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In brief

Gayle, Yoakam join Ky. Music Hall of Fame

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Another coal miner's daughter, Crystal Gayle, returned to her native state Thursday to take her place alongside famous sister Loretta Lynn in the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame.

The genre dominated the ceremony as country stars Gayle, Dwight Yoakam and Norro Wilson headlined a list of inductees that also included Brady Bunch alumna Florence Henderson and jazz performer Les McCann.

The most moving performance of the night was when Gayle, Lynn and a third singing sister, Peggy Sue, brought the crowd of hundreds to their feet with a jazzed-up rendition of "Coal Miner's Daughter," the song that helped make Lynn a country superstar.

The song, about the family's humble lifestyle in Paintsville, was heralded by Gayle as her favorite country song ever because of the memories it sparked.

"We didn't know we didn't have much, but we had that love," Gayle said.

Gayle, wearing a black and white gown with her signature long black hair stretching to her legs, also performed her smash hit, "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue." The song not only was No. 1 on the country charts but reached No. 2 on the pop charts.

Lynn, who was part of the inaugural hall of fame class in 2002, at first kidded her sister that she wasn't going to hand over the trophy.

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Casino operator defends \$1 million contribution

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A wealthy casino operator is defending an eye-catching \$1 million contribution to a political group that worked to elect a pro-gambling governor in Kentucky.

William Yung III, who heads Crestview Hills-based Columbia Sussex Corp., has essentially placed a huge bet that newly elected Gov. Steve

Beshear will be able to get the state's long-standing prohibition against casinos lifted.

"I make no apologies for helping get Steve Beshear elected," Yung told The Associated Press in an interview this week. "I've got a First Amendment right to spend my money any way I want to spend it."

Beshear is proposing an amendment to the state constitution that would allow up to seven casinos to be built at Kentucky horse tracks and five others

in communities along the state's borders with Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee and West Virginia. That many casinos, he said, could generate \$600 million a year in tax revenue for a cash-strapped state government.

The proposal is a long shot in a Bible-belt state where lawmakers have rejected numerous other casino proposals over the past decade. If it passes, Yung plans to open a casino on a northern Kentucky site he bought just last month for \$7 million.

"Absolutely, we're gambling on it," Yung said. "We don't know if it's going to pass or not."

Yung may have worsened his odds with the land purchase and the political contributions, including a \$10,000 donation to help pay for Beshear's inaugural party on the Capitol grounds. Casino opponents seized on his investments, claiming he is using his riches to buy his way into a new and poten-

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ECONOMIC FORCE



photos by Ralph B. Davis

Highlands Regional Medical Center is one of the largest employers in Floyd County and contributes millions to the local economy. The hospital continues to grow, with expansion of its emergency department above, as well as the purchase of new properties in the city of Prestonsburg.

Highlands a powerful engine in Floyd economy

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A recent study into the economic impact of Kentucky hospitals shows Highlands Regional Medical Center is a major contributor to the local economy.

In a study prepared by Paul Coomes, Ph.D., a professor from the University of Louisville, it was shown that HRMC employs a staff of 375 and spends approximately \$17.5 million in wages and salaries.

The KHA study shows that Highlands estimated hospital purchases from local companies is just over \$8 million annually.

Chris Hoffman, chief operating officer with HRMC, says that is just the tip of the iceberg. "What the hospital has to invest in keeping medical staff in the region," Hoffman said, "that's expensive to do."

Hoffman says the nurses who graduate from one of the local programs or a D.O. from Pikeville Medical School, "They can go anywhere, and Highlands works hard to compete to keep those people here."

Hoffman also pointed to the amount of charity and indigent care the hospital provides to local residents who can't afford care. According to the KHA study, "In 2006, the unreimbursed cost to Highlands Regional Medical Center just for treating people without insurance whose income was below the federal poverty level topped \$3.2 million, and these patients are not billed."

That figure does not include charity care provided to the uninsured, those with bad debt, or the cost of caring for Medicare and Medicaid patients.

Hoffman said that HRMC is currently working to provide a report to local citizens annually detailing the hospital's donations to local groups, scholarships provided to nursing students and charity care.

But while the hospital generates roughly \$3.2 million in revenue for the state of Kentucky through employee and provider taxes, because of its location outside the city limits and its not-for-profit status, the hospital is exempt from paying local taxes.

According to Steve Miller, vice president of finance with the Kentucky Hospital Association, Highlands' case is "very common" throughout the state as it relates to not-for-profit hospitals, though the examples he used were all located within cities, and contributed to the local coffers through the occupational tax.

In defense of the hospitals, Miller pointed to other economic factors.

"What we find in many cases is that hospitals in rural locations are the major employer in their area," Miller said.

In the case of Highlands, the report shows the hospital pays \$17.6 million in annual wages, which amounts of 4.5 percent of all wages and salaries in the county.

Miller says that the level of primary care in a region is directly related to its ability to bring in new business.

"If the hospital wasn't there, the ability to attract new industry would be severely impacted," Miller said.

The KHA statewide economic impact report can be found at www.kya.com/documents/KYEconomicImpact.pdf.

Prescription assistance program to visit Prestonsburg

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Next week Highlands Regional Medical Center's Archer Clinic will host the "Help is Here Express" bus tour, a national group working to raise awareness of patient assistance programs.

The bus tour, which will be at the Archer Clinic in Prestonsburg on Feb. 28, is a member of the Partnership for Prescription Assistance, a national effort led by American pharmaceutical companies working to address the "rising and alarming rates of chronic disease in the United States," according to a release delivered to Times staff.

According to PPA, patients will also be afforded the opportunity to learn about recent developments in medicines designed to fight chronic diseases such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease and cancer.

"With the number of people affected by chronic disease increasing every year, the PPA and its message of hope is now more relevant than ever," said Billy Tauzin, president and CEO of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA).

According to reports by the Milken Institute and the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease there are more than 2.7 million cases of common chronic illness in the state, including cancer, diabetes, hypertension, stroke, mental disorders and pulmonary conditions. Seven of every 10 deaths in the United States are as a result of one of these diseases.

"The PPA is meant to help people who are uninsured and financially struggling," added Tauzin, "but for patients in Kentucky suffering from chronic disease, it is especially important for them to know that

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Hospital that hired Fletcher made \$3.4 million deal with state

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — About two months before former Gov. Ernie Fletcher left office last year, the state made a deal to pay \$3.4 million for disputed Medicaid claims to a Pikeville hospital that eventually hired Fletcher as a consultant.

State Department for Medicaid Services records show the payment was made in exchange for Pikeville Medical Center dropping its claims for additional reimbursement. It was one of only two such settlements last year and the only one late in Fletcher's administration.

Louisville lawyer Stephen Price represents 32

other hospitals that have made similar claims against the state but haven't reached a settlement deal. He says some of his clients want to know why they can't get the same deal.

Fletcher wasn't available for comment, but his former general counsel, David Fleenor, says he sees no conflict between the job and the settlement. He says the settlement was reached through the Health and Family Services Cabinet and not through the governor's office.

Pikeville Medical Center lawyer Masten Childers says he doesn't believe Fletcher had anything to do with the settlement and says there's no connection to Fletcher's consulting deal.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ John Bays Jr., 78, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, February 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Betty Music Bays. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 19, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Eshmel Caudill, 75, of Melvin, died Monday, February 18, at his residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ George Conley, 56, of Banner, died Tuesday, February 5, at home. Funeral services were held Friday, February 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Ethel Hamilton, 80, of Teaberry, died Sunday, February 6, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 9, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Laverne Horne, 61, of Banner, died Wednesday, February 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Friday, February 15, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Dana Whitaker Moore, 65, of Garrett, died Friday, February 15, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Tandy Moore. Funeral services were held Sunday, February 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Leona Hurd Samons, 69, of Allen, died Sunday, February 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 20,

under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Gina Denise Samons, 47, of Banner, died Monday, February 18, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Wilburn Ray Samons. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 21, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Lillard Allen Adkins, 33, of Pikeville, died Thursday, February 14, at his residence.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 18, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Dollic D. Billiter of Pikeville, died Friday, Feb. 15. Arrangements, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Glen Daugherty, 70, of Sidney, died Tuesday, February 19, at this residence. Funeral services were held Friday, February 22, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Leon "Tom" Dorton, 55, of Milford, a native of Dorton, died Saturday, February 16, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Truda Lou Parsons Dorton. A memorial service was held Thursday, February 21, under direction of Moore and Parker Funeral Home.

■ Ivan Gilliam, 74, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, February 19, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Linda Lou Dixon Gilliam. Funeral services were held Friday, February 22, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Cecil Hall, 89, of Rockhouse, a Floyd County native, died Thursday,

February 14, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, February 17, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Dorothy Jeen Ratliff Hogston, 72, of Belcher, died Monday, February 18, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, James Ervin Hogston. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 21, under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Abner Ellis Justice, 77, of Pikeville, died Friday, February 15, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, February 17, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Laura Belle Holiway Justice, 100, of Pikeville Health Care Center, died Thursday, February 14, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Monday, February 18, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Eva Mullins, 91, of Dorton, died Friday, February 15, at Whitesburg Health Care. Funeral services were held Monday, February 18, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Tommy Newsome, 58, of Sharps Chapel, Tennessee, formerly of Robinson Creek, died Monday, February 18, at his home. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 21, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Cindia Justice Ratliff, 84, of Justiceville, a Pike County native, died Tuesday, February 19, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 21, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral

Home.

■ Ethelene Lowe Taylor, 86, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Johns Creek, died Thursday, February 14, at Kobaker House in Columbus. Funeral services were held Sunday, February 17, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ Manis Halcomb, 90, of Hindman, died Wednesday, February 6. He is survived by his wife, Opal Blair Halcomb. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 9, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Paul David Stone, 39, of Hindman, died Thursday, February 7, at home. Funeral services were held Sunday, February 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Janice Lee Amburgey Taylor, 66, of Pinetop, died Wednesday, February 6, at home. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Jerry Lee "Gator" King, 55, of Staffordsville, died Saturday, February 16, at Parkview Nursing Home, in Pikeville. Funeral services were held Monday, February 18, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Victor McKenzie, 81, of Zanesville, Ohio, a native of Flat Gap, died Friday, February 15, at his residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 19, under the direction of the Snouffer Funeral Home of Zanesville.

■ Wally Lee Preston, 76, of Staffordsville, died Saturday, February 16, at Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 20, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home of Paintsville.

■ Irma Wells, 94, of Van Lear, died Tuesday, February 19, at Highlands Regional

Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 21, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Michael Lee Coffey, 49, of Inez, died Sunday, February 17, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 20, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Evelyn Fluty Dingess, 66, of South Shore, formerly of Martin County, died Sunday, February 17, at South Shore. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 19, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Margaret Helen Lyons, 70, of Elk Creek, died Tuesday, February 12, at her home. Funeral services were

held Friday, February 15, at the Church of Christ in Beauty.

■ Darren Keith Marcum, 24, of Grove City, Ohio, formerly of Lovely, died Wednesday, February 13, at Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Funeral services were held Sunday, February 17, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Raymond Sweeney, 64, of Chillicothe, Ohio, formerly of Martin County, died Wednesday, February 13, at Chillicothe. Phelps and Son Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

■ Harold E. Young Sr., 62, of Amanda, a native of Inez, died Saturday, February 16, at the Pickering House. Memorial services were held Saturday, February 23, under the direction of Taylor Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Mary Crum Adkins

Mary Crum Adkins, 79, of Martin, died Wednesday, February 20, 2008, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland.

Born November 12, 1928, in Martin, she was the daughter of the late Dave and Virgie Spears Crum. She was a homemaker, wife, and mother, and a member of the Arkansas Community Church of God for 38 years.

She is survived by her husband, Harold Adkins. They were married 58 years.

Other survivors include two grandchildren: Tamara Lynn Adkins and Sheila Ann Baker; three great-grandchildren: Jeffrey Kyle Adkins, Brock Tyler Adkins, and Mason Baker, all of Marshall, Michigan; and several nieces and nephews, and friends.

In addition to her parents,

she was preceded in death by a son, Hubert Adkins; four brothers: Bud Crum, Harry Lee Crum, Arvil Crum, and Rufford D. Crum; five sisters: Dakota Conn, Realie Crum, Geneva Crum, Edna Earl Layne, and Cora Bell Adkins.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 23, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Johnny Patton, Frank Blackburn, and Bud Crum officiating.

Burial was in the Arvil Crum Memorial Cemetery, on Arkansas Creek, in Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home, with nightly services at 7 p.m.

Pallbearers: Jimmy Crum, Lum Carr Jr., Shawn Crum, Larry Crum, Woodrow Crum, Charles Crum, Bill Roll and Steve Damron. (Paid obituary)

Cybersafety bill passes House

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT

Legislation aimed at protecting children from online sexual predators and creating the crime of "cyberstalking" in Kentucky passed the House Friday by a vote of 94-0.

House Bill 367, sponsored by Rep. Johnny Bell, D-Glasgow, is a coordinated effort between Bell and the Office of Attorney General Jack Conway. The legislation would:

■ Make it a Class D felony to solicit a child for sexual purposes via the Internet or other electronic means.

■ Create the crime of cyberstalking—or continuously annoying, intimidating and harassing someone online—by using communication devices like the Internet, cameras, telephones, scanners, copiers or any transmitting device.

■ Make it a crime to send a sexually explicit image to a child via a webcam.

■ Make it a Class A misdemeanor for registered sex offenders from intentionally using social networking websites like MySpace, instant messaging software or chat room programs that allow access to persons under age 18.

■ Require registered sex offenders to register changed or new Internet identities—such as email addresses and instant messaging names—with their local probation and

parole office, and require the Kentucky State Police to provide a public search engine for those online identities on its Sex Offender Registry website.

■ Allow cars and computers of those who commit online sexual offenses against children to be seized and forfeited to the state. Permanent residences of sex offenders would not be subject to the forfeiture provisions.

■ Allow non-sworn personnel to act as decoys to catch child sexual predators.

A provision to extend the 5-year statute of limitations for bringing a civil action against

a perpetrator of child sexual abuse to 12 years was added to the bill by the House through an amendment

In 2006 and 2007, the state Attorney General's Office netted 29 arrests of child sexual predators through three Internet sting operations, said Rep. Greg Stumbo, who served as Attorney General at the time. Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, said HB 367 will improve the safety of children who are potential victims of other Internet predators.

"The Internet is a wonderful tool, but it has a very dark side, and this is part of that dark side," Stumbo said.

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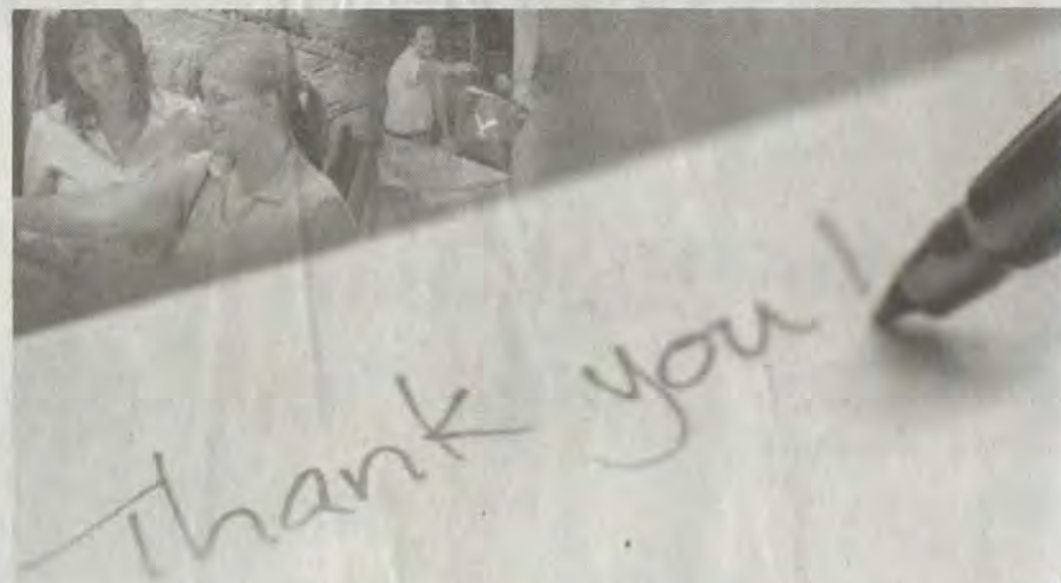
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Casinos

tially lucrative market. Political contributions of \$1 million or more are becoming "more and more common" in state-level elections, said Rachel Weiss, spokeswoman for the National Institute on Money in State Politics.

In West Virginia, coal operator Don Blankenship has routinely used his personal wealth to try to influence political outcomes. In two of his most expensive political forays, Blankenship spent nearly \$3.5 million in 2004 to help elect a Supreme Court justice and another \$2.7 million in 2006 on an unsuccessful attempt to oust a number of state lawmakers.

Beshear, who raised and spent about \$6.8 million on his campaign last year against former Gov. Ernie Fletcher, insists Yung's contributions bought him no favors. If the Kentucky legislature approves a constitutional amendment, and if voters ratify that amendment, then Yung would have to apply for a casino license just like anyone else, Beshear said.

"It would be naive for anybody to believe that a \$1 million contribution to a fund that helped elect a pro-casino governor is not going to position the contributor in a favorable way," said John Mark Hack, head of the antigambling group Say No To Casinos.

Yung said he has met Beshear three times — twice during his campaign and again the night of his election. "Nothing was ever, ever promised me," Yung said.

After Beshear took office in

December, privately held Columbia Sussex paid \$7 million for a site in northern Kentucky to build a casino. Yung called the property "prime real estate" that he can easily resell if Beshear's casino proposal flops.

Columbia Sussex owns 13 casinos and 80 hotels in the United States and beyond, pulling in revenues of some \$3 billion a year.

Hack contends Columbia Sussex is looking to Kentucky to open a new casino because the company is under fire in other states. The New Jersey Casino Control Authority refused in December to grant the company a new license to operate the Tropicana Casino and Resort in Atlantic City, and regulators in Indiana are threatening to take similar action against Casino Aztar in Evansville.

Immediately after taking control of those casinos from Aztar Corp. on Jan. 3, 2007, Columbia Sussex began slashing payroll, eliminating cocktail servers, security guards, hotel room cleaners and even locksmiths. Its largest union howled in protest, and said the cuts left the Tropicana understaffed and filthy — concerns echoed by its patrons.

Yung contends the problems were the result of a work slowdown by unionized workers when the company began reducing jobs to bring staffing levels at the Tropicana in line with similar casinos.

Columbia Sussex has put both the Tropicana and Aztar

casinos up for sale. Yung said he hopes to have buyers identified for both by the end of April and the sales finalized in June. More than two dozen potential buyers have expressed interest.

After the company announced the proposed sale, the Indiana Gaming Commission suspended an investigation into complaints at Casino Aztar similar to those raised in New Jersey. If ownership changes, the agency said, there would be no need for an investigation.

Nevada gambling regulators, also reacting to the New Jersey sanctions, began a probe of Columbia Sussex, which has six casino-hotels in Nevada, including the Tropicana on the Las Vegas Strip.

Yung, a Kentucky native, said none of that has anything to do with his interest in opening a casino in his home state.

Beshear had made legalizing casinos a centerpiece of his campaign against former Gov. Ernie Fletcher, a Republican who had been politically weakened by political scandal. Beshear pulled off a lopsided victory, and claimed it reflected broad-based support for legalizing casinos.

Casino opponents, however, say Beshear's victory was the result of distaste for Fletcher, who, along with 13 associates, was indicted in 2006 for alleged violations of state hiring laws. Fletcher pardoned his associates and reached a deal with prosecutors to have the charges against him dropped in exchange for acknowledging that the evidence

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"strongly indicates wrongdoing" by his administration.

"Donald Duck could have run against Ernie Fletcher and been elected governor," Hack said. "The election was not a referendum on gambling in Kentucky. It was clearly a referendum on the record of the previous administration."

Yung's \$1 million contribution went to the Kentucky political group Bluegrass Freedom Fund that ran devastating television ads capitalizing on Fletcher's legal woes. Internal Revenue Service records show Yung's contribution accounted for a third of the \$3 million the group spent during the governor's race.

"Obviously, I don't like to be the center of attention in everything, but I've got nothing to be ashamed of," he said. "I have done absolutely nothing wrong. Steve Beshear's done nothing wrong. Nobody associated with us has done anything wrong. It's just pretty sickening politics."

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According to PPA, over 277 medicines are in development for heart disease, 95 for diabetes and over 646 designed to treat different varieties of cancer.

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"Crystal Gale, this belongs to you, honey," Lynn said. "Do you want me to take it home with me?"

"I think I can fit it in my bus," Gayle responded.

Yoakam also got an introduction speech from a famous country singer, with fellow Kentucky native John Michael Montgomery greeting him to the stage.

"One of the most unique artists that had a huge impact on my life," Montgomery said of Yoakam.

Yoakam was born in Pikeville, but he made his largest marks on the music scene in Kentucky's neighboring states, Ohio and Tennessee.

Despite his limited time spent in Kentucky, he said the award will eclipse any other he has received.

"Everything I was going to be about and am about to this point in my life comes from southeastern Kentucky," Yoakam said. "It was and is the cornerstone and foundation of my musical creative life and my personal life."

Wilson, a Grammy winning country star, performed a medley of the songs he either performed or wrote, including "The Most Beautiful Girl," sung by Charlie Rich, and "The Grand Tour," a No. 1 hit for George Jones. Jones appeared in a video tribute for Wilson Thursday.

In his acceptance speech, Wilson remembered his college days, his former barber shop quartet and especially his

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southern Kentucky hometown.

"I love little baby ducks and slow moving trains and planes; I love Scottsville, Ky." Wilson said. "...I love this golden moment. You'd better believe it."

Although country music dominated the ceremony Thursday, jazz and musical theater also had their moments.

Lexington native Les McCann, who played along with such icons as Miles Davis, provided a jazz flair with his induction. He didn't attend the event but in a video statement credited his hometown for helping hone his craft.

"This is the biggest honor I've ever received, other than being born in Lexington," McCann said. "What a perfect place to grow up in Lexington, to be raised the way we were, get us ready to be out here in the real world."

Florence Henderson, perhaps best known for her role as mom Carol on The Brady Bunch, was honored for her role in such musicals as "South Pacific" and "The King and I." Henderson, who also didn't attend, gave a brief statement after the band played a jazzy rendition of the Brady Bunch theme.

"When I was a kid growing up in Owensboro, I could only dream of an honor such as this," Henderson said.

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Guest view

Tree bills make sense

Those who steal trees from people's private property are doing so at an alarming rate and we believe those who do so should be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

Tree thieves have been blamed for stealing timber all across the country, often taking advantage of the elderly and absentee landowners. When some of them are confronted, they sometimes say they didn't realize that they had crossed property lines.

We believe this is a pretty lame excuse since legitimate loggers will be clear on property boundaries before they get under way.

Lawmakers are considering two bills in the General Assembly that would make sawing down someone else's trees a felony, punishable by one to five years to prison.

State Rep. Leslie Combs, D-Pikeville, is sponsoring legislation that also would require landowners, under penalty of prosecution, to mail written notification to adjacent property owners if loggers are going to be cutting trees. This could provide quicker detection in the event of theft.

The legislation would require that logs be marked or branded to show which company cut them, in case a dispute arises. Rangers from the state Division of Forestry would be given additional responsibility to investigate complaints.

This is sound legislation that will provide some clarity to the issue and also hold those accountable who steal timber from private landowners.

One really good example of why this legislation needs to be passed is the story of Letcher County resident Mitchum Whitaker.

He recently saw what loggers had done to his property, taking down trees so that all that was left were stumps.

In all the 12 trees were worth \$5,000, but it wasn't a matter of money to Whitaker because of the fine memories he had of those trees.

Under one of the destroyed trees he had spent countless hours sitting with his grandfather and later his son. They even had their initials carved in that tree.

Let's help people like Mr. Whitaker and urge lawmakers to pass this legislation so trees that hold memories like his aren't destroyed and to ensure that those who take advantage of people like him are held accountable.

— Daily News, Bowling Green

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Rich Lowry Column

The Temper Tantrum Kid

In full psychoanalytical mode, Bill Clinton once observed, "I was born at 16, and I'll always feel I'm 16."

In this, Bill Clinton displayed unusually acute self-awareness. After two terms as president of the United States and a post-presidential career as a world celebrity adored by all the great and good, Bill Clinton is still 16. In recent months, he has proved that adolescents can't be elder statesmen.

His performance on Hillary's behalf has been desperate, accusatory, self-pitying and misleading. It has been a full-on blast of Bill Clinton's do-whatever's-necessary ethic of the sort we haven't seen since he wagged his finger at the country almost 10 years ago and denied having sex with Monica Lewinsky (in itself, an adolescent escapade that could have been straight out of "National Lampoon's White House").

During his presidency, Clinton was supposedly assailed by the forces of Republican extremism and of an out-of-control special prosecutor. Now, he's being attacked by the forces of hope and change. Barack Obama has, by almost any standard, run a scrupulously high-minded campaign.

But that hasn't mattered. As far as Bill Clinton is concerned, Obama

might as well be a member of Swift Boat Veterans for Truth.

Bill Clinton has distorted nearly everything he's commented on lately, whether it's Obama's record on the war or the Nevada caucus process. Clinton has usually delivered his anti-Obama broadsides in a state of red-faced near-rage, as though the Clinton campaign — with all its formidable advantages going into this year — has been offended against at every turn. What he is displaying is the face of aggrieved entitlement, and his trademark hypersensitivity about his own legacy — both of which are informed by his overweening ego and inability to control it.

Newsweek reports that top Democrats have been pleading with Clinton to tone it down to keep from diminishing himself. Good luck. If the dignity of the office meant so little to him, why should the dignity of the former office restrain him? It is the misfortune of the Democrats that the most talented politician of his generation happens to be a man-child.

Besides, Clinton has no incentive to stop his tantrum tour because it

appears to be working. Strategically, there might not be much more the Clinton campaign can do to sell Hillary, but it certainly can tear down Obama. The Illinois senator has pledged to fight back against Bill, probably exactly what the Clinton campaign wants.

The uglier the race gets, the better for the Clintons. In Nevada, mysterious "robocalls" were made to voters that used Barack Obama's middle name, "Hussein," four times. It can't be long before the

Clinton team uses Obama's relationship with a shady Chicago developer named Tony Rezko to try to make him seem as if he's running the most corrupt political operation since, well, the 1996 Clinton re-election campaign.

And if that doesn't work, there will be something else, as Bill Clinton tries to whine, kidney-punch and scold his way back to the White House, where he will have the run of the place, the happiest 16-year-old in the world.

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Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



Tracking the national debt
U.S. national debt increase from Jan. 8 through Feb. 12, 2008: **\$49,210,118,074**
The new total is: **\$9,250,327,678,446**

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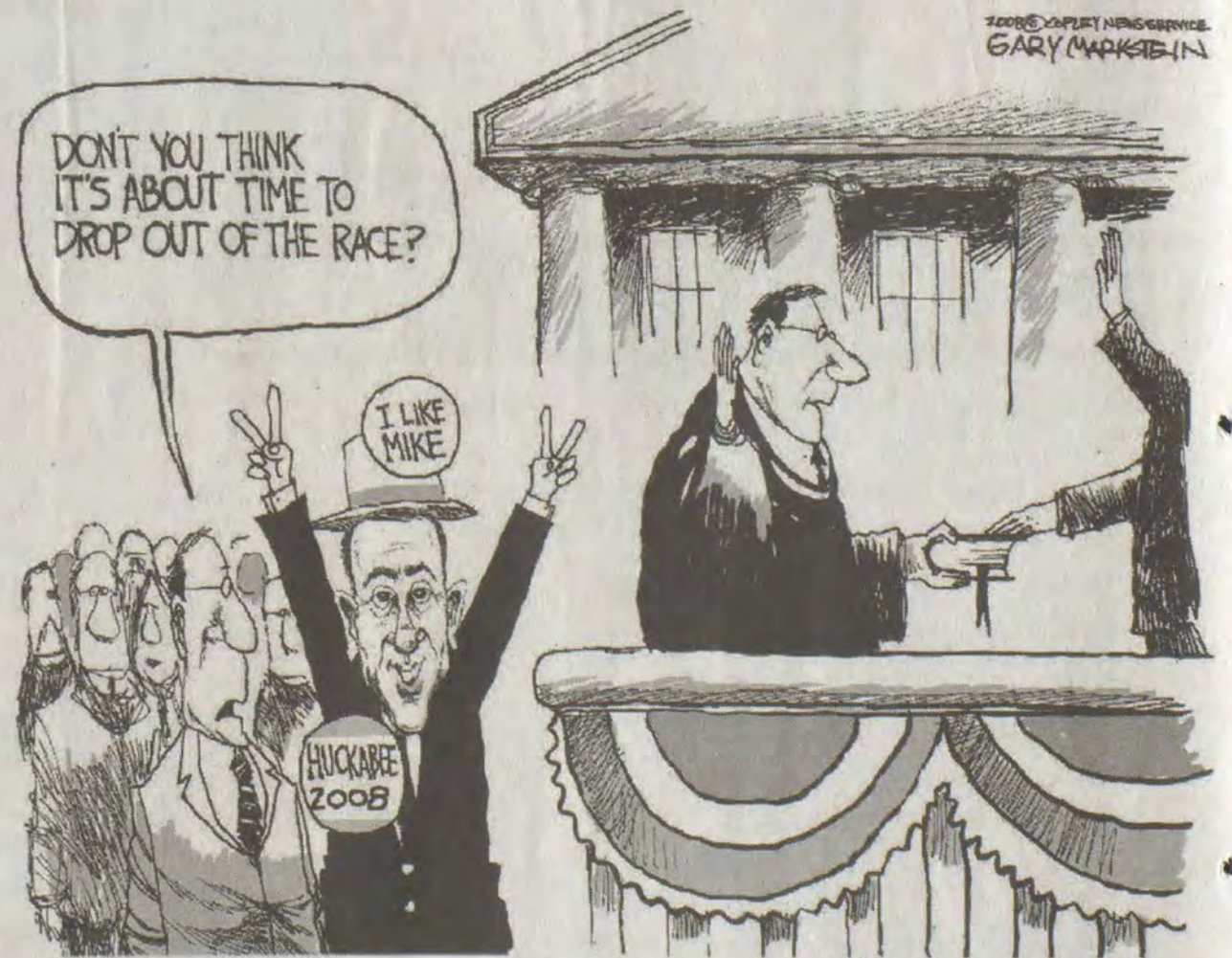
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This Town, That World

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.

Now, if that bunch who left the United States to help Cuba cut cane will only leave off raising it when they come home...

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Well, you can't have everything. There was this youngster who was as blithe as the proverbial lark about being out of school. But then came word there would no be no basket-ball...

INQUIRY

Price Hull has given me a special assignment. I am to learn from Watt Hale if he expects to preside as polk warden in his precinct this year, or if he thinks the population has exploded to the point that, maybe, a younger man is needed to cope with the situation.

THAT CAT

Time was when I depended on a certain dog of mine to fill up a bit of space in this column, particularly when the going got tough, as it usually is. But the old dog's gone, and now it's a white cat—deaf as an adder, just like the dog—that creates the situations around our house. I have always considered a cat a vicious animal, only two jumps removed from the jungle, and not worthy of my confidence. This specimen we have meets these standards pretty well, pouncing out of dark corners when you least expect it, to take a nibble of a bare shin and performing other cute little tricks of more or less lethal nature.

But I've stopped referring to it as That Confounded Cat. The critter does have its points. Yet I stick by my decision—I've gone out of the pet business.

A NEW AGE

Some day, if time lasts long enough, the ruins of an American city will be explored by archeologists who will run home yelping about what a strange civilization they've found. Paintings of nothing ever beheld outside a drunken dream...poetry with less reason than rhyme...prose that glorifies no person or thing.

This has been called the Space Age, The Machine Age, The Age of Shoddiness, and a lot of other things. The Morehead News reminds us that if they keep drinking in this country at the present pace, it'll become known as the Stoned Age.

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Travis Coleman, left, and Tyler McCoy.

BSCTC Industrial Maintenance students achieve success

The Industrial Maintenance Technology program at the Pikeville Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College has a long running relationship with the Army Corps of Engineers in the area.

Recently a graduate of Industrial Maintenance went to work full time for the Corps of Engineers at Dewey Lake in their Maintenance Department. Another student soon began a co-op with the Corps at Flannigan and Pound Lakes in Virginia.

Last week two more Industrial Maintenance students were chosen for co-ops with the Corps of Engineers. These students, Tyler McCoy and Travis Coleman, are second-semester students of Industrial Maintenance at BSCTC.

Timmy Adams, co-oping at Flannigan and Pound Lakes, will be

graduating in May and will go on to a full time position in Maintenance with the Corps.

Tyler McCoy has been hired at Dewey Lake in Floyd County and Travis Coleman at Fish Trap Lake in Pike County. These jobs are excellent positions with potential to reach \$35 per hour with retirement and other benefits.

Relationships such as these with local industry make the Industrial Maintenance Technology program at BSCTC so good for the students that graduate from it. They can obtain good jobs close to home and be assured of a good future for themselves and their families. The Industrial Maintenance Technology program maintains relationships with all areas of industry such as Kellogg's Baking Co, Eastern Kentucky Expo Center, Community Trust Bank, the local mining indus-

try, local machine shops and manufacturing companies, as well as the Army Corps of Engineers.

Industrial Maintenance Technology teaches students all aspects of industrial machinery including Machine Shop, Welding, Mechanical Drive Systems, Hydraulics, and Advanced Electrical Systems. The maintenance and repair of industrial machines is critical to any company and these Industrial Maintenance Technology students leave the program with an excellent knowledge of both.

For more information about the Industrial Maintenance Tech program you can contact Charles K. Moore at the Pikeville Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College at (606)218-1244 or by e-mail charlesk.moore@kctcs.edu.



Lowell "Spud" Steele

Steele conferred title

Lowell "Spud" Steele was recently conferred the highly honored rank and title of Knights York Cross of Honor and declared to be a member in good standing in Kentucky Proxy No. 25 on the rolls of the convent General Knights of the York Cross of Honor. Steele, who has been regularly installed in the chairs of the Lodge, Chapter, Counsel and Commandery, has served as Master of the Thomas C. Cecil Lodge, No. 375, F. & A.M., High Priest of the Pikeville Chapter, Illustrious Master of Pikeville Counsel and

Commander of the Pikeville Commandery.

Knight York Cross of Honor is the highest degree of the York Rite.

Steele is a retired supervisor of Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company, past owner of Cameo Cleaners, and owner of Joe's Car Wash, of Stanville.

He resides on Green Meadow Lane, in Pikeville, with his wife, Peggy Hamilton Steele. The couple have one son, Joe H. Steele, a respiratory therapist and branch manager of Premier Home Care, located at Walters Plaza, in Pikeville.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'The Silent Partner'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Don't be fooled by the cover art on this DVD, which makes it look like a rehash of "Reservoir Dogs," because this smart thriller is more of a modern film noir that relies more on character and plot development than shootouts to raise your blood pressure.

The film opens with a typical day in the life of mild mannered-bank clerk Miles Cullen. He is glimpsed at his banking job handling the money of varied merchants who share space in a trendy Toronto shopping mall. He comes off as a bit of a schmuck who can be counted upon to keep his boss's mistress company until he can tear himself away from his family.

Miles is also seen at home, where he lives modestly all alone with his aquarium stocked with tropical fish.

Miles is no dummy however and he instantly picks up on the fact that a department store Santa is actually a thief casing the bank. Cullen anticipates the robbery and cleverly stows away all of the money in his drawer on the day of the burglary and allows the Santa to flee with a bag full of nothing while Cullen pockets \$48,350 that the bank reports as stolen.

Cullen actually profits from the crime in an unexpected way. First he becomes a temporary celebrity on the nightly news. He then becomes more daring and begins to live his life to the hilt. Soon he is romancing the boss's lady friend while managing to visit his father at a nearby nursing home and scooping out a new tropical fish for his collection.

Meanwhile we meet the thief, named Reikle, and he is not at all happy that a bank clerk has taken him for a ride. Like all great villains, Reikle is quietly menacing and none too short in the brains department to boot. He works out his anger by beating on a pathetic hooker before setting his sights on Cullen.

Soon enough you're in "cat and mouse" territory, with Reikle breaking into Cullen's home, where he makes his intentions clear by ransacking the place and pinning a colorful fish to Cullen's door with a bowie knife.

Rather than succumb to this reign of terror, Cullen reacts by taking the fight to Reikle, but he doesn't do it in typical tough guy fashion. He manages to outwit Reikle by simply shadowing him home and then stealing a grocery truck, which he parks in front of Reikle's home, before calling the police to report the theft.

This move, while clever, puts him in a tight spot as he is called in to see Reikle in a line-up by a detective who suspects that this is the man who robbed the bank. Cullen opts to not reveal that he recognizes Reikle and

(See LAGOON, page six)

The real thing

by FRANKIE GERMANY
"A SECOND CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE
WOMAN'S SOUL"

Cecile and I have been friends since college, for more than 30 years. Although we have never lived closer than 100 miles to each other, since we first met our friendship has remained constant. We have seen each other through marriage, birth, divorce, the death of loved ones — all those times when you really need a friend.

In celebration of our friendship and our 50th birthdays, Cecile and I took our first road trip together. We

drove from my home in Texas to California and back. What a wonderful time we had!

The first day of our trip ended in Santa Fe, N.M. After the long drive, we were quite tired, so we decided to go to the restaurant near the hotel for dinner. We were seated in a rather quiet part of the dining room with only a few other patrons. We ordered our food and settled back to recount our day. As we talked, I glanced at the other people in the room. I noticed an attractive elderly couple sitting a short distance away from us. The gentleman was rather tall and athletic

looking, with silver hair and a tan complexion. The lady seated beside him was petite, well-dressed and lovely. What caught my immediate attention was the look of adoration on the woman's face. She sat, chin resting gently on her hands, and stared into the face of the man as he talked. She reminded me of a teenager in love!

I called Cecile's attention to the couple. As we watched, he reached over to place a gentle kiss on her cheek. She smiled.

"Now that's what I call real love!" I said with a sigh. "I imagine they've been married for a long time. They look so in love!"

"Or maybe," remarked Cecile, "they haven't been together long. It

could be they've just fallen in love."

Cecile and I watched surreptitiously and unashamedly cavedropped on their conversation. He was explaining to her about a new business investment he was considering and asking her opinion. She smiled and agreed with whatever he said. When the waitress came to take their order, he ordered for her, reminding her that the veal was her favorite. He caressed her hand as he talked, and she listened raptly to his every word.

We were enthralled by the poignant scene we were witnessing.

Then the scene changed. A perplexed look came over the finely wrinkled but beautiful face. She looked at the man and said in a sweet voice: "Do I know you? What is this place? Where are we?"

"Now, sweetheart, you know me. I'm Ralph, your husband. And we're in Santa Fe. We are going to see our son in Missouri tomorrow.

(See SOUP, page six)



Nostalgia not enough reason to buy a car

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
For no other reason than nostalgia, and the fact that it's the only car I know how to work on (because it broke down on me so many times when I owned one), I am looking for a Plymouth Arrow Coupe for my kid's 16th birthday. I'm willing to go anywhere in the United States for a manual-transmission coupe that is still running. Can you help me? — Mel

RAY: Can we help you? I don't think so, Mel. I think you're too far gone.

TOM: I suppose we could best help you by trying to talk you out of this. This thing was made in the late 1970s, and it was, to be delicate, real junk. Fortunately for your kid, 99.9 percent of these cars have already been crushed, shipped to Korea as scrap metal, and sent back as Hyundais.

RAY: The Arrow was a compact

car made by Mitsubishi and sold by Chrysler, which found itself without any small, fuel-efficient cars to sell during the gasoline crisis of the late '70s.

TOM: I think the best thing about the car was the Harry Nilsson song they used in the TV commercials, "Me and My Arrow."

RAY: The reason you remember it so fondly has nothing to do with the car itself. It's because you associate owning that car with a time in your life when you were single, carefree and getting to go out on the town more than once a decade. So I think you may be

looking to relive your own youth, Mel, and your kid's 16th birthday is just a convenient excuse.

TOM: But this is not a good car for a 16-year-old, mostly because it's unsafe. Structurally, it wasn't much to begin with, and I'm sure the rust and the elements (and the mildew) have not been kind to any surviving Arrow

you might uncover.

RAY: Plus, it has no crumple zones, no air bags, no disc brakes, no anti-lock braking system, no stability control — no nothing. And 16-year-olds, almost by definition, are knuckleheads behind the wheel (through a deadly mixture of inexperience and testosterone), so you really want some additional protection for your kid in case he happens to do something dumber than usual.

TOM: So, here's what we suggest: Buy the kid an early-1990s Volvo. That'll help protect him for a few years, until he grows up and gets a little smarter. Plus, it'll be old, it'll break down frequently and it'll be expensive to repair. That means he'll have to learn how to fix things, or how to pay someone else to fix things. Either one is a good lesson.

RAY: Then look on eBay or in Hemmings Motor News (hemmings.com) for an Arrow, and buy it for yourself. Then YOU can tinker with it. When it runs, we know you'll drive it sanely. And on summer nights, you can roll down the windows, reminisce and think wistfully about the days when you had hair for the wind to blow through! Good luck, Mel.

Possible carbon monoxide leak is serious business

Dear Tom and Ray:

I recently had my 1994 Toyota Camry XLE in for a front exhaust leak. The main symptom was a muffled noise coming from the front. After the repair, I still heard the noise, though not as bad. And call me crazy, but I feel lightheaded and dizzy, and I have a weird feeling in my throat. Could they have done something wrong with the repair and now carbon monoxide is leaking into my car? Is there a way to test for a carbon monoxide leak in the car? — Kelly

TOM: Kelly, if you're still alert and conscious by the time you read this, go to a hardware store with your windows rolled down, and buy a carbon monoxide (CO) detector for your car.

RAY: For 20 bucks, you can get a battery-powered one. Put it in your car, let the car run for 10 minutes (without you in it), and then check the reading. I'm guessing you've got CO.

TOM: You've got all of the symptoms: Dizziness. Lightheadedness. Writing to me and my brother for advice!

RAY: Carbon monoxide is deadly stuff, Kelly. It's also invisible, odorless and tasteless. So the only way to

know whether it's present is with a CO detector, or via autopsy (we're assuming you prefer the former option).

TOM: The noise you were hearing was exhaust escaping, under pressure, from a cracked exhaust manifold under the hood. And it's certainly possible that your mechanic botched the job. He may have been wrong about where the leak was coming from, he could have replaced your manifold with a used one that was also cracked, or he may just be a moron, like my brother.

RAY: Exactly! We're everywhere, you know!

TOM: So get it back to him right away. Like today. Like now. And leave all the windows down when you drive it there. After he fixes it, test it for CO again — right there at his shop, before you drive it away.

RAY: And when you're convinced that your car is completely CO-free, take the detector you bought and give it a new home in your bedroom, Kelly. Good luck. And don't wait. Seriously.

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



Odds & Ends

■ AZUSA, Calif. — Doggone it, my truck's gone!

Police said Charles McCowan parked his pickup in front of a mini-mart Wednesday, leaving his 80-pound Boxer named Max in the passenger seat. When he came out, the truck and Max were gone.

McCowan called police, assuming the truck had been stolen. When officers arrived, they found the pickup across the street in a fast-food parking lot but had no idea how it got there.

In security video shown Thursday on KCAL-TV, the truck can be seen rolling backward out of the store lot and across the street, threading its way through traffic and out of view.

Police said that after McCowan left the truck, Max knocked the vehicle out of gear and sent it rolling backward.

Both Max and the truck emerged without a scratch.

■ ATLANTA — A harassed minority — Florida Gators fans in Georgia — got the chance this month to show their school pride on their license plates, but legislators are attacking the new privilege with a full-on blitz.

Unhappy that some states, including Florida, make it difficult or impossible to put the logos of Georgia colleges on their own plates, the state House voted 142-10 on Wednesday to keep those states' school logos off Georgia-registered car bumpers.

"Whatever is good for the goose is good for the gander. Whatever we allow here in Georgia would have to be allowed in other states," said state Rep. Barry Fleming, the bill's sponsor.

"This bill solves a lot of problems."

The House measure would allow special prestige alumni plates only for states that reciprocate in honor of Georgia schools, adding a twist to the bitter rivalry between the Gators and the Georgia Bulldogs.

The bill now goes to the Senate, where it enjoys the support of the chamber's leaders.

Under current law, groups seeking approval for a vanity tag must have their application approved and persuade 1,000 people to plunk down \$25 apiece before the plates are printed.

University of Florida alum-

ni in Georgia quickly lined up the necessary number of motorists, and county drivers services offices began issuing the tags this month. Georgia also allows prestige plates honoring Clemson University in South Carolina and Auburn University in Alabama.

Alabama and South Carolina, however, do not allow plates to be labeled with out-of-state colleges.

In Florida, the bar for getting specialized plates is much higher than it is in Georgia. An applicant has to pay \$60,000 and conduct a survey that proves an interest. The tag must then be created by an act of the Florida Legislature and must continue to sell at 1,000 plates a year to stay in existence.

Tennessee has a law similar to Georgia's, and plates are available for most Southeastern Conference schools, including the Volunteers' biggest rivals — the Florida Gators and Alabama Crimson Tide.

If the Georgia bill passes, residents with vanity plates honoring schools in states that don't return the favor would lose the plates when they need to be replaced.

The proposal passed with little debate, but the few who spoke up wondered why Georgia would crack down on residents willing to voluntarily pay what amounts to a \$25 tax.

■ PHOENIX — A cat who took a three-week cross-country ride to Arizona in a storage container is headed home to Florida.

Arizona Humane Society officials say the 2-year-old gray cat crawled into the locker in Pompano Beach, Fla., while a man loaded it for a move to Phoenix.

The container spent time in a Florida warehouse and on a semitrailer before being delivered to a Phoenix facility.

A worker heard a cat meowing inside the container Tuesday. The cat, named Meatloaf, was hungry and thirsty but unharmed. The man who was moving remembered a similar cat near his old apartment.

Meatloaf's owners had put up posters around their neighborhood. The apartment manager remembered them when Humane Society called.

Officials will give Meatloaf time to recover before flying him home.

■ PITTSBURGH — A man says he can now retire because someone bought his massive record collection on eBay for the asking price — \$3 million.

A buyer from Ireland agreed to shell out \$3,002,150 for the collection of nearly 3 million vinyl albums, singles and CDs, owner Paul Mawhinney said Thursday.

The winning bidder has already deposited \$300,000, and a bank has confirmed that he has enough money to buy

the collection, Mawhinney said.

The price tag is one of the highest recorded by eBay Inc., said Karen Bard, a spokeswoman for the online auctioneer. A Gulfstream II jet once sold for \$4.9 million, she said.

On Thursday, the 68-year-old Mawhinney closed Record Rama, which opened in Ross Township in 1968. He said he wants to spend time with his wife, three children and five grandchildren.

"I am legally blind. I had a couple of strokes a few years ago ... and it's time at my age to think about doing something else with my life," he said.

The collection includes more than 1 million albums, 1.5 million singles and 300,000 CDs, Mawhinney said.

■ NEW YORK — All the other animals must be green with envy.

The one getting the most attention at Brooklyn's Prospect Park Zoo these days is Mao Mi, a rare red panda that just arrived from his former home at Michigan's Binder Park Zoo.

Red pandas are endangered, and Mao Mi is part of a Wildlife Conservation Society breeding program that's trying to ensure the survival of threatened or endangered species.

Mao Mi has black legs, a furry reddish-brown face and body and white ears.

Prospect Park zookeepers said Thursday that their cuddly cutie is very playful and loves to climb trees and explore his new home.

■ WALTERBORO, S.C. — A South Carolina man is thankful for a DVD that ended

up taking a bullet for him.

Colleton County Fire and Rescue Director Barry McRoy says he was leaving a Waffle House restaurant in Walterboro on Saturday morning when two men ran in fighting over a gun. Police say a bullet hit one of the struggling men, shattered a window and then hit McRoy.

The bullet hit a DVD McRoy was carrying in his pocket. He suffered a bruise but didn't realize he had been shot. As he told a police officer what happened he noticed a bullet hole in his jacket, the shattered DVD case and a piece of the bullet.

"I was saved by a DVD," McRoy says. "How lucky can you get?"

One man was arrested on assault and battery and gun charges.

The DVD was nicked. It was a gift from an employee who had recorded a TV show about fire extinguishers.

■ NEW YORK — Lush Tuscan vineyards and the urban landscape of Staten Island may not seem to go together, but that's about to change.

With a little help from its Italian sister city, the borough often associated with its former landfill is preparing to open the only large-scale, educational vineyard in New York City. And its creators are looking forward to producing their very own nectar of the gods — the Super Staten Island Red.

"Despite what people think, Staten Island can be a good place to produce excellent wine," said Piergiorgio Castellani Jr., a Tuscan winemaker whose vineyards inspired the venture. "It's like planting a vineyard in the center of the world."

The vineyard was the brainchild of several Staten Island businessmen with an appreciation for red wine. They traveled to Crespina, Italy, in November to glean ideas from Castellani's vineyards.

They consulted with viticulture experts from Cornell University and the University of Pisa to select a blend of grapes that would grow in the Staten Island Botanical Garden.

They settled on cabernet sauvignon, merlot and sangiovese varieties, which they hope to plant in spring 2009.

The 2-acre vineyard is part of an effort to lure tourists off the famed Staten Island ferry and onto the much-maligned island. The borough president's office has committed \$2 million to the project.

"It's an educational vineyard," said Henry Salmon, who is spearheading the non-profit venture, which will explore winemaking from the vine to the bottle. "We expect to bring adults and children to show how grapes are grown and how wine is made."

Even though more than a third of its residents are of Italian descent, Staten Island bears little resemblance to the rolling hills of Tuscany. The island, located off the southern tip of Manhattan, is the least populated of the city's five boroughs.

It will take about four years before the soil is prepared for the vines and grapes can be transformed into wine.

But organizers believe it's worth the wait.

"What's more important than making good wine is the didactic component of this project," Castellani said. "There are a lot of people interested in understanding how wine is made."

Soup

Don't you remember?"

"Oh, I'm not sure. I seem to have forgotten," she said quietly.

"That's OK, sweetheart. You'll be all right. Just eat your dinner, and we'll go and get some rest." He reached

over and caressed her cheek. "You sure do look pretty tonight."

Tears coursed down our cheeks as Cecile and I looked at each other. "We were right," she said quietly. "It is the real thing. That is love."

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Lagoon

soon finds himself being courted by a raven haired beauty who claims to work in his father's nursing home.

If you've guessed that she is Reikle's squeeze, then you're one step ahead here but only half a step behind Cullen, who opts to play along and use this femme fatale to strike back at Reikle and draw him into a cunning plan to rob the bank a second time.

It all ends with a tense robbery and a bravura shootout, but to reveal who gets what would be a true crime. Suffice to say that this is a tense and smart thriller that should keep you on the edge of your seat until you're wondering how you wound up on the floor.

Most of the credit for this one goes to a smart screenplay by Curtis Hanson, who would go on to write and direct "L.A. Confidential." His script allows all of the characters to have some brains and the result is an edgy 90 minutes in which you're never sure who will come out on top.

The film also benefits from well crafted characters played

by seasoned actors. Elliot Gould anchors the film as Cullen. Though beetle-browed and far from your typical leading man, Gould is a formidable presence who projects intelligence and savvy.

He is well matched by Christopher Plummer who wisely underplays Reikle as a brooding cauldron of evil that passes for human. Plummer has some great moments here and is especially good when he pops up in various disguises during the flick.

There is also an early appearance by John Candy as a clerk, but he has so little to do that he doesn't even illicit any laughs.

All in all, this is a smart exercise in tension that thriller fans will devour, but if you're a dedicated fan of tropical fish then you best look elsewhere as they are given short shrift here and don't make it to the final reel.

Best line: "I always wondered what it felt like to be shot. It hurts a lot."

1978, rated R.

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Top-ranked Georgetown fends off PC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Top-ranked Georgetown College showed some grit on Thursday night, rallying from a nine-point deficit with eight minutes left to knock off reeling Pikeville 88-76.

Georgetown (27-0, 7-0 in the Mid-South Conference) outscored the Bears 26-5 in the final eight minutes to make the game look a lot more one-sided than it played out.

The Tigers have three more MSC games left in their quest for an undefeated regular season. They have home games against Cumberlands and West Virginia University Tech before a season-ending trip to Lindsey Wilson College on March 1.

Pikeville (18-7, 2-5) will head to Campbellsville Saturday trying to end a four-game losing streak. The Bears struggled in two vital areas on Thursday, hitting only 15-of-30 from the line and committing 24 turnovers.

Georgetown, meanwhile, hit 15-of-19 from the line and 11-of-14 in the second half.

The Tigers led 60-59 with 11:52 remaining before the Bears ripped off a 12-2 run, closed out by two layups and a dunk by junior Ewan Linton. The 6-8 native of Kingston, Jamaica, finished with a game-high 16 points and six boards, and his dunk with 8:32 left gave the Bears a 71-62 lead.

But from there, it was all Tigers, who had five players score in the outburst. Junior Demetrius Guoins had seven,

including a three and layin to begin the stretch. Guoins led the Tigers with 15 points off the bench on 7-of-11 shooting.

Three starters reached double digits for the Tigers, with seniors Justin Taylor and Gus Chase scoring 14 each. Taylor, a 6-3 guard, led the Tigers with eight rebounds, five steals and four assists. Junior Jerry Turner added 11.

Linton had four teammates in double figures, with freshman Justin Hicks and junior Haakim Johnson scoring 14 each. Johnson had six assists and Hicks five. Junior William Harris had 13 points, five rebounds and three blocks, steals and assists.

Senior Jeff Ferguson had a double-double with 12 points and 13 rebounds, five of which came off the offensive glass.



photo courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography/East Kentucky Miners
EAST KENTUCKY MINERS GUARD JOSH PACE went up for a layin during a recent CBA game. Pace and teammate **Boo Jackson** rank as two of minor league basketball's top players.

East-West Football All-Star rosters set

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Kentucky High School Coaches Association East-West All-Star football rosters for the June 13 game at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium in Louisville have been announced. Among the All-Stars is Johnson Central senior tight end Nathan Dials. One of the state's top prep football players, Dials recently signed with Austin Peay State University. Rosters for the East-West All-Star teams follow.

EAST – Offense: Alex Matthews (QB, Shelby Co.); Will Stein (QB, Trinity); Andy Mahoney (OL, Lexington Catholic); Andy Schulte (OL, Covington Catholic); Ryan Ball (OL, Highlands); Luke Stein (OL, Highlands); Alex Hempling (OL, Highlands); Mike Hamm (OL, Henry Clay); Dustin May (RB, Belfry); Matt Thomas (RB, Ashland Blazer); Tommy Gifford (RB, Lafayette); John Cole (WR, Somerset); Aaron Boyd (WR, Henry Clay); Jordan Burk (Shelby Co.); Shane Israel (RB, Lexington Catholic); Zack Burkhart (TE, Rockcastle Co.); Nathan Dials (TE, Johnson Central); Jake Stephens (PK, Lafayette).

Defense: Eric Oldigies (DL, Covington Holy Cross); Patrick Ford (DL, Madison Central); D.L. Wilhite (DL, Bryan Station); Ryan Eten (DL, Campbell Co.); William Harris (DL, Mercer Co.); Sam Robey (DL, Trinity); Joe Stanfield (DL, Montgomery Co.); Brian Sauerback (LB, Campbell Co.); Shumari Bridgewater (LB, Campbellville); Clay Cecil (LB, Highlands); Sam Payne (LB, Scott Co.); Winston Guy (DB, Lexington Catholic); Brandon Lawson (DB, Scott Co.); Ryan Young (DB, Lincoln Co.); Ricky Rhodes (DB, Madison Central); Steven Ferguson (DB, Eastern).

Head coach: Dale Anderson (Southwestern). Assistants: Larry French (Boyle Co.); Jason Spencer (Southwestern); Jim Girdler (Southwestern); Kenny Turner (Madison Central); Ray Graham (Harrison Co.)

WEST – Offense: Corey Robinson (QB, Lone Oak); Trent Steelman (QB, Bowling Green); Dave Ulinski (OL, Manual); Matt Smith (OL, St. Xavier); Paul Henry (OL, Central Hardin); Ben Koenig (OL, Trigg

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ANOTHER REGULAR-SEASON has wound down for area high school boys' basketball teams. Earlier in the week, Paintsville defeated Prestonsburg in a late-regular season matchup.

POSTSEASON BOYS' BASKETBALL

58TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT AT ALLEN CENTRAL

Feb. 26: Allen Central vs. South Floyd, 8 p.m.; Feb. 27: Prestonsburg vs. Betsy Layne, 6:30 p.m.; Feb. 29: Championship Game, 7 p.m.

57TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT AT MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Feb. 25: Sheldon Clark vs. Magoffin County, 8 p.m.; Feb. 26: Sheldon Clark/Magoffin County winner vs. Paintsville, 8 p.m.; Feb. 27: Johnson Central vs. Magoffin County, 8 p.m.



photos by Jamie Howell

Tigers pound Pikeville, 75-55

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE – Host Paintsville solidified its billing as one of Eastern Kentucky's top high school basketball teams Thursday night in a home game versus Pikeville, last season's 15th Region runner-up. Paintsville outscored Pikeville in each of the first three quarters en route to a 75-55 win. Senior guard Landon Slone paced Paintsville with a game-high 22 points. Shane Grimm, a senior forward, added 20 points for the Tigers. J.D. VanHoose also reached double figures scoring for Paintsville. VanHoose finished with 16 points. Paintsville outscored Pikeville 21-

16 in the opening quarter. The Tigers doubled up the visiting Pikeville team in the second quarter, outscoring the Panthers 16-8 on their way to a 37-24 halftime advantage.

Paintsville pulled away early on in the third quarter. The Tigers held a huge scoring advantage over Pikeville in the third quarter, outscoring the Panthers 27-12.

Justin Murray scored 13 points as four different Paintsville players reached double figures in the scoring column. Blake Bundy and Jeremy Pack added two points apiece for host Paintsville (24-3).

Pikeville, which outscored

Paintsville 19-11 in the final quarter, failed to overcome a slow second half start.

Matt Clvenger led Pikeville with a team-high 19 points. Jordan Bell followed with 15 points for the Panthers.

Deven Adams scored nine points and Tim Honaker added eight points for Pikeville in the non-district road game.

In another area high school basketball game Thursday night, Belfry edged Tug Valley (W.Va.) 62-61.

Dustin May led Belfry to the win, scoring a game-high 19 points. May was one of three Belfry players to reach double figures scoring.

Late free throws lead Lady Bears past Georgetown

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – The Lady Bears of Pikeville College hit 15-of-16 from the free throw line in the final two minutes Thursday night to surprise Georgetown College 65-54.

The Lady Bears led 50-41 when the charity-toss parade began with 1:43 left. From there, freshmen Whitney Compton and Shalane Moore combined to hit 10-of-10 down the stretch. Georgetown got to the line six times in that same stretch and sank all of them, but could get no closer than eight points.

The win for Pikeville ends a six-game losing streak and makes then 6-20 on the season. It's their first league win in seven outings this season.

Georgetown fell out of a tie with idle Lindsey Wilson in the Mid-South Conference. The Lady Tigers are now 17-10 overall, 5-2 in the league.

Compton, a freshman from Haysi, Va., turned in her second double-double of the season with 16 points and 11 rebounds. She was 5-of-8 from the field in the win. Compton's efforts led Pikeville to a 47-36 advantage on the glass.

The other two double digit scorers also came off the bench, as Moore and junior Alice Daniel flipped in 10 points each. Moore had a game-best five assists.

Georgetown had only two players in double figures, as sophomore Jayme Gilbert and junior Makaine Huffer had 12 markers apiece.

Preseason all-state top 50 baseball prospects revealed

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The Kentucky High School Baseball Coaches Association has released its preseason all-state top 50 prospects for the 2008 season. The latest list is a group comprised mostly of seniors.

Here's the top 50, in alphabetical order. (Players are seniors unless noted):

Evan Bennett, Clark County; Chris Berry, Trinity (Jr.); Alex Blodgett, Bates Creek; Sean Bouthillette, Elizabethtown; Daniel Bracken, Fern Creek; Jordan Burk, Shelby County; Clint Cashen, Corbin; Jarred Clarkson, Shelby County (Jr.); John Cole, Somerset; Nick Consigli, Manual; Zach Cox, PRP; Jonathan Craycraft, Henry Clay; Jeremy Dobbs, Daviess County; Tyler Dunaway, Eastern (Jr.); Cody Elliott, Beechwood; Mike Estes, Male; Cory Farris, Boone County; Cameron Flynn, Henry Clay; Drew Freeman, Estill County (Jr.); Tyler Gilliland, Christian County; Billy Grant, Marion County; Chase Green, West Jessamine; Tim Hayes, Lawrence County; Tyler Hinerman, Greenup County; Logan Helms, Boyd County; Kiley Jones, Eastern; Corey Kingsley, Bates Creek; Luke Maile, Covington Catholic (Jr.); Nick Maronde, Lexington Catholic; Brandon Martin, Harrison County; Austin Messersmith, Seneca; Lucas Mohon, Barren County; Mike

(See PROSPECTS, page two)



photo courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography/East Kentucky Miners
FLOYD COUNTY JILLS BROWN VICKERY, a Diamond Girl, led a recent performance at a Miners home game.

Sweet 16 tickets remain on sale

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – Tickets to the 2008 National City/KHSAA Boys' and Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournaments continue to be on sale through the KHSAA office and online at khsaa.org. At this time, only full tournament sets of tickets (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are available. Lower arena seats are priced at \$116 each and upper arena seats are priced at \$66 each. Tickets will be on sale through the KHSAA until Feb. 22 for the boys' and March 7 for the girls' event. Beginning Feb. 25, all ticket sales for the boys' event will only be available through the Rupp Arena box office and/or ticketmaster.com.

Individual session tickets for the boys' event are now on sale through ticketmaster.com.

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association was organized in 1917 and is

the agency designated by the Kentucky Department of Education to manage high school athletics in the Commonwealth. The Association is a voluntary nonprofit 501 3(c) organization made up of 280 member schools both public and private. The KHSAA sanctions state championships in 19 sports, licenses and trains over 3,900 officials, provides catastrophic insurance for its member school student athletes as well as overseeing coaching education and medical symposium programs.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS – Feb. 25-March 1: District Basketball Tournaments; March 3-8: Regional Girls' Basketball Tournaments; March 3-11: Regional Boys' Basketball Tournaments; March 14: KHSAA Special Board of Control Meeting, Bowling Green; March 12-15: Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament, WKU, Bowling Green; March 19-22: National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament, Rupp Arena, Lexington.

TRACK & FIELD: Mason-Dixon Games set for March 7-8

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The Mason-Dixon Athletic Club will host its 48th Annual Mason-Dixon Games on March 7-8 at Broadbent Arena at the Kentucky Exposition Center. Approximately 3,000 athletes from middle and high schools within Kentucky, including Floyd County, and approximately 70 Masters and Open athletes will converge on Louisville for the annual indoor championship meet.

In conjunction with the 48th Annual Mason-Dixon Games, the Mason-Dixon Athletic Club will be inducting nine individuals into the "Class of 2008" Mason-Dixon Games

Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will take place prior to the start of the high school Class AAA division of the meet at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The inductees are: Ron Althoff — Ohio official that for many years organized the field officials and was field event referee for the Mason-Dixon Games.

David L. Armstrong — Former Mason-Dixon AC member and track official for the Mason-Dixon Games. A long time supporter to the Games in his former elective office positions of Jefferson County Judge Executive and Mayor of the City of Louisville.

Robert "Bobby" Brown — Holds the longest standing high school record in the long jump. A 1966 grad of Male High School, NAIA track and field All-American at Univ. of Arkansas Pine Bluff and was a member of the US National Track & Field team.

Susie Brutscher — A Louisville product and pioneer in track and field. She set a world record at the Mason-Dixon Games in 1976 in the pole vault.

Tommy Haynes — Former Middle Tennessee State University triple jumper and long jumper and participant in the Mason-Dixon Games. Three-time All-American,

1976 U.S. Olympian, former US and NCAA triple jump record holder and presently serves as a Mason-Dixon Games long jump and triple jump official.

David A. Jones — A significant supporter of the Mason-Dixon AC and Games in time of need. Co-founder and former chairman of the board and CEO of Humana, Inc.

Donald G. "Donnie" Rat — Dedicated track and field official at the Mason-Dixon Games for over 40 years. A Louisville Male grad and avid runner.

Tommie Smith — Set an indoor WR in 1967 at the Mason-Dixon Games in the

440 yard dash. 1968 Olympic gold medalist at 200m in a world record 19.83. Namesake of the Tommie Smith Track & Field Meet held in Berkeley CA and Louisville. Tommie is this year's Mason-Dixon Games Honorary Meet Official/Guest.

Jack Thompson — Served as finish judge at the inaugural 1961 Mason-Dixon Games and for the next 37 years was records clerk for the 57 World indoor records set on the Mason-Dixon track. Jack died in 1999 at the age of 92.

Friday evening, the middle school athletes compete along side the Masters and Open athletes. Masters and Open events begin at 4:30 p.m. with the

middle school events beginning at 5:15. Approximately 800 athletes from over 40 schools will compete for the middle school indoor championship.

Saturday events will start at 8 a.m. with the Class A division where 600 athletes from over 30 schools will compete.

Class AA events begin at 1 p.m. with over 600 athletes representing over 30 schools.

At 5 p.m., the Class AAA events will start with approximately 1,000 athletes from over 40 schools will be competing.

All classes will be competing for the high school indoor championship.

Forcht Bank to sponsor state baseball tournament

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Forcht Bank has signed a three-year agreement to serve as title sponsor of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's State Baseball Tournament, KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries announced during a press conference held at Applebee's Park on Thursday. In addition, Commissioner DeVries and Alan Stein of the Lexington Legends announced that the park will continue to serve as host site of the event through 2012.

"We are extremely pleased to announce both the partnership

with Forcht Bank to serve as title sponsor and to continue our partnership with Applebee's Park and the Lexington Legends," Commissioner DeVries said. "It is a strategic goal of the Association to continue to find ways of financial support to not only fund various championships, but assist in the overall funding for all of our programs. We've had an association with Forcht Group since 2004 and look forward to working with Terry Forcht, Dorsey Hall, Eddie Woodruff, Michael Goins and the rest of the banking staff for a successful partnership.

"Alan Stein is Mr. Baseball and his love for the game and the

desire to host our baseball tournament has allowed us to stage the event in a premiere facility and provide the participants, families and fans with memories that will last a lifetime. Applebee's Park is a perfect home to the event and we appreciate the continued commitment from the Legends and general manager Andy Shea as well as Alan Stein," DeVries concluded.

Forcht Bank has 34 banking centers throughout Kentucky with more than \$1 billion in total assets, making it one of the top 10 bank holding groups based in Kentucky. Forcht Bank's name represents the founder, Corbin businessman Terry E. Forcht and

his commitment to community based banking across the Commonwealth. Forcht Bank is headquartered in Lexington.

"Our commitment to sports and the community is owed to Terry Forcht," Forcht Bank President & CEO Dorsey Hall said. "Sponsoring this tournament will help further these ideas."

Applebee's Park first served host to the event in 2002, when Covington Catholic knocked off Trinity (Louisville), 5-3 in the championship. This year will mark the seventh consecutive year that Applebee's Park will host the event.

"Bringing and maintaining

pro baseball in Lexington has helped high school kids improve," Lexington Legends President & CEO Alan Stein said. "Kids playing baseball will continue to dream of making it to Applebee's Park and playing in the tournament."

"Having the agreement between the KHSAA and the Legends is one of the biggest events at Applebee's Park," Legends General Manager Andy Shea said. "You can't put a price on what it means to the kids."

Lexington Mayor Jim Newberry issued the following statement on the continuance of the event being in Lexington.

"Lexington is proud to host the State Baseball Tournament," Mayor Newberry said. "It is great to have an opportunity to welcome these outstanding young people and their families to our city. I would like to express my appreciation to the sponsors, Applebee's Park and KHSAA officials who have made this possible."

The dates for this year's Forcht Bank/KHSAA State Baseball Championship are June 12-14 with all four quarter-final games on Thursday. Semifinals will be played on Friday and the State Championship is scheduled for Saturday.

KGA announces 2008 tournament schedule

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky Golf Association provides members an opportunity to compete in golf tournaments across the commonwealth. The 2008 tournament schedule is a highlight of that commitment as the tour will travel from one end of the state to the other.

The flagship tournament of the KGA is the AT&T Kentucky State Amateur Championship. After the 10 qualifying events have been completed, the championship will be hosted by one of the premiere venues in Kentucky, the Country Club of Paducah. From Tuesday, June 10-Thursday, June 12 the state's

top amateurs will vie for the 94th State Amateur crown.

Later that month, the KGA Father-Child Championship will visit the Lexington area as Kearney Hill GL and Georgetown's Cherry Blossom G&CC will host this fun and exciting family event. All participants will enjoy playing each of the courses during the

tournament and have a chance to take home prizes, team photos, and lasting memories from this annual event.

Longtime supporter Fred Allen will always be remembered for his leadership of the KGA and was honored by the association in naming this next event the Fred Allen Team Championship. The 2008 edi-

tion is scheduled for Bardstown Country Club at Maywood on Monday and Tuesday, July 21 and 22. There are separate divisions for men and women in gross and net flights. Player of the year points are also awarded for the top places.

Lexington Country Club will be the site for the final KGA event, the 2008 5/3 Bank

Mid-Amateur Championship. Monday and Tuesday, August 25 and 26 are the dates for this important tournament. There are two competition divisions available for choosing: the Mid-Amateur Championship and the Super Mid-Amateur Division for 40 years of age or older.

Stars

Co.); Zack Rhinestone (OL, Ft. Campbell); Brannon Sanford (OL, Graves Co.); Brad Wright (OL, Apollo); Alan Williams (RB, Marshall Co.); Matt Denham (RB, John Hardin); Tevon Boards (RB, Warren Central); D.L. Moore (WR, Bowling Green); Jon Yates (WR, Warren East); Ryan Wallace (TE, Bowling Green); Kienan Cullen (PK, Butler).

Defense: Donnie Bigbee

(DL, Russellville); Dexter Heyman (DL, Male); Isaiah Holt (DL, Paducah Tilghman); Brandon Newman (DL, Pleasure Ridge Park); James Carpenter (DL, St. Xavier); Jackcem Gatewood (DL, John Hardin); Josh McWherter (LB, Ft. Campbell); Jared Carpenter (LB, Bowling Green); Nick Huesser (LB, St. Xavier); Mark Jones (LB, North Hardin); E.J. Fields (DB, Frankfort); Dexter Durrante (DB, Ft. Campbell);

Darrell Taylor (DB, Central); Conner Hale (DB, St. Xavier); Ramone White (DB, Christian Co.); Mikey Benton (DB, Russellville).

Head coach: Kevin Wallace (Bowling Green). Assistants: John Myers (Russellville); Jeff Griffith (Bowling Green); Steve Lovelace (Christian Co.); Mark Spader (Bowling Green); Ed Smart (Grayson Co.); Ben Bruni (Warren East).

UK football program to host Gridiron Bash before annual spring game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky and New York City-based MSL Sports and Entertainment today announced that the university will host Gridiron Bash The Ultimate Fan Competition the day before the Blue/White Spring Game.

The event — the first of its kind at Commonwealth Stadium — will take place during the afternoon and evening of April 18 and include a live performance by Dierks Bentley, American Country singer-songwriter with five #1 country songs, as well as a giant pep rally introducing Head Football Coach, Rich Brooks, select players, former team legends, and other festive fan activities. Tickets go on sale at 9 a.m. tomorrow through the University of Kentucky Athletics ticket office, www.ukathletics.com and www.gridironbash.com.

"Similar to the excitement surrounding Basketball's Big Blue Madness, there's also excitement around football in the spring, when schools hold practices and Spring Games to showcase the following year's roster," says Mitch Barnhart, Athletics Director at the University of Kentucky, which is one of about 20 Division I universities nationwide selected by MSL (the event's creator and producer) to serve as a Gridiron Bash host site. "Thousands of spectators come out each spring to watch our football scrimmage, but that's typically where the 'fan experience' ends. Gridiron Bash cele-

brates UK Football, enables fans to support their team and have a great time doing so."

"We're glad to be one of the schools invited to be in the initial Gridiron Bash," Coach Rich Brooks said. "This is a great thing for college football. We hope our fans will come out and be part of the entire weekend's activities, with the concert on Friday and the Blue/White Game on Saturday as we preview the 2008 edition of Wildcat football."

At the core of Gridiron Bash is a fan contest — The USA TODAY Bash for Cash Series — that will establish which of the participating schools has the most passionate and supportive fans. The USA TODAY Bash for Cash Series(tm) winners will be determined by adding up the total attendance at the Gridiron Bash(tm) event and combining that with the number of fans who text/call in to vote for their school. MSL projects total attendance among all schools to be about 1 million.

The USA TODAY Bash for Cash Series winning university will receive a \$1 million contribution to their General Scholarship fund, with 2nd and 3rd place schools receiving \$500,000 and \$250,000 respectively. Presentation of the winning schools will be aired live in conjunction with a soon-to-be-announced national television partner.

"We're thrilled to bring Gridiron Bash to the University of Kentucky. The event will set a new tradition around spring football and

feed the appetite of fans looking to be involved with the program beyond the season," says Shawn Garrity, president of MSL Sports and Entertainment and a former linebacker at Syracuse. "Gridiron Bash truly is the ultimate fan competition."

For more information, go online to www.gridironbash.com.

About MSL Sports and Entertainment: Manhattan-based MSL (www.msportsent.com) builds and develops cutting-edge entertainment properties with the purpose of connecting consumers, brands and media. In addition to rolling out trend-setting new properties — such as the Gridiron Bash at Division I schools and the East Meets West All-American Game — MSL's core services include branding, TV production (with assets including, Inside the Big East, numerous Division I Coaches Shows and other television properties), sponsorship sales, public relations, celebrity procurement and every aspect of event management. MSL also runs a nationally recognized scouting and recruiting service that works with universities, athletes and media organizations.

