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### In brief

## 2 sentenced on cocaine conviction

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Two Johnson County residents were sentenced this last week on conspiracy to distribute and distributing cocaine charges.

Terry Branham, 56, and Kathy Branham, 54, both of Van Lear, were found guilty in December after it was determined that the Branhams had tried to distribute between 500 grams and 5 kilograms of cocaine, and had used telephones to commit drug distribution crimes.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Terry Branham was sentenced to 151 months in prison with a \$2,000 fine. Kathy Branham was likewise sentenced to 87 months of correctional time for conspiracy to distribute cocaine, aiding and abetting, and intentional use of communications facility in the commission of a drug trafficking crime. The two were sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Danny C. Reeves.

Federal law mandates that the Branhams must serve at least 85 percent of their prison sentence, and upon release will fall under the supervision of the United States Probation Office for four years.

The investigation into the Branham's drug trafficking was carried out jointly between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Kentucky State Police.

# PTA meeting erupts in chaos

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Tempers flared, accusations were flung left and right, and city police officers were called to Prestonsburg Elementary School Thursday evening, just prior to the final approval of a decision by the school site-based council to cut four administrative positions from the staff of the school.

Prior to the vote, Rodney Gardner,

school PTA president, called to order a special-called meeting of that organization, prompted by what many referred to as an alarming notice sent home with students on Wednesday afternoon.

The notice, containing a heading that read "Your child could be in danger," sparked a controversy between many parents and school administrators that came to an eruptive head on Thursday. Many

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Parents, teachers and administrative staff convened in the Prestonsburg Elementary School cafeteria Thursday evening for a special-called meeting of the school's PTA, followed by a meeting of the school's site-based council.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

## HILLBILLY DAYS



photo by Jack Latta

Beautiful weather accompanied the thousands of people who crowded the streets Thursday as Pikeville's Hillbilly Days festival got started.

## Residents seek fixes to park, road

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A number of concerned citizens came before the fiscal court during its regular meeting Friday to make the court aware of the deteriorating condition of Allen Park and the Little Mud Creek Road.

According to Ray Greer, there are currently only three employees working at the golf course — Clyde Woods as supervisor, with Tony Stevens and Estill Mullins working in maintenance — and they simply can't do all the work needed at the Park.

Greer said that trash continues to be a problem because wild dogs running around the course continue to turn over trash cans.

Greer said that the Paul Hunt Thompson Golf Course is played mostly by Floyd Countians "who can't afford afford the bigger courses."

Judge R.D. "Doc" Marshall expressed his desire to help, while at the same time noting the county's continued fiscal woes. "The park is dear to my heart," said Marshall, "but we're stretched thin."

Magistrate Jackie Owens backed up the judge, saying, "The judge added a county maintenance worker to help cut grass."

Owens added that a lot of the parks suffer from a

lot of vandalism. "You can fix up everything, and within a day or two, you have vandals come in and destroy things."

"I'm going to do what I can to help," said Marshall. "I'm going to take care of the Allen Park."

Also during the meeting Friday a number of residents of Little Mud Creek also turned out to continue to voice their displeasure over the state of their road.

The residents had staged a protest in March by blocking the road for several hours in an effort to get the county's attention. Locals said they had been asking the county to do something about the road for 20 years.

"It's mud in the winter, and dust in the summer," said Dee Dee Hall, a 12-year resident of Little Mud during the protest. "No one has ever fixed it."

The residents relented peacefully when Kentucky State Police troopers arrived on the scene to open up the road. "We blocked traffic in the wide part of the road," said Gayle Hall. "In case an emergency vehicle needed to get by, we're not trying to hurt anybody, but this has to be fixed."

The 3.5-mile dirt road was noted during the meeting to be the longest dirt road in Floyd County.

"During the dry seasons

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## Inmate convicted on weapon charge

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — An inmate being housed in United States Penitentiary Big Sandy had his sentence extended for several years after he was found in possession of a weapon.

The announcement was jointly made by James A. Zerhusen, acting U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of

Kentucky, and Hector Rios, warden of USP Big Sandy.

Tyrone Brown, 28, pleaded guilty in February to a charge of possession and admitted at the trial that he kept a sharpened six-inch piece of steel hidden in his shoe.

The weapon, known as a shank, was found by a corrections officer during a routine search of the inmate.

Brown was sentenced to

three-and-a-half years in prison for the offense. According to federal law, Brown must serve a minimum of 85 percent of his prison sentence, and upon release will be remanded to the supervision of the United States Probation Office for five years.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

## Obama campaign opens office in Pikeville

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — As Hillbilly Days kicked off, the Eastern Kentucky headquarters of presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama opened Thursday in downtown Pikeville.

"The Obama campaign is here, we're strong and we're gonna do it," said John Wright, political director of the site, during a speech to officially open the campaign office.

Wright stressed Sen. Obama's campaign is about "all of us, about empowering people."

The office in Pikeville opens little more than a month before the Democratic primary between Sen. Obama and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton takes place on May 20.

Evan Justice, volunteer organizer, said the first step of the office is to get their volunteer base up, their manpower and to get their phone

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photo by Jack Latta

The Eastern Kentucky regional office for presidential candidate Barack Obama, located in Pikeville, held its grand opening Thursday. Volunteers were planning to participate in the Hillbilly Days Parade.

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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

■ Otis Eugene Akers, 61, of Harold, died Monday, April 14, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 17, under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ James Walter Allen, 68, of Betsy Layne, died Saturday, April 12, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Madge E. Allen. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 15, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ James Bradford, 60, of Blue River, died Tuesday, April 15, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, April 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Arthur Jack Carter, 88, a Prestonsburg native, died Wednesday, April 16, at Hospice Care Center, St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services will be held Sunday, April 20, at 2 p.m., under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Harry W. Caudill, 78, of Allen, died Wednesday, April 16, at Saint Joseph Hospital, in Martin. He is survived by his wife, Wanda Ratliff Caudill. Funeral services were held Friday, April 18, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Mary Lou Hall, 71, of Waverly, Ohio, a Floyd County native, died Thursday, April 10, at her residence. Funeral services were held Monday, April 14, under the direction of Botkin Funeral Home, Waverly.

■ Vernon Hall Jr., 50, of Wheelwright, died Tuesday, April 15, at the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Kathryn Allen Haywood, 87, formerly of Evansville, Indiana, a resident of the Riverview Nursing Home, died Thursday, April 3, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 9, under the direction of Alexander Memorial Park Chapel, Evansville, Indiana.

■ Marguerite Huffman, 81, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, April 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, John Huffman. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Gwendolyn Lee Lafferty, 72, of Allen, died Wednesday, April 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Bennie Lynwood Lafferty. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Mae Lyons, 86, of Harrison, Mich., a Floyd County native, formerly of Pike County, died Wednesday, April 9, at the Baptist

Regional Medical Center in Corbin. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 12, under the direction of the Croley Funeral Home of Williamsburg.

■ Emma Jean Justice Marsillett, 80, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, April 7, at the University of Kentucky Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were held Friday, April 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Luther (Red) Mitchell, 65, of Hi Hat, a native of Teaberry, died Wednesday, April 16, at Coroner Stone Hospital, Huntington, W. Va. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Brenda Marlene Lester Shelton, 64, of Martin, died Monday, April 14, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Fred Shelton Jr. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ James Tuttle, 62, of Clay City, formerly of Floyd County, died Friday, April 11, at St. Claire Memorial Hospital, in Morehead. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Lavoy Tuttle. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

■ Jean Gray Anderson, 74, of Elkhorn Creek, died Tuesday, April 15, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Robinson Creek. She is survived by her husband, Delbert Anderson. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 19, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Robert Bevin, 70, of Crab Orchard, formerly of Stone Coal, died Thursday, April 10, at his residence. Graveside services were conducted Sunday, April 13, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Alvin William Bartley "Squirrel" Blackburn, 69, of Jumping Branch, W.Va., formerly of McAndrews, died Tuesday, April 15, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital, Hinton, W.Va. He is survived by his wife, Zellia Mae Mosley Blackburn. Funeral services were held Friday, April 18, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Terry Ray Buckner, 43, of Elkhorn City, died Thursday, April 10, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 13, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Roger S. Burgess, 87, of Pikeville, died Saturday, April 12, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 16, under direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Betty Jean Cure, 71, of

Elkhorn City, died Sunday, April 13, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 16, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Racine Daniels, 81, of Naples, Fla., formerly of the Pond Creek area, died Monday, April 7, at the Naples Community Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 15, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Joy Herrell, 71, of Elkhorn Creek, Ashcamp, died Friday, April 11, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 14, under the direction of the Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Harry Kinney Jr., 83, of Pikeville died Friday, April 11, at the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Patty Ann Jones. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 13, under the direction of the Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Bonnie Maggard, 79, of Winchester, Ohio, formerly of McAndrews, died Friday, April 11, at the Ohio University Hospital, Columbus. Funeral services were held Monday, April 14, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Alvis May, 86, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Racoon, died Friday, April 4, in Columbus. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 12, under the direction of the Community Funeral Home of Zebulon.

■ Homer B. Newsome, 78, of Pikeville, died Friday, April 11, at Parkview Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Robinson Creek. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 13, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Warren Thomas Prater, 31, of Phyllis, died Sunday, April 13, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 17, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Franklin Delano Roosevelt Strickland, 67, of Telford, Tenn., a Pike County native, died Saturday, April 12, at the Johnson City Medical Center. Graveside services were held Tuesday, April 15, under the direction of Dillow-Taylor Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Jonesborough, Tenn.

■ Paul Edward Thacker, 56, of Red Creek, died Tuesday, April 15, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Hall Thacker. Funeral services were held Friday, April 18, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Isabella Faye Weddington, two months old, the daughter of Charles "Good Boy" and Tracy Nichole May Weddington, of Mikes Branch, Pikeville, died Sunday, April 13, at her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 15, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

## MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Andy Hiner, 63, of Salyersville, died Thursday, April 3, at his residence. Memorial services were conducted Saturday, April 6, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Larry David Pitts, 58, of Salyersville, died Sunday, April 6, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 10, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

■ Gary Lee Risner, 45, died March 15, following a battle with cancer. Burial was in the Les Risner Cemetery, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ John M. Wireman, 85, of Crystal, Michigan, a Salyersville native, died Monday, February 11, at the Gratiot Medical Center, in Alma. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Wireman. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 16, under the direction of Lux and Schnepf Funeral Home.

## MARTIN COUNTY

■ Christine Pinson Guthrie, 88, of Huntington, WV, died Tuesday, April 8. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 12, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Larry (Kenny) Maynard, 57, of Tomahawk, died Tuesday, April 8, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Robinson Maynard. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 10, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

## KNOTT COUNTY

■ Golda (Goldie) Stone Farmer, a native of Pinetop, died Saturday, April 5. A memorial service was held Saturday, April 19, under the direction of Moss Feaster Funeral Home, Clearwater, Florida.

■ James D. Newland, 48, of

Carrollton, a native of Hindman, died Wednesday, March 26. Funeral services were held Monday, March 31, under the direction of Swart Funeral Home, West Carrollton.

■ Donald Ray Noble, 68, of Hindman, died Thursday, April 10, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 12, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Ray T. "Cotton" Preston, 83, of West Van Lear, died Monday, April 14, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home.

■ Bennie Darrell Stambaugh, 51, of Meally, died Tuesday, April 8, at Cabell

Huntington Hospital, in Huntington, W. Va. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 12, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Chester "Chet" Auxier, 89, of Red Bush, a Johnson County native, died Saturday, April 12, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Irene Lemaster Auxier. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 15, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Mable Irene Tackett Blanton, 80, of Paintsville, died Friday, April 11, at Riverview Health Care Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Monday, April 14, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Bessie Fannin, 89, of Van Lear, died Wednesday, April 16, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 19, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Deborah Jean Hatfield, 43, of Denver, died Tuesday, April 8, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Friday, April 11, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Anna M. Horne, 79, of Springfield, a Paintsville native, died Tuesday, April 15,

at the Springfield Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, April 18, under the direction of Littleton & Rue Funeral Home & Crematory.

■ Ray T. "Cotton" Preston, 83, of West Van Lear, died Monday, April 14, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Roberta O'Bryan Preston. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 12, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Bennie Darrell Stambaugh, 51, of Meally, died Tuesday, April 8, at Cabell Huntington Hospital, in Huntington, W. Va. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 12, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

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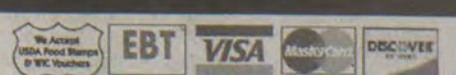
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## Guest View

# Serious consequences

Court officials warned early in the legislative session that budget cutbacks could seriously handicap their ability to serve both criminal defendants and crime victims in the coming biennium. Now the Department for Public Advocacy says a \$2.5 million reduction in its funding for the next fiscal year means some people who normally would be assigned public defenders may not have such representation in court, which raises the question of whether those defendants can even be prosecuted without violating their constitutional right to fair counsel.

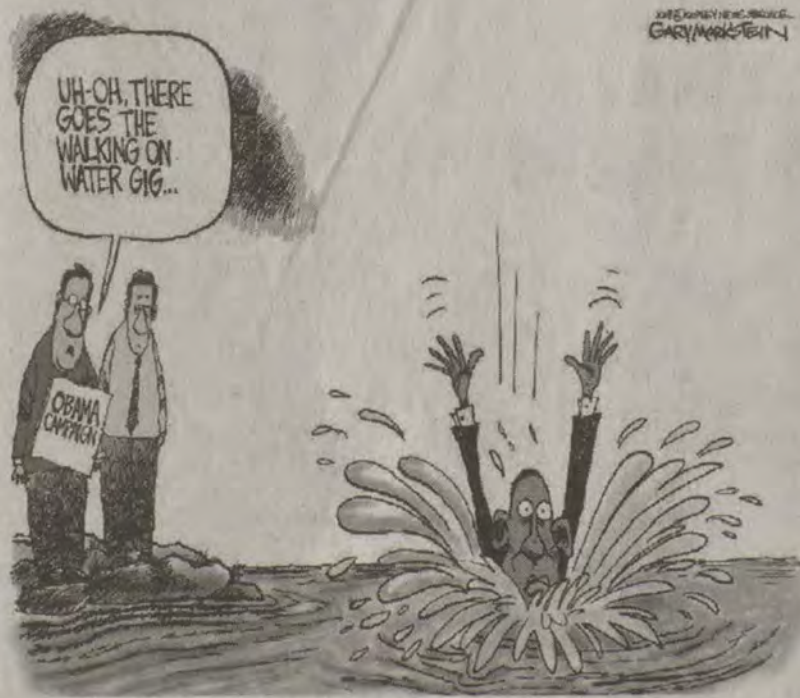
It's just one consequence of the topsy-turvy priorities in a \$19 billion state budget that ranked projects ahead of people. Patching together a deal on the new spending plan without any new taxes, legislators found millions last week to spend on a variety of porcine enterprises in their home districts. ...

For the public defender system, the financial situation is brutally simple, according to Robert Ewald, DPA commission chairman. "People won't work for nothing," he told the Associated Press, "and you can't tell a lawyer to take 800 cases per year." The agency expects to cut its staff of attorneys by 54. Among the clients likely to be affected are people involved in conflict cases, probation revocation hearings, parole violation proceedings, status offender cases, involuntary commitments and some misdemeanors.

So the deadbeats who depend on the state to pay their legal bills will just have to make other arrangements or go to jail, right? Wrong. If criminal defendants can't be defended, maybe they can't be prosecuted, either. Perhaps they'll end up back on the streets, once again getting into trouble with the law. And besides, prosecutors also face budget reductions. The Franklin County attorney and commonwealth's attorney have previously said they would be hard-pressed to keep up their end of the judicial contract with less money. Crimes could go unprosecuted even if defenders are available. Prisons might have to set criminals free.

"This is a painful budget for all who depend on the state for services," Gov. Steve Beshear said in a statement after the Public Advocacy announcement. Exactly how painful is just beginning to be understood.

— The State Journal, Frankfort



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## Rich Lowry Column

### Return of inflation?

Beneath the headlines of Wall Street's financial crisis lurks the economic killer for ordinary Americans — inflation.

It steals from the pocketbook of every American consumer, in an across-the-board regressive tax hitting especially hard those who spend most of their income on food and energy. It cuts into profits and washes away savings. And it has a self-perpetuating dynamic — once people become habituated to inflation, it's devilishly hard to stamp out.

During the past year, the Consumer Price Index — the so-called headline inflation rate — has increased more than 4 percent. The Producer Price Index, measuring wholesale prices, is up more than 6 percent, and the price of imports is up 14 percent — both at their highest rate in 20 years. The dollar is its weakest since 1971, a national embarrassment.

This is an economic environment that the Federal Reserve helped create. It fought a phantom deflation in 2002-2003 by cutting the federal funds rate to 1 percent and keeping it there for a year, blowing hot air into the credit and real estate bubbles. Now that those bubbles have burst in spectacular fashion, the Fed is trying to forestall or minimize a recession

with more rate cuts.

In effect, the Fed is creating more dollar bills, and thus depreciating their value. This isn't the sole cause of price increases. An ill-conceived ethanol program has driven up food prices, and global demand is bidding up the price of oil. But oil wouldn't be at \$100 a barrel if the dollar weren't so weak. The Fed's rate cuts benefit Wall Street by lowering the cost of borrowing and potentially homeowners with adjustable-rate mortgages, but at the cost of everyone else who wasn't improvident in business dealings or home-buying.

Lower- and middle-income people bear the brunt. An analysis by The Washington Post found that prices for staples like groceries, gasoline and health care have risen 9.2 percent since 2006. According to its calculation, this price increase cost a middle-class family an extra \$972 annually. Merrill Lynch says a greater proportion of consumers' disposable income went to paying for such staples — 36 percent — than at any time since the figure was first tracked in 1960.

The Fed argues that inflation will decline as the economy slows down.

But the economy has already been slowing, and inflation has continued to increase. The price of commodities took a step downward only after the

Fed didn't cut rates as much as expected last month, and two members of the Fed's Open Market Committee, worried about inflation, balked at even that cut. The Fed is going to have to stop cutting rates,

even if Wall Street and Washington politicians yelp in protest.

We're unlikely to experience anything like the double-digit inflation of the 1970s. Among other things, workers don't have the kind of automatic cost-of-living increases that sent wages and prices in an ever-upward spiral back then. But the Fed shouldn't abandon price stability in the cause of an hour-by-hour attempt to avoid the inevitable distress of working through the excesses of recent years.

The market is a savage taskmaster. It's pay me now, or pay me more later — when inflation would make it all the more painful.

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Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



The Rich Lowry column

## beyond the Beltway

### Having the war in Iraq both ways

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

John McCain was firm of voice and steady of gaze as he looked out into the crowd and said: "We are no longer staring into the abyss of defeat, and we can now look ahead to the genuine prospect of success." He was talking about Iraq, oddly enough.

The audience, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, was appreciative, which was unsurprising. After all, the VFW was appreciative six years ago when Vice-President Dick Cheney came to them to announce that there was "no question" that Saddam Hussein had Weapons of Mass Destruction.

The VFW is where politicians go to lie — and receive uncritical support for any war that's going on at the moment.

Senator McCain has done a terrific job of having it both ways on the question of Iraq. He is a staunch supporter of the war — always has been — as well as a severe critic of its conduct. In other words it would have been a perfectly lovely war if only we had fought it better. And, since we're now doing that, the future looks bright.

He brushed by the fact that, even as he spoke, the violence level in Iraq was spiking, casting doubt in the minds of the public as to whether the Surge was working. But not in the minds of administration officials, never that.

McCain has said, famously, that he'd be willing to keep troops in Iraq "for a 100 years," if necessary. When that drew fire he quickly retreated to the position that he meant that only in the sense that we still have troops in Japan, sixty years after World War II. "Only if American troops aren't being shot at or killed," was the way he put it.

Oh, that's OK then, said the wise heads who tell us what to think. So long as they stop killing us we have no objection to staying.

That really begs the question, which is this: How long are you prepared to keep troops in Iraq if they are being shot at, if they are being killed?

When, if ever, will it be time to say "Enough. We're out of here."

McCain has no answer for that and neither, apparently, do Gen. David Petraeus or Ambassador Ryan Crocker who are running the show for us in Iraq.

The pair of them appeared before Congress last week and presented an absolutely pathetic argument for keeping tens of thousands of troops in Iraq at a cost of \$12 BILLION-A-MONTH!

Asked again and again by Senators and Congresspersons to give a hint as to how we will know, finally, that we've won in Iraq and when that great day might be expected, they had no answers. None.

All they could tell us was that things, as bad as they are now, would get worse if we leave.

Perhaps the most disturbing thing

to come out of the Petraeus-Crocker hearings was Crocker's statement: "In the end, how we leave and what we leave behind will be more important than how we came."

If you believe that, you probably voted to re-elect George Bush.

I was reminded "how we came" to Iraq last month by PBS's brilliant four-hour documentary "Bush's War."

To watch it was a grinding, infuriating experience. Our path to Iraq was paved with willful ignorance, false assumptions, self-delusion and outright lies.

At every turn strong evidence that argued against our attack on

Iraq was ignored in favor of much weaker evidence that supported the Bush-Cheney mania for war.

The show is not an anti-war polemic; it is a carefully balanced, thoroughly documented record of how we got into this mess. And it is a shameful story of duplicity and hubris.

In a nation that took democracy seriously George Bush and Dick Cheney would have been impeached, not re-elected.

And now some analysts are saying that John McCain, a true believer in the war, might be our next president.

That 100 years in Iraq is beginning to sound optimistic.

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## This Town, That World

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

One way to get warm is to get into an argument with your neighbor about whether this is dogwood or redbud winter.

### OF RAMPS

I have a special request from a friend at Lackey to inform her and the general public about ramps.

(You will recall, it was this vegetable and the odor, which caused Secretary Udall to excoriate Southern cooking, the other day.)

You will excuse us, please, from giving the botanical name (which we do not know), but ramps is a vegetable, which could very well, claim kinship with our wild onion. It grows in West Virginia and Tennessee, and perhaps several other states, but not in our section. In fact, ramps is quite famous in West Virginia; folks have an annual ramps festival.

Everybody eats ramps where they are eaten at all, we understand. Have to. Otherwise, the non-eater wouldn't be able to abide those about him.

But why should a fellow like Secretary Udall complain about the odor of ramps, since he comes from the big city where they smell up the premiers with limburger, garlic, and the like?

### WE'RE SORRY

This similarity of names is still causing us and other folks trouble. We are asked to explain here that the Charles Osborne, caught here recently with a load of booze, is not the Charles Leonard Osborne who attends Cancy Junior College. Writes Charles Leonard in mild protest: "Since this article was published, more than 15 people have asked me to get them a case of beer, my next trip."

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Last Thursday, I made it back to the lake. Same beautiful lake, same friendly hills all about—same old luck.

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Our item in this space last week about Roy Ramey's 200-pound catch seems to have been a bit ambitious. Well, to clear up the matter, we will tell what we did not intend to say: His fishing partner, Earl Castle, fell in the lake.

### SHUCKS!

Mention of fishing brings me around to the violation of a confidence, I must tell you about Ernest Turner and his son-in-law, Olin Elliott, and their fishing contest.

They started the season off with an agreement that the one who caught the largest game fish this year would pull down \$10 from the other—and, first thing, Elliott hauls off and lands an 8 1/2-pound bass. But his father-in-law is not one to give up easily, and he is holding onto his ten-spot.

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## LONG HAUL



Adam Harbin, a Floyd County student who is currently traveling to California on bicycle, had a friendly fellow visitor to the Devil's Rope/Route 66 Museum, in McLean, Texas, snap this shot of him as he stopped to learn a little about "devil's rope," aka "barbed wire."

## Floyd biker to arrive in Grand Canyon next week

### Donations needed to help complete trip

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

Gusting winds, cold rains, some minor repairs to his sole form of transportation and even a nasty bout with food poisoning have yet to sway 19-year-old Adam Harbin from his mission at hand. That being to arrive, in the next few weeks, in Santa Monica, California, aboard his Trek 1000 road bike.

Adam left Floyd County, determined to make the 2,000-plus mile trip on his bicycle, on March 11. As of Wednesday evening, he had logged 2,000 miles on his odometer, minus a day's worth of riding that failed to register due to traveling in some heavy rains in western Kentucky early on in his trip. Leaving Holbrook, Arizona on Thursday morning, Adam projects that he should be, if all goes well, looking at the magnificent beauty of the Grand Canyon by early this week.

Stalled for a day or so after "blowing out a tube" on his bicycle, along with contracting food poisoning from "some bad beef jerky in Santa Rosa, New Mexico," Adam is now back on the road and actually progressing ahead of schedule.

Trapped by severe weather conditions in Moriarty, New Mexico, when wind gusts of over 50 miles per hour forced him to take shelter, Adam said that he became rather discouraged. "It almost broke me that day and the day after," he said. "I was borderline ready to quit and go home, but I got a couple of pep talks from my dad and friends, and they talked me into carrying on."

Though Adam has been camping out along the way in order to save money, his illness and the severe weather conditions he encountered in Moriarty forced him to take shelter indoors. Renting rooms for those extra days in a couple of motels along the way took a serious, and unexpected, bite out of his budget. "I'm not the kind of guy who finds it easy to ask for help," he said. "I'll go hungry before I'll ask someone to help me pay for a meal, and I camp out rather than pay for rooms, but I've had some instances where I had to get indoors."

Though he's still on the road and determined, Adam shares that he is getting low on funds and is worried about having enough money to pay for his return trip home back to Floyd County. Adam planned to return to Kentucky by train once

reaching his destination in Santa Monica.

To help with his budgeting woes, Adam's uncle, Ricky Kestner, general manager of Papa John's in Prestonsburg, has placed a donation jar in the store so that those willing may donate funds to help Adam complete his trek successfully.

"You have to give the guy a lot of credit," Kestner said. "He's battled high winds, rain, his bike needing repairs...and he's kept on going. I just want to do anything I can to help him out. Anything people would be willing to give to help him would sure be greatly appreciated."

Donations made will be placed in an account that Adam has access to by his father.

Along the way, Adam is keeping in touch with family and friends primarily by way of MySpace and email. He plans to send more photographs and updates along to Times staff for the enjoyment of our readers.

Adam is the son of Michael and Vicki Harbin, of Floyd County, and Penny Lewis, of Johnson County. He is a former employee of Food City, in Prestonsburg, and hopes to return to work once he is back home in Floyd County.

## MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

### 'Rise: Blood Hunter'

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST



Tom Doty  
Times Columnist

A woman wakes up in the county morgue and is none to pleased to find that she has been converted into a member of the undead in this "film noir" take on the bloodsucker genre.

You know you are in for a good ride when a movie opens like this: A middle-aged salesman is approached by a young blonde in a trendy bar. She immediately establishes her credentials as a courtesan, which doesn't bother the guy at all, though he is miffed when an equally attractive Asian woman cuts in and convinces the working girl to leave with her.

What follows next is a real mind bender as the two repair to a posh L.A. home. There it is revealed that the customer (Sadie) has procured the young lady as a treat for a perverted ghoul who intends to eat the poor lass alive.

What follows is too good to give away so we'll proceed to the next scene, where flashbacks reveal a little about Sadie. Turns out she was a reporter doing a story on a fringe group of young adults who observe vampire rituals. The story landed her byline on the front page but, unfortunately, it also brought her to the attention of a dangerous fellow named Bishop. He's a guy who drinks blood, avoids the sun and enjoys converting others to his cause.

All right, he sounds suspiciously like a vampire, but this movie goes out of its way to never use that word. These folks are certainly vampirish (coined a new word there) and they cast no reflection in a mirror, but they can be killed as long as their attacker doesn't give them any time to recover from a mortal wound.

Sadie spends most of the movie hunting down Bishop whom, we later learn, meant to kill her but accidentally created another bloodsucker when a trusted colleague failed to finish her off. Now Sadie prowls L.A. streets armed only with a pair of leather go-go boots and a crossbow in search of revenge.

She isn't alone in her quest as we soon learn that a detective, named Clyde, is also searching for Bishop. The two don't get along at first but come to depend on each other when they realize that the same man who created Sadie also attacked Clyde's daughter.

It all leads to a lethal showdown at a remote farm where Bishop has surrounded himself with cronies. It's a decent finale, though it obviously lacks the tension of the opening scene.

(See LAGOON, page six)

## As the snow flies

by PAULA MCKEE  
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL: A TRIBUTE TO MOMS"

As the season's first snow fell, I realized that my 2-year-old daughter probably had no recollection of this fascinating occurrence from the first two winters of her life. With wide eyes, she looked out her bedroom window, delighted and intrigued, wanting to know where the snow was coming from, not able to stay still or listen long enough to hear the answer.

As is usual during the afternoons

when just the two of us are home, I feel compelled to rush her to bed for her nap. Our lives have become so busy, and straying from our routine seems to send the rest of the day into upheaval. Without a lengthy nap, Elaina has a difficult time making it through the day, and I had work deadlines to meet as well as the usual household chores. Tomorrow, I thought often, we'll slow down. But along with each tomorrow comes a new set of tasks and priorities that can't wait.

But today, I wanted to not care at

all. The snow was falling, and as far as Elaina could tell, it was an entirely new experience. She was fascinated by the large, fluffy flakes, and watched intently as each one fell diagonally and with great speed, settling on the trees, the rooftops and the ground below.

We went into the living room and aimed a rocking chair toward the large glass door that overlooked the backyard. I found the melodic lullaby CD I once used to play when she fell asleep for her nap. So many memories came flooding back as I remembered the routine as feeding as much a part of our music as was time. I remembered the baby she used to be.

We rocked in the chair, her head resting on my chest, as we watched

the snow fall. I desperately hoped that I could remember this moment forever, or at least long enough to remember the importance of slowing down from time to time.

I know children are adaptable, but I wondered why we need them to be so. Often when I play with my kids, I am struck by how simple it is to amuse them, how anything can be turned into an exciting game. A child's first experience watching the snow fall should not be rushed, but savored and appreciated

for the wonder and absolute joy it elicits.

As I held my daughter, who had nearly tripled in size since our earliest days together, I thought about the many changes that had transformed her from a tiny baby into such a delightful little girl, all of the changes that, incredibly, had happened right before my eyes. As I was reminiscing, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" began to play, and I remembered that,

(See SOUP, page six)



# The case of the disappearing antifreeze

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

I have a 2001 Chrysler Town & Country with a 3.3-liter V-6 engine and 134,000 miles on it. I use it to deliver mail for the U.S. Postal Service. One day I refilled my antifreeze, and a week later, it was empty. This past week I put in two gallons and now it's empty again. There's nothing on my driveway, so the car's not leaking. So, where is all of that antifreeze going? Please help. — James

TOM: It's going air mail, James. It's getting burned up in your engine and sent, first class, out the tailpipe.

RAY: There's a small possibility that it IS leaking, even though there's nothing in your driveway. Sometimes a leaky water pump, for instance, will drip only when the engine is running. In that case, you've been leaving a

few drops at every mailbox every day.

TOM: Actually, it's unlikely that you'd leak out two gallons in a week without seeing anything. But check for a puddle in your driveway after the engine's been idling there for half an hour or so, just to be sure.

RAY: If you don't see any evidence of an external leak, then the coolant is leaking inside the engine. If you get someone else to drive the car, and you drive behind it, you'll probably see voluminous clouds of white smoke coming out of the tailpipe. Or, if you check your oil dipstick, you may find it overfilled and frothy. That means coolant's mixing with your oil.

TOM: In that case, the best-case scenario is that you have a blown head gasket. But if you wait too long, it could get worse. If you run out of

or too low on coolant, you could overheat the engine and end up with a cracked block or a cracked head. My brother has a cracked head.

RAY: Right. But no one's counting on me to deliver the mail. So I can just live with it.

TOM: This is something you want to get checked out soon, while there's still hope of saving the engine, James. And if you need a new engine, maybe you can get a deal on having one mailed to you!

#### Advice for first-time oil-changer

Dear Tom and Ray:

My mom listens to your show constantly, and I have to say, it's a whole lot better than when she listens to Rush Limbaugh. Anyway, I've decided to change my own oil, as I have a part-time job delivering pizzas and I hate shelling out \$50 every three months or so. I've done some research online, and what I've found is scary — between risking getting crushed by a mislaid car jack and burnt by a hot engine, I'm ready to rethink my plan. What are your expert opinions on the safety of an oil change by a first-time do-it-yourselfer? — Katie

TOM: Well, a lot of people learn things successfully by just jumping right in and trying them. That's how I learned to change oil, Katie.

RAY: And he's had cars fall on him many times, which explains both the extreme flatness of his forehead and his frequent lapses in judgment.

TOM: No, the lapses in judgment are what led to the flat forehead! Anyway, it's best if you can get someone to actually show you how to do an oil change, because you can get hurt under a car, Katie.

RAY: The best way to avoid having the car fall on you is to invest in a set of ramps. For 30 bucks or so, you can get a set of steel ramps, and someone can show you how to drive the front wheels up onto the ramps so the car is secure and you have room to work underneath.

TOM: Whatever you do, do NOT use the spare-tire jack that came with your car. It's flimsy, and it's not safe to work under. If you don't believe me, look at a picture of my forehead.

RAY: Once the car is on the ramps on flat ground, you need to make sure it stays there. You do that by putting the transmission in park (or in first or reverse if it's a stick-shift), applying

the parking brake and chocking the rear wheels (again, someone can show you how to do this very easily).

TOM: Once you get underneath the car, someone can show you where the exhaust manifold is, so you don't touch that and burn yourself. And he or she can show you how to remove the oil filter without having a quart of oil run down your arm and into your lap, where it gets absorbed by your Jockey shorts. You'll also need to know how to properly dispose of the used oil so you don't get fined \$50,000 by the Environmental Protection Agency. After you've seen it done once, up close, you'll be able to do it yourself.

RAY: Yup. It's not that hard, and I don't think it's beyond your capabilities once you get a little instruction.

TOM: I agree. If you can deliver a triple anchovy pizza before it gets cold, you can change your own oil, Katie. Go for it.

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



## Soup

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as a baby, she would usually be asleep by now. But instead, she lifted her head and insisted we sing together. I did, but stopped because I wanted to hear only her. I wanted to enjoy the adorable mispronunciations of a small child learning to speak, and relished how happily unaware she was that her words sounded different from mine.

I wondered how much of this music, if any, she recalled, and I smiled as I realized that, just as infants are soothed by the sounds heard while in the womb, I am comforted by the

familiarity of this music that has transported me back to a time that now seemed a world away. A time before I had spent too many of our tomorrows on that which might not have been priority, after all.

That afternoon, a wonder of nature taught me a very important lesson about appreciating the simple things, because even though each and every winter has a first snowfall, there will never be another "first" snowfall for my little girl. And I will never forget, or regret, sharing it with her.

## Lagoon

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There are still several twists awaiting and the best one involves a sinister treat for Clyde, who gets a second chance see his daughter in the flesh, but it's not one of those tear-filled "Lifestyle Channel" moments.

This one works well due to tight direction and talented thespians, but those expecting a lot of action might be somewhat disappointed. There are some decent set pieces here for action buffs but this one is more interested in sustaining tension.

The film also benefits from

solid actors in the leads. Lucy Liu stars as Sadie and she gets to play a lot of emotions, but if you want more of the side she showed as a kung-fu queen in Quentin Tarantino's "Kill Bill, Volume One," then you're apt to be a little let down here.

The distributors of the film make it look like an action fest with the cover art, but it's just a ploy to reach a larger audience. That's not saying the film isn't good, but the folks who put it out are a little thick (they also refer to the characters as vampires on the cover of the DVD even though the

script writers went to every effort to avoid such references).

If you are seeking a dark thriller with supernatural overtones, then you're in for a treat. This one sports grim heroes and villains just like the best film noir.

James D'arcy makes for a suitably vain, and brutal, villain as Bishop. He is well matched by Michael Chiklis ("The Shield") who costars as Clyde. Chiklis starts out on the edge here as his character has hit the bottle and suffers from nightmares which torment him

about the loss of his daughter. He eventually pulls himself together and has some fine moments during the final reel as he must confront the fate of his daughter and crawl out from the guilt of having grown apart from her as she made the transition into adolescence.

All this and there's also a cameo by talented genre veteran Robert Foster ("Alligator" and "Jackie Brown"). Come for the action but stay for the story.

Best line: "Rich elegant bachelors are often psychotic." 2007, unrated.

## Allen

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Last Friday, he tells Elliott as they start fishing. "I'll fish from the bow of the boat, this time, and I'll show you how to beat that minnow you caught."

And, sure enough, it wasn't long till he was all tangled up with a whopper that had struck an eel strip while he was jigging. This monster took off; he circled, he rose and he went down. "Reminded me of the way a porpoise will act," Turner said. But the big fish was well-hooked, and finally he swung back toward the boat. "Guess this'll hold you!" he yelled to Elliott. "Get the landing net."

Elliott cooperated, slipped the net beneath the fish, then heaved mightily to bring it into the boat.

The fish would have gone a good 10 pounds, Turner swears. But it was never

weighed, he sadly relates. It was a carp.

#### EUREKAI

My notes, meticulously taken with the best of intentions, often go astray, sometimes to be found, occasionally lost forever. Here's a scrap of paper which was intended to remind me to write an item about three girls who are members of the staff of the Bobcat Times, publication of the Betsy Layne school. Know how long this item has been wandering around in limbo? The girls were here to register to vote. Their two ports of call in Prestonsburg were The Floyd County Times and the Floyd County jail (no wisecracks, please). The visitors: Joyceleen Martin, editor; Josephine Kidd, reporter; Connie Mitchell, typist.

### SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

## FAQ website a popular spot for getting answers

by PAUL BARNES  
SOCIAL SECURITY ATLANTA  
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

Do you have a question about the Social Security program that you would like answered quickly and simply?

Many people find that one of the easiest and best ways to get answers to their Social Security questions is to visit the Frequently Asked Questions on Social Security's website. Just go to Social Security Online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). At the upper right-hand side of the webpage is a pull-down menu of Frequently Asked Questions. The menu includes hundreds of common questions, conveniently separated into 25 separate subject areas.

Under the subject "benefits" there are more than 70 common questions. For example, "Do I have to pay income tax on my Social Security benefits?" Under "Social Security number and card," there are 70 answers to common questions. For example, "How do I

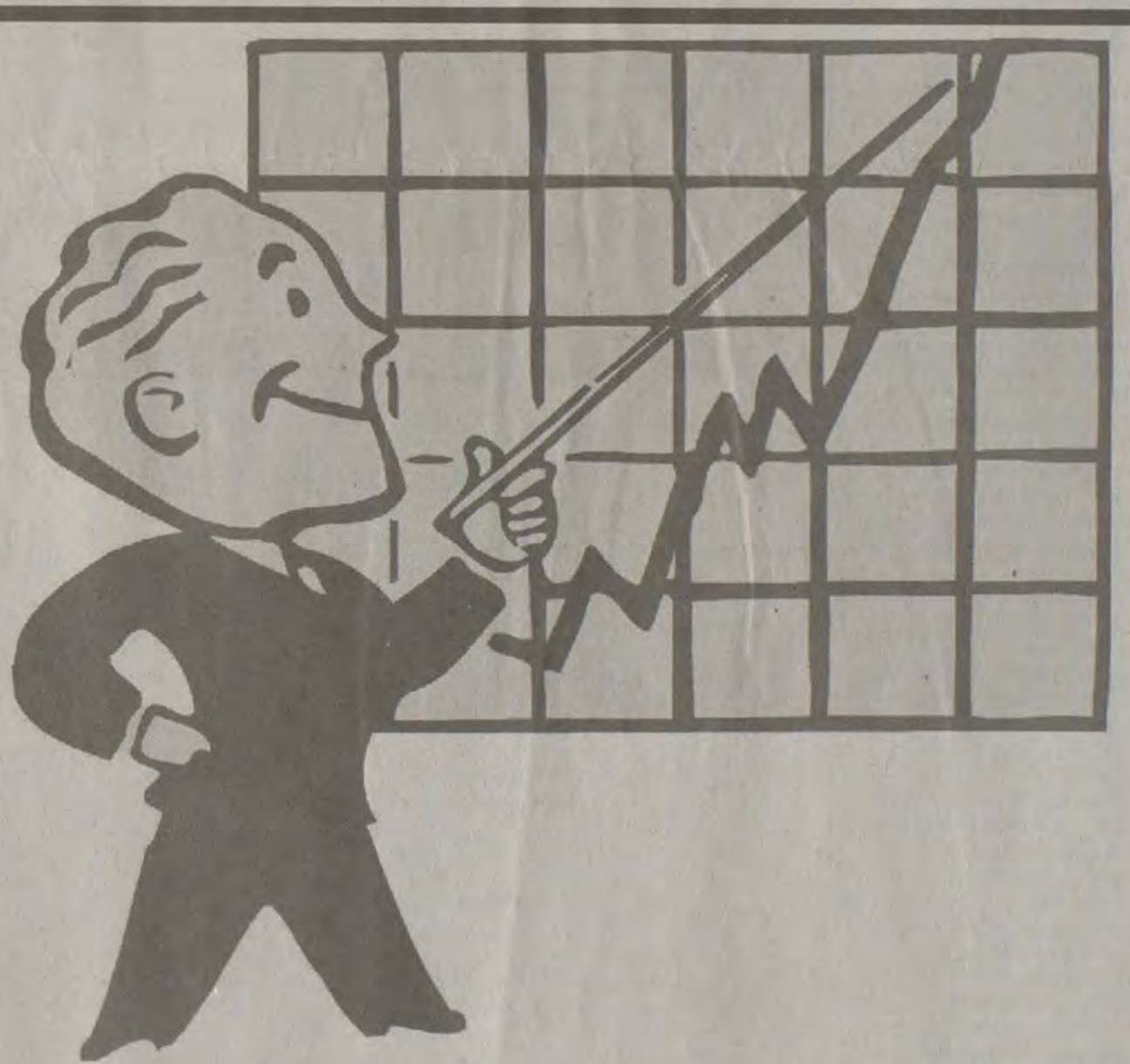
replace a lost Social Security card?"

You can get answers to questions like "How do I correct my name or birthday listed on my Statement?" or "How do I request a replacement SSA-1099, Benefit Statement for tax year 2007?" and many more.

If you can't find an answer to your particular question about Social Security, you can simply type in your question and Social Security will respond by email.

But in most cases, you'll find that we have the answer to your Social Security question. After all, we've published the most commonly asked questions on the website — 600 of them!

Last year, nearly 30 million people got answers to their questions using our Frequently Asked Questions page. Next time you have a question, look for answers to them online. Just visit the Frequently Asked Questions on the Social Security website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).



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## Odds &amp; Ends

■ **MAGNOLIA, Ark.** — Police in Magnolia, Ark., say it wasn't the fried chicken in Savalas Vantoli Stewart's car that gave off a funky smell.

Instead, officers who pulled over Stewart on Friday night say they found a side dish of marijuana hidden in a recently purchased box of chicken.

Police say officers smelled marijuana coming from the car and found it after Stewart consented to a search. Officers say they also found several Ecstasy pills in Stewart's pockets.

The 33-year-old Waldo resident faces a misdemeanor marijuana possession charge and felony drug possession charge.

A deputy at the Columbia County jail says Stewart was released Monday to await a court appearance. A telephone number for Stewart in Waldo could not be found.

■ **DUBUQUE, Iowa** — When known pranksters Rick and Marilyn Jones left town for a wedding, neighbors seeking payback eyed their property and decided to stick a fork in it — a few thousand forks, in fact.

Tom and Paula Tschudi planted 3,000 white plastic forks in the Jones' yard and dangled more from the roof, fence and garage.

"We just wanted to do something funny to them, because every time we leave, they pull some prank on us," said Paula Tschudi, who promised to help pick up the forks.

Over the years, the Joneses have strung beer cans like holiday lights around the Tschudis' home, put a for-sale sign in their yard and strung yellow crime-scene tape around chalk outlines of bodies on the sidewalk.

As the Tschudis, their two children and another neighborhood family planted the forks Sunday, one passer-by asked what they were doing.

"We told him we were aerating their lawn," Paula Tschudi said with a laugh.

■ **TOWSON, Md.** — A mother has given birth to a rare set of quadruplets in which three of the four boys are identical.

The boys were born 11 weeks premature in January at Greater Baltimore Medical Center in Towson. The parents planned to introduce themselves and their boys at a news conference Friday.

There are fewer than 100 documented cases of "identical triplets plus one" in the United States, hospital officials said.

Two embryos were implanted into the mother, and both were fertilized, hospital spokesman Michael Schwartzberg said. One of them split, then split again, creating the identical triplets.

The boys were delivered by Caesarian section Jan. 29, their mother's 32nd birthday. Joshua Drew was born first, then Gavin Michael, Cody Benjamin and finally Logan Christopher, the non-identical one, Schwartzberg said.

The babies were treated at the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit, and all four have been home in Belcamp for about 2-3 weeks, Schwartzberg said.

■ **COMMERCE TOWNSHIP, Mich.** — Police say a man dressed as a woman repeatedly crashed his car into a suburban Detroit lingerie store that refused to hire him.

Oakland County Undersheriff Michael McCabe says Jeremy McIntosh, 27, was arrested Saturday outside Intimate Ideas. Damage to the store was estimated at \$3,000.

McCabe says McIntosh was wearing "facial makeup, lipstick, blue Capri pants, red flip-flops, a flowery blouse and a matching flowery women's bra."

McIntosh told deputies he is homeless and wanted to go to jail because he had nowhere else to go.

McIntosh remained jailed after his arraignment Monday on charges including malicious destruction of property and reckless driving. McCabe says McIntosh doesn't have a lawyer yet.

■ **NORTH ARLINGTON, N.J.** — Mayor Peter Massa put out a citywide cat call when his Maine Coon disappeared.

Massa had an automatic call sent to 8,500 voters on Wednesday asking for help finding Max.

Turns out he didn't have to look that far. Massa's wife, Val, says 14-year-old Max was found inside a wall of their house Thursday morning. He had been missing since Tuesday.

Val Massa says she doesn't know how the 20-pound cat got in the 5-inch hole under the stairs. Max was dehydrated and hungry, but otherwise fine.

The Massas had also offered a \$500 reward.

■ **TISBURY, Mass.** — Tisbury voters, it seems, are split on whether to allow restaurants in town to put beer and wine on the menu.

Exactly split. A ballot question on whether to allow sales of alcohol at restaurants and inns in the Martha's Vineyard community tied 690-690 in Tuesday's election.

If it's a tie, the place stays dry. So those favoring the change have already launched an effort to get a hand recount, town clerk Marion Mudge said.

"There are things the machine might not pick up ... like check marks," she said.

Tisbury is one of more than a dozen dry towns in Massachusetts, including several on the island of Martha's Vineyard, where there are no liquor stores or bars. Many restaurants allow customers to bring their own alcohol.

■ **DALLAS** — A tow truck driver unknowingly hauled away a car with a 7-year-old asleep inside before returning the vehicle minutes later and speeding away, police said.

The panicked parents of the missing boy watched the driver hurriedly unhook their car and take off as they met with authorities late Monday, according to a Dallas police report. A possible kidnapping investigation at the apartment complex had already begun.

Fidel Retana Jr., 23, was pulled over a short time later and arrested on child endan-

germent charges. But police said Tuesday they expect to drop the charges.

"It appeared that he did not intend to take the child," Dallas police Sgt. Brenda Nichols said.

David Traylor, Retana's attorney, said his client noticed the boy only when he stopped to ensure that the car was hooked up properly. The car had been parked in a fire lane while the boy's mother ran upstairs to her apartment.

Traylor said Retana left the second time in a hurry because he knew the parents were there and were probably angry.

"He tried to do everything he could to get the kid back quickly," Traylor said.

Authorities said the boy's mother was crying and vomiting outside when they arrived. The boy was still asleep when the car was returned.

"I hate the way towing people run the business," said Sergio Zuniga, the boy's father.

■ **CONCORD, N.H.** — A high school senior who was charged in a drug sting set up by a rival school's principal is

suing district officials over his lengthy suspension.

Concord High School student John Huckins, 17, was arrested last month on a charge of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute. He has not entered a plea, but school officials suspended him for the rest of the school year.

Bishop Brady High School Principal Jean Barker set up a meeting with Huckins on a cell phone she confiscated from one of her students, according to police reports.

She received a text message from Huckins stating, "Yo, you need a bag?" according to police reports.

Barker pretended to be the phone's owner and told him to meet outside the back door of her Catholic school, then called police.

When Huckins showed up March 6, he was arrested with a quarter-ounce of marijuana, police said.

Barker did not return phone messages to The Associated Press. She defended her actions to The Concord Monitor, saying Huckins' willingness to bring drugs onto

school property placed her school at risk.

Huckins' attorney, Mark Howard, disagreed.

"It is a crime in the state of New Hampshire to elicit a drug offense if you are not either a police officer or working under the direction of a police officer," Howard said.

Police refused to comment.

While his criminal case is pending, Huckins has sued the Concord School District, Superintendent Chris Rath and his principal, Gene Connelly, over his suspension. Huckins is attending classes until a judge reaches a decision.

"John is very interested in staying in school and finishing out the school year," Howard said. "He couldn't be any more embarrassed or humiliated about this."

The lawsuit alleges the school district neglected to provide the written charges against him and inform him he could bring a lawyer to his suspension hearing.

Concord School District attorney John Teague acknowledged that a mistake was made initially but said the charges were refiled correctly.

# Fishing for customers?



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parents in attendance appeared upset about the notice, alleging that the use of the word "danger" had instilled fear in many of the school's students.

"Your children are not in danger," said Robin Naim, a teacher at the school. "We're getting ready to begin testing on Monday. Please, let your children be here. Let them be wonderful."

The "danger" that the PTA notice alluded to was not in reference to any outbreak of illness or any other threat to student safety, but a reference to the administrative positions cut from the school budget by the site-based council. School administrators say that the cut, abolishing the positions of the school's two vice-principals, one office secretary and the school's curriculum coordinator, will greatly reduce the number of those school employees available to oversee the daily care of enrolled students.

In place of the four abolished positions, the school council will hire two additional classroom instructors.

Divisions among those assembled Thursday were apparent, with one group staunchly in support of the council decision, while another voiced concerns that cuts in office staffing would only prove to increase teacher responsibility.

John Salisbury, parent representative to the council, spoke up at the PTA meeting, explaining to those in attendance that council representatives had attempted to make a decision that they felt was in the best interest of children.

"Doesn't every parent want smaller class sizes? More teacher attention per child?" he asked.

"Not when teachers are only getting more responsibili-

ties," said Anita Hale, parent of a PES kindergartner. Hale also said that she felt parents had not been duly informed prior to the school council's decision to cut administrative staff. Nancy Bertrand, parent representative to the council, responded that more parents should attend council meetings.

"Every one of these ladies are working their fingers to the bone to help these children," said Bonita Dove, PTA vice-president. "I've been in these offices ... The phones are ringing, children need attending to ... One person cannot do it all. This school needs to be run and it takes capable hands to do it."

Gary Frazier, community resident and husband of school principal Gwen Hale-Frazier, caused tempers to flare with his comments that "what we have going on here is nothing but a good old-fashioned vendetta." Frazier continued, saying, "Aside from all the niceties, let's take a good look at what's really going on. A primary objective here is to get rid of Ms. Terri Hall; a second one, to make life as miserable as humanly possible for Gwen, so that she will give up and retire."

Frazier, referring to the school council as "the junior mafia," accused the members of using their authority to "gain control by ruining lives and taking people's jobs for the sake of your own personal agenda."

Dove agreed. "Our primary concern should be these kids ... I was told once that I should be a site-based council member. I didn't want to, I didn't want any part of it, because I don't think it's a good thing. If a handful of people sit in a room and decide what's best for our kids, I don't think

that's a good thing," she said.

Gary Frazier said he sees a sinister motive behind the council's actions.

"The site-based council is using children as a power grab ... they want rid of Terri Hall and they want rid of Gwen. Your children be damned," he said.

Frazier's comments incited ire in many in attendance and several spoke up loudly and vehemently, telling Frazier that he had "no business" being there and calling for him to "leave" and "go home."

Frazier acquiesced and attempted to leave the building, but as he was doing so, he was followed out of the meeting room and outside the building by several in attendance. Within moments, a large group had gathered outside, converging upon Frazier as he attempted to make his way to his automobile.

Throughout, Hale-Frazier and Gardner proceeded with the ongoing meeting in a professional manner as vice-principals Carolyn Martin and Terri Hall attempted to make their personal statements from the podium above the noise both inside and outside the meeting hall.

Within minutes, Prestonsburg police officers Jon Eperson and Brian Walker were called to the scene to bring order to the confusion. As the officers conducted interviews outside the building, parent Sylena Thomas spoke to those still assembled inside in an effort to get council members to reconsider their decision before taking a final vote on the matter.

"Cutting the assistant principals will only put the work back on the teachers," Thomas said. "And I'm not impressed with the attitudes I've seen here tonight ... Asking the

principal to do all this work alone, that's like asking a doctor to do it all in his office. I don't see how these cuts are going to help our children."

As Nancy Bertrand, parent representative to the council, called for the PTA meeting to end so that the site-based council meeting could convene, parent Anita Hale asked to be allowed to speak, as did at least one other parent. Principal Hale-Frazier asked Bertrand if she would allow that courtesy, to which Bertrand said she would not.

"Everyone's already spoken," Bertrand said. "Why do they need to speak again?"

Once convened, council members voted 5-1 to abolish the four administrative positions in question and to create two additional teacher positions.

Following the meeting, Bertrand and Salisbury agreed to be interviewed, alleging that since they had been elected to the council last September they have both suffered intimidation, threats and harassment from Hale-Frazier and various of her administrative staff.

"We've been talked to like a dog," Salisbury said. "We've even been threatened to be sued if we didn't go along with what was wanted."

"We were told, last year, that if we didn't approve to not let parents, which were referred to by her (Hale-Frazier) as 'vultures,' in the new building, that it would be 'on our heads' if anything happened," Salisbury said.

"This school has never had a winning site-based council," Bertrand said. "It's always been a dictatorship. We've been bullied, threatened, jumped on, anything ... Whatever it took to get their way."

"It's true," Salisbury said,

"And I can back up what I'm saying. I've got emails, tapes ... I can back it up."

One of the three teacher representatives to the council who wished to make her comments anonymously said that it was her opinion that teachers at the school will not have increased responsibilities due to the recent decision to cut administrative staff.

"We already have teachers receiving money for annuals, fundraisers, t-shirts, during instructional time. We even have to use our planning time to call home to see why kids are not in class," she said.

Charges filed

Friday afternoon, charges related to the scene that took place outside the school were brought against Gary Frazier by PES teacher Hope Tackett, site-based council member Nancy Bertrand, and parent Alicia Salisbury.

Tackett's complaint accuses Frazier of terroristic threatening and assault (with no visible injury). Bertrand's complaint accuses Frazier of harassment. Salisbury's complaint accuses Frazier of terroristic threatening against her.

County Attorney Keith

Bartley said Friday afternoon that he expected Gary Frazier to file charges of his own against some people at the meeting, but that could not be confirmed at press time.

Superintendent's response

Floyd County Supt. Henry Webb said, in regard to the situation, that school councils are "the decision making authority" in their respective schools and that "allegations of inappropriate actions by council members, when received, are investigated (by the school board)."

"As a board, we expect all instructional time, in all schools, to be used appropriately," Webb said. "Further, our schools are to be regarded as places to be made safe for kids. Any instances that threaten that safety are to be handled and investigated by public authorities."

The members of the Prestonsburg Elementary Site-Based Decision Making Council are Principal Gwen Hale-Frazier, teachers Glendine Hale, Hope Tackett and Jo Ann Conn, and parent representatives John Salisbury and Nancy Bertrand.

Obama

lines up.

Justice says his commitment to the Obama campaign stems from the agreement he shares with Obama on the issues, at a personal level.

"You always hear about the new generation of leadership. I think this is it, that time is here," said Justice.

A number of supporters turned out for the grand opening of the office, including Cynthia Elliott, of Prestonsburg, who said of Obama, "He reminds me of my

time in the '60s, the raising of conscience."

"It's really a movement," Elliott said.

Elliott was at the opening with her daughter, Jackie Bailey, of Illinois, who said she has supported Obama since he was her state senator.

Elliott said she was planning to work for the campaign, and had already donated.

Another visitor to the opening professed to being supporter of Obama despite being a registered Republican.

"I'm an 'Obamican,'" said Cheryl Webster, of Pikeville.

Webster says she will help the campaign and volunteer, and says that she finds the candidate's honesty to be his most endearing trait.

Obama is currently a sitting United States senator from the state of Illinois. According to his campaign material, Sen. Obama is "the only major candidate who showed the judgment to oppose the Iraq war before it began and as a member of the Senate Foreign rela-

tions committee he opposes President Bush's march towards war in Iran."

Obama's office is the first such office to open in the region, and though there are currently no plans for the candidate to make an appearance in the region, with the amount of attention Eastern Kentucky has already received from John Edwards, former President Bill Clinton and a visit to Inez by Republican hopeful John McCain next week, a future visit remains a possibility.

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Judge temporarily suspends several valley fills

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — A federal judge has temporarily suspended valley fill activities covered by three mountaintop removal permits and ordered the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to immedi-

ately notify an environmental group when new mining permits are issued.

U.S. District Judge Chuck Chambers' ruling came Thursday following a telephone hearing on a petition filed by the Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition and several other groups. The petition sought a temporary restraining order against the permits.

The petition alleged that the permits "suffer from the same defects" that Chambers cited in 2007 when he rescinded permits issued to four Massey Energy Co. mines. The petition also alleged that the corps had refused to provide the groups with copies of two of the permits, preventing a review of the documents.

Permits targeted by the

petition were issued for Tyler Morgan LLC's Fourmile 2 and 3 mines near Standard in Kanawha County, Independence Coal Co.'s Twilight mine near Lindytown in Raleigh County, and Fola Coal Co.'s Ike Fork No. 1 and Ike Fork No. 2 mines in Nicholas and Clay counties.

Chambers had ruled in March 2007 that the corps violated federal law by issuing valley fill permits for mountaintop removal mines without conducting extensive environmental reviews. The corps had maintained that more extensive reviews weren't necessary for the permits and that mitigation techniques such as restoring streams would offset losses.

In June 2007, Chambers ruled that using settling ponds

to remove sediment from streams at mountaintop removal coal mines violates the Clean Water Act.

Both rulings have been appealed to the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va.

Chambers' latest ruling covers valley fills "where no fill material has yet been placed into the stream."

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the clouds of dust limits visibility. One can follow coal trucks in the clouds of dust and not know how far the truck is in front of you unless he puts on his brake lights," said Gayle Hall in released statement to the court.

Hall also noted the adverse health affects from the dust saying, "in regards to health concerns, the dusty conditions can trigger asthma attacks, cause respiratory diseases, and eye infections."

"Children cannot play outside without concern for their health," Hall added.

Marshall said that beginning Monday morning more than 600 tons of dense grade gravel would be brought to Little Mud Creek road to build up the road and repair potholes. New steel pipe is also planned to improve drainage.

Marshall added that a tree sap mixture will be used to help keep the dust down on the road, but said again that the coal trucks must do their part and slow down.

Court members also advised residents of Little Mud Creek to petition Rep. Greg Stumbo and Sen. Johnny Ray Turner for more coal severance money to black top the road in the future.

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## KHSAA Board approves football playoff, state track meet formats

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Control approved format changes to the state football playoff brackets as well as the State Track & Field Meet at its regular meeting Thursday in Lexington.

For the 2008 season, football bracketing for Classes 1-5 will return to "out of district" cross bracketing beginning with the first round. Previously, the four teams qualifying from within a district would play in the first and

second round based on district records. For the 2008 season in Classes 1-5 the bracket will be: District 1 (1) vs. District 2 (4); District 1 (2) vs. District 2 (3); District 1 (3) vs. District 2 (2); District 1 (4) vs. District 2 (1); District 3 (1) vs. District 4 (4); District 3 (2) vs. District 4 (3); District 3 (3) vs. District 4 (2); District 3 (4) vs. District 4 (1); District 5 (1) vs. District 6 (4); District 5 (2) vs. District 6 (3); District 5 (3) vs. District 6 (2); District 5 (4) vs. District 6 (1); District 7 (1) vs. District 8 (4); District 7 (2) vs. District 8 (3); District 7 (3) vs. District 8 (2); District 7 (4) vs. District 8 (1).

For Class 6A, the Board chose to return to "out of district" cross bracketing beginning in the first round, but to continue with the previously approved schedule that was adopted through a random draw. For Class 6A, the bracket will be: District 1 (1) vs. District 5 (4); District 1 (2) vs. District 5 (3); District 1 (3) vs. District 5 (2); District 1 (4) vs. District 5 (1); District 2 (1) vs. District 3 (4); District 2 (2) vs. District 3 (3); District 2 (3) vs. District 3 (2); District 2 (4) vs. District 3 (1); District 6 (1) vs. District 7 (4); District 6 (2)

vs. District 7 (3); District 6 (3) vs. District 7 (2); District 6 (4) vs. District 7 (1); District 4 (1) vs. District 8 (4); District 4 (2) vs. District 8 (3); District 4 (3) vs. District 8 (2); District 4 (4) vs. District 8 (1).

The Board will also begin, per its policy, preparations for a draft alignment for the 2009 and 2010 seasons and will make bracketing decisions for those years at that time.

In Track & Field, the Board approved the Track Advisory Committee's recommendation with regard to the 2009 State

(See FOOTBALL, page two)



PAINTSVILLE SENIOR JD VANHOSE (16) has signed to play football and continue his studies at Mid-South Conference member Georgetown College.

## Late-season turkey hunting can be challenging

by HAYLEY LYNCH  
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — Late season turkey hunting presents a new set of challenges for hunters. To be successful, hunters must understand what makes this hunt different from early season.

The biggest difference in late-season turkey hunting is hens. Most hens have already mated and are sitting on a clutch of eggs. They are no longer receptive to gobblers. Hunters should use this to their advantage.

"Gobblers are more apt to roam in search of hens than they were in the early season," said Blaine Kohl, avid turkey hunter and instructor for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program. "This makes them more vulnerable."

To call in a lonely gobbler, hunters must differentiate themselves from non-receptive hens. After an early-morning tree yelp to locate birds, Kohl immediately switches to a breeding call.

"I use a good cackle and cutt so they know it's not one of the hens they have already bred," said Kohl.

After this early morning breeding call, however, be careful not to call too much. Too much calling later in the season can turn a lonely gobbler into a wary one. This is particularly true in areas heavily pressured by other hunters.

"In the late season, people tend to keep calling and calling," said Kohl. "Birds can get call-shy, particularly on public land where there is a lot of pressure."

Be a smart caller. Always practicing good calling techniques will help minimize call-shy gobblers. Certainly, heavily hunted areas produce call-shy birds, but easily avoided mistakes will educate them, too.

When yelping or cutting to locate a bird, make sure you are concealed, or your outline is broken up by a tree or bush. A gobbler needs only to have one eye above the crest of a grassy horizon or around a tree or bush to see a long distance, and he'll locate the source of that call in an instant.

Don't walk and call, and avoid standing on a ridge where turkeys can easily see you. If he sees you calling, he's just become smarter.

(See TURKEY, page two)



Former University of Kentucky Wildcat Jeff Sheppard is set to conduct six three-hour basketball camps in Eastern Kentucky. The camps will take place in Johnson, Letcher, Wolfe, Owsley, Knox and Wayne counties.

## Shoot Hoops Not Drugs basketball camps scheduled

Six different counties to host three-hour camps

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Shoot Hoops Not Drugs basketball camps will be held at various locations during the months of June and July. Each camp will be held from 4-7 p.m. The camps are free. A schedule of the camps follows.

Thursday, June 12 - Johnson Central High School, Paintsville

(Johnson County); Tuesday, June 24 - Letcher Central High School, Whitesburg (Letcher County); Thursday, June 26 - Wolfe County High School, Campton (Wolfe County); Tuesday, July 8 - Owsley County High School, Booneville (Owsley County); Thursday, July 10 - Barbourville High School, Barbourville (Knox County); Tuesday, July 22 - Wayne County High School, Monticello (Wayne County). Jeff Sheppard, a former

University of Kentucky basketball player, will conduct six free one-day regional basketball camps this summer in the Fifth Congressional District. The Shoot Hoops Not Drugs Tour will teach school-age youth fundamental basketball skills while emphasizing the importance for them to stay drug-free.

Pre-registration is not required. Participants should wear comfortable shirt, shorts and closed-toe sneakers.

SouthEast Telephone will be providing free hot-

dogs and water at each of the camps.

All participants will receive a free event T-shirt and special Shoot Hoops Not Drugs basketball. In addition, two participants will win portable basketball goals to be given away at the conclusion of each camp.

During the past two years 15 regional basketball camps have been held. The camps have been attended by 1,914 participants from 46 Kentucky counties and 10 other states and one other country.

## Both Pikeville teams advance in ITC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WICHITA, Kan. — The bowlers from Pikeville College got off to a quick start Friday morning, rolling to first-round wins in the USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships.

The men won their first opening-round match ever by sweeping Purdue 4-0, while the women knocked off Calumet College of St. Joseph 4-2.

Pikeville's men, seeded ninth, knocked off No. 8 Purdue by scores of 182-176, 204-161, 204-175 and 204-184. Pikeville got big mornings from a pair of freshmen, as Jeremy King and Mark Mantle each rolled six strikes in their eight frames.

All-American Kyle Barnes was solid in the anchor position, rolling four strikes and four spares. Pikeville had five open frames in its four games and rolled 20 strikes.

Nathan Hause was also solid, with two strikes and six spares in his eight frames.

The Bears moved on to face 16-seeded Arizona State, which knocked off top-seeded William Paterson 4-2 in the opening round.

On the women's side it was a little more challenging but ended well for the Lady Bears. Pikeville won 211-147, 191-224, 277-163, 189-167, 166-197, 233-197.

Pikeville stormed out of the gates, rolling strikes in

six of its first seven frames. Seniors Kayla Bandy and Michelle McKay led the way with a pair of strikes each in the easy win. The lane switch also changed the momentum, as Calumet rolled nine strikes in a game-two win.

Game three was the showcase for the Lady Bears, opening with eight consecutive strikes and finishing with 11 in posting a 277.

To this point, lane 37 had yielded 27 strikes, compared to only 12 on lane 35.

Pikeville took command with a 189-167 win in Game 4, getting a turkey in frames 8-9-10 to seal the win. After dropping the fifth game 197-166, a game that saw

Pikeville spread out three open frames, the Lady Bears sealed the deal by opening Game 6 with four consecutive strikes.

Bowler of the Year Kayla Bandy finished with eight strikes to lead the way. Anchor Ashly Galante, herself a first-team All-American, had seven strikes and five spares. Becky Sullivan and Jennifer Wright had six strikes each along with five and four spares, respectively.

Michelle McKay rolled five strikes while Sarah Germano added a pair.

The Lady Bears advanced to meet Central Florida. The Knights knocked off Fresno State 4-3 in the opening round.

## KHSAA announces regional sportsmanship winners

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The 2008 Forcht Group of Kentucky/KHSAA Sportsmanship Recognition Banquet is set for Sunday, April 27, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Lexington. This marks the 12th year of the program recognizing outstanding sportsmanship.

KHSAA member schools each select one boy and one girl as the local school sportsmanship winner. School winners are then eligible to be selected as the regional winner. From the 32 regional winners, one

boy and one girl will be selected as the state winner and receive a one-time \$3,000 scholarship courtesy of Forcht Group of Kentucky. Selection criteria includes: Grade-Point-Average; letters of recommendations; leadership roles/honors; response to case study essay; verification of no game disqualifications.

Each regional winner receives a plaque, a mantle clock from the KHSAA Officials Division and a chair and \$200 book scholarship courtesy of Forcht Group of Kentucky.

The following individuals

are regional winners to be recognized and are eligible for the overall statewide award:

Region 1 - Rachel Adams (Calloway County), Jared McCuiston (Mayfield); Region 2 - Mandy Gray (Caldwell County), Spencer Workman (University Heights); Region 3 - Jayleigh Gatton (Frederick Fraize), Kevin Buntin (Owensboro Catholic); Region 4 - Jerri Beth Gee (Monroe County), Sam Kendrick (Russellville); Region 5 - Kristia Worthy (John Hardin), Josh Gumm (Taylor County);

(See KHSAA, page two)



Prestonsburg High School graduate Brooks Herrick finished seventh overall in this year's Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) championship held in Columbus, Indiana. Herrick is a sophomore golfer for the Bellarmine University golf team. More on Herrick's performance appears inside today's edition on Page B3.

## Galloway signs with Wildcats

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky men's basketball has signed junior college transfer Kevin Galloway to a National Letter of Intent, head coach Billy Gillispie announced on Thursday.

Galloway, 6-6 and a native of Sacramento, Calif., spent his sophomore season at College of Southern Idaho where he ranked fourth in the nation in assists (8.6) and averaged 8.4 points and 4.1 rebounds in helping lead the Golden Eagles to a 30-2 record.

Galloway attended Southern Cal out of high school, where he played in 13 games in 2007, averaging 2.0 rebounds, 2.8 points and 2.0 assists per game for the Trojans. He shot 52 percent from the field.

"I am really excited about Kevin," said Gillispie. "He is a multi-dimensional player. He is tall, long and athletic, and he has experience. His team was considered to be the best junior college team in the country last year, even though they suffered an upset in the regional. I think he is going to give us speed. He has the ability to pass the basketball and I think he will put stats up in a lot of different areas. He's a good shooter. He's probably not as confident as he needs to be, but that is one of the things he will continue to work on before he gets here. I think he will be a major addition to our team."

A four-year letterman at Sacramento High School, Galloway led his team to a league championship every year as well as to the state playoffs. As a junior and senior, Kevin earned Sacramento Bee Player of the Year honors, while averaging 17.4 points and 8.0 rebounds per game as a senior and led Sacramento High to a 29-6 record and a No. 17 ranking in the state of California. He was rated the 88th best prospect in the 2006 recruiting class by Scout.com. As a junior, he averaged 11.9 points and his 10.7 assists a game was tops in the state.

The National Letter of Intent signing period runs through May 21.

## Gillispie: Jasper is "homesick"

by JEFFREY McMURRAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kentucky guard Derrick Jasper has indicated he's homesick and hasn't decided whether he'll return to the Wildcats next year, coach Billy Gillispie said Thursday.

Gillispie says he'd heard the rumors about Jasper's homesickness since he arrived at Kentucky, but the coach remains optimistic the junior will ultimately stay put.

"He hasn't made any kind of decision, but we definitely need him over here," Gillispie said. "He is a leader for our team. I think he is going to be an all-Southeastern Conference type player next year, if he can maintain his health."

If Jasper goes home to California, Kentucky could be extremely thin at the guard position.

Two starters, Ramel Bradley and Joe Crawford, have graduated. Jodie Meeks underwent surgery earlier this month to repair

(See JASPER, page two)

# New documentary follows Barbaro's road to Derby

by BETH HARRIS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

About 40,000 thoroughbreds are born in the United States each year. About 23,000 make it to the race track. Only 20 run in the Kentucky Derby. A new documentary, "The First Saturday in May," follows six hopefuls on their path to Churchill Downs, including the late Barbaro.

Filmmaker brothers Brad and John Hennegan focused their handheld cameras and wireless mics on trainers Frank Amonte, Dan Hendricks, Dale Romans, Michael Matz, Bob Holthus and Kiaran McLaughlin along the 2006 Derby trail.

The movie opens Friday in 20 cities, including Los Angeles, New York, Chicago and the racing capitals of Louisville and Lexington. It earned awards at film festivals in Savannah, Ga., and Austin, Texas.

"This film is almost like a 101 for horse racing," Brad Hennegan said in a phone interview Thursday. "If you're a fan you can bring someone there and say, 'This is why I like it.' It's a film about people that just happens to be set at

the racetrack."

The brothers shot about 500 hours of film during a 150,000-mile journey that included stops in Southern California, New York, Kentucky, Florida, Arkansas and Dubai. Their travels culminated at Churchill Downs on the first Saturday in May, when undefeated Barbaro won by an amazing 6 1/2 lengths — the largest winning margin in 60 years.

The colt broke down in the Preakness two weeks later and was euthanized in January 2007 from complications of his injuries.

"This film could have been made 131 times in a row and we happened to pick the most dramatic year for it to get made," Hennegan said.

Five of the six horses in the 90-minute film actually made it to the Derby. Matz trained victorious Barbaro; Hendricks trained Brother Derek and McLaughlin saddled Jazil, who tied for fourth; Holthus guided Lawyer Ron to 12th; and Romans oversaw Sharp Humor to 19th. A leg injury knocked Amonte's horse, Achilles of Troy, out before the hard-scrabble trainer could get to Louisville.

In a poignant moment,

Amonte tells his horse, "I'm 48, I want to go to the Derby before I die."

In another scene, Matz coaches his young son Alex on how to pet Barbaro, urging the boy to stand closer and not be afraid of the colt. Near the end of the film, Barbaro's little brother appears, not having made it to the racetrack yet.

Cameras poke into the barns, cars and homes of the trainers and their families, their horses and their stable help from pre-dawn workouts to race days, when emotions run high in victory and defeat.

"When you get to be my age you don't have to go to the plastic surgeon," Holthus' wife Bonnie says as Lawyer Ron wins a Derby prep in the film, "it's an instant face lift."

By contrast, the camera captures Amonte's profane reaction when Achilles of Troy is vanned off in an ambulance and his stable help realizes they won't be part of the Derby fanfare.

"We put a mic on these guys and stayed back. After about 10 minutes they would forget we were there," Hennegan said. "We were able to get such intimate stuff because there was no crew. It was just us and

these guys knew we knew our way around horses a little bit."

The Hennegan brothers — Venice, Calif.-based Brad is 36 and Brooklyn-based John is 39 — spent their formative years at racetracks in Maryland and New York, where their grandfather and father held various positions.

"What stuck with my brother and I were the amazing characters you can find at the racetrack," said Hennegan, who recalled meeting tycoon Alfred Vanderbilt and musician Cab Calloway as a child. "You'd meet all these guys and you don't know the social stratas, some are going to Newport, Rhode Island, and some are smoking Newports."

The brothers held jobs doing everything from scooping manure to ice cream ("Not at the same time," Hennegan noted) at the track.

After college, they started working in television and film, always wanting to make their own film that involved racing.

"We're not the Coen brothers or the Warner brothers or the Weinstein brothers," Hennegan said. "We decided our best route was to make a documentary."

So they quit their jobs and

followed the Derby trail from July 2005 to the Breeders' Cup in October 2006. They shopped around a sample tape of their project to potential investors.

"A lot of people weren't interested, but we found a couple people who believed in us and believed in the story and had a little disposable income," Hennegan said.

The film is being distributed through Truly Indie, a company co-owned by Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban which helps place films lacking major studio backing into theaters.

Truly Indie plans to donate 25 percent of the opening weekend box office receipts to equine research.

"I think the whole Barbaro thing helped shed light on the sport," Hennegan said. "So much was learned while treating him. Maybe that's the good that comes out of all this."

On the Net:  
www.thefirstsaturdayinmay.com

Five Oaklawn horses nearing eligibility for Kentucky Derby: At Hot Springs, Ark., five horses that ran at

Oaklawn Park this season are among the top 20 money earners and are in line to qualify for the Kentucky Derby.

Gaygo, winner of the Arkansas Derby, has earned \$640,000 in graded stakes, good enough for fifth on the list.

Other horses who raced in Hot Springs and are in the top 20 are No. 9 Kodiak Cowboy (\$441,373), No. 11 Z Fortune (\$329,000), No. 17 Anak Nakal (\$212,216) and No. 18 Eight Belles (\$210,000).

Eight Belles, a filly, is to enter both the 1 1/4-mile Kentucky Derby and the Kentucky Oaks. Owner Rick Porter and trainer Larry Jones will decide later which race is right for their horse. Eight Belles won the \$250,000 Fantasy Stakes at Oaklawn on April 6, her fourth straight victory.

Three other horses that ran at Oaklawn are in the next 10 possible qualifiers — Denis of Cork, Indian Sun and My Pal Charlie.

The \$325,000 Coolmore Lexington Stakes is being run at Keeneland this weekend, giving owners a last chance to break into the top 20.

# Lawmakers want probe of college football bowl system

by BEN EVANS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Forget government corruption or corporate fraud. Three members of Congress want the Justice Department to investigate whether college football's Bowl Championship Series is an illegal enterprise.

Reps. Neil Abercrombie, D-Hawaii, Lynn Westmoreland, R-Ga., and Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, are introducing a resolution rejecting the oft-criticized bowl system as an illegal restriction on trade because only the largest

universities compete in most of the major bowl games. The resolution would require Justice's antitrust division to investigate whether the system violates federal law.

The measure also would put Congress on record as supporting a college football playoff.

"Who elected these NCAA people? Who are they to decide who competes for the championship?" Abercrombie said at a press conference Thursday on Capitol Hill, gripping a souvenir University of Hawaii football.

Abercrombie said the mat-

ter is worthy of federal review because college football is big business with hundreds of millions of dollars at stake.

"It's money. That's what this is all about," he said.

But it's no coincidence that all three lawmakers have home-state schools with recent beefs against the bowl system.

The University of Hawaii and Boise State University in Idaho each had an undefeated season in recent years, but were denied a shot at the championship.

And Westmoreland said he is still smarting about his University of Georgia Bulldogs being

passed over for the national championship game last year.

Georgia instead was matched up against undefeated Hawaii in the Sugar Bowl, winning 41-10.

Westmoreland and Abercrombie said they started talking about the resolution after that game, as Abercrombie was paying off a bet with chocolate-covered macadamia nuts.

The lawmakers say the bowl system is rigid and blocks all but the largest universities from competing in postseason bowls, denying dozens of others not just the

opportunity to compete but also a shot at the big payoffs and national exposure that come with bowl appearances.

Abercrombie maintained that television markets are one factor in selecting which teams go to high-profile bowls.

"We shouldn't have to argue about who the champion is," Westmoreland said, citing the excitement and unpredictability of the NCAA college basketball tournament. "That should be decided on the field."

The BCS was created in 1998 by the six most powerful conferences. It relies on polls

and computer ratings to determine which teams qualify for the top bowls.

Congress held a hearing on the BCS in 2005, but no legislation came of it.

In a statement, ACC Commissioner and current BCS coordinator John Swofford said the BCS allows all qualified teams to participate and is beneficial for student athletes, universities and fans.

"This issue has been looked at before," Swofford said. "We're confident that it complies with the law."



file photo

PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL will host the first ever Focus High School Football Combine on Saturday, June 14. Information on the combine is available via email at the following address: footballcombine@suddenlink.net.

## Football

Track & Field Meet. Beginning in 2009, the State Meet will consist of only finals competition, eliminating the

preliminary round. This move will coincide and match the format previously approved by the Board that regional compe-

dition follows a finals only format which is in place for 2008.

## Turkey

Try other methods with call-shy birds. Put the calls away and just rustle the leaves a little bit. When you do call, try soft clucks and purrs instead of the harsh cuts and yelps that may have worked in early season.

High grass presents another challenge in late season. It's much easier to see birds in the early season, when the grass is low. But during the late season, hunters must always be on the lookout for birds. Often, all you see is a turkey head popping out over the grass. Birds

may also concentrate in wooded, shady areas because of warmer temperatures in late season. They may approach silently, particularly if they're call-shy.

"I've had birds come up totally quiet, and then they're just there," said Kohl. "I use binoculars more in the late season to glass for birds because the birds are harder to see."

Finally, realize that turkey hunting is not an exact science. A strategy that works for one late-season bird may not get a

response from another gobbler.

Kentucky's spring turkey season is open until May 4. The season bag limit is two birds, which must be male turkeys or turkeys with visible beards. Only one turkey may be taken per day. For complete licensing information, equipment restrictions and other regulations, pick up a copy of the 2008 Kentucky Hunting Guide for Spring, available wherever hunting licenses are sold.

# Forward Earl Clark to return to Louisville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — University of Louisville forward Earl Clark has chosen to not place his name in the 2008 NBA Draft and intends to return for his junior season with the Cardinals.

"Earl is looking forward to having a great junior season," said U of L Head Coach Rick Pitino. "I'm delighted he has made the prudent decision to return to school. He'll definitely be one of the premier forward in college basketball next season. He's a hard work-

er that has really improved each day and will continue to do so."

Clark had initially told Pitino on April 3 of his intention to enter the draft before reconsidering. He had not filed the necessary paperwork to declare for the draft and has not signed with an agent.

During the Cardinals' NCAA Elite Eight tournament run, the 6-9 Clark averaged a team-leading 14.5 points, 8.3 rebounds and blocked seven shots while hitting 62.2 percent of his shots (23-of-37). An NCAA East Region All-

Tournament selection, Clark produced a double-double in 10 games this season, the latest of which was 17 points, 12 rebounds, four blocked shots and two assists against Tennessee in the East Region semifinals.

In helping the Cardinals to a 27-9 record and second-place BIG EAST Conference finish, Clark averaged a team-high 8.1 rebounds and 1.7 blocked shots and added 11.1 points per game. He was selected to the all-tournament team at the Las Vegas Invitational.

## Jasper

a bilateral sports hernia. Another guard, Alex Legion, left the Wildcats early in his freshman season and transferred to Illinois.

Gillispie announced one newcomer to next year's team, confirming that junior college transfer Kevin Galloway of Sacramento, Calif., had signed a national letter of intent.

Galloway ranked fourth in the country with 8.6 assists per game last year at Southern Idaho and averaged 8.4 points and 4.1 rebounds.

In the wide-ranging news conference, Gillispie also dismissed as rumor speculation that Oklahoma State had targeted him to coach the Cowboys, who ended up hiring UK alum-

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nus Travis Ford. He refused to talk about whether the school had made overtures to him to succeed Sean Sutton.

"There is no reason to address those things until they become real — and they never became real," Gillispie said. "It becomes real when the people that are making a decision contact a potential candidate."

## KHSAA

Region 6 — Anna Roarx (Holy Cross-Louisville), Ryan Vincent (North Bullitt); Region 7 — Megan Payne (Jeffersonton), John Hester (DuPont Manual); Region 8 — Kelsey Williams (Owen County), Ryan Gallas (North Oldham); Region 9 — Ashley Jolly (Lloyd Memorial), Joey

Neal (Villa Madonna); Region 10 — Dana Figgins (Bracken County), Evan Bennett (George Rogers Clark); Region 11 — Kaylyn Pratt (Model), Evan Schroader (Tates Creek); Region 12 — Allison Dailey (Mercer County), Thomas Waddle (Somerset); Region 13 — Mary

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Elliott (Pineville), A.J. Jones (Middlesboro); Region 14 — Brittany Taulbee (Wolfe County), Tyler Phipps (Wolfe County); Region 15 — Tiffany Lemaster (Johnson Central), Josh Staggs (Pikeville); Region 16 — Erica Irwin (Ashland Blazer), Seth Harper (Raceland).

# Marshall announces football game times for '08 season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Marshall University announced game times for its 2008 home football schedule and the addition of a televised game Wednesday.

The Thundering Herd will open the season at Joan C. Edwards Stadium on Saturday, August 30, against Illinois State at 4:30 p.m.

Five teams that appeared in bowls a year ago will travel to Huntington this season and two of those home games are slated for national television. Games with Big East member Cincinnati (ESPN) on Friday, October 4th and a Tuesday, October 28 meeting with Houston (ESPN2) will both start at 8 p.m. due to the national telecasts.

Marshall's home games with C-USA rival Memphis (Sept. 13) and the homecoming game with defending C-USA Champion UCF (Nov. 15) are scheduled to start at 4:30 p.m. The Thundering Herd's Nov. 29 game with Tulsa will kick off at 3:30 p.m.

CBS College Sports also announced Wednesday that the network will televise Marshall's November 8 game at East Carolina. The network, formerly CSTV, has the option to pick up additional games at a later date.

For information on football season tickets call the Marshall University Athletic Ticket Office at 1-800-THE-HERD or go online to www.Herdzone.com.

2008 Marshall Football Schedule  
DATE/OPPONENT/TIME (All Times Eastern)

Saturday, Aug. 30	ILLINOIS STATE	4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6	at Wisconsin	TBA
Saturday, Sept. 13	MEMPHIS*	4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20	at Southern Miss*	TBA
Saturday, Sept. 27	at West Virginia	TBA
Friday, Oct. 3	CINCINNATI (ESPN)	8:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 18	at UAB	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 28	HOUSTON* (ESPN2)	8:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 8	at East Carolina*	(CBS C) 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 15	UCF*	4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 22	at Rice*	TBA
Saturday, Nov. 29	TULSA*	3:30 p.m.

Home Games in CAPS.  
\* — Denotes Conference USA game.

# Votto's 5 RBIs, Griffey's 59th HR lead Baker, Reds

by RICK GANO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Hey, man — as Dusty Baker likes to say — the Reds were relieved to get out of Wrigley Field with a victory and end a five-game losing streak.

"It's been a tough five days. We needed this game badly," Baker said Thursday after Joey Votto and Ken Griffey Jr. led Cincinnati over Chicago Cubs 9-2.

Baker's return to Chicago, where he managed the Cubs from 2003-06, started with two losses, right after the Reds had been swept three games in Pittsburgh.

"We didn't want to have back-to-back sweeps. Five in a row felt like it was a month," Baker said.

Votto doubled with the bases loaded, homered, drove

in five runs and made a nice defensive play, while Griffey hit his 59th career homer.

"The most important thing is the win. The home run is irrelevant. I hit one the other day and what happened? We lost," said Griffey, who also homered in Tuesday's series opener.

He's not even thinking about No. 600 or where he might hit it. But would he like to do it in Cincinnati?

"Why is that such a big deal? Do you think I will?" he said. "100 was in home, 200 was in Boston, 300 was in Cleveland, 400 was in Colorado and 500 was St. Louis. What do you think the odds are going to be?"

Edinson Volquez (2-0) gave up four hits and a run in five innings. In three starts now, he's allowed only 12 hits and has an ERA of 1.17.

"I feel more comfortable now. I have more confidence, too," said Volquez, who joined the Reds in a trade from Texas in the offseason. "I'm getting older and I'm learning from the last two years. I'm getting pretty comfortable."

Ted Lilly (0-3) remained winless in four starts after going 15-8 last season. He was tagged for six hits and five runs in six innings.

"I'm just losing patience at this point," Lilly said. "I want to go out there and give us a solid outing and give us a chance to win. I feel I owe that to my teammates."

Lilly gave up just one hit through the first three innings. But he struggled with his control in the fourth as two walks and a single loaded the bases. Votto then doubled to right-center to clear the bases and make it 3-1.

Votto hit his second homer of the season in the sixth, a two-run shot. He connected an inning after making a nice play at first base, stretching toward the line to snag Mike Fontenot's liner with runners at second and third to end the threat.

"I'm glad I came through in that situation early in the game," Votto said. "I think that leaving here without getting swept is really important."

Henry Blanco's RBI infield single in the sixth cut it to 6-2.

But in the fourth after the Cubs put the first two runners on, Blanco and third base coach Mike Quade had a miscommunication. There was no bunt sign on, but Blanco — the No. 8 hitter — tried to bunt with the weak-hitting Lilly on-deck. He ended up bunting foul on a third strike and it doused the inning.

"I don't think he would have bunted with two strikes or squared around with no strikes with the pitcher coming up next," manager Lou Piniella said. "Behind in the score the way we were, it was just a mixup. Nothing more, nothing less."

The Cubs played sloppy ball in the seventh as shortstop Ryan Theriot couldn't handle Norris Hopper's grounder for an error. Ryan Freel bunted, but reliever Jon Lieber had to hold the ball because Chicago second baseman Fontenot failed to cover first in time, giving Freel an infield single.

Griffey then launched a three-run homer to center field, his third of the season. Lieber became the 380th pitcher to surrender a homer to the 38-year-old Reds star, who is sixth on the all-time list.

Freel added an RBI single in the eighth.

The Cubs loaded the bases in the second on two singles and a walk. With two outs, Lilly, a career .111 hitter, drew a walk on a 3-1 pitch from Volquez to make it 1-0.

Notes: Votto matched his career high in RBIs. He also had five against the Cubs last September. ... Reds cleanup hitter Brandon Phillips, hitless in his previous 10 at-bats, got the day off to rest. ... Paul Bako, another former Cub, extended his hitting streak to a career-high nine games. ... Reed Johnson was 4-for-4 for the Cubs. With Alfonso Soriano on the DL, the Cubs again started Mark DeRosa in left with Fontenot leading off. Johnson started in center as the Cubs continue to work on hitting with young outfielder Felix Pie, who is batting .154.

# Long, long night of baseball in San Diego: Rockies win in 22

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Padres players taped up the head of a stuffed ram and placed it on the bench in the dugout. Maybe it was a good-luck charm, possibly it was just a way to keep busy.

What else do you do in the 18th inning?

Troy Tulowitzki's RBI double with two outs in the 22nd inning scored Willy Taveras and the Colorado Rockies beat the host San Diego Padres 2-1 in the longest game in the majors in nearly 15 years, a 6-hour, 16-minute marathon that ended at 1:21 a.m. local time Friday.

It was the longest game since Aug. 31, 1993, when Minnesota beat Cleveland 5-4 in 22 innings. It was also the longest game in Rockies history and in the 5-year history of Petco Park.

"That was an incredible baseball game," Padres manager Bud Black said. "It will go down as one that everybody who was here, will never forget it."

Manager Clint Hurdle noticed that his players were

a little tight.

"This was a good game to get outside yourself," Hurdle said. "About the 16th inning, I said, 'Hey boys, no matter what's in front of us, there's a world of people out there who've got harder rows to hoe than we do. No matter what happens the rest of the night, have some fun with this thing.'"

Reigning NL Cy Young Award winner Jake Peavy and Rockies lefty Jeff Francis started a pitcher's duel that the bullpen continued.

Peavy was trying to win his first four starts of a season for the first time. He struck out a season-high 11 in eight innings, the 25th time in his career he's reached double digits. He allowed four hits, walked three and lowered his ERA to 1.20.

Francis kept the Padres scoreless for seven innings while allowing three hits, striking out seven and walking one.

In other NL games, it was: Philadelphia 10, Houston 2; Cincinnati 9, Chicago 2; Milwaukee 5, St. Louis 3, 10

innings; Atlanta 8, Florida 0; New York 3, Washington 2, 14 innings.

Taveras reached on a two-out grounder when shortstop Khalil Greene's throw pulled 6-foot-7 first baseman Tony Clark off the bag. He stole second and took third on catcher Josh Bard's throwing error. Tulowitzki doubled to left-center off Glendon Rusch (0-1), the seventh Padres pitcher.

Only a fraction of the crowd of 25,984 was around to see the final out.

The previous longest game this season by innings was 15, on April 9, when the Cubs beat the Pirates 6-4 at Pittsburgh. The previous longest in time was 4 hours, 53 minutes, Toronto at Texas on April 16. Texas won 7-5 in 14 innings.

After the 18th in this one, shortly after midnight, the sprinklers came on in the Park at the Park, a grassy knoll beyond the bleachers in right-center.

There was a seventh-inning stretch, a 14-inning stretch and finally, a 21st-

inning stretch.

Greg Maddux had his glove on in the dugout in the 22nd. It was wishful thinking, because he's scheduled to start Friday night at Arizona, when he'll try for his 350th career victory.

Kip Wells (1-0), the eighth Rockies pitcher, pitched four innings.

Padres pitchers tied a team record with 20 strikeouts. Padres batters struck out 17 times. Colorado stranded 16 runners and San Diego 14.

The game was scoreless until the 14th.

The Rockies went ahead 1-0 in the top of the inning when Brad Hawpe drew a bases-loaded walk off Kevin Cameron to bring in Taveras.

The Padres tied it in the bottom of the inning when Josh Bard's bases-loaded single off Manny Corpas brought in Kevin Kouzmanoff, aboard on a leadoff single. Tony Clark was forced at home for the second out and rookie Colt Morton — San Diego's last position player — grounded to third in his fourth big league

at-bat. It was Corpas' second blown save in five chances.

Mets 3, Nationals 2, 14 innings: At New York, Damion Easley scored on Joel Hanrahan's second wild pitch in the 14th inning and the Mets beat Washington on the 44th anniversary of the first game at Shea Stadium.

Easley led off the 14th with a single to left. He advanced to second on a wild pitch with one out and reached third when Hanrahan committed a throwing error trying to pick him off second.

Ryan Church struck out and Hanrahan (0-1) intentionally walked David Wright and Carlos Delgado to load the bases. Hanrahan then bounced the first pitch to pinch-hitter Brian Schneider, and Easley raced home with the winning run.

Six Mets relievers combined to throw seven scoreless innings with Jorge Sosa (2-1) getting six outs to earn the win.

Phillies 10, Astros 2: At Philadelphia, Brett Myers (2-1) allowed one run and five

hits in seven innings, and Chris Coste tied a career high with four hits.

Ryan Howard and Pat Burrell had consecutive homers for the Phillies, who tied a season-high with 16 hits. Chase Utley added a two-run drive.

Brewers 5, Cardinals 3: At St. Louis, Prince Fielder hit his first home run of the season, a two-run drive off Brad Thompson (1-1) in the 10th inning.

Fielder, who led the NL with 50 homers last year, needed 54 at-bats to connect for the first time this year. He also tied the score with a bloop RBI double that capped a three-run, eighth-inning rally against Kyle Lohse and two relievers.

Braves 8, Marlins 0: At Miami, John Smoltz pitched five shutout innings and struck out 10, and Chipper Jones went 4-for-4 with two homers and three RBIs to help Atlanta beat Florida. The Marlins struggled offensively throughout the game.

# With a wounded left knee, Woods has surgery and sits

by DOUG FERGUSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The U.S. Open figured to be the closest to a sure thing for Tiger Woods in the majors this year, but maybe not anymore.

Two days after his quest for a Grand Slam fizzled at the Masters, Woods had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee for the second time in five years and will miss at least four weeks while he recovers.

The announcement, which Woods made Tuesday night on his Web site, was a surprise to everyone except those around him.

"He's been having a lot of trouble," swing coach Hank Haney said. "He doesn't talk about stuff like that. He doesn't want to use excuses, you know? I don't think it affected his play. It affected his practice a little bit."

Tuesday's surgery was performed in Park City, Utah, by

Thomas Rosenberg, who also operated on Woods' left knee in December 2002. Woods also had surgery in 1994 on his left knee to remove a benign tumor.

"I made the decision to deal with the pain and schedule the surgery for after the Masters," Woods said on his Web site. "The upside is that I have been through this process before and know how to handle it. I look forward to working through the rehabilitation process and getting back to action as quickly as I can."

But he will not be able to defend his title in two weeks at the Wachovia Championship. And he most likely will miss The Players Championship the week after, one of only three non-majors he has never missed since turning pro. Provided rehab goes as expected, Woods hopes to return at the Memorial on May 29.

The U.S. Open begins June 12 at Torrey Pines, where

Woods has won six times in the Buick Invitational. Such is his dominance on the cliffside course north of San Diego that when he opened with a 67 on the South Course this year, a caddie standing behind the 18th green remarked, "He just won two tournaments with one round."

Indeed, Woods went on to an eight-shot victory in his 2008 debut, the first of four straight victories this year.

But it was not necessarily a pain-free affair.

"Tiger has been experiencing pain in his knee since the middle of last year, and when he had it looked at by his doctors, arthroscopic surgery was recommended," said Mark Steinberg, Woods' agent at IMG. "Tiger has played through the pain in the past, but knew it would be better for him to have the procedure done as early as possible."

Steinberg said the surgery repaired cartilage damage. The

2002 surgery drained fluid from around the anterior cruciate ligament and removed a benign cyst.

Woods was limping and wincing toward the end of the '02 season, and it was not surprising to find out he had surgery that kept him out two months, most of that over the holidays.

This time, it only made sense upon reviewing the past nine months.

Woods stumbled and grimaced ever so slightly at Southern Hills last August in the PGA Championship, when he chipped in for birdie behind the eighth green in the final round and backpedaled for a fist pump. In the final two PGA Tour events, in Chicago and Atlanta, he occasionally would press his left foot against a cooler, presumably to stretch his knee.

But it sure didn't affect his golf, not even at the Masters, where he finished three shots

behind Trevor Immelman.

"He hit 14 greens in regulation on Sunday," Haney said. "Hard to say it was the knee."

Woods won the Bridgestone Invitational and PGA Championship in consecutive weeks, then tied for second behind Phil Mickelson at the Deutsche Bank Championship. That was his last loss until late March, the longest winning streak of his career, which covered five PGA Tour events, the Dubai Desert Classic on the European Tour, and his unofficial Target World Challenge in December.

"I knew he was going to do something this year," Haney said, referring to surgery. "I just didn't know when."

Woods has a remarkable track record when returning from a long layoff. After the '02 surgery, he won three of his first four events, including an 11-shot victory at Bay Hill.

This will be the second

time in two years, however, that he missed a chunk of time between the Masters and the U.S. Open. He sat out nine weeks in 2006 to cope with the May death of his father, not returning until the U.S. Open at Winged Foot. He missed the cut for the only time in a major since he turned pro.

Torrey Pines is more familiar turf, even if the setup for the U.S. Open will be vastly different. Woods won the Buick Invitational this year for the third straight time, and he also won there as a junior.

In the meantime, his absence is a blow to the Wachovia Championship and to The Players Championship, regarded as the fifth major.

"Of course, we're disappointed when Tiger is unable to compete in a PGA Tour event," commissioner Tim Finchem said on the tour's Web site. "There is really never a good time for an athlete — especially one of Tiger's

# Herrick ties for seventh overall at GLVC Meet

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COLUMBUS, Ind. — The Bellarmine men's golf team finished third in the Great Lakes Valley Conference championship held at Otter Creek Golf Course. The Knights shot a 908 as a team in the three-day event, 44 strokes over par.

Junior Kyle Leach (Louisville/DeSales) and sophomore Brooks Herrick (Prestonsburg) led the Knights' effort. The duo tied for seventh place overall after each shooting an 8-over 224. Leach was among the leaders after rounds of 73 on day one and two, but shot a 78 on the final day. Herrick, a Prestonsburg High School graduate, went into the last day with a 151, but fired a 73 on his last round to finish among the top 10.

Thomas Moore (Louisville/Butler) was Bellarmine's next best. The senior finished in a tie for 22nd with a 229, 13 strokes over par. Doug Wilkinson (Louisville/St. Xavier) was two strokes back of Moore and finished in a tie for 28th place.

The University of Indianapolis ran away with the event championship, earning the 2008 team title. The Greyhounds shot an 881, 23 strokes in front of second place Drury. Indianapolis' Justin Hueber earned medalist honors after winning a one-hole play-off with Northern Kentucky's Carl Hays. Both golfers finished the three-day event with a 220.

# Forbes: New York Yankees worth \$1.3 billion

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees' value increased to \$1.306 billion over the past year, according to the annual estimates by Forbes magazine, a rise of 9 percent over the past year.

The New York Mets were second at \$824 million and the Boston Red Sox third at \$816 million, the magazine said Wednesday. After that, there was a big gap to the Los Angeles Dodgers (\$694 million) and the Chicago Cubs (\$642 million).

The Yankees were listed by Forbes as

having \$327 million in revenue last year and a \$47.3 million operating loss, up from a \$25.2 million loss on revenue of \$302 million the previous year. Forbes' revenue figure is after deducting revenue sharing payments, which the Yankees estimate at about \$92 million. The team also paid approximately \$24 million in luxury tax, which is reflected in the operating loss.

The Mets had an operating profit of \$32.9 million, according to Forbes. Boston, according to Forbes, had a \$19.1 million operating loss.

Both New York teams are planning to

move into new ballparks in 2009, which should significantly increase their revenues.

At the bottom, the three teams with the lowest values were Florida (\$256 million), Tampa Bay (\$290 million) and Pittsburgh (\$292 million). Forbes estimated the Marlins had an operating profit of \$35.6 million, the Rays \$29.7 million and the Pirates \$17.6 million.

Washington had the highest estimated operating profit at \$43.7 million. Forbes said the average operating profit in the majors was \$16 million.

# Jones announces two signees for Herd men's basketball program

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Marshall University coach men's basketball head Donnie Jones announced today that Shaquille Johnson and Kore White, both Florida natives, have each signed a National Letter of Intent to join the Thundering Herd basketball program this fall.

Johnson, from Jacksonville, Fla., is the reigning two-time

Class 5A Florida Player of the Year out of Robert E. Lee High School. The 6-foot-3, 190-pound combo guard averaged 22 points, 8.7 rebounds, 7.6 assists and 3.5 steals per game as a senior in leading the Generals to a 21-5 mark.

Johnson netted 2,205 points during his illustrious prep career and shot 46 percent from the 3-point line as a senior. He was ranked as the 32nd best point guard in the

nation by Scout.com, a prominent scouting service, and chose Marshall over several other schools, including Minnesota, VCU, Tulane, UCF and Jacksonville.

White, a 6-foot-8, 220-pound forward from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., was a three-year starter for Dillard High School and led the Panthers to a 29-2 record and the Class 5A Florida state title as a senior. He averaged a double-double

last season (12 points, 11 rebounds per game) along with six blocks per game. White also posted four straight games with at least 10 blocks.

A first team All-State and All-County selection, White recorded six points, nine rebounds, eight blocks and three steals in Dillard's come-from-behind win in the state championship game. He was named to the South Florida Sun-Sentinel "Fab Five" team.

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FOR SALE Submergible deep well Meyer pumps. Half 3 quarter and 1 horse power. Call 358-2000.

### EMPLOYMENT

Post office Now Hiring! Ave pay \$20/hr, \$57k/yr, incl Fed ben, OT. Placed be ad source. not aff w / UPS who hires. Call 1-866-668-5257.

Full time positions for experienced metal stud framers, drywall hangers and finishers. Benefits include health and life insurance.

Appalachian transportation Inc is hiring for 2 drivers. Must be able to pass drug test. For appointment call 791-3137.

Accounting position available includes benefits package. Please mail resume with references to: Hazard Office 408, Attn: HR, P.O.Box 958, Hazard, KY 41702.

HELP WANTED!!! Harrison's Lawncare has openings for people with experience in weedeating and commercial lawn equipment use. ( long hours & weekends). Call 886-9129 to leave a message or 792-7502.

Sandy Valley Transportation Services Inc., (SVTS) is seeking qualified applicants for the position of a dispatcher. The position is forty (40) hours per week. Must be at least 21 years old. (Senior Citizens) are welcome. Phone 1-800-444-RIDE/7433, OR write to SVTS at 81 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-7850 for an application for employment and more information. SVTS is an equal employment opportunity employer. M/F/D/V.

#### Heavy Equipment

Spring is in the Air at Park Place Apartments!  
 1st month FREE, w/deposit in full  
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 Rents starting at: 1BR-\$280; 2BR-\$304  
 Rent includes water, sewer, garbage pickup  
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Dental office currently seeking an extremely motivated, hard-working, and responsible individual to fill the full-time position as Hygienist. This individual must have a Degree in Hygiene from an Accredited University and be certified by the Kentucky Board of Denistry.

Qualified individuals should apply to:  
 Hygienist  
 P.O. Box 60  
 Minnie, KY 41651

### RNs and LPNs Wanted

Caney Creek Rehabilitation Complex (CCRC), an outstanding mental health Personal Care Home, recognized throughout Kentucky for its program innovation and treatment success, has full-time temporary and permanent positions available for LPNs and RNs to work third shift from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Position requires a current KY license. Experience in mental health preferred.

Send résumé to:  
 CCRC Human Resources  
 115 Rockwood Lane  
 Hazard, KY 41701  
 Or apply online at: crcccares.com  
 EOE/AA

Operators Needed: A progressive surface coal mining company operating in Magoffin County, Kentucky is seeking to employ experienced and qualified heavy equipment operators. Positions available include the following: Drill, Dozer, Production loader (992), Coal loader, and Excavator Operators. A competitive wage and benefits package is available. Please send information to PO box 458 West Liberty, KY OR call 606-743-7177.

LPN position available at Mt Manor of Paintsville. Excellent wages and benefits. Apply in person at 1025 Euclid Avenue, Paintsville, KY from Monday-Friday 8-4:30

Independent Sales Agent wanted. Call 1-606-424-9593 or fax resume to 285-3272

Wanted: Person or persons to oversee Storage Rentals in Pikeville Seniors and Retired persons welcome. Call 1-800-457-5678.

Multi-Branch truck parts distributor with locations in three states looking for motivated person to fill position of territory sales in Magoffin, Johnson, Knott, Martin Counties, and surrounding areas. Prior truck parts experience helpful. Good attitude is a must. Interested applicants call 874-1414.

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work with film & TV production companies. No experience required. Please call 1-888-585-9562.

For Sale: Beautiful purple prom dress. Size 26W. Originally paid \$400 for dress asking \$100. Call 424-3794.

Miscellaneous  
 Wanted: To buy 2005 Floyd County School yearbook in good condition. Call 452-2300 before 5 pm

For Sale: Pull or electric start gravelly. Call for more info 358-3416.

WANTED  
 Wanted: Tired of being alone. Looking to meet a nice church going single lady. Possibly ages 62-65 ? Age is debatable. Looking for marriage. Call 789-1344.

Merchandise  
 2- 6 ft glass display cases for sale. Also 2- 5 ft wood cabinets for sale. Call 886-3142. 9am-5pm

REAL ESTATE  
 For Sale: Beautiful Maggie SoHero wedding gown size 12 original cost \$1600.

For Sale: Nice 3 BR 2 bath home on 1/2 acre lot, 1/2 mile from Wayland on 1086. Call 358-

9357.

basement, swimming pool, patio etc. Also house w/ three bedrooms, 1 bath. House # 381 located at 389 maple Ave. Also for sale golf clubs, bicycles and so forth. Call 886-3422.

3 Br, 2 bath house for sale. 2 New heating units, newly floored, back deck, basement, city water & sewage. Central air & gas heat. Located at Allen off US 23. Price \$152,000. Call 606-297-2792(h) or 454-4579 (c).

3 Bd house for sale. 1 1/2 bath new kitchen & app. Commercial bldg also located on property. Located on Middle Creek. Call 8886-2699.

Large frame building with 3 apts plus 6 rooms and bath. That could be used for bed & bath. Formerly Fraley Motor Sales. Could be used as commercial. \$34,900. Call 358-4541 or 424-0379.

Brick & Stone House for Sale. Four bedrooms, two and a half baths. 2900 square feet. Desirable location in Trimble Branch. Reasonably priced. Call 886-2020

HOUSE FOR SALE Newly constructed house for sale located at Abbott Creek. Vaulted living room ceiling, 3 BR, bonus room, fireplace, with cherry hardwood floors and cabinets with spacious attached garage. Located 4 miles from us 23. Panoramic view located in new subdivisions. \$210,00 asking price Seller willing to help with closing costs! Call 606-285-0054 606-791-0719 evenings 606-377-6042

Sale or Lease

### MECHANIC


Star Construction, LLC, has immediate openings in their Banner, KY, office for an experienced mechanic. This position will be responsible for maintaining all trucks and heavy equipment at the Banner and Flatlick, KY, locations, diagnosing and repairing electric over hydraulics, repairing small engines, tools and equipment, and maintaining repair and service records for all equipment.

The successful candidate will have a Class A CDL license, be certified in air brake repair, have minimum of three years experience in the above responsibilities, have welding experience, and have good decision-making abilities.

Star Construction offers competitive wages and benefits, to include medical insurance, dental, vision, disability, life insurance, 401(k), paid holidays and vacation.

Interested individuals should contact Harold Adkins at the Banner office at (606) 874-1263 for more information about the position, and to apply.

EOE



## CONSOLIDATED HEALTH SYSTEMS

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### Physician Liaison


Highlands Regional Medical Center is seeking a full-time Physician Liaison. This individual will serve as a personal contact for physicians, practice managers, and community members, and will be available to offer information and foster positive, open relationships with Highlands, the Medical Staff, and community physicians.

The qualified candidate will possess a Bachelor's Degree. Minimum of 2 years of effective marketing experience preferred. Demonstrate competence in written, oral, electronic communication, and interpersonal skills. Must be able to work independently and demonstrate professionalism.

- Nine (9) Paid Holidays
- Retirement Plan
- Medical/Dental Insurance
- Life Insurance

Interested applicants may apply to the Human Resources Department, HRMC, 5000 Ky. rt. 321, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (606) 886-7530 • Fax (606) 886-7534 E-mail: tclark@hrmc.org

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## HIGHLANDS REGIONAL

The Medical Center of Eastern Kentucky

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### EXPANDING ICU/CCU FT - REGISTERED NURSES

### \$7,500 Pre-Hire Bonus Offered

with ICU experience

Highlands Regional Medical Center has openings in the Critical Care Unit for full-time Registered Nurses. The Critical Care nurse is responsible for providing optimal care for the critically ill patient through incorporation of the following: individual accountability, thorough knowledge of the interrelatedness of the body systems, recognition of the patient as an individual and all the needs that implies, and appreciation of the collaborative role of all members of the health care team.

Graduate of accredited nursing program and currently licensed in the state of Kentucky. Must have successfully completed HRMC's RN staff nurse orientation program and CCU orientation program and qualifying exam. Must be able to stand or walk for long periods. Heavy lifting and 2 years experience in ICU/CCU required. Maintain current BLS and ACLS provider status.

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These positions require overtime and working outdoors. A good driving record is essential. All candidates must be able to pass a background check and drug/alcohol screenings.

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Please apply online at [www.halliburton.jobs](http://www.halliburton.jobs) and search by entering Paintsville, KY in the city field.

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**S-Curve Property.** Grocery store, 3 lots. Lease one or all. May consider selling. 606-791-3663.

**Level lot for sale:** 100x300 with city water. \$15,000 Call 886-8366.

**Acres for sale.** Located at Rt 80 close to Martin. Possible commercial property. \$85,000. Call 886-8366.

**Apartment building for sale by owner.** Located near HRMC. Call 889-9717 for more information

**Building for rent:** approx.2500 square ft. Former John P. Wells garage. Equipped with mechanics lift. Located on South Lake Dr Prestonsburg, Ky. Call 886-9690 for more info.

**Beauty Shop For Rent:** fully equipped located on South Lake Dr Prestonsburg, Ky. Ready to move in! Call 886-9690 for more info.

**Prestonsburg business for lease.** Great location on the main road, close to downtown and the courthouse. lease as is or change, many possibilities, ie restaurant, sports bar, office complex-ample parking. May consider selling. Call 791-3663.

**FARM FOR SALE** Floyd county 75 acres more or less, rt. 1100 off US 23 East Point Upper Little Paint. Lum Derossett Branch. Call 606-325-4430 or 606-325-2809. Level- Sloping and timber. HUNTERS PARADISE!! Could be made into a sub-division.

**RENTALS**

**APARTMENT**

**Apartment for rent** located at level on US 23, above Unisign. 2 BR 1 bath \$350 monthly + \$350 security deposit. 1 year lease required. No pets. Call 478-8100.

**1 & 2 Br Apts** located in Prestonsburg. No pets. Call 886-8991.

**APT FOR RENT** Branham height Apt Wheelright KY, is now accepting applications for one bedroom Handicap accessible Apt. rent is based on income. Contact Kathy 452-4777

**For rent: 2 Br duplex.** Central heat and air. Excellent condition. Close to Prestonsburg. Also 2 br Mobile home. No pets. Call 889-9747 or 886-9007.

**1 BR Apt** located 4 miles up Mtn. Park Way. All utilities paid. \$475 monthly, deposit require, d please call 886-6061 or after 5pm call 886-0480.

**For rent:** Furnished 1, & 2 br apt and mobile home. No drugs or pets allowed. Ready to occupy, very clean, private and quiet. Good location near Prestonsburg & Jenny Wiley Lake. Suitable for 2 working people. Call 886-3941 or 205-0295.

**2 Br, 1 bath Apt** for rent. Central heat / air refrigerator & stove included. Also washer / dryer

hook-up. No pets and No hud. Located at Harold near US 23. Suitable for working men or couples. \$500 per month. Call 886-9158 or 226-9472.

**Townhouse 2 BR 1 Bath** w/d hookup 2 car garage \$575 per month plus utilities plus deposit. Call 606-477-2783

**One bedroom** unfurnished apt for rent near college suitable for one person. No pets. Deposit required. Call 874-9976 after 5 p.m

**Apt. For rent: 1 and 2 BR apartments** on Rt. 321 near Porter school. Central heat and air, washer and dryer hookup. \$375 per month plus references and deposit. Seniors welcomed! Call 789-5973.

**Furnished 1 bed room Apt.** Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$375. month, + \$300. deposit water included. Located near HRMC. 606-889-9717.

**Large house** in country for rent. Newly remodeled. Must have good references. \$800 per month plus \$500 deposit. Call 886-8366.

**Nice 3/4 Br house** for rent. Good location. For more information call J&A Rentals at 606-358-3469.

**Small 3 bedroom house** for rent. Located at Banner. \$450 a month. \$300 deposit. References required. Not HUD approved. Call 874-2887.

**MobileHomes**

**3 BR MH for rent** NO HUD NO PETS. Call 874-0267. 10/17 1wk

**1999 14x60 Clayton mobile home** for sale. New laminate flooring, ceramic tile counter tops and plank pine wood walls. New hot water heater. 1wk 03/07

**2 Br Mobile home** for rent located on Cliff Road. Fannin Lane Prestonsburg. Call 886-3047 or 226-3047. 2wks 01/16

**For rent: 2 Br mobile home** located at Auxier. \$411 per month plus utilities. HUD accepted. Call 285-1888.

**2008 14x60 2 Br, 2 Ba** save \$3,000. 2007 14X70 3 Br, 2 ba save \$4,000. 2007 16X80 3 Br 2 ba save \$5,000 only (4) 2007 singlewides left! The

**2008- Norris 28x44 3br, 2ba.** Full drywall, 9ft flat ceilings. 42" Raised panel cabinets, too much to list! A MUST SEE! Save \$10,000 The home

**Home Show-** show- Louisa. 606-638-4663.

**The Home Show-** rent. Beautiful, 3 br, 1 bath. Located on Cow Creek. \$410 mth plus utilities and security deposit. No dogs. Hud accepted. Call 874-2802.

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**North Carolina 28712,** has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 1.8 mile northwest of Bonanza in Floyd and Johnson Counties. The proposed operation will disturb 18.16 surface acres, and will underlie 641.89 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 650.23 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.6 mile west of Conley Fork Road's junction with KY Route 1750, and located 0.1 mile south of an unnamed tributary of Conley Fork. The proposed operation

**is located on the** ivyton and Prestonsburg U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Sonja Ratliff, David and Linda Bowling, and Renee Spaulding. The operation will underlie land owned by Sonja Ratliff, David and Linda Bowling, Renee Spaulding, Mike Taylor, Billie Merritt Heirs, John and Christine Ross, Acie and Gail Rogers, James and Larry Ramey, Eugene and Rushie Spears, Estill Blair et al., William and Betsy Baldridge, Gregory and Tina Burke, 40601.

**Stephanie Watson,** Kermit and Joann Conley, Janet Martin, Dennis and Helen Hammonds, and Mike Conley. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**Legals**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5530**

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Natural Resource Group, LLC, P.O. Box 792,

To the People of Kentucky Honorable Steven L. Beshear, Governor Jonathan Miller, Secretary Finance and Administrative Cabinet Honorable Robert D. Marshall, Floyd County Judge/Executive Honorable Paul Hunt Thompson, Former Floyd County Judge/Executive Members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court

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**Independent Auditor's Report**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Floyd County, Kentucky, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Floyd County Fiscal Court. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

The financial statements do not include financial data for the County's legally separate discretely presented component unit. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the financial data for this component unit to be reported with the financial data of the County's primary government unless the County also issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for this component unit. The County has not issued such reporting entity financial statements. Because of this departure from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the assets, liabilities, net assets, revenues, and expenses of the aggregate discretely presented component unit would have been presented as

As described in Note 1, Floyd County, Kentucky, prepares its financial statements on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, because of the omission of the discretely presented component unit, as discussed above, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with the modified cash basis, the financial position of the discretely presented component unit of Floyd County, Kentucky, as of June 30, 2007, or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended.

In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Floyd County, Kentucky, as of June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

The County has not presented the management's discussion and analysis that the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be a part of, the basic financial statements. The Budgetary Comparison Information is not a required part of the basic financial statement but is supplementary information required by GASB. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the budgetary comparison information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Floyd County, Kentucky's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information, combining fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated May 3, 2007, on our consideration of Floyd County, Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying comments and recommendations, included herein, which discusses the following report comments:

- 2006-01 The Fiscal Court Should Follow Maximum Salary Schedules issued By The Governor's Office Of Local Development
- 2006-02 The Fiscal Court In Delinquent In The Payment Of A Bond Penalty
- 2006-03 The Fiscal Court Should Annually Review The Administrative And Ethics Code And Make Any Changes Or Revisions They Deem Necessary
- 2006-04 The Fiscal Court Should Adopt A Written Investment Policy
- 2006-05 The Fiscal Court Should Maintain Proper Records For The Public Properties Corporation Fund
- 2006-06 The Fiscal Court Lacks Internal Controls and Adequate Segregation Of Duties
- 2006-07 The Fiscal Court Should Clear Revolving Accounts To A Zero Balance At The End Of The Fiscal Year
- 2006-08 The Fourth Quarter Financial Statement Contained Approximately \$112,000 in Errors
- 2006-09 The Fiscal Court Should Improve Recordkeeping In Regards to Debt Service
- 2006-10 The Fiscal Court Review Vehicle Lease Agreements
- 2006-11 The Fiscal Court Should Improve Solid Waste Collection Procedures
- 2006-12 The Fiscal Court Should Follow the Uniform System of Accounts
- 2006-13 The Fiscal Court Shall Maintain A Bond For The Finance Officer
- 2006-14 The Fiscal Court Should Maintain Proper Records For Eastern Kentucky Utilities
- 2006-15 The Fiscal Court Should Continue the Pursuit of a Buyer to Purchase East Kentucky Utilities, Inc. (EKU) in Order To Be In Compliance With KRS 67.083
- 2006-16 The Fiscal Court Should Maintain An Accurate And Complete Schedule of Capital Assets

Respectfully submitted,

*Ross & Company*

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From left: Steak & German Potato Salad, German Potato Salad, Tex-Mex Layered Bean Salad and Greek-Style Beet Salad

# Picnic Time!

FAMILY FEATURES

Whether it's a picnic at the beach or lake, in the backyard or the park, food just tastes better outdoors. So, pack up and enjoy!

This trio of chilled salads is welcome warm-weather fare and offers something for everyone ... a German potato salad and steak duo; Greek-inspired beets and shrimp; and a layered bean salad with a Tex-Mex twist. Just add crusty bread and favorite beverages, and off you go!

For dessert, it's home-baked brownies and fresh fruit from the farmers market. Moist and chocolaty brownies are made with a mix and two surprise ingredients: chipotle chile powder imparts subtle heat, and pickled beets make them extra moist and flavorful.

## Picnic Primer

### Make It Easy & Safe

- High quality prepared foods streamline prep time. Canned salads like German potato salad and three bean salad, plus pickled beets packed in jars, provide a delicious head start to the salad trio. For a spur of the moment picnic (or a quick meal accompaniment), don't forget they are ready to eat ... just open the can or jar.
- Pack foods in containers with tight-fitting lids or in sealable storage bags. For transporting the Steak & German Potato Salad, pack the steak strips and potato salad separately; then combine when it's time to top the packaged greens.
- Separate containers of avocado and tortilla chips can be added to the Tex-Mex Layered Bean Salad just before tossing. Pack the dressing for Greek-Style Beet Salad in a separate container for easy drizzling at serving time.
- Use plenty of frozen gel packs or ice in coolers or picnic baskets, and keep them in the shade whenever possible; open only when necessary.
- Return food to the cooler quickly after eating, within one hour, or less time, if you are in the sun.
- Visit [www.senecafoods.com](http://www.senecafoods.com) for additional recipes and serving suggestions.

### Steak & German Potato Salad

Preparation Time: 15 minutes  
Cooking Time: 15 minutes

- 1 can (15 ounces) Read German Potato Salad
- 2 tablespoons coarse ground Dijon-style mustard
- 1/2 pound boneless top sirloin steak, cut 1 inch thick
- 1 bag (10 ounces) hearts of romaine lettuce

1. Stir together potato salad and mustard in medium bowl; set aside.
2. Heat medium nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Place steak in skillet and cook about 15 minutes until medium rare doneness (145°F); turn occasionally.
3. Cool steak. Carve diagonally across grain into 1/4-inch-thick slices; reserve. Just before serving, gently toss steak with potato salad. Serve over greens.

Makes 4 servings

Note: Recipe can be doubled.

### Tex-Mex Layered Bean Salad

Preparation Time: 20 minutes  
Chilling Time: up to 8 hours

- 1 large red or yellow bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1/3 cup chopped red onion
- 1 bag (16 ounces) iceberg lettuce, carrot and cabbage salad mix
- 1 cup shredded Mexican cheese blend
- 2 cans (15 ounces each) Read Three Bean Salad, drained
- 1/2 cup low-fat mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup low-fat sour cream
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped chipotle peppers in adobo sauce
- 1/2 cup crumbled tortilla chips (optional)
- 1 small avocado, sliced (optional)

1. In 3-1/2-quart salad bowl or soufflé dish (preferably straight-sided) layer salad as follows: bell pepper, onion, lettuce, cheese and three bean salad.
2. Mix together the mayonnaise, sour cream and chipotle peppers. Spread over top of salad. Cover and refrigerate up to 8 hours.
3. Just before serving, sprinkle top with chips and sliced avocado, if desired. Toss to serve.

Makes 8 to 10 servings (about 12 cups)

Note: Read Four Bean Salad can be substituted for Three Bean Salad.



Chipotle Beet Brownies

### Greek-Style Beet Salad

Preparation Time: 15 minutes  
Chilling Time: 2 hours

- 1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Whole Pickled Beets, drained
  - 1/4 cup pitted Kalamata olives, halved
  - 1/2 pound medium cooked shrimp, peeled, tails removed
  - 1/2 cup seeded, chopped cucumber
  - 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
  - 1 tablespoon snipped fresh dill
- Prepared vinaigrette dressing

1. Drain beets well; cut into quarters. Combine beets and olives in medium bowl. Top with combined shrimp and cucumber. Sprinkle with feta; refrigerate, covered, until chilled.
2. To serve, sprinkle with dill, and drizzle with vinaigrette, as desired.

Makes 4 servings

Note: Recipe can be doubled.

### Chipotle Beet Brownies

Preparation Time: 15 minutes  
Cooking Time: 28 to 30 minutes

- 1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Sliced Pickled Beets
- 1 box (19.5 ounces) milk chocolate brownie mix
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon ground chipotle chile powder
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips or chunks
- Confectioners' sugar (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray bottom of 9 x 13-inch pan with nonstick cooking spray. Drain beets, reserving 1/4 cup liquid. Combine beets and reserved liquid in blender or food processor. Puree until smooth; set aside.
2. Combine brownie mix, oil, eggs, pureed beets and chile powder in large mixing bowl; stir 50 strokes with spoon. Stir in chocolate chips. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 28 to 30 minutes as directed on package. Remove from oven; cool. Lightly dust with confectioners' sugar, if desired.

Makes 24 brownies



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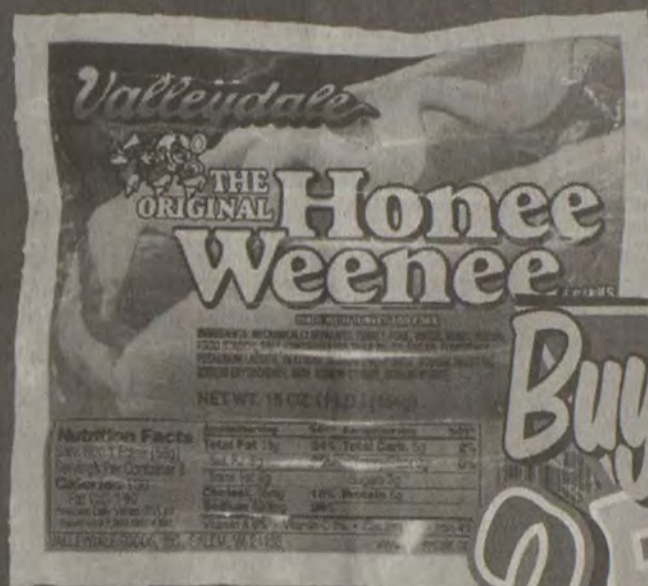
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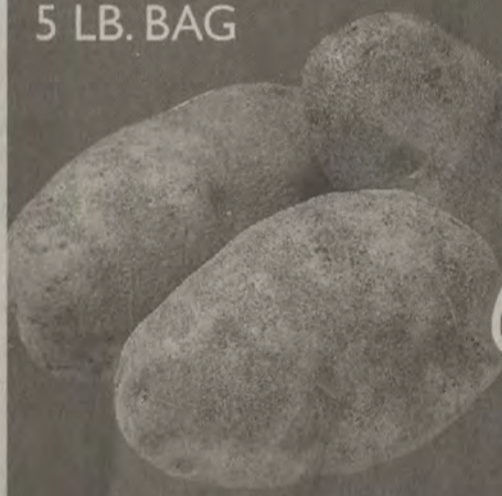
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