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**In brief**

**Beshear, House Democrats at odds over budget**

by JOE BIESK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Steve Beshear and his fellow Democrats in the House are at odds over how to close a projected \$900 million revenue shortfall facing Kentucky over the next two fiscal years.

House Democrats emerged from a private meeting in the Supreme Court chambers at the Capitol Friday and said they were rejecting Beshear's proposal to raise the state's cigarette tax by 70 cents as part of a plan to finance hundreds of millions in money aimed at steering the state through its tough financial times.

Instead, Democrats have their own proposal that includes a 25-cent increase in the cigarette tax, along with a series of new taxes on selected services.

"Our budget is responsible and the governor's is irresponsible," House Appropriations and Revenue Chairman Harry Moberly told reporters. "His proposal would put us in a hole that we would never climb out of."

The disagreement between House leaders and the new governor marks the latest point of contention between them in the General Assembly's 2008 session. Beshear has also been pushing a proposal to amend Kