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Paintsville lawsuit settled

In brief

by JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — A 2006 Johnson County civil suit filed by Bill Austin against the city of Paintsville was settled out of court this week for an unspecified amount of money.

"Out of respect for our client's privacy, we cannot comment on the amount of the settlement," John Kirk said. "But will say that justice was done for the very substantial and severe injury Billy received."

Austin, 70, of Paintsville, was on his way to the courthouse when he stepped into a hole in the parking lot, which reportedly caused a severe hip injury and subsequent surgery.

"You could not see this hole for the water over it," Austin said. "It looked like a smooth surface, like the rest of the parking lot."

According to Austin the injury he sustained changed his life.

"After all the surgery and everything, I'm back on my feet again, but only with a walker," Austin said. Austin added that the city's insurance company did the right thing by settling, "but I'd give it all back in a minute if it had not happened."

"The attorneys and insurance company who represented the city were interested in seeing that justice was done and that was a good thing," said Kirk. "They approached

TRAFFIC TIE-UP



photo by Jack Latta

New traffic patterns necessitated by city-wide detours have left many drivers confused and caused countless traffic jams and near-misses on Prestonsburg's back streets.

P'burg detours causing headaches on city streets

by JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — As "do not enter" signs sprang up all over downtown Prestonsburg Thursday and Friday, more than a few motorists were left scratching their heads trying to navigate from one side of town to the other.

Despite street signs marking the routes, traffic jams and bottlenecks plagued Prestonsburg on the first two days of a major

sewer construction project and its subsequent detours. One motorist reportedly got out of his vehicle and moved a barrier out of his way and proceeded up

Court Street the wrong way. David M. Ellis, superintendent of Prestonsburg City Utilities, was quoted in Wednesday's Times that "Highway District 12 of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will provide our detour and traffic control."

"We have met with them and worked out a detour plan that

should accommodate everyone as well as possible," Ellis added. Prestonsburg Public Safety Director Mike Ormerod said Highway Department wasonly handling the traffic off North

Lake Drive, leaving the city to handle traffic on the back streets. Ormerod said he hoped things to be straightened out by

Monday. Ormerod indicated that traffic on Arnold Avenue had not

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AG creates unit to combat cybercrime

by BRUCE SCHREINER ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway knows there are online stalkers and scam artists lurking somewhere — and he's assembled a team of investigators to track them down.

Fulfilling a campaign promise he made last year, Conway on Thursday announced a six-man cybercrime investigation division.

The investigators' tasks include cracking down on identity theft and Internet scams as well as uncovering sexual predators lurking on youngsters' social networking Web sites.

"Cybercrimes are a huge problem," Conway said in a phone interview after announcing the new investigative unit at a Frankfort school. "It's an issue that's literally scaring parents to death."

The unit's formation was part of a reorganization of the attorney general's office that Conway announced amid budget cuts hitting state government, including

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U.S. 23 yard sale seen as success

by JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER

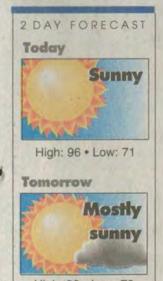
The first ever Country Music Highway Yard sale was held last weekend, and left vendors and shoppers alike looking forward to next year.

The yard sale was held along U.S. 23 over a threeday period with successful participation from the counties of Greenup, Boyd, Johnson, Martin, Floyd and Pike. According to officials with the Floyd County Tourism Office, there were 173 setups, with products such as clothes, tools, antiques, wagons and countless other items and collectibles.

Tourism officials said vendors' comments were overwhelmingly positive.

Information on where and how to set up was provided by tourism commis-

Billy's case in a fair and just manner."



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Patton named to postsecondary education council

by BRUCE SCHREINER Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Former Gov. Paul Patton, who reshaped Kentucky higher education a decade ago, was given a new role Friday with his appointment to the council in charge of coordinating the vast postsecondary education system.

Patton was one of three people chosen by Gov. Steve Beshear to fill vacancies on the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. The appointments come at a time of budget cuts for universities and higher tuition for students.

The 16-member council also is searching for a new higher education chief. Richard A. Crofts, a veteran higher education official, was selected as the council's interim president last month until a permanent chief is hired.

Patton said in an interview Friday he was pleased to join the council, which received more authority from the 1997 higher education overhaul he championed.

The other appointees to the postsecondary education council Friday were former Lexington Mayor Pam Miller and Paducah attorney Glenn Denton.

Council members are chosen by the governor, with consent of the House and Senate. Patton's appointment is effective immediately for a term expiring at the end of 2013.

Patton, who left office in late 2003 after two terms, said he needs to "get back up to speed" on higher education issues but expects to have "a fast learning curve."

The overhaul strived to improve coordination of the state's universities, community colleges and technical schools. It removed community colleges from direct control of the University of Kentucky and set a goal of making UK a top-20 research university. Community colleges were placed in a new

(See PATTON, page three)

DRESTONST CRUG HIGH & CROOL

photo by Steve LeMaster

Coach Kevin Keathley's Pro Basketball Youth Camp held at Prestonsburg High School was attended by nearly 70 young basketball players. The camp, under the direction of East Kentucky Miners Coach Kevin Keathley, included Miners guard Jason McLeish on the staff.

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Lora Branham Childers, 92, a resident of Riverview Nursing Home, Hopewell, Virginia, a Wheelwright native, died Saturday, May 31. A private ceremony was held on her behalf on Sunday, June 1, in Chester, Virginia. A private interment of her remains was held on Tuesday, June 3, in the Rosehill Burial Park, in Ashland.

Madelyn Boyd Cottrell, 83, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, May 29, in Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 31, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Angie Hunt Hall, 78, of Banner, died Saturday, May 31. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home

Brother Johnnie Jay Patton, 76, of Weeksbury, died Sunday, June 1, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Imogene Johnson Patton. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home,

Robert Mario Ranier "Bobby", 72, of Daytona Beach, Florida, died Sunday, June 1, at Halifax Medical Center, in Port Orange, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Harrietta Bowens Ranier. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Gloria Dean Hicks Shepherd, 55, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, June 1, at her residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Paula J. Terry, 44, died Tuesday, June 3, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, J. Patrick Terry. Funeral services were held Friday, June 6, under the direction of Kerr Brothers Funeral Home, Lexington.

William T. "Buddy' Wallen, 59, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, June 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, He is survived by his wife, Linda Kaye Lafferty Wallen;. Funeral services were held

28, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 1, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Doug Bentley, 46, of Shelbiana, died Thursday, May 29, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Regina Hill Bentley. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 3, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Gwendlyn Bentley, 65, of Pikeville, died Sunday, June 1, at her home. A memorial services was held Tuesday, June 3, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Liddie Casebolt, 52, of Shelbiana, died Wednesday, June 4, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 7, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Barbara Suc Coleman, 57, of Ashcamp, died Sunday, June 1, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Jerry A. Coleman. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 4, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Mary R. Coleman, 74, formerly of McCarr, died Tuesday, June 3, at the Harborside Healthcare Center, Westlake, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Arnold W. Coleman. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 7, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Mary Lee Johnson Damron, 66, of Elkhorn City, died Monday, June 2, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, John H. Damron. Funeral services were held Friday, June 6, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Timothy Dotson, 55, of Ransom, died Sunday, June 1, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 5, under the direction of R. E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Galaway "Bud" Henton, 85, of Betsy Layne, died Thursday, June 5, at Pikeville Healthcare Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 8, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Call & Son Funeral Home.

G.C. "Carl" Meade Jr., 71, of Sevierville, Tennessee, a Pike County native, died Wednesday, June 4, at his home. He is survived by his wile, Joy Meade. A memorial service was held Monday, June 16, under the direction of West Chapel of Atchley Funeral Home, Sevierville.

Ota Osborne, 89, of Caney Highway, formerly of Dorton, died Friday, May 30, at her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 3, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Ernest Prater, 72, of Stopover, died Tuesday, June 3, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Eunice Prater. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 7, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Darian Wavne Riddle, 36, of Little Creek, died Sunday, June 1, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Leela Riddle, Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 3, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

Tommy Joe Russell Jr., 48, of Pikeville, died Thursday, May 15, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Bobbie Mae Branham Russell. A memorial service was held Saturday, May 17. under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Hilda Gay Davis Smith, 70, of Jonancy, died Thursday, May 22, at her home. A memorial candlelight service was held Saturday, July 5, at the W.H.C. Johnson Cemetery, Jonancy, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

 Verna Gibson Stacy, 91, of Means, formerly of Elkhorn City, died Monday, June 2, in Mt. Sterling. Funeral services were held Friday, June 6, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Rexford "Rex" . Standifur, 85, of Ashcamp, died Thursday, May 29, at Jenkins Community Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Pearl Branham Standifur. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 1, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Ronald Dean "Lum" Thacker, 68, of Pikeville, died

Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Robinson Creek. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 7, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Sybil Burchett, 89, of Stambaugh, died Saturday, May 31, in Nippa. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 1, under the direction of Preston Funeral Chapel.

Mary Magdalene Castle, 56, of Lowmansville, died Monday, June 2, in Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Joe Castle. Funeral services were held Friday, June 6, under the direction of the Young Funeral Home.

Vonda Castle, 86, of Thealka, died Sunday, June 1. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 5, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Ilko Cybriwsky, 91, of Paintsville, died Friday, May 30, at his residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 4. under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville.

Clarence Edmand King, 78, of Staffordsville, died Monday, June 2, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Emma Jean Lemaster King. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 5, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Wellington Reese Meade Jr., 90, of Paintsville, died Monday, June 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Lydia A. Meade. Private graveside services were held Wednesday, June 4, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

Earl Robinette, 84, of Van Lear, died Friday, May 30, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Margie Blair Robinette. Funeral services were held Monday, June 2, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Prudence M. Picklesimer Robinson, 96, a Johnson County native, died Sunday, June 1, at Heritage Park Health Care Center, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Graveside services were held Saturday, June 7, under the direction of D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home of Fort Wayne.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Harold Eugene Boggs, 71, of Blaine, died Thursday, May 29, at his home. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 1, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Charles Patrick, 70, of Salyersville, died Monday, June 2. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 5, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Ronnie Rife, 60, of Salyersville died Sunday, June 1. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 4, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

> MARTIN COUNTY Chester Crum, 80, of

Debord, died Wednesday, May 14, at Winchester Hospital Center. Graveside services with military honors were held Tuesday, June 10, at Arlington National Cemetery.

Wanda Williams Davis, 60, of Incz, died Wednesday, June. 4, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, William Ronnie "Bill Bo" Davis. Funeral services were held Friday, June 6, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Keira Leigh McLaughlin, infant daughter of Michelle Grace Dingess and Eddie McLaughlin, of Lovely, died Tuesday, May 27. A graveside service was held Friday, May 30, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Cecil George Morris, 92, of Warren, Pennsylvania, formerly of Incz, died Tuesday, May 27, at Golcen Living in Warren, Center, Pennsylvania. A memorial service was conducted Saturday, May 31, under the direction of VanRensselaer and Son Funeral Home.



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Friday, May 6, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Charles "Jeff" Wells, 86, of Grayson, formerly of Auxier, died Saturday, May 31, following a sudden illness. He is survived by his wife, Jenny Wells. Phelps and Son Funeral Home in Paintsville was in charge of the arrangements.

PIKE COUNTY

Wednesday, June 4, after a lengthly illness. He is survived Funeral Home. by his wife, Ida Mae (Hall) the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ruth Kinney Bartley, 80,

Peggy Delores Damron Johnson, 62, of Frogtown, formerly of Louisville, died Wednesday, May 28, at Parkview Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Robinson Creek. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 31, under the direction of Hall River Hurricane, a native of and Jones Funeral Home.

Ruby Derosett Justice, 81. of Robinson Creek, died Wednesday, June 4, at her under the direction of Lucas & Henry Shannon Bailey, home. Funeral services were Son Funeral Home. 90, of Pikeville, died held Saturday, June 7, under the direction of Pikeville

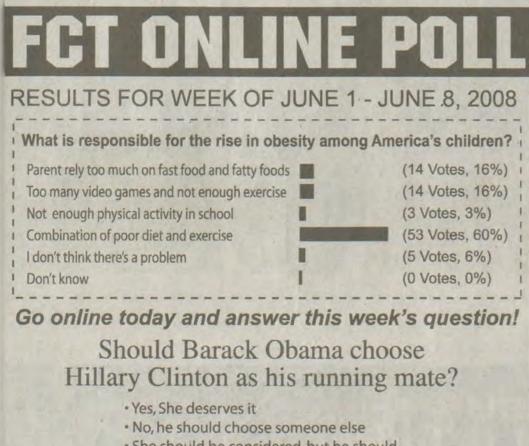
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Sunday, June 1, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Thacker. Memorial services were held Thursday, June 5, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Burbon Thacker, 79, of Raccoon, died Tuesday, June 3, at his home. Funeral services were Friday, June 6,

Sandra Jean Thompson, 51, of Pikeville died Friday, May 30, at her residence. Funeral services were held direction of the Thacker Funeral Home.

Dollie Damron Tucker, 76, of Jonancy, died Wednesday, June 4, at



- She should be considered, but he should make his own choice
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Detours

been a problem, but that Ormerod at the corner of Court Highland Avenue, Court Street, and South Central Avenue had been a problem all While interviewing day.

Crime

his office.

The unit will have a training role as well- - helping teach police how to process electronic evidence. That could entail learning how to recover information from computer hard drives or from cell phones, Conway said.

Conway said the use of social networking sites such as MySpace or Facebook is pervasive among youngsters. He knows because when he speaks at middle schools, he'll ask students if they have pages on such sites. All the hands shoot up, he said. Then he'll ask if they are a certain age because there are age restrictions to use the sites.

"Hands go up, down - they don't know what to do," he said. "They realize they're caught in a lie in front of the attorney general."

Conway said parents should take an active role by doing Google searches of their children on the Internet and getting listed as friends on their children's pages. "I don't know how many kids I've got-

and South Central, one motorist stopped to ask, "How do I get out of here?"

Ormerod expects things to

ten grounded by telling parents around

this state that have 11- or 12-year-olds,

Your kid does have a MySpace or a

Anthony Sieg, principal at Shelby

County East Middle School, liked the idea

of the special unit, saying it helps keep

kids safe from "cyberspace harassment."

He estimated that about half the students

with Internet access at his school have

some version of a personalized Web site,

and that some arc underage. Those chil-

dren may be too naive to realize that

they're chatting with adult predators lying

offered sessions for middle and high

school students on Internet safety, espe-

also tried to crack down on Internet child

predators. During Stumbo's tenure, the

attorney general's office was involved in

Internet sting operations that netted

The Shelby County school system

Conway's predecessor, Greg Stumbo,

Facebook page," he said.

about their age, he said.

cially for sites like MySpace.

improve as people figure out the reroutes. "We've got more signs

coming to block off streets." said Ormerod. "Highland will

be one way from Dingus Street to Court Street going south. and South Central will be one way from Court to Graham street going south."

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Rep. John Vincent, an Ashland Republican who has spearheaded efforts by state lawmakers to crack down on identity theft, called the new investigative unit a "positive step" to take on a growing spectrum of cybercrimes.

"I think it is a good idea to have a concerted, centralized effort on behalf of the state to try to attack some of those problems," he said.

He said the unit's training would be valuable in equipping law enforcement with the knowledge to crack down on sexual and financial predators.

Conway said the special unit will complement "good, sound parenting" needed to help protect children from online predators.

"Parents can't go online and set up a chat with an adult sex offender that wants to target a 13- or 14-year-old kid," he said. "Only law enforcement can, and this new unit will do that."

Northbound traffic traveling through Prestonsburg has been rerouted to Arnold Avenue. Ormerod suggested Arnold Avenue might be having fewer problems because motorists knew it to be a oneway street prior to construction.

Ormerod said that he will have officials monitor traffic on Highland and South Central during peak hours over the next week to see how people adapt to the changes.

"We're going to have people monitor it first," said Ormerod. "We're not going to start giving out tickets immediately. We want to give peo-

Sale

sions, chambers of commerce, local extension offices and Big Sandy Area Development District.

It's estimated that hundreds of shoppers, many from Ohio

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ple some time to get educated."

Ellis said that the city must separate its storm sewer from its sanitary sewer. Currently both lines run together.

"We want to make this as painless as possible for everyone, but the work will take at least six weeks and some people are predicting three months or more.'

The traffic reroute map which was run on the front page of the Times on Wednesday, has been enlarged again, and placed on page B6 of this issue.

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and West Virginia, took part in the three-day event.

For more information on the Country Music Highway yard sale, check the website www.ky23yardsale.com.

Patton

system with technical schools. Patton called the revamped higher education system the "hallmark" of his governorship. In the 11 years since, postsecondary education in Kentucky has made "substantial progress but has a long

way to go," he said. Another initiative during Patton's tenure was Bucks for Brains, matching public money with private donations to attract top university researchers to Kentucky.

numerous arrests.

Patton said he sees the council's role as trying to improve the efficiency of the statewide system.

He said the state's severe

budget crunch has slowed progress in higher education. He said the economy will eventually rebound, and when it does he hopes the state will increase funding for postsecondary education.

He called sharply rising tuition a concern, but said that state-supported scholarships vears.

"If you're going to have quality education, then you have to have a quality staff and faculty, and that's where most of the money goes," he said of tuition. "So there's a tradeoff. You may be paying more, but it's our job to ensure that for that extra money you get a quality education, and the council has a role to play in that.'

Patton has kept a low profile since leaving office. His second term was marred by his admission of an extramarital affair.

"This is not the beginning of any resurgence of Paul Patton," he said. "This is just one isolated place where I think I can make a contribution.

in the office at Prestonsburg High School. Elections will be held Monday, June 9th, from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. in the Prestonsburg High School Youth Service Center.

Prestonsburg Parks and Recreation will be hosting a CHURCH/COED/RECREATION SOFTBALL LEAGUE

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at the Sportspark on StoneCrest Mountain All interested teams should attend a meeting on Tuesday, June 10, at 6 p.m., at the Sportspark facilities. A special invitation to all churches, businesses, and other organizations that want an opportunity to fellowship and enjoy time with friends and colleagues. Rules and scheduling will be

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Guest view-A lesson in forgiveness

Sometimes you can't settle a score. Sometimes you can't undo an injustice. And sometimes the only way to right a wrong is, paradoxically, to forgive it.

Heather Lynn Evans' family taught us the stunning power of such an act when they pleaded for no jail time for Virginia truck driver Gregory Gibson.

On July 24 Gibson blew through a red light in Alexandria and crashed into a pickup truck carrying 14-year-old Heather and members of her family. Heather died. Gibson lived, but with the burden of his crime.

On May 28, Gibson faced sentencing after pleading guilty to reckless homicide and six counts of assault for the accident that also seriously injured Heather's mother and younger brother. His attorney said he hadn't realized the light had turned red.

In an act of grace they said was motivated by their religious faith and Heather's spirit, relatives publicly forgave Gibson, asked the judge for leniency, and, outside the courtroom, embraced him and wept with him.

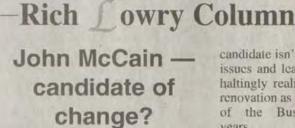
Such a scene is a tough construct for modern observers who are used to a world of litigation, accusation and retribution.

The decision to forgive is an act of will over feeling. The Evans family executed it resolutely.

After 10 months of living with the aftermath of Gibson's actions, they knew the full weight of the crime they were forgiving. Heather wasn't coming home again. Her mother Leah and little brother Jacob would live for years or perhaps forever with the burden of their injuries. Life would never be the same again.

But even in their sorrow they realized the same was true for Gregory Gibson, the father of two teenage girls.

He had been careless and irresponsible, but he was sincerely remorseful. He took responsibility for his actions. He pleaded guilty to charges and agreed never to drive a com-



If there's just one candidate of change this fall, John McCain will be the Horatio Seymour or James Cox of 2008 — a presidential also-ran all but forgotten to history.

The only way McCain can hold the White House for the Republicans is if he trumps his opponent on values and national security, and sells the public on a domestic reform agenda that keeps Democrats from sole ownership of the theme of change. Otherwise, Barack Obama will outinspire him, or Hillary Clinton outpolicy him, in a classic out-with-theold election.

McCain would seem a natural candidate of reform, given how often he has used the word during the past decade. With his hair-trigger sense of honor, McCain's reformism has been driven by what offends him - large, unregulated campaign contributions and wasteful earmarks. But with the cost of health care increasing and the value of homes declining, the public is going to wonder about McCain's politics of honor: What's in it for them? The McCain campaign is shrewd enough to realize all of this, which is why he's beginning to piece together a forward-looking domestic agenda. The task isn't easy, given that the

candidate isn't animated by domestic issues and leads a party that is only haltingly realizing it needs a policy renovation as it hits bottom at the end of the Bush

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years. On his just-

completed health-care tour, McCain appropriately triangulated between the status quo and overreaching Democratic proposals.' It doesn't take

> Michael Moore to realize that our health-care system is expensive and inefficient, and leaves too many people out. The root of the problem is the tax break for employer-provided coverage - dating from World War II that leads most people to get insurance through their employer.

Since they don't pay directly for the insurance themselves, people don't know the cost of their plans, and since their insurance pays for their medical procedures, they don't government monopoly."

McCain wants to give people a tax credit - \$2,500 for individuals and - to buy their \$5,000 for families

> own insurance. They can keep their insurance through their employer if they like, but the credit would make it easier for individuals to buy - and keep - insurance on their own. "The key to real reform,'

McCain said, "is to restore control over our health-care system to the patients themselves.'

If individuals are shopping for health care, insurance companies would have an incentive to provide better plans at lower cost. If they purchase their own plans, their insurance wouldn't be dependent on their jobs. This change therefore mitigates two of the besetting problems of the current system - affordability and access.

mercial truck on roadways again. He apologized profoundly.

All of that, however, could never balance out the loss of a life. So Heather's family had to reach beyond emotion --reason, even - to offer something Gibson could never earn.

When mercy is put on the scale, it doesn't counterbalance justice. It wildly outweighs it. It supplants courtroom remedies. It overshadows punishments. It elevates what is legally appropriate to what is morally brave.

Those who knew her will find many ways to memorialize Heather Evans, but none will honor her more than the generosity and grace of her family's actions.

We hope that by refusing to add to a repentant man's burden they will somehow lighten their own heavy hearts. Their pain, like Gibson's terrible error, doesn't go away. It just becomes easier to bear.

- The Kentucky Enquirer, Fort Mitchell

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The answer isn't governmentsponsored universal coverage. McCain correctly says it would "replace the inefficiency, irrationality and uncontrolled costs of the current system with the inefficiency, irrationality and uncontrolled costs of a

McCain's proposal is just the start of what has to be a broader conservareformation. The tive sole Republican response to the public's economic anxieties can't be trying to talk the public out of them. If it is, the GOP will have a long time out of power to think more creatively.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

beyond the beltway You mean they lied about the war?

by DONALD KAUL MINUTEMAN MEDIA

President George W. Bush is puzzled. And sad. So is Karl Rove, his former political strategist; as is Ari Fleischer, his former chief flack, and Dana Perino, the current chief flack, and Dan Bartlett, former counselor to the president. All puzzled. All sad.

The object of their puzzlement and sadness is, of course, Scott McClellan, another former chief flack, who has written a memoir that casts doubt not merely on the president's motivation for taking us into war in Iraq but on his grasp of reali-IV

The book is called "What Happened: Inside the Bush White House and Washington's Culture of Deception" (Public Affairs, \$27.95) and it tells the story of an administration that convinced itself (and argues yet) that Iraq was a threat to our national security that had to be dealt with. No evidence to the contrary and there was plenty - was admitted and instead of leveling with the American people the president relied on propaganda to sell the war.

In the process, McClellan says, Mr. Bush made "a decision to turn away from candor and honesty when those qualities were most needed."

The Bush loyalists immediately circled the limousines and began taking potshots at their former colleague sounding more hurt than angry, as though their pet Labrador had bitten them on the ankle.

"This doesn't sound like Scott, it really doesn't," Rove told Fox News. That sentiment was echoed by any White House type who could reach a microphone. Puzzled. Sad. Not the Scott McClellan they knew. You would think they were reading from the same script or something.

I believe I can clear up their puzzlement for them.

"Of course he's not the Scott McClellan you once knew. When you knew him, he was a lying weasel in the employ of the president. He is now a turn-coat weasel out on his own, trying to make a buck by

telling the truth for a change."

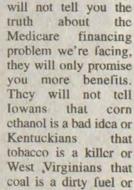
McClellan is critical not merely of the Bush White House; the national press corps comes in for its ration. He writes: "If anything, the national press corps was probably too deferential to the White House and to the administration The collapse of the administration's rationales for war, which became apparent months after our invasion, should never come as such a surprise In this case, the 'liberal media' didn't live up to its reputation. If it had, the country would have been better served."

How sharper than a serpent's tooth is the scorn of a weasel once held in contempt. He's right of course (although the press is reluctant to admit it) but it should be noted that the American people were in no mood to hear discouraging words about the war in its early stages.

Fox News scored a huge ratings triumph over its competitors by pro-

viding the most flag-waving, jingoist coverage of the invasion. That was a lesson that did not go unlearned at the other networks.

Washington, never forget, is a town that runs on BS. It is rare indeed to find a major politician, Democrat or Republican, who will speak candidly on a controversial topic. They



Westerners that guns kill people or anybody that gasoline should be expensive in order to discourage its use.

Because people, in general, don't want to hear the truth. They, like the president, prefer sweet lies.

Many observers are pooh-poohing the impact of McClellan's book on the presidential election but I don't. Now when John McCain accuses Barack Obama of being inexperienced and naïve, Obama can say: "I'm naïve? You're the one who was bamboozled into supporting this miserable war and you haven't figured things out yet. If that's experience, spare me. And read Scott McClellan's book."

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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

I am well along toward keeping a new resolution—to-wit, I will not utter one little gripe, however hot the weather may become, for one whole week, keeping its mind those fond wishes expressed such a short time ago for a few days of sunshine.

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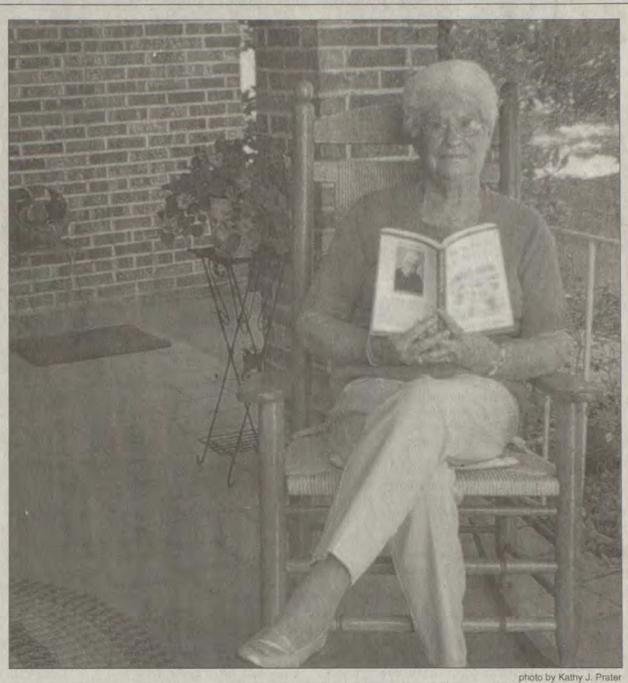
Question for folks past 50: Would you suggest a double dose of Single Tansy or a single dose of Double Tansy?

TRAGEDY-NO LESS

The tragedy of the week at Dewey Lake occurred Monday afternoon, late. That was when the grandson hooked onto his first bass on artificial lure, reeled it manfully to the very side of the boat, then saw all 15 inches of it arch beautifully and toss the plug back at him. He expressed considcrable displeasure with this turn of events, and 1 was reminded of the time when 1 had a wild yen to shoot a hole in the bottom of the boat, on just such an occasion.

This disappointed fisherman represents the third generation for our immediate family to indulge in this sport. I don't know that I've done the boys any good, but I have enjoyed fishing with them. I saw two of my sons hook their first bass, and now the grandson.

If they'll just stick with me, they may have the privilege of seeing the old man tie into one.



Imogene Burchett Caldwell enjoys spending her summer days reminiscing about days past and sharing those memories in her writings. She is the author of the book, "From the Top Rail of the Fence."



'The Disco Godfather'

by TOM DOTY TIMES COLUMNIST

Comedian/rapper Rudy Ray Moore stars in this amateur, yet highly entertaining film, and deserves some credit for helping to kill the "Saturday Night Fever" genre before it overstayed its welcome.

If you're unfamiliar with the work

of Moore, then let me catch you up. He enjoyed a brief stint as a standup comedian whose gags consisted of vulgar stories (mostly centering on his sexual prowess) which were given added heft by being spoken in rhyme.

heft by being spoken in rhyme. He made the jump to movies by doing several

crime flicks that meshed his flamboyant persona with whatever was in vogue at the time, mostly kung-fu, and often saw him portraying a rightcous pimp who has to take down the man (usually a racist white sheriff). His best titles were "Dolemite" and "The Human Tornado," but this effort is a lot of fun too and casts Moore as Tucker, or "Disco Godfather" to those in the know.

The film opens with a typical night at Tucker's club, Blueberry Hill, and introduces you to his in-house dancers who perform such feats as roller boogying, break dancing and generally stomping around with all of the grace of a constipated rhinoceros. All the while Tucker scratches records and repeatedly shouts. "Put your weight on it," before joining the crowd on the floor in his open chested jumpsuit which sports more sequins than Dolly Parton's bustier. Tucker's nephew, Bucky, an aspiring basketball player, stumbles into the club and proceeds to dribble an imaginary ball before totally freaking out and perceiving the crowd as demons and voodoo priestesses, Tucker is totally flummoxed by this behavior but is soon set right by a disco chick who squeals that the boy is on angel dust and suffering a whack attack. Tucker subdues the boy and sends him off to a PCP clinic. The next scene is right out of "Reefer Madness" as the Disco Godfather gets a tour of the facility and observes a room full of crazies who are hallucinating like mad after getting "dusted." After enduring a pompous speech about the evils of this new drug from the resident doctor, Tucker opts to declare war on the drug (hmm ... maybe Ronald Reagan saw this) and enlists the aid of several support groups. He doesn't attend their rally but that's only so an obvious stunt double can beta up on two thugs that are dispatched to shut the disco godfather down. After several protracted scenes of Tucker trying to find out who is selling the drug he finally gets an assist

GUN LAW NEEDED

The Congress should enact a gun law that is worth writing and enforcing. Every other so-called civilized nation has such legislation, and none approaches the United States, with all its high ideals, in the sorry matter of gunslayings. Sure, it isn't the gun, it's the gun-user, that pulls the trigger. Nor is it the H-bomb that, one day, will be to blame, it will be some nation headed by a madman who will blow us all to smithercens. But take the gun and the Bomb away, and they'll have to fall on more primitive means of taking human fife.

A gun law will not rid the nation of murders and assassinations, but it can't hurt, should help. Too, it might be good for the nation to forego the Almighty Dollar, for once, for a principle.

REPARTEE

This story gets across better when told orally, but if you can pronounce the words in the question, down near the end, without looking too closely at the spelling, you may get the point.

It concerns the fellow who lost an eye in an auto accident, and for whom an artificial was made. He was allergic to both glass and plastics, and so the doctor finally turned to wood. He ground out a wooden eye, colored it carefully,

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by IMOGENE BURCHETT CALDWELL

Editor's Note: Enjoy some summer reading by local writer and retired Floyd County schooltteacher, Imogene Burchett Caldwell:

Pa's bee hives sat in a row up on the bank near the old rail fence that enclosed our yard. He had, at times, as many as thirty of them that were made from lengths of logs about three or four feet high and hollowed out to be usable by the bees.

Pa, my grandfather, took good care of his bees. He sat out bowls of syrup and molasses and sometimes dampened sugar to keep his bees busy and also well fed.

Many times, swarms just simply flew off and left their hive and would go to a tree in the woods and live on their own. Pa said that the family was growing too big so half of them would move away to make more room. My Pa and 1 would watch the trail of buzzing bees as they flew away and that's how we knew where they had gone.

When the bees decided to swarm, we would hear a big, roaring noise start up inside the hive. Grandma would gather up pans and spoons and we would stand and beat on the pans with the spoons which would drown out the roar of the bees. Usually, the bees would follow their queen to a nearby tree and settle there. There were about two gallon of them in one big ball. I would wonder how they even managed to breathe piled on each other like that.

One warm spring morning, a stand began to roar and buzz. Pa knew a swarm was getting organized. He told me to run as fast as I could and get Uncle Eliga Goble to come and help him make the bees settle close by. That way, he could put them in a new hive and set them in his row there next to the fence.

. I got Uncle Eliga and was back to Pa's while Grandma was still beating on her pot. I began to beat, too, but I was out of breath from running with Uncle Eliga.

Well, the bees finally settled in the old apple tree and Uncle Eliga had climbed the tree with his saw to saw off the limb with the hundreds of bees hanging on and buzzing and roaring with such vengeance. When Uncle Eliga has the swarm almost to the mouth of the old gum tree, he dropped it, bees and all.

Bees everywhere! Pa shoved Grandma and me into the kitchen door as he ran in and slammed the screen door behind us. And as for Uncle Eliga? He went running toward the old swimming hole in the creek just around the bend. He dove into the water with nothing showing but his nose! The bees buzzed around and over his nose for a while then flew off to the hill to begin a life elsewhere. Grandma made poultices of corn starch and soda to ease the pain on Uncle Eliga's head, his cars, his arms, and his hands - and yes, his nose.

His face was swollen until he didn't even look like good old Uncle Eliga for several days after that. I felt so sorry for him. Grandma and I made him some gingerbread. I ran all the way to his house to take it to him. I even sat down and ate a big chunk or two with him and gulped down a mug of his apple cider which he had sweetened with a few drops of honey.

Uncle Eliga has been dead for years and years. He loved to work with honeybees and I loved Uncle Eliga.

Times have changed over the years. They say there aren't many honeybees around anymore - well, for that matter, there aren't many Uncle Eligas around, either; ones that are brave enough to face a swarm of bees in order to help a neighbor out. Then, come to think of it - there aren't many grandmas who know how to settle a swarm of bees with a pot and spoon. Nor are there many little girls around who would run a couple of miles with a pan of gingerbread for a gentle little man with a big red nose.

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Getting even!

by SUZANNE VAUGHAN "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE MOTHER AND SON SOUL"

Several years ago, my son was attending a college out of state. He called one evening and asked if he could come home for spring break. I reassured him that he was welcome. There was a pause, and he asked, "Can I bring my sweetheart, Deanna, with me?"

"Sure, Jeff," I said. "We'd love to meet her."

While I hung up the phone, I start-

ed remembering all the times this particular son had totally embarrassed me. Like the time when I asked him to pick out a box of cereal at the store, then turned around to see him doing his stammering Elmer Fudd imitation to the delight of fellow shoppers. Or the time I was speaking from the pulpit at church and saw him sitting in the pew wearing glasses with bloodshot eyeballs springing from the lenses, swaying back in forth. His pranks were never-ending.

"So," I said to myself, "this is my chance!" I decided to show up at the airport to meet him and his sweethcart in less than my conservative manner of dress. I donned a black leather mini-skirt, patterned hose and 6-inch patent-leather heels. I wore a gold sweater that sparkled and glowed in the dark, accented by earrings swaying from my carlobes to my shoulders. I spiked my hair and moussed it orange.

When my husband came home that evening, he took one look at me and said: "What is this? The bachelor party I never had? You aren't going to go through with this, are you?"

I nodded. He drove me to the upper level of the airport and let me out of the car, refusing to walk with me to the gate.

It was a long walk through the airport. I found myself looking down a

lot. 1 found out what men think of women dressed like I was. I found out what women think of women dressed like that. But when Jeffrey

got off the airplane, ohhhhhhhhh it was all worth it! I ran, arms outstretched, toward him.

I squealed, stretching out his name as if he were a long-lost relative. "Jeffrey!" He looked away as soon as he saw me, the color quickly fading from his face. Deanna stood behind him, grinning - or was it grimacing.

"Aren't you going to introduce me?" I asked.

"No," he said abruptly. I looked at Deanna, smiled and reached forth my hand.

"Oh hi, Deanna; I'm Jeffrey's mom."

She seemed not to know whether to laugh or cry. A snort of disbelief came from her as she covered her face to disguise her reaction. I looked back at Jeffrey, whose horrified expression looked as if he'd experienced his worst nightmare.

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Tom and Ray get 'Sirius' about radio problem

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray: I have a 1997 Ford Aspire, and I

can't plug in my Sirius Satellite Radio adapter because my car lighter does not work. I changed all the fuses - and got some other stuff working, but not the cigarette lighter. What can I do? I can't get your radio show on Sirius if I don't have a working car lighter! Is there a way to circumvent it and hook it up right from the battery? TWO professional mechanics have told me it's a systemic electrical problem, and

I might as well buy a new car. I don't believe them. I KNOW there must be a way to get this thing to work. I did try to hook up my radio using two black wires, and smoke came out and the radio died. So now I use a boombox with D batteries for regular radio. But I need a way to get my Sirius radio working. Any suggestions? -Laura



RAY: Suggestions? Sure. Make don't feel like going through the trousure you have fire coverage on your car insurance.

TOM: There are several possibili-

ties, Laura. One is that you do a have a systemic electrical problem. How many accidents did you have in this car? Systemic problems are often related to grounding. So, you might suggest to a mechanic that he run you a new ground from the battery to a solid metal piece of the car's frame. If you can still find one.

RAY: While you

changed all of the fuses, it's possible that there's something wrong with your fuse box that's not allowing electricity to get to that fuse. So, you might want to have a mechanic look into that.

TOM: Or you could have a broken wire leading to the cigarette lighter. No amount of grounding or fuse-box fiddling is going to fix that.

RAY: So, if all else fails, or you

ble of diagnosing the real problem, you can always hook your Sirius radio adapter directly to the battery - provided you put a fuse in the circuit. You'll have to find out what size fuse you need to protect your radio, but it's probably a five- or 10-amp fuse.

TOM: If you want to go this direct route, take the car to a car-stereo shop instead of a mechanic. This is their area of expertise. And while you're there, you can pick up a washingmachine-size subwoofer for the back seat. No Aspire owner should be without one of those.

Guinea pig gets a rough shake Dear Tom and Ray:

So, I was driving home in my beloved 2003 Toyota Prius on Friday. I turned right a few blocks from my house, and the wheel froze in the turned position ... I had to slam on the brakes to avoid hitting a parked truck. After a few minutes of freaking out, I realized that with all my might, I could force the wheels straight enough to get it home. I had it towed to a dealer, and they say it's an electrical connection between the steering column and the rack and pinion, and will cost about \$2,000 in parts and labor. I'm at about 70,000 miles - way past the 36,000-mile warranty. I know there was a recall having to do with the steering system on Priuses made just after mine, but the dealer says it doesn't apply. Do I have any recourse? I've gotten all the scheduled maintenance at the dealer . I just keep thinking that if this had

happened on the freeway, I'd be dead, Thank you! - Rebecca

RAY: I'm afraid the dealer is right, Rebecca. The later steering recall is for a different issue entirely, so it wouldn't apply to your car.

TOM: And he's right that what you probably need is a rack and pinion, which will cost you two grand.

RAY: Welcome to the world of new technology! One of the many ways the Prius saves fuel is with electric power steering. And although it's expected to become more and more common (and, presumably, more durable), the Prius was one of the first vehicles to use it.

TOM: It works by using sensors in the steering column that tell a computer how far, how hard and how quickly you're turning the steering wheel. The computer then sends an appropriate amount of electrical "boost" to the electric power-steering motor (most cars use hydraulic power-steering pumps, run by the engine).

RAY: The advantage of this electric system is that it saves fuel by being smaller and lighter, and by running off electric power only when that power is needed, instead of off the gasoline engine all the time. The disadvantage of it is that it's new, and apparently it can fail catastrophically.

TOM: So, you're a guinea pig, Rebecca. We're just glad to hear that you lived through the experiment!

RAY: You can try asking to speak to the dealer's zone manager. You can make your case to him or her, and ask if he or she will help you with the cost of the repair, since you almost died — and now that you're still alive, if he or she treats you well, yoube around to buy more Toyotas. But if he or she tells you to get lost, you'll just have to consider this part of the cost of being an early adopter. Sorry, Rebecca.

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.

Capsule

Them Eyes

A poem by Imogene Burchett Caldwell

Them eyes were a blue as the water At the edge of the old swimming hole, Seems like they could see forever Through your heart and through your soul.

They shone with sweet rhythm Beyond the wings of busy bees. They eyes caused me to wonder, Could they see the hearts of flowering trees?

In the hay fields in October They eyes glimmered in the Autumn heat. Them eyes misted up to see a falling star, And when they heard a song to repeat.

Them eyes, in early morning After passing through their dreams Makes me think of waterfalls And blueberries with sweet, sweet cream.

Them eyes at twelve o'clock, at noon Take on the color of blue before a storm. But at the end of every happy day Them eyes are heavenly - oh, so warm.

When we're alone at dark time Them eyes turn a misty gray and shine. They're a little bit of heaven when They sparkle like cherry wine.

Of all the shades of blue colors The one most loved by me through time Is that one coated with peace and love. It's them eyes of the love of mine.

Grandma's Hands By Imogene Burchett Caldwell

They were, as I remember through the eyes Of a little girl who saw, Two cracked and calloused hands That were slender, worn, and kind of raw.

Those hands, daily, milked her cow With a gentle, squeezing touch They could guide the horse and plow To turn over the hardened earth.

Her hands could cook a meal and Have it hot and ready on time.

With a baby on her hip, she mashed and stirred

While saying the words of nursery rhyme.

Grandma's hands would chop and hoe. They split wood - pieced quilts and always knit.

Those hands shaved Grandpa, pulled out splinters

Then held a little girl when there was time to sit.

They scattered bread crumbs in the barnyard For her turkeys, her geese, and hens. Then gathered in the eggs - washed our

clothes on a washboard And reached out to welcome strangers in.

Grandma's hands knew no lotions. No polish or any soothing oils or cream. Yet, they were so warm and tender

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When they walked you through your dreams.

Grandpa would hold her trembling fingers And touch his lips to them all - every one. She'd smile at him through glassy tears Between her hands, she'd hold his face And say, "Another good day is done, my dear!"

Those hands would hold a Bible

Up under the coal oil light

Then read to a grateful child until she slept. They tucked me in beside her where I spent the night.

Grandma's hands were so soft and tender, They did all the chores with love. They would always keep me safe In a big uncaring world.

Take time to stop and listen to The big clock of time and lands Then you'll begin to feel the touch Of Grandma's wrinkled - gentle - hands.

Allen

installed it and sent the patient girl whose eyes, didn't agree on his way.

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on the direction they should follow. She was alone and looking lonely. So the fellow with the wooden eye braced himself, walked over to his companion wallflower and said,

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But the eye just didn't come off. The poor fellow was conscious of it, every minute, and he withdrew from the crowd. He never went to a party, never had a girlfriend. Life was a lonely succession of days and nights.

Finally, one evening, he visited a local spot where there was some music and dancing going. Over in the corner sat a

Lagoon

from the pusher who dusted Bucky. It all leads to a showdown in an abandoned building that pits Tucker and a guy who happens to be jogging by as the fight begins, I kid you not, against the drug dealers and their bodyguards.

What follows is one of the most clumsily staged fight sequences of all time and it's all rescued by a hilarious sequence (though it wasn't intended that way) wherein Tucker gets dusted himself and we find out that he harbors an

Soup

I smiled.

About now, his father showed up, and as they walked together to baggage claim, Jeff asked, "What in the world has gotten into Mom since I left for college?

His Dad whispered, "A severe midlife crisis."

I chatted nonchalantly all the way home. Jeffrey and Deanna clung to each other and barely spoke. When we got home, I jumped in the shower and washed the orange out of my hair. I entered the living room in slacks and a sweater, looking like the mom Jeff knew and remembered. A look of relief flooded his face, and he burst out laughing. "You got me, Mom!"

We hugged and laughed and spent the next several hours

"Pardon me, but would you care to dance?"

The girl looked up. "Would I!" she happily exclaimed. "Cross-Eye!" snorted the

man, and stalked away.

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intense hatred for his Aunt Betty. Too bad for the bad guys, because Tucker is more than ready to stomp said relation and he does so till the final credits spring up out of nowhere and herald the end of this cinematic head trip.

This is retro cinema at its best, but for the full effect I recommend viewing it through a pair of beer goggles.

Best line: "We are going to attack the wack." 1979, rated R.

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giggling and reminiscing about the tricks Jeff had pulled on all of us.

The next trip home for Jeffrey and Deanna was in December, after they were married. I went to the airport to pick them up. I arrived at the gate just as the doors opened and cheerful seasonal travelers filed off the plane. I noticed two large reindeer coming toward me in full fur and antlers, one with a blinking red nose

I hugged Rudolph.

"You feel a little silly this time, Mom?"

"No," I laughed. "Don't you?"

Somehow we were even for all those times he had totally mortified me. Or were we?

by KIMBERLY THOMPSON SOCIAL SECURITY TECHNICAL EXPERT

PRESTONSBURG

If you are a bride-to-be planning a wedding, there's so much to do: get the dress; choose a caterer; book a venue; select the flowers. But there's one more important thing you may need to put on your list: contact Social Security if there's going to be a name change.

You should tell Social Security if you legally change your name for any reason. You should also tell your employer. Skipping this important step may

Delay your tax refund; and Prevent your wages from being posted correctly to your Social Security record, which may lower the amount of your future Social Security benefits.

Changing your name with Social Security can be simple, if you prepare before visiting an office. First, go to www.socialsecurity.gov. You'll want to read the "Application for a Social Security Card" (Form SS-5), which you can find at www.socialsecurity.gov/online /ss-5.pdf. Here you will learn what two important documents you may need to take to the Social Security office.

First, you'll need to show us a recently issued marriage document as proof of your legal name change. You will have to provide Social Security with additional documentation if the one you provide does not give us enough information to identify you in our records or if you legally changed your name more than two years ago.

Second, you also must provide an identity document that shows your old name. It also needs to have other identifying information, preferably a recent photograph. (We can accept an expired document as evidence of your old name.)

Finally, if you are a U.S. citizen born outside the United States and our records do not show it, you will need to provide proof of your U.S. citizenship. If you are not a U.S. citizen, Social Security will ask to see your current immigration documents.

Keep in mind we need to see original documents. We can only accept a copy of the original when it has been certified by the issuing agency. We cannot accept photocopies or notarized copies of documents.

card will have the same number as your previous card, but will show your new name. We will mail your number and card as soon as we have all of your information and have verified your documents with the issuing offices.

For more information, visit www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

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UPBEAT: Wells excited about 2008-09 edition of Bears basketball team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Kelly Wells is always positive, always upbeat, always leading his team in the proper direction.

But when he talks about the current status of the 2008-09 Pikeville College Bears, his third installment thereof, there's a little more excitement in his tone. "I like what we've put together," he says with a note of decided enthusiasm. "Our staff has worked very hard and I think we've got the makings of something special here.

team his first season into a 22-9 club a year ago, touts five additions with NCAA Div. I experience on their resume and a junior college standout among the 10 additions to the roster.

"We have a lot of experience in some good leagues," he said. "I think our fan base is going to like what we've been able to accomplish to this point."

These players join six returning members of the Bears. They are Justin Hicks 5-11 sophomore guard from Hazard; Haakim Johnson 6-7 senior wing from Passaic, N.J.; Wells, who turned a 12-19 Ewan Linton, a 6-9 senior

power forward from Kingston, junior combo guard from Jamaica; Dan Penick,

a 6-8 sophomore power forward from Ludlow; Adam Simmons a 6-5, junior from wing W.Va.; Huntington, and, Robbie Spears, a 6-4 senior forward, Shelbiana.

transfers: Jason Smiley - 6-0 senior point guard from Tennessee Tech. answers our point-guard needs with experience and leadership," said Wells.

Miami Dade Community College and UTEP. "He's a big-time scorer with a calm demeanor," Wells said.

Saihou (pronounced Say-WHO) Jassey - 6-6 junior forward

from Bradley University and SIU-Edwardsville. "He's a very athletic, strong forward

State (Okla.) and Tennessee Tech. "Charles is a rebounding warrior with great speed and athleticism," Wells said. "And, he's a big-time interior defender.

Charles Bronson (Sr.) - 6-10 senior center from Redlands (Okla.) Community College and Xavier University. "He's a highly-touted big man with the skills of a forward," said Wells. "He's a great team guy as well as a go-to interior player."

Junior College transfer: Anthony Smith (JR) - 6-8 junior center from Harford (Md.) Community College. "He's a wide body and an interior presence with great touch and size," Wells said.

High School: Kane Belcher (Fr.) - 6-8 freshman forward from Pendleton County HS. 'He's a redshirt with great length and versatility," said Wells.

Chris Puckett (Fr.) - 5-11, combo guard from Jenkins HS. "This kid is a big-time shooter," the coach said.

Tim Honaker (Fr.) - 6-1, swing from Pikeville HS. "He's an athletic guard," he said.

Zach Hurt (Fr.) - 5-11 guard from Cordia HS. "Zach was the 14th Region Player of the Year," Wells said.

Reds rookie Bruce had quite a first week

by ROB MAADDI ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA - A young boy waited patiently near the visiting team's bus outside the Phillies' ballpark, hoping to get his baseball autographed by a certain player on the Cincinnati Reds.

Surely, the kid was looking for Junior. It's not often a soonto-be member of the 600-home run club comes through town. Ken Griffey Jr. was one homer away from becoming the sixth player to reach that milestone.

"Nah, I want Jay Bruce," the 12-year-old said. "He's awesome.'

A week into his major league careér, Jay Bruce has quickly gained the respect of opposing fans by making it look easy at the plate. The 21year-old outfielder entered Wednesday night's game against Philadelphia with a .552 (16-for-29) average, three homers and seven RBIs in his first eight games.

"I'm just trying to stick with an approach and help the team win doing whatever I can," Bruce said. "Whether it's getting on base or hitting a home

CAMP WITH COACH KEATH HIGH LEHOOL

photos by Steve LeMaster COACH KEATHLEY'S PRO BASKETBALL YOUTH **CAMP HELD IN PRESTONSBURG: Nearly** 70 young basketball players from Floyd and surrounding counties attended Coach Keathley's Pro Basketball Youth Camp at Prestonsburg High School this past week. The camp was held Thursday, June 5-Saturday, June 7. Miners point guard Jason McLeish, an Eastern Kentucky University product, instructed the pro basketball youth camp participants as part of the staff. Keathley is a Floyd County native who recently



Rockies draft EKU pitcher Friedrich

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND - The Colorado Rockies tapped Eastern Kentucky University pitcher Christian Friedrich as their top pick in the Major League Baseball draft Thursday.

The Rockies picked the lefthanded pitcher 25th overall on Thursday.

Friedrich had a 5-1 record with a 1.78 ERA in 10 starts for the Colonels this season.

"It's not really where you are picked. It's how you play and how you go about things. I'm just glad to be in the position that I'm in," Friedrich told The Richmond Register.

Friedrich, an Evanston, Ill., native, won the Ohio Valley Conference player of the week three times during the season.

Friedrich began his Colonels career with a 10-2 record and 1.98 ERA. He was 5-4 with a 2.09 ERA as a sophomore. He, was a pre-season All-American pick entering his junior year.

School-record three UK players picked in first five rounds

NCAA Division I "Jason coach said. Xavier Dawson - 5-10 power forward from Connors

KELLY WELLS

with great versatility," the Charles Moore - 6-7 senior

run or making a good play in the outfield, it doesn't matter to me. I'm having a blast up here. It's been a lot of fun."

Reds manager Dusty Baker and Bruce's teammates are thrilled to have him. The rookie doesn't have an ounce of swagger and knows how to take a joke. He works hard, hustles and respects the game.

Bruce also has plenty of talent. He was considered one of the top prospects in the minors when the Reds called him up

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American Legion **Baseball** returns to Paintsville by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE American Legion Baseball is due to Paintsville this year as Post 117 will attempt to carry a full season schedule in the

junior (ages 15-16) and senior

divisions (ages 17-19). Tim Pelphrey is the coach of the local American Legion teams. Pelphrey conducted a meeting at Charlie Adkins Field on Friday, June 6 at 6 p.m. for the interested players. Another meeting for players that couldn't make the first meeting is set for Monday (June 9).

"This is open to any player from the ages of 15 through 19," Pelphrey said. "We are very excited to get American Legion Baseball back in Paintsville and hope that we can get the elite baseball players from the area out to participate and show their skills at a very high level."

American Legion Baseball has given millions of young players the opportunity to play summer baseball throughout the United States. Post 119 runs the American Legion Baseball program.

completed his first season as head coach of the East Kentucky Miners. The camp was under his direction.

Fish gorging on cicadas right now

by LEE McCLELLAN KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT - You've probably seen a few slightly creepy looking brown and black creatures fly into your garage, front door or car lately. Their red eyes and orange legs make them look like a creature from a cheap drive-in horror movie. If you look around the bases of nearby trees, you just might their translucent see exoskeletons piled on the ground.

These insects, which resemble oversized houseflies but are commonly confused with locusts; are actually 17-year cicadas. Although they are a slight nuisance to humans, fish scarf them up like people do peanuts.

"My Dad and I fished a rock wall that I love for fish. I threw another cicada

spawning bluegill on Nolin Lake last weekend," said Chad Miles, director of development for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and hopelessly addicted angler. "I had a tube of crickets and an empty tube. I walked down to the dock and put about 35 cicadas in the empty tube on my way. I could have gotten a thousand."

Miles and his father caught about 40 nice bluegill before they ran out of crickets and decided to experiment. "I put on a cicada to see if something would hit it," he explained. "I threw it up against that rock wall and within three minutes, I caught a nice catfish. The bluegill hit it during the wait. I hooked another cicada on and three to five minutes later, I had another catagainst the rock wall and three minutes later, I had another catfish. We caught three catfish within 10 minutes or so. They were all 2 to 4 pounds.'

The pair finally quit fishing because they already had enough fish to clean. "We could have caught many more," Miles said. "It was a great day on the water.'

Fish of all stripes take advantage of this overly abundant food source whenever the insects. These cicadas occur over most of the state, but may be spotty in some areas. Other cicada species emerge every 13 years and the common green-colored cicadas emerge every year, but this cicada hatch is the heaviest of all the others. Take advantage of this unique fishing opportunity right now.

"My grandmother told me 17 years ago - during the last cicada hatch - that people were catching catfish on topwater lures on Nolin," Miles said. "The catfish thought they were cicadas on the water.'

The cicada feeding frenzy should last about another month. Bass love them just as much as catfish or bluegill. Even carp eat them.

"They are a new food source, plus the way they react when they hit the water brings attention," said Jeff Ross, assistant director of fisheries for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "They buzz and flop around and this draws strikes from bass and other fish."

Several companies offer both topwater and sinking lures that resemble cicadas available right now at tackle

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M&M's announces Most Colorful Fan Contest

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HACKETTSTOWN, N.J.

M&M's Racing and NASCAR on Friday announced the re-launch of the popular "The Most Colorful Fan of NASCAR" contest, which encourages fans to showcase their passionate love for the sport by uploading their most eye-catching photos to NASCAR.COM for a chance to win big. The contest will run

2008 and will feature weekly winners who will receive an array of NASCAR-themed prizes.

Just like America's favorite candy known for colorful chocolate fun, the M&M's contest brings the excitement and revelry of the weekly NASCAR circuit to fans.

Five finalists also will win trips to the Ford 400 in Homestead, Fla., on Nov. 16

from June 8 through October for the ultimate NASCAR VIP experience courtesy of M&M's, as well as \$100 gift cards from The Home Depot for colorful paints. Kyle Busch, driver of the No. 18 Toyota and one of the sports top stars, is even getting in on the action; he'll help judge the final competition in Homestead along with other top drivers. "The Most Colorful Fan of NASCAR" will be awarded with an exclu-

sive Tissot wrist watch.

M&M'S has been involved with NASCAR for 18 years, but this year has been one of their most exciting to date, largely due to success of Busch both on and off the track. With four Sprint Cup Series wins, plus several topfive finishes, Busch and the M&M's Racing team have held the top spot in points for several weeks this season and are definitely in the groove.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. -Pitcher Scott Green and outfielders Sawyer Carroll and Collin Cowgill became the first three Kentucky players drafted in the top five rounds in program history, with Carroll and Green marking the highest drafted UK duo since 1992.

The Detroit Tigers nabbed Green with the 99th pick in the third round, Carroll was picked by the San Diego Padres in the supplemental third round with the 111th pick, and Cowgill with the 168th pick of the Arizona Diamondbacks in the fifth round.

The 1992 duo of secondround pitching selections of Rod Henderson (Expos) and Mark Thompson (Rockies) mark the only two players drafted higher in the same year in UK history. In 2006, Ryan Strieby (4th) and John Shelby (5th) marked the highest pair of a school-record six member draft class. UK had three players drafted in the top 10 rounds in 1997, Scott Downs (3rd), Matt Borno (8th), and Kenny Miller (9th).

Green becomes the third Wildcat to be selected by the Detroit Tigers in the last three years, joining Strieby and 2006 senior leader, Michael Bertram. Green, a 6-foot-8, 245-pound righty, appeared in 20 games with eight starts in 2008, earning a 6-4 record and a 4.76 ERA, striking out 64 in 56.2 innings, adding two saves. Green helped lead the Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox of the Cape Cod League to the league title in the summer, going 3-1 with a 1.56 ERA in nine games and eight starts.

Green was picked for the first time in his career in 2007 by the Red Sox in the 15th round.

Carroll, a first-team All-America selection, led the Southeastern Conference with a .419 average, belting 19 home runs and driving in a schoolrecord 83 RBI. Finishing his two-year career as Kentucky's career record holder for batting

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SEC commissioner lomat for BCS change Slive a di

by JOHN ZENOR ASSOCIATED PRESS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. -Mike Slive is an avid reader who likes a good cigar and Winston Churchill.

The Southeastern Conference commissioner is a strong-willed former lawyer and judge who is not so old-fashioned when it comes to ideas for changing college football's method of settling its national championship.

His proposal for a four-team scramble Slive avoids the "dreaded P-word," playoff was rejected by Football Bowl Subdivision conference commissioners in May. That means the BCS format won't get a makeover until at least the 2014 season.

One part of his mission, though, was accomplished.

The idea of putting No. 1 against No. 4 and 2 vs. 3 in the marquee bowl games remains tucked into the public consciousness for the next controversy -though there seemed scant risk of it fading, anyway.

"To the extent that the plus-

one is now in the public domain, it will be interesting to see whether people still retain an interest in it," Slive said. "That may or may not be impacted by what happens over the next six or seven months."

It's a proposal he readily admits could benefit the SEC, which has had near-misses like the unbeaten 2004 Auburn team that was the BCS' third wheel.

"Over the past 10 years, we would have had twice as many teams competing for the national championship," Slive said, who thinks it would benefit football overall.

Slive, who just finished a two-year term as BCS coordinator, had been cleared by SEC presidents and athletic directors to propose a format change. Only the Atlantic Coast Conference supported further discussions on the proposal.

Auburn's Tommy Tuberville, who coached that 13-0 team in 2004, feels certain the rejection wasn't because Slive didn't do his homework.

"There's one thing about Mike Slive, I'd put him in front of everybody in terms of being the smart negotiator," Tuberville said. "He's a very smart guy, and there's no rock that he doesn't overturn when it comes to making a decision.

"I promise you when he walked in there he had a plan."

Two key aspects of the proposal, Slive said, were protecting both the regular season and the bowl system without the kind of academic intrusion that a lengthy P-word might cause.

Slive, also chairman of the NCAA men's basketball selection committee, seems the kind of even-tempered diplomat that could end up being a quiet force in fostering future support for change

The SEC has won the last two football national titles - and two of the last three basketball championships. History is in his favor, too, since the BCS was the brainchild of his predecessor as SEC Commissioner, Roy Kramer.

"I don't think any one person can change the BCS," said Big East Commissioner Mike Tranghese. But, he added, if there is a change, "the SEC is

going to be at the forefront."

And the SEC's front-man is the 67-year-old Slive, who said he has no intention of retiring when his current seven-year contract expires July 31, 2009.

"When Mike does say something, you know it's been thoroughly analyzed and thought out," said Tranghese, who has known Slive since the late 1970s. "That's why he's so respected across the country.'

His colleagues appreciate the way Slive approaches controversial issues, even if they're on different sides.

Tom Hansen, commissioner of the Pac 10, which opposes the plus-one model, said Slive is very careful" in his approach.

"He is a strong-willed and strong-minded person, but when things do get contentious he doesn't back down." Hansen said. "He's very confident in his position, and he's very thoughtful of the position of others."

Or, as Mississippi Chancellor Robert Khayat said, "He's firm but he's fair and his emotions don't show."

Maybe he learned a little

something about politicking from Churchill. Slive reads nonfiction, historical fiction and thrillers and his spacious, bookand memorabilia-lined office includes everything from sports books to a book of Churchill's speeches.

He smiles when mentioning finding (and purchasing) Churchill's six-volume, nearly 5,000-page "The Second World War" at a used bookstore in New Hampshire.

Something else that draws a smile from Slive: The SEC's reputation these days is for winning championships - and perhaps for an air of arrogance and supcriority that comes with it.

When Slive took over in 2002, Alabama's once-dominant football program had been slammed with severe sanctions, Kentucky was also on probation and three other football teams were under investigation.

Slive's vow to have the SEC probation-free within five years hasn't quite panned out. But Mississippi State and South Carolina's 5-year probation periods end in June, and only

Arkansas' men's track team is currently under sanctions.

The old joke about SEC standing "Surely for Everybody's Cheating" isn't heard so much anymore.

Khayat said Slive's public goal along with his way of conducting business has "enhanced the reputation of the conference."

Lack of diversity also was an embarrassing issue for the SEC. Sylvester Croom became the conference's first black head football coach in 2003, but Slive especially draws satisfaction from teams staying out of the NCAA's doghouse.

"We've made very significant progress in dealing with those issues," Slive said of diversity and cheating. "But at the same time, we've won. The thing that's satisfying is putting to rest the old excuse that if you don't go down the back way you can't

"As Flook at everything that's happened the last six years, there have been individual great moments. But overall that's the most satisfying thing for me."

Bruce

from Triple-A Louisville last week. At the time, Bruce was batting .364 with 10 homers.

Last year, Bruce made a fast climb from Class A to Triple-A, hitting a combined .319 with 26 homers and 89 RBIs. That sweet left-handed swing has translated into early success in the big leagues.

"He's been calm since he was first called up," Reds left fielder Adam Dunn said. "He hasn't changed anything. He came in and wanted to be treated like one of the guys. He's fitting right in. He's hitting the ball great right now and I hope he keeps it up. He has a whole lot of talent. He's a hard worker and wants to get better. He's been a great fit for our ballclub."

Bruce's debut was a memorable one. The former firstround draft pick went 3-for-3 with a pair of walks, a stolen base and two RBIs in a 9-6 win over Pittsburgh. Each time he came to the plate, fans at Great American Ball Park yelled "BRUUUUUCE!" the same way people shout for Bruce Springsteen at concerts.

Bruce became the first major-leaguer since 1977 to reach base in his first six plate appearances. He went 4-for-5 in his fourth game and hit his first homer the next day - a solo shot to beat Atlanta in the 10th inning Saturday. Bruce went deep in three straight games and had at least two hits in live of his first eight games.

He had three hits off 300game winner Tom Glavine and became the first player in 17 years to have at least 15 hits in his first 25 major league atbats.

"Jay is off to a great start. He's in a good groove," Baker said. "He's a very confident hitter. He's relaxed and that's half the battle in hitting."

Bruce's approach is simple: See the ball, hit the ball. He's a studious player, though not a video junkie just yet,

"I take a look at (scouting reports) before I go up there. You have to adjust pitch to

pitch. I just try to get a quality at-bat," Bruce said. "I do look at some video. I wouldn't say I live by it because I just got here. It's good to look at a pitcher, see what they got, see some of their tendencies. I like watching myself on video to see if it was a ball I swung at or if I dropped my hands or whatever.

Freel on DL, Patterson recalled: The Cincinnati Reds placed Ryan Freel on the 15day disabled list Wednesday and recalled outfielder Corey Patterson from Triple-A Louisville.

Freel strained his right hamstring in Tuesday night's game in Philadelphia and returned to Cincinnati for evaluation.

Patterson started the season with the Reds and batted .200 in 45 games - with a .240 onbase percentage as a leadoff hitter - before he was optioned to Louisville last week.

The Reds also sent outfieldcr Drew Anderson outright to Louisville.

Zell says Cubs and Wrigley sale proceeding, bids sought soon: Tribune Co. CEO Sam Zell says the company is pushing ahead with the sale of the Chicago Cubs and Wrigley Field and bidders should see the financial books within the week

Zell told lenders on a

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Thursday conference call that preliminary bids will be due about a month after that. He says Tribune continues to explore a possible sale of Wrigley by itself to an Illinois state agency, but it won't delay the overall sale in the meantime.

According to Zell, there's never been a better time to market the team and the ballpark with the Cubs in first place and driving record attendance.

Separately, Chief Operating Officer Randy Michaels says the company is looking at reducing the number of pages in its newspapers. No details were disclosed.

Mabee makes successful return to Kentucky

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - Former Morehead State University Baseball Eagle Henry Mabee, a 19th round draft choice of the Chicago White Sox last season, made a successful return to Kentucky Thursday (May 29) evening when he picked up his 13th save of the season for the Kannapolis Intimidators in a 4-2 win over the Lexington Legends. Mabee has also been named to the South team for the June 17 South Atlantic League All-Star Game that will be played in Greensboro, N.C.

The hard-throwing right-hander pitched a 1-2-3 ninth inning with two strikeouts and remains perfect on the season with 13 saves in 13 save opportunities. As of June 3, pitching exclusively in relief. Mabee has made 21 appearances, does not have a win or loss, and has a 1.17 earned run average with 33 strikeouts in 30 and two-thirds innings pitched. He made 11 straight appearances

Fish

shops and the sporting goods to 5/0 hook and fished against cicada or a real cicada on a section of department stores. A topwater cicada lure worked along a weedbed, rock wall, over a drop-off or across a flat will draw strikes from bass.

Bluegill will also eat a real cicada that's suspended under a were sucking them off the top bobber. Hook the cicada much all over Lake Cumberland,"

bluff walls, mud flats or along old creek or river channel dropoffs in lakes will entice catfish during the early morning, dusk or at night

"During the last hatch, fish

hook will catch about any fish that swims. An emergence of this size won't happen again for

another 17 years.

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Lee McClellan is an awardwinning writer and serves as the associate editor for

as you would a cricket. Take a size 6 to 8 Aberdeen hook and start the point between the insect's eyes. Thread the hook just underneath the cicada's back, leaving the point exposed at the rear.

A cicada threaded onto a 3/0

said Gerry Buynak, assistant director of fisheries for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "They were in the jumps all over the place. I heard big carp were slurping them as well."

So, for the next month, a topwater lure resembling a

Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. He is a lifelong hunter and angler, with a passion for smallmouth bass fishing.

this season, from April 7 to May 8, without allowing a run.

His 13 saves tie him for fourth in the South Atlantic League. Only Bobby Jenks, the closer for the parent Chicago White Sox, has saved more games in 2008 than Mabee among all White Sox organization pitchers.

The South Atlantic League is a Class A league. In 2007, after pitching his final season at MSU, he was drafted and assigned to Great Falls in the Advanced Rookie Pioneer League. There, Mabee was 3-2 with a 1.88 ERA and eight saves.

LEY'S PRO BASKETBALL YOUTH

Draft

average (.386), Carroll added 22 doubles and a club-high three triples in 2008, swiping 12-of-12 bases. Carroll, a native of Henryetta, Okla., drew 44 walks and struck out just 33 times in 2008. In 2007, Carroll led the SEC with 23 doubles, adding three homers and 56 RBI, functioning as UK's everyday first baseman.

Carroll, a 6-foot-4, 215pounder, was an 18th round selection of the Washington Nationals in 2007.

Cowgill had a monster season after redshirting in 2007 due to injury. A second-team All-American and first-team All-SEC selection, Cowgill hit .361 with 15 doubles, two triples and 19 home runs, driving in 60 RBI and swiping 23-of-27 bases. A five-tool player, Cowgill added seven outfield assists, five coming throwing runners out at the plate. Cowgill set a new UK season record, scoring 80 runs in 2008.

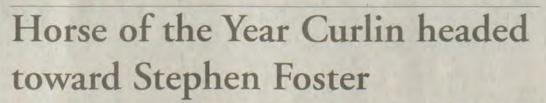
Before earning All-Star honors in the Cape Cod League during the summer, Cowgill was a 29th round with the 140th pick.

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MLB Draft pick of the Oakland Athletics in 2007.

Three UK signees were also picked up early in the draft, pitchers Seth Lintz and lefty Lexington native Robbie Ross and infielder Corban Joseph. Lintz was picked No. 53 in the second round by the Milwaukee Brewers and Ross was selected No. 57 by the Texas Rangers later in the second round. Joseph, a middle infielder from Tennessee was selected by the New York Yankees in the fourth round





4-year-old won Dubai World Cup, Breeders' Cup Classic

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - Curlin, the 2007 Horse of the Year, is headed toward Churchill Downs' Grade I, \$750,000added Stephen Foster Handicap next week.

The 4-year-old won the \$6 million Dubai World Cup on March 29 at Nad Al Sheba and last fall's \$5 million Breeders' Cup Classic at Monmouth Park. He finished third to Street Sense in the 2007 Kentucky Derby but won the Preakness and the Jockey Club Gold Cup at, Belmont Park. He also earned an Eclipse Award last year.

Other Grade I winners among the 29 nominees for the June 14 race include Perfect Drift, the 2003 Foster winner; Student Council, winner of the recent Pimlico Special and last year's Pacific Classic; Brass Hat, who won the Donn Handicap at Gulfstream Park in 2006; Great Hunter, winner of the Lane's End Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland in 2006; and Einstein, winner of the Woodford Reserve Turf Classic and two-time winner of the Gulfstream Park Turf.

Two of Curlin's part owners, Shirley Cunningham Jr. and William Gallion, are accused with a third lawyer of defrauding their clients in a diet-drug settlement. A judge has ordered that Cunningham and Gallion's \$3.5 million ownership share and winnings go into a trust for eventual payment to the more than 400 plaintiffs who won a \$43 million settlement in a civil lawsuit against the attorneys.

Locally: Thunder Ridge Raceway is hosting live harness racing. For the latest in horse racing news, turn to The Floyd County Times.



photos by Steve LeMaste COACH KEATHLEY'S PRO BASKETBALL YOUTH CAMP was conducted Thursday-Saturday at Prestonsburg High School, The camp, under the direction of professional basketball coach Kevin Keathley, concluded Saturday. Keathley guided the East Kentucky Miners - an expan-sion team in the CBA - to a 26-22 regular-season record in the team's debut season. The camp staff is pictured above, from right to left: Howell, Jamie Jason McLeish, Kevin Keathley and Brian Levy.

EAST KENTUCKY PRO BASKETBALL YOUTH CAMPS Conducted by Coach Kevin Keathley

June 11-13 at Central Elementary School June 16-18 at Knott County Sportsplex July 31-Aug. 2 at Sheldon Clark High School Registration forms are available online at www.ekminers.com. For more information, call 606-794-6409 or 606-437-9715.

Rays select SS Tim Beckham with top pick in MLB

by FRED GOODALL ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. -With the clock on the large television monitor ticking down to zero and a cluster of fans chanting from the balcony, commissioner Bud Selig stepped to the podium and announced that the Tampa Bay Rays had selected high school shortstop Tim Beckham with the No. 1 pick in the baseball draft.

Oh, how times have changed.

annual 50-round The marathon that began Thursday is no longer strictly held by conference call. A portion of the first day was televised live for the second consecutive year from Disney World with about 400 boisterous fans and autograph seekers in house, along with some of baseball's biggest names, including Hall of Famers Al Kaline, Billy Williams and Dave Winfield.

"It's come a long way," said former major league pitcher Brian Anderson, recalling 15 years ago when he gathered with family and friends around a telephone in his Ohio apartment waiting for a call from the team drafting him.

"You didn't even know

then. I found out the night crazy. I was about to do a back ing it will be years before ing sixth, took California high 23 picks, only two pitchers before," the third overall pick in 1993 added. "This is awesome. This is great for the game."

Only one thing was missing prospects.

One, Aaron Hicks, a high school outfielder and alumnus of baseball's Urban Youth Academy in Compton, Calif., attended with his family and went on stage to shake hands with Selig and pose for pictures after the Minnesota Twins made him the 14th pick.

Many in the crowd wore Rays T-shirts and cheered wildly when Selig announced the selection of Beckham, the talented high school shortstop from Griffin, Ga., that Tampa Bay picked over Florida State catcher Buster Posey.

Beckham was recognized as one of the best pure athletes in the draft and labeled a legitimate five-tool player. He established himself as the top prep prospect in the nation with solid performances at last summer's high school showcase events and hit .482 with six homers, 13 doubles, 41 RBIs and 23 stolen bases as a senior.

"I found out this morning. ... The scouting director gave me a call and the general manwhat time the draft started ager gave me a call. It was this time because they're hop-

flip in my room," Beckham they'll be in a position to select said.

"It means everything in the world. I've worked this hard the last three or four years, me and my brothers and my dad. This means all the hard work paid off. I hope to become an All-Star and after that I want to become a Hall of Famer."

With the second pick, the Pittsburgh Pirates chose sweetswinging Vanderbilt third baseman Pedro Alvarez. Florida high school first baseman Eric Hosmer went third to the Kansas City Royals, and the Baltimore Orioles took top college pitching prospect Brian Matusz out of San Diego with the fourth pick.

This is the second year in a row the Rays have had the No. 1 pick. David Price, a hardthrowing left-hander from Vanderbilt, was the choice in 2007 and is off to a great start with Class-A Vero Beach.

Beckham is the third high school shortstop taken No. 1 overall in the last five years, joining Justin Upton (Arizona, 2005) and Matt Bush (San Dicgo, 2004).

While there's always pressure to get the No. 1 pick right, the improving Rays imposed some extra heat on themselves first again.

Tampa Bay whittled its list of candidates for the top pick to five, then trimmed it to two Beckham and Posey, a converted shortstop who developed into one of college baseball's top offensive and defensive catchers over the past

"It was an active debate, but I think at the end of the day when push came to shove and we were racing time, I think it was pretty clear to everybody that Tim Beckham was the guy at the top of our board," Rays executive vice president of baseball operations Andrew Friedman said.

"We feel like he's got an advanced approach to the game, a genuine enthusiasm for what he does, and we feel like he's got a great chance to be an impact player in the major leagues.'

The Rays called Posey a few hours before the draft to inform him that they were going to select Beekham. The Florida State star, hitting a Division 1-leading .468 heading into this week's NCAA super regionals, wound up going to the San Francisco Giants with the fifth pick.

school catcher Kyle Skipworth, whom many consider the top prop prospect at his position since Joe Mauer was selected No. 1 overall by Minnesota seven years ago.

Rounding out the top 10, the Cincinnati Reds took Miami slugger Yonder Alonso seventh, the Chicago White Sox picked Georgia shortstop Gordon Beekham (no relation to Tim) eighth, the Washington Nationals tabbed Missouri pitcher Aaron Crow and the Houston Astros selected Stanford catcher Jason Castro.

It's the fourth time Tampa Bay has had the No. 1 pick in the club's 11-season history. It picked outfielders Josh Hamilton in 1999 and Delmon Young in 2003.

The Rays think the 18-yearold Beckham is more advanced offensively than defensively at this point, but they're confident he has the athleticism. work ethic and attitude to become a complete player.

Second baseman Jemile Weeks, brother of Milwaukee's Rickie Weeks, was one of three University of Miami players selected in the opening round, going to the Oakland Athletics at No. 12.

While six first basemen The Florida Marlins, pick- were selected within the first

Matusz and Crow - were taken in the top 10. But seven pitchers were chosen during a 10-pick stretch from No. 19 to No. 28, where the New York Yankees went for California prep right-hander Gerrit Cole.

Two teams, Minnesota and the New York Mets, had two picks in the first round.

After taking Hicks at No. 14. the Twins selected Miami pitcher Carlos Gutierrez 27th. The Mets took Arizona State first baseman Ike Davis 18th and South Carolina shortstop Reese Havens 22nd.

Davis is the son of former big league pitcher Ron Davis. Schlereth. the Daniel University of Arizona pitcher 26th by the selected Diamondbacks, is the son of former Denver Broncos offensive lineman and current ESPN football analyst Mark Schlereth.

In the sixth round, the Chicago White Sox selected Wichita State center fielder Kenny Williams Jr., son of the team's general manager.

AP Sports Writer Charles Odum in Griffin, Ga., contributed to this report.

Hamels shuts out Reds, keeps Griffey at 599 S

by ROB MAADDI ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA - The MVP got benched and Junior got another standing ovation from notoriously tough fans. Oh, by the way, Cole

Hamels was outstanding.

Hamels pitched a three-hitter for his second career shutout - in a span of three weeks - and the Philadelphia Phillies took advantage of two dropped balls to beat the Cincinnati Reds 5-0 Thursday.

Ken Griffey Jr. remained one shy of 600 home runs. going 1-for-4 in his first start in four games. He hit a double off the wall in left-center, grounded out twice and hit a deep drive to center field leading off the ninth.

"Growing up, I was a really big fan of his and I saw the numerous home runs," Hamels said. "If I would've given it up, I would've been on a long list with a lot of people. I wouldn't have minded, even though it

shutout."

A sellout crowd gave Griffey a standing ovation as he headed back to the dugout after his long out. The 13-time All-Star outfielder tipped his hat and waved to the Philadelphia fans, who've had a long history of boorish behavior. They've also cheered other opposing stars over the ycars.

"It was awesome," Griffey said. "I can't thank everybody enough."

All the talk after the game was about Jimmy Rollins. Phillies manager Charlie Manuel yanked the reigning NL MVP after he failed to run hard on a popup that was dropped.

"He's the manager and that's what he had to do," Rollins said. "He has two rules: Be on time and hustle. I broke one today. It's my fault. I can't be mad at him."

Manuel didn't want to discuss the situation

issue."

Griffey dropped a ball in right field that directly led to a pair of unearned runs against Homer Bailey (0-1). Griffey wasn't in the lineup the previous three games because of general soreness, including a bothersome left knee. He walked as a pinch hitter the last two games.

Geoff Jenkins hit a solo shot for the NL East-leading Phillics, who won for the ninth time in 11 games.

Hamels (6-4) struck out four and walked three, rebounding from consecutive poor starts. The left-hander tossed a four-hitter against Atlanta on May 15 for his first major league shutout.

Phillies shortstop Eric Bruntlett saved this shutout, making a diving stop and strong throw to first to retire Jay Bruce with two outs and a runner on second in the eighth.

Mixing a sharp fastball with his deceptive changeup, "Jimmy and I took care of Hamels kept hitters off balance

only jam in the second, retiring Bailey on a popup to leave the bases loaded.

"That's the Cole Hamels I remember," Reds manager Dusty Baker said. "He had a real good fastball and a real good changeup."

Bailey didn't get much defensive support in his first start of the season. The former first-round pick allowed five runs - two earned - and four hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Griffey now takes his pursuit of No. 600 to Miami. The Reds have a four-game series against the Florida Marlins before returning to Cincinnati for a nine-game homestand.

The only other players to hit 600 homers are Barry Bonds, Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth, Willie Mays and Sammy Sosa.

Griffey hit No. 599 against Atlanta on Saturday, but missed a chance to reach the milestone in front of his hometown fans.

The Phillies took a 1-0 lead when shortstop Paul Janish popup to left for an error with two outs in the third, allowing Carlos Ruiz to score from second base. Rollins would've been standing on second base if he ran it out.

Janish made a sliding catch on a popup near the foul line in shallow left on the next hitter, Shane Victorino.

With two outs and two runners on in the fifth, Bruntlett hit a liner to right. Griffey charged, then ducked and covered his head and dropped the ball for an error, allowing a run to score. Griffey lost the ball in the lights on an overcast afternoon.

"I was trying to move away, not get hit in the lip," Griffey said.

Victorino followed with an RBI single to make it 3-0. Jenkins drove one into the right-center seats for a 4-0 lead in the sixth. Ryan Howard's two-out RBI single in the seventh made it 5-0.

Hamels allowed 13 runs in 9 2-3 innings in his previous The Phillies are 5-1-1 in their

scoreless streak. He lowered his ERA to 3.36.

"The last two starts, I didn't feel like myself because I wasn't helping the team," Hamels said.

Bailey's performance was an encouraging sign for the Reds. After going 4-2 with a 5.76 ERA in nine starts last season, Bailey had every opportunity to carn a spot in the rotation in spring training. But he struggled with his control and was sent down.

"It's tough losing games like that," Bailey said. "I just went after them. A couple of tough plays for the defense, but it happens."

Notes: The Reds sent LHP Danny Herrera to Triple-A Louisville to make room for Bailey. ... The Phillies are 9-10 in day games, 27-16 at night. ... Bruce was 0-for-4 for the second straight game. His average dropped to .432 after his first 10 games. ... Cincinnati is 2-7-I in its last 10 road series. ...

would've broken up the that," he said. "That's a done all day. He pitched out of his dropped Rollins' shallow two starts after a 19-inning last seven series

NBA FINALS: Pierce leads Celtics to 98-88 win in Game 1 'Man in Black' car

by TOM WITHERS ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON - Sprawled near the edge of the famed parquet floor, Paul Pierce grabbed his throbbing right knee and wondered if his first NBA finals - the ones he had always dreamed of playing in - were finished

"A lot was going though my head," Pierce said. "'It can't be over like this.

The Boston Celtics' captain wouldn't quit.

He came back out, carrying the franchise's title hopes with him.

Pierce, who as a kid growing up in Los Angeles used to sneak into Lakers games, returned from a knee injury to inspire and lead Boston to an emotional and tense 98-88 victory on Thursday night in Game 1 of these tradition-soaked NBA finals.

Pierce's dramatic return after being carried from the court and then wheeled down a hallway for treatment will be added to the annals of Celtics-Lakers finals lore, taking a spot alongside Magic Johnson's baby sky hook and Kevin McHale's clothesline of Kurt Rambis.