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Hunting: One of the safest outdoor activities

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Contrary to how it's often portrayed, hunting is one of the safest recreational activities enjoyed in the United States.

In 2004, there were 445 hunter incidents in the United States according to the International Hunter Education Association. Of these incidents, 42 were fatal and only 2 involved turkey hunting, but hunting incidents are portrayed as happening often.

There are more than 20 million hunters entering the woods every year, and they are more than 1,000 times more likely to die in an automobile accident than in a hunting incident.

"Each year, hunting incidents are played up as common events, but in reality, hunters are probably safer in the woods

than they are driving to the woods," said Rob Keck, National Wild Turkey Federation CEO.

According to the National Safety Council, there were 649 unintentional deaths due to firearms in 2004, while vehicles counted for 44,933 deaths and drowning counted for 3,308 deaths during that same year.

In fact, the National Safety Council's Injury Facts 2004 shows a person is five times more likely to accidentally die from choking than a firearm.

Shooting sports in general are safer than most activities and hunters are conscientious about safety. Hunters took the lead in promoting hunting and firearms safety through hunter education courses and the results have been a steady

decrease in hunter and firearm incidents.

"Hunters are concerned and responsible citizens, and they're committed to continuing the downward trend in hunting accidents," said Doug Painter, president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation. "Firearms accidents overall have been declining for many years and now are at the lowest level in the history of record keeping, thanks to the safety awareness programs of many different organizations."

Hunting is safer than most spectator sports that many people consider safe such as football, baseball and basketball.

Injuries per 100 participants: Football - 18.8; Baseball - 5.8; Basketball - 7.6; Hunting - 1.3.



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EAST KENTUCKY MINERS GUARD Bryant Northern soared above a Great Falls defender during a recent home game. The Miners were on the road Thursday night at Pittsburgh versus the Xplosion. East Kentucky entered the CBA American Conference game ranked third. More on the game will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Prospects

Moseby, Hancock County; Brandon Napier, Perry Central (Jr.); Matt Nicholas, Dixie Heights; Zach Osborne, PRP; Tanner Perkins, Rockcastle County (Jr.); Rync Pinkston, Henderson County;

Josh Reynolds, Calloway County; Chad Richie, Dunbar; Logan Robbins, Apollo; Matt Robertson, Mercer County; Robbie Ross, Lexington Christian; Derek Self, Caverna; Skyler Shown,

Apollo; Adam Sigler, Franklin-Simpson; Isaac Vaughn, Henderson County; Daniel Webb, Heath; Jordan Williams, Christian County (Jr.); Chad Wright, Heath.

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Fowles, White help LSU survive Kentucky

by BRETT MARTEL
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BATON ROUGE, La. — Erica White won't balk at the rare opportunity to tout her ability to score.

"I think I'm pretty crafty around the basket," LSU's 5-foot-3 point guard said. "I have to be, being this small. I've always had to be that way."

White's steal and fast-break layup broke a late tie and lifted sixth-ranked LSU to a 52-48 victory over Kentucky on Thursday night.

The Lady Tigers' winning streak is at 14 games heading into Monday night's home date with top-ranked Connecticut.

White, who finished with 13 points and three steals, generally isn't counted on to score and averages about

seven points.

Against Kentucky's swarming, physical defense, White was the only LSU player to reach double figures in scoring other than All-America center Sylvia Fowles, who had 14 points and 10 rebounds.

"I was the shortest player on the court tonight, but I ended up with five lay-ups," White said.

Those lay-ups included her baseline drive through a crowd for a three-point play that snapped a 10-0 run by Kentucky in the fourth quarter.

LSU (23-3, 12-0 Southeastern Conference) hasn't lost to Kentucky (13-13, 7-5) since 1995, but the Lady Tigers' 13th straight victory over the Wildcats was a struggle.

Kentucky, which had

trailed by 11 with 8:02 remaining, tied the game at 48 when Sarah Elliott scored inside as she was fouled.

She missed her free throw, but Kentucky grabbed the rebound and tried to set up for the go-ahead score. White broke up a pass and corralled the loose ball before sprinting the length of the floor for the eventual game-winning score.

She had only one defender to beat and later said she never considered pulling up or passing.

"That's the mentality that I have, to never let one defender stop me from getting to the basket," White said.

Chelsea Chowning attempted to tie the game with a runner on the edge of the lane, but it bounced off the rim and Fowles pulled down her final rebound, then made two free throws with 5.5 sec-

onds to go to put the game away.

"Just thank God we found a way to win," LSU coach Van Chancellor said. "I don't know how, but we did."

Samantha Mahoney led Kentucky with 12 points, while Elliott finished with 11 and Eleia Roddy 10. Victoria Dunlap grabbed 12 rebounds for Kentucky, which held LSU to 36 percent shooting and nearly 20 points below its season average. The Wildcats also outrebounded LSU 46-34.

LSU needed a good defensive effort to win and got it, holding Kentucky to 33 percent shooting and forcing 20 turnovers.

Before tip-off, the 6-6 Fowles was invited to mid-court to receive a commemorative basketball for becoming the fifth player in LSU

history to score 2,000 points earlier this month.

Kentucky hardly seemed impressed. Elliott, who also is 6-6, planted herself between Fowles and the basket on the Wildcats' defensive end. When Fowles tried to back in closer to the basket, Elliott wouldn't budge.

"I knew coming in here it was going to be a battle," Elliott said. "I thought we did an excellent job of containing her and giving her a lot of pressure. She obviously did not like any of it. We forced her to take some bad shots. It's upsetting that we lost, but as post players we took a huge step forward."

Fowles had only one basket during the first 17 minutes and the Lady Tigers led only 20-14 after she scored her second basket of the game on a jump-hook with 2:56 left in

the opening half.

Fowles scored again on a short step-back jumper, then White's driving layup capped a 10-1 run to close out the half and give LSU a 24-15 lead.

Fowles called her performance a letdown, but said she was proud of how LSU closed out a tight game.

White said the near-upset loss should help LSU to the postseason approaching.

"I think the thing my teammates and I might have thought is, you know, we're LSU, we can just play however we want to play and come away with the win, and we got about 2 minutes away from realizing that's not true," White said. "We need to come out and play smart, ... I'm thankful we have a game like this and we win, that we don't learn that lesson in a loss."

Manny Ramirez arrives on time for Red Sox

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Manny Ramirez is in mid-season form.

The big bopper with his own style — on and off the field — showed up at camp Thursday, marking the first time in three seasons he's beat Boston's deadline for reporting to spring training. Right on cue, he came out with a curious comment.

"I might be late two years in a row," Ramirez said with a straight face, "but I'm always on time."

Whatever, his latest Yogi-ism came in Fort Myers, Fla. Plus, there was this pronouncement: "I want to finish my career here."

MVP of the 2004 World Series, Ramirez helped the Red Sox win another championship last fall. The star left fielder is entering the final season of his eight-year, \$160 million contract that has team options for 2009 and 2010 at \$20 million each.

"I want to stay here, but it's up to them if they want to

bring me," Ramirez said. "But if they don't want to bring me back, that's fine. I know I'll be a free agent after '08 so that's another thing that I'm looking forward to."

He added: "It's up to them to say, 'OK, we're going to take (the option). It's not up to me to go into the office and demand a four-year deal, whatever. No, I'm going come here to play the game, finish my year. If they want me to come back, I'll come back.'"

General manager Theo Epstein also prefers to wait.

"We're focused on 2008," Epstein said. "Manny's contract provides for the first of his options to be decided upon at the end of the year and there's a time for that, but it's certainly after the season. And we're looking forward to Manny continuing to work hard and have a great year."

Manager Terry Francona isn't too worried about Ramirez losing his concentration over future contracts.

"Once he steps in the batter's box, that isn't an issue,"

Francona said. "Or if there's something that is an issue, when those two feet get planted in the batter's box, he's ready to go."

Ramirez is coming off one of his worst offensive seasons — a .296 batting average with 20 homers and 88 RBIs. He's 26th on the all-time list with 490 homers and should move into the Top 20 this year.

Ramirez wasn't moving much on Thursday. Francona merely laughed when asked about Ramirez skipping the team's conditioning drills.

"I give Manny credit for being smart enough to sneak out of here," Francona said.

At Dunedin, Fla., Frank Thomas said he's not ready to call it a career — a switch from a year ago when retirement was on his mind.

"Not at all, not at all," he said. "I take care of myself and work hard. I still have my hand-eye coordination and can see a baseball great. Those are the things that make guys retire."

Thomas hit .277 with 26

home runs and 95 RBIs last season in the first year of a two-year deal with the Blue Jays. Toronto holds an option for 2009.

At Surprise, Ariz., Texas Rangers right fielder Milton Bradley practiced for the second day without limitations on his surgically repaired right knee.

"He's hitting, doing outfield drills and running," manager Ron Washington said. "There are no restrictions at all, but we are going to keep an eye on him."

Bradley had offseason surgery after tearing up his knee on Sept. 23 when his manager, San Diego's Bud Black, spun him to the ground while trying to keep him from going after an umpire.

At Tucson, Ariz., the Chicago White Sox announced they will honor the victims of a shooting rampage at Northern Illinois University by wearing the school's baseball caps in their opening spring training game next week.

After facing the Colorado Rockies on Feb. 27, White Sox players will autograph the caps, which will be sent to the DeKalb, Ill., school and auctioned off to benefit a scholarship fund in memory of the five students who were killed.

"It is our way of showing a little bit of support and understanding," general manager Ken Williams said. "While it's a simple gesture on our part, we just want to let the NIU community know that it continues to be in our thoughts and prayers."

At Peoria, Ariz., the San Diego Padres held their first full-squad workout of spring training, and top prospect Chase Headley is being given a chance to win the starting job in left field. He made five starts at third base for the Padres last year, but has never played left field in his pro career.

"We think athletically it's worth taking a look at," Black said. "I think the baseball instincts are there. On the physical side, we think he can

do it. You combine that with the will and the determination to give it a shot, it's there with this kid."

At Kissimmee, Fla., Atlanta Braves third baseman Chipper Jones joined the can-you-top-this prediction competition between the Mets' Carlos Beltran and Phillies' Jimmy Rollins.

"I really don't care what's being said," he said. "The Phillies and the Mets know we'll be competitive. They know we'll be heard from."

The Braves have finished third each of the last years after winning 14 straight division titles.

Philadelphia claimed the East championship last season, backing up Jimmy Rollins' preseason prediction. New York then acquired ace Johan Santana from Minnesota, prompting normally soft-spoken Carlos Beltran to proclaim the Mets are the undisputed favorite for 2008.

No one seems to be mentioning the Braves.

Reds sign right-hander Josh Fogg to one-year deal

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Reds Executive Vice President and General Manager Wayne Krivsky Thursday announced the signing of free agent RHP Josh Fogg to a one-year contract through the 2008 season. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Fogg, 31, last season for the National League champion Colorado Rockies went 10-9 with a 4.94 ERA in 29 starts and one relief appearance. During the Rockies' postseason run he posted a 2-1 record in a relief appearance against the Philadelphia Phillies during the National League Division Series and starts against the Arizona Diamondbacks during the NL Championship Series and the Boston Red Sox during the World Series.

In 2007, Fogg ranked among Rockies team leaders in wins (2nd), starts (2nd) and innings pitched (165.2, 3rd). Eight of his 10 victories were against playoff teams or teams that were in the playoff hunt going into the season's final week. In his last seven starts of the regular season he went 3-0 with a 3.82 ERA.

A seven-year Major League veteran, Fogg has posted a 60-60 career record with a 4.90 ERA in 197 appearances, including 179 starts, for the Chicago White Sox, Pittsburgh Pirates and Rockies.

To make room on the 40-man roster, LHP Bobby Livingston (left shoulder surgery, 9/6/07) went on the 60-day disabled list. **Reds mourn death of Bob Howsam, architect of Big Red Machine:** Bob Howsam, universally recognized as the architect of Cincinnati's Big Red Machine of the 1970s, died Tuesday of heart failure in Sun City, Arizona. He was 9 days shy of his 90th birthday.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete, though a celebration of his life will be planned in the next few days. It will be held in Sun City.

"Cincinnati was his second home. He had some of his greatest successes there, and the city was always dear to him," said Howsam's son, Robert Howsam Jr. "While Pops recognized the importance of the players and ownership in baseball, he always felt pleasing the fans should be the number one goal, whether it be concessions, parking or the experience at the ballpark. That was his guiding light, his main message."

Howsam was the club's general manager from 1967-78 and again from 1983-84, but he also served as president and chief operating officer from 1973-78 and 1983-85. He was inducted into the Reds Hall of Fame in August 2004.

Under Howsam's direction, the Reds were baseball's dominant team in the 1970s, a decade during which they won 6 Western Division titles, 4 National League pennants and World Series championships in 1975 and 1976. That team's starting lineup of Johnny Bench, Tony Perez, Joe Morgan, Dave Concepcion, Pete Rose, George Foster, Cesar Geronimo and Griffey earned 63 All-Star selections, 6 Most Valuable Player awards and 26 Gold Gloves.

While he was known as one of baseball's most shrewd traders, Howsam also was credited with making the Reds' minor league system one of the strongest in the game. In 1973, he was named Major League Executive of the Year by The Sporting News.

While presiding over the team's move from Crosley Field to Riverfront Stadium in 1970, Howsam expanded the front office staff and established promotional and public relations programs that would be necessary for success in the new park, including the Straight-A ticket program. He also was a member of Major League Baseball's executive and player relations committees. Howsam retired on July 1, 1985 but remained with the team for 17 months as a special consultant.

FEB. 21, 1948: France officially formed NASCAR 60 years ago

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Sixty years ago Thursday, the intent of Bill France Sr. became clear. Determined to bring organization to the long-disjointed sport of stock car racing, France had his newly formed sanctioning body — the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing — incorporated.

It became official, on Feb. 21, 1948. NASCAR had been born.

Incorporation was actually prefaced by NASCAR's first-sanctioned event, on Feb. 15, 1948. That race was run on a "beach-road" course that used both the Atlantic shoreline and a portion of State Road A1A, with Red Byron winning.

"Big Bill" France, of course, wanted everyone to win. One of his basic tenets was that for NASCAR to survive — much less thrive — everyone involved would

need to benefit.

France had talked about that two months earlier, during the now-famous meeting in December 1947 at the Streamline Hotel in Daytona Beach, Fla., which resulted in NASCAR's formation. Retrospect makes some of his words from that meeting seem prophetic, such as the following:

"Stock car racing has got distinct possibilities ... and we do not know how big it can be if it's handled properly. I believe stock car racing can become a nationally recognized sport by having a National Point Standing. We must try to get track owners and promoters interested in building stock car racing up. We are all interested in one thing and that is, improving the present conditions."

France and his fledgling sport took a huge step toward all of the above, on Feb. 21, 1948.

Sorenson finishes fifth in Daytona 500

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The first 150 laps of the 50th running of the Daytona 500 were nothing to write home about, but the final 50 circuits were full of action packed, side-by-side racing, including six of the seven caution periods that took place. Reed Sorenson stuck the nose of his No. 41 Dodge right in the middle of the furious racing to the checkered flag to bring home a fifth-place finish in The Great American

Race, capping off an incredible Speedweeks for the 22-year old driver (fifth-place finish in Budweiser Shootout and second-place finish in Gatorade 150).

Prestonsburg native Lorin Ranier serves as spotter for Sorenson and the Target team.

Sorenson took the initial green flag in fifth place and settled into the top 15 for the early going of the 200-lap race. His main concern was saving the tires and not making any unnecessary moves that

might take him out of contention. Sorenson and crew knew they had a good car for the race but also knew they needed to be around at the end to capitalize on it.

The Target team pitted twice during the first 100 circuits around the 2.5-mile track for tires, fuel and minor air pressure adjustments. Sorenson's main handling issues throughout the race were a tight condition in the low lane and loose up high, especially when driving over the bumps on the surface.

ARENACROSS: Johnson perfect in Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Chad Johnson passed Gray Davenport on the second lap Saturday, Feb. 16 to win the 25 lap AMA Arenacross main event at the East Kentucky Expo Center. Johnson's win gave him a 33-point lead ahead of Kelly Smith. When asked his good luck and the Monster Team's bad luck, Johnson commented, "luck is preparedness meeting opportunity and the opportunity arose tonight for me to show how prepared I am."

Smith and teammate Brock Sellards were involved in a

first turn pileup, causing them to play catch up throughout the race. Sellards finished eighth while Smith ended the event 13th.

Kevin Johnson enjoyed a solid outing, running in the top three and finishing second. He was challenged by both Davenport and Teddy Maier. Maier got around Davenport on lap 21.

In the AMA Arenacross Lites class, Cory Green battled with Dave Ginolfi for the first half of the 18-lap main. Green passed Ginolfi in traffic and went uncontested the rest of the night to win. Tyler Bright wrapped up the East Lites

Championship with a hard-fought third place finish.

AMA Arenacross Class Results (East Kentucky Expo Center, Pikeville): Chad Johnson, Honda; Kevin Johnson, Yamaha; Teddy Maier, Honda; Gray Davenport, Kawasaki; Travis Sewell, Suzuki; Keith Johnson, Yamaha; Codi Adams, Yamaha;

Brock Sellards, Kawasaki; Tyler Bright, Suzuki; Josh Woods, Suzuki.

2007-'08 Toyota AMA Arenacross Class Point Standings: 1. Chad Johnson (7) 366; 2. Kelly Smith (3) 333; 3. Brock Sellards (4) 312;

4. Teddy Maier (2) 288; 5. Kevin Johnson (2) 273; 6. Keith Johnson (1) 272; 7. Jim Neese 220; 8. Tom Hofmaster (1) 219; 9. Gray Davenport 190; 10. Robbie Reynard 188;

AMA Arenacross Class Lites Results (Pikeville): Cory Green, Suzuki; Gray Davenport, Kawasaki; Tyler Bright, Suzuki; Dave Ginolfi, Kawasaki; Codi Adams, Yamaha; Roy Horton, Honda; Kyle Brown, Honda; Josh Woods, Suzuki; Chad Wages, Honda; Shane Sewell, Kawasaki.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0307 Amendment No. 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co., Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 2.6 miles north of Emma, in Floyd County. The amendment will add 199.80 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 328.30 acres, of which 164.15 acres overlie area mining area, making a total area of 618.72 acres, within the amended permit boundary. The proposed operation is approximately 0.70 mile northeast from Sugar-leaf Branch Road's junction with KY 1428, and is located on Dials Branch of Sugarleaf Branch of the Levisa Fork. The proposed amendment is located on the Lancer USGS 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Joe A. and Barbara Burchett, E. L. and Bertha Cline, Malcolm Layne, Rebecca Jarrell, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Wade and Ora Blackburn Heirs, John Dallas and Vina Sue Branham, Clark Pergem and Jesse Rudd, Tom and Melissa Reynolds, Albert and Janet Ratliff, Johnny and Patricia Huffman, Taulbee and Renisa Branham, Michael Hunt, Ransom and Betty Hunt, and Maxine Crider. The amendment will underlie land owned by Joe A. and Barbara Burchett, E. L. and Bertha Cline, Malcolm Layne, Rebecca Jarrell, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Wade and Ora Blackburn Heirs, John Dallas and Vina Sue Branham, Clark Pergem and Jesse Rudd. The operation will use the contour, auger and highwall methods of surface mining. The amendment 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 of the Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127

South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Pursuant to Permit No. 836-5253 Single Area

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Dema Coal Company Inc., HC 80, Box 1070, Dema, Kentucky 41859, intends to apply for a Phase III bond release for Single Area on permit number 836-5253, which was last issued February 1, 2008. The application covers an area of approximately 83.15 acres, located 1.60 mile southeast, of Wayland, in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 0.50 mile northwest from Ky. 7's junction with Ky. 899, and located 0.10 mile north of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 25 minutes, 22 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 47 minutes, 59 seconds. The bond now in effect for permit No. 836-5253 is a certificate of deposit for \$ 4, 0 0 0 . 0 0 . Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$4,000.00 is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed includes: grading, seeding and mulching, and successful establishment of the post-mining land use, which was completed June, 1996. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by April 23, 2008. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for April 24, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 23, 2008.

Floyd County Schools will receive sealed proposals from qualified contractors for the RENOVATION OF HVAC SYSTEMS, STUDENT AND STAFF TOILETS, REFURBISHING OF WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND NEW ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK AT BETSY LAYNE HIGH SCHOOL, until 2:00 p.m., Local Time, March 4, 2008 at the offices of the Greg Adams, located at 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41601. Bids received after this time shall not be accepted and will be returned unopened to the bidder. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the office of Greg Adams, 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41601, on February 20, 2008, at 2:00p.m., local time. The work consists of renovating the two main student toilets, two student toilets in the locker rooms, two staff toilets, and; the replacement of HVAC units in the classrooms, additional HVAC units in classrooms without units, replacement of the Library HVAC system and a new HVAC system for the gymnasium, and; refurbishing the waste water treatment plant, and; the addition of a pressure system for the building's fire protection system. Bidding Documents, may be purchased for the non-refundable amount of \$125.00 per set, payable to JRA Architects. Documents may be obtained from the distribution department of Lynn Imaging, 328 Old East Vine Street,

Lexington, KY, 40502, (859) 255-1021. If documents are to be mailed, an additional non-refundable charge of \$20.00 set is required, made payable directly to Lynn Imaging. The successful bidder is responsible for the purchase of any additional sets they may require. Electronic documents can be made available for a fee. The issuing of partial sets is not permitted. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond of not less than 5% of the amount of the total bid. A 100% Performance Bond and Payment Bond shall be required of the successful Bidder. All bonding and insurance requirements are contained in the Instructions to Bidders and/or the General and Supplementary Conditions of the Contract. The provisions of KRS 337 relative to the prevailing wage rates shall be applied as required. The award of the contract shall be made on the basis of the lowest and best bid in the interest of Floyd County Schools. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid for a period of forty five (45) days after the date set for the bid opening. The Owner reserves the right to waive informalities and irregularities, and shall have the right to reject any and all bids.

ADVERTISE- MENT FOR BIDS For the Project Titled: RENOVATION OF CLASSROOM - GYMNASIUM AND LIBRARY HVAC SYSTEMS, STUDENT AND STAFF TOILETS, REFURBISHING OF THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND A NEW ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK FOR BETSY LAYNE HIGH SCHOOL Betsy Layne, Kentucky KDE BG NO. 07-119

Heirs of Jonah Isaacs, Jr., of the nature and pendency of this action.

LEGAL NOTICE Civil Action No: 07-CI-1420

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT AN ACTION HAS BEEN FILED BY U. S. Bank National Association, N.D., in the Floyd Circuit Court, Civil Action No.: 07-CI-1420, against The Unknown Heirs of Jonah Isaacs, Jr. This action is in regard to real estate, located 11653 Kentucky Route 9, Teaberry, Kentucky 41660. I, Nathan Collins, P.O. Box 727, Hindman, Kentucky 41822, being a duly licensed and practicing attorney of the Floyd Circuit Court, am running this ad in my capacity as Warning Order Attorney in the above-styled action to The Unknown

NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE APPLICATION NUMBER 836-0306

This is notice that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 554 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky 41653, (606) 886-2330, will be blasting an air horn: a one (1) minute series of long sirens, five (5) minutes prior to the blast signal; immediately before the blast a series of short sirens, one (1) minute prior to the shot. The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be a prolonged siren following the inspection of the blast area. Blasting will not be conducted at times different from those given above except in emergencies where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or operator or public safety requires

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BAPTIST

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Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863, ext. 67267.

Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.

Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.

Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.

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PREBYTERIAN
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Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Rt. 3, just before Thunder Ridge; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Curt Howard.

Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.

Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.

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Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.

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Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sanlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.

Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcom Stone, Minister.

Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister. 297-6262.

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PREBYTERIAN
Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

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Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway; Church Service, 9:15; Sabbath School, 10:45; John Baker, Pastor, 358-9263; Church, 886-3459, leave message. Everyone welcome!

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Sacrament Mtg., 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:20 a.m.; Relief Society/Presthood/Primary, 12:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m. Church Meeting House address, Hwy. 80, Martin, KY 41649; Meeting House telephone number: 285-3133; Ken Carriere, Bishop.

OTHER
Pastor Atha Johnson welcomes everyone to attend services at the CHURCH of GOD of PROPHECY TRAM KENTUCKY. Sunday school 10 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m.

Drift Independent, Drift; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg, (next to old flea market), Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 889-0905.

Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m., Don Shepherd, Minister.

Faith 2 Faith, Harkins Ave., West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m. Randy Hagans, Minister. 886-9460.

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Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.

Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.

Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.; Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.

Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Rt. 3, just before Thunder Ridge; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Curt Howard.

Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.

Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.

Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Stephens, Minister. 886-1003.

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