would come words of comfort, healing, and direction?

You would be able to know the needs of, both, those near and across the way?

You could actually hear the voice of God direct and help

you in reaching out to others, as if He were doing it Himself?

You could leave any situation and hear God say, "Well done?"

We've all probably thought, "That could never be me!" But, scripture says it can ... that when we walk with God, we never walk alone; to open our mouths wide and let Him fill it, to encourage one another daily, and to follow Him.

You don't have to do anything special to qualify. Just come as you are, listen for His voice, and obey it, no matter how great or how small. It's that simple. All He needs is a willing heart.

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