Pierce's comeback drew immediate comparisons to Willis Reed, the former New York Knicks great who once hobbled onto the court of Madison Square Garden before Game 7 of the 1970 finals against the Lakers. Some of the savvy Celtics fans chanted Reed's name in tribute.

"I wasn't trying to imitate him," Pierce said. "I'm just glad I was able to get back out there.'

Kevin Garnett scored 24 points, Pierce finished with 22 - 11 after going down — and Ray Allen, the third member of Boston's Big Three, added 19 for the Celtics, who are chasing a 17th NBA championship. The trio was making its first finals appearance, and for a short time it appeared only two of them would finish their long-awaited debut.

With 6:49 left in the third quarter, Pierce was deep in the lane when teammate Kendrick Perkins crashed into him from behind, crumpling

Boston's No. 34 to the court. The 10year veteran, who last summer thought his days with Boston might be nearing an end, had to be carried from the court in extreme pain and was taken to Boston's locker room in a wheelchair.

"When I came down I thought I felt a pop, I thought I tore it," Pierce said. "I couldn't move."

The sight of Pierce leaving in the arms of teammates Brian Scalabrine and Tony Allen'drew gasps from some Celtics fans and coach Doc Rivers' heart sunk.

"I thought the worst," Rivers said. "When they carried him off, I just thought it was the knee.'

However, everyone's worries were soothed just moments later when Pierce returned to Boston's bench and checked back in with 5:04 remaining. As Pierce jogged onto the court with a black elastic wrap on his knee, Garnett clinched a fist and screamed, "Yes!"

"Everybody was rejuvenated," said Garnett, who had 13 rebounds. 'It was good to see him."

Soon, more than 18,000 others were screaming as Pierce made two 3pointers in just 22 seconds, capping a 15-point quarter and giving the Celtics a 75-71 lead.

"When I got in the back I could put some weight on it," said Pierce, who limped into his postgame news conference with his knees wrapped in ice. "I knew I needed to be out there for my team."

Pierce was told by team doctor Brian McKeon that he has a strained knee, and wouldn't speculate on whether he'll miss any time.

"We'll see how it feels tomorrow and the next day and go from there," Pierce said.

Kobe Bryant led the Lakers with 24 points, but the regular-season MVP was just 9-of-26 from the field as the league's top defensive team kept close tabs on him. Bryant, attempting to win a fourth NBA title - and first without Shaquille O'Neal - had numerous shots rattle out and spent most of his 42 minutes in the game searching for a rhythm.

"I had some good looks, they just a 51-46 halftime lead.

didn't go down for me," Bryant said. "I just missed some bunnies. I'll be thinking about those a little bit."

Derek Fisher and Pau Gasol had 15 points apiece and Lamar Odom added 14 for the Lakers, who had won the first two games of their previous three series this postseason. Los Angeles will try to even the finals in Game 2 on Sunday night.

This is the 11th meeting in the finals between the Celtics and Lakers, and the first since 1987 has been treated like the return of a lost friend by basketball fans aching for the days when Magic Johnson and Larry Bird went sneaker to sneaker.

Game 1 lived up to the hype as both teams challenged every shot, sprawling for loose balls and intensely defending their baskets. Bill Russell, Bob Cousy, Jerry West and the rest of the greats who made the rivalry special would have been proud.

With their crowd breaking into the familiar "Beat L.A." chants from the outset, the Celtics led 77-73 after three quarters and quickly pushed their lead to eight in the fourth following a 3pointer by James Posey. Fisher and Sasha Vujacic scored to get the Lakers within 86-82, but Pierce countered with a jumper and made two free throws to put Boston up 90-82.

The Lakers again got within six, but Garnett, who missed nine shots in a row, followed up a miss with a ferocious dunk to crown Boston's win.

Unable to find his shooting touch in the first half, Bryant decided to focus on his defense. After 16-year veteran Sam Cassell came off Boston's bench and scored six quick points at the start of the second quarter, Lakers coach Phil Jackson switched Bryant onto the 38-yearold with the aching back and one of the few Celtics who knows his way around the finals.

Although their superstar wasn't doing his usual thing, the Lakers stayed close, and when Pierce had to sit down after picking up his third foul with 5:14 left, Los Angeles went on a 14-6 run - Gasol and Odom scored four points apiece - to open

Surprisingly, it was Fisher, not paying tribute to two Bryant, who led Los Angeles with 13 points and Gasol had 12.

Despite their collective lack of finals experience, the Celtics didn't display any nervousness carly. Strangely, it was Bryant who appeared to have some jitters, starting 1-for-7 from the field and not getting any clean looks at the basket.

Allen's 3-pointer from the right wing gave the Celtics a 19-14 lead, but the Lakers got a basket from Jordan Farmar, a 3 by Vujacic and Bryan't second bucket to pull within 23-21 after one quarter.

As the clock ticked down toward tipoff, Celtics fans, some who weren't even alive the last time the NBA's two marquee franchises clashed, scooped up T-shirts and bought other finals souvenirs marking the fierce rivalry's rebirth.

On a section of Union Street, adjacent to historic Faneuil Hall and not far from statues of patriot Samuel Adams and hoops patriarch Red Auerbach, Bostonians young and old warmed up their voices with chants of "Let's Go Celtics" and lubricated their throats before walking en masse toward the new "Gah-den," which had never hosted an event of this magnitude.

Notes: Jackson isn't a fan of the 9 p.m. tipoff. "I don't enjoy it at all," he said. "I think it takes guys out of their rhythm and out of their lifestyle. I know (the NBA) is trying to reach both audiences on the coasts, but there's another way to do that." ... Fueled by five players from outside the U.S. on the Lakers' roster, the series has drawn a record 280 international media members from 35 countries and territories. The finals are being televised to 205 countries. When the teams met in the 1987 finals, the games were televised to 28 countries. ... This is the Lakers' 29th finals appearance with the first six coming when the franchise was in Minneapolis. ... Among the celebrities in attendance were actor Bruce Willis and New England Patriots stars Randy Moss and Tedy Bruschi.

American legends

TIMES STAFF REPORT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Dale Earnhardt and Johnny Cash on Thursday were honored at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum as two of the greatest American icons ever. Meant to perpetuate the legacies of both men, "The Man in Black" program provides music fans and race supporters the ultimate historical crossroad between country music and NASCAR.

A black No. 3 racecar with Earnhardt's famous paint scheme was unveiled with Cash and Earnhardt's names and likenesses on the sides and hood of the car. The "Man in Black" car, the first in a multi-year series that will perpetuate the legacy of Earnhardt by teaming him up with other iconic American personalities, puts one of the most influential American musicians on the hood of the car of NASCAR's most respected driver of all-time.

Earnhardt is remembered by fans for his highly aggressive driving style and down-toearth, blue-collar personality. Known throughout his career as The Intimidator, Dale Earnhardt also was synonymous with the color black carning him the nickname once reserved for Cash - The Man in Black.

A Grammy Award-winning country singer/songwriter. Cash is widely considered to be one of the most influential musicians of the 20th century and one of country music's most beloved personalities. Cash, known for his deep, distinctive voice, rugged persona, intimidating personality and dark clothing, has drawn a lot of comparisons to Earnhardt during the course of the last several decades. Cash was always known, and is remembered today. as a rugged, tough, no nonsense icon - very similar to how Earnhardt's fans remember the seven-time Cup Series champion.

Motorsports Authentics, through its Action Racing Collectables die-cast brand, will be offering a collectible version of the limited edition No. 3 Dale Earnhardt/Johnny Cash car. Pre-orders are being taken on NASCAR.COM. Chase Authentics, the authentic trackside apparel of NASCAR, also will offer an array of apparel items such as hats, T-shirts and hooded sweatshirts.

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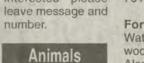
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NOTICE OF **INTENTION TO** MINE Pursuant to

Application No. Garrett, Raymond 836-5536 Lowe, (1) Compton Estate In accor-Asking \$10,500. dance with KRS The operation will

ing operation, which includes a closedcircuit coal wash plant system and refuse disposal area. The operation is located 1.1 miles southeast of New Allen in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 66.55 surface acres and 784.00 underlie acres, with the total area within the permit boundary being 850.55 acres.(2) The proposed operation is approximately 1.1 miles southeast from KY Rt. 1428's junction with U.S. 23 and located along Daniels Creek. The latitude is 37° 36 39". The longitude

350.055, notice is

hereby given that

is 82° 41' 52".(3) The proposed operation is on the Harold and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 ? minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Yancey L. Clark. The operation will underlie land owned by Yancey L. Clark,

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& Browning Family Partnership, Jimmy Burchett, Dale B.B. Mullins. Burchett, Paul Aiken, Patricia & S u s a n McGary, Pauline Foley, Edward & Burchett, Nannie Vernon Powers. Able & Hester Goble, Phyllis Norma Crace, Stepp, Joe B. Wornie Garrett,

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MINE TRAINING

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affect an area within road.(4) 100 feet of public application has road U.S. 23. The been filed for public operation will not inspection at the involve relocation or Department for closure of the public Surface Mining

INVITATION TO BID/ **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Pursuant to KRS 45A.365 and Board Policy 04.32, the Floyd County Board of Education is hereby providing notice that the Board will receive sealed bids for the following items and/or services listed below:

- · Soft Drink Machine Vending
- · Fencing
- · Waste Water Treatment
- Facilities Maintenance
- Backhoe & Excavation
- · Oil & Lubricants
- Diesel Fuel & Gasoline Auto Replacement Parts
- School Pictures
- Miscellaneous Items

Bid Specifications and Bid Forms may be obtained by contacting Michael Long via phone at 606-886-4528, via e-mail at:

michael.long@floyd.kyschools.us, or via mail at 106 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. In addition, electronic copies can be obtained on the internet at the following website:

http://www.floyd.kyschools.us/publicnotice.html

Bids will be accepted until 1:00 p.m. EDT. on Wednesday, June 18, 2008, and will be opened on this date at 1:05 p.m. EDT. All envelopes must be clearly marked SEALED BID on the outside of the envelope, with the items or services you wish to bid on. All proposals must be received by the time designated, and none will be considered thereafter. The Board of Education cannot assume the responsibility for any delay as a result of failure of the mails to deliver the bids on time. Proposals will be publicly opened and read at the time and location stated above.

The contract(s) may be awarded to the lowest and/or best evaluated qualified proposal meeting all specifications and conditions, subject to all other provisions of the item/service request for proposal, and be in the best interest of The Board of Education. A one-year contract with the option to renew annually for each item/service listed above is scheduled to be awarded at the board meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m., June 23, 2008, at Betsy Layne High School, 554 Bobcat Blvd., Stanville, KY 41659.

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The Reclamation and Prestonsburg, KY ence must be filed Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office. 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6,

41653. tions, and requests for a public hearing or informal confer-

Written with the Director, comments, objec- Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Attention: Floyd County Bid Proposals

Floyd County Fiscal Court is advertising for sealed bids for the fiscal year July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009. Bids for the following items are being accepted cleaning supplies, gravel, asphalt & placement, use of equipment with hourly rates, the grade placement of concrete slabs & footers per vard, drain pipes & gabion baskets, bridge materials, pool chemicals, park supplies, food for Floyd County Detention Center, fuel filters, oil, grease, and other vehicle materials, double walled plastic, heating & cooling, construction of concrete bridges, and diesel fuel.

Bid packets may be picked up at the front desk of the Floyd County Judge/Executive office, beginning June 9th, at 8:00 a.m., and the sealed bids will be accepted no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 26th, at the office, of the Floyd County Judge/Executive. The sealed bids will then be opened at the special meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, Friday, June 27, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.

If you have any questions, please call (606) 886-9193; ask for Libby.



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PRESTONSBURG DETOUR MAP



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Map created by Brian Music

An aerial view of the construction and detours that began Thursday. Red lines show the new routes for southbound traffic, while green lines show the detour for northbound traffic. Blue lines are local traffic to the affected areas. The purple shaded area is where construction will actually take place and will be closed to all traffic.

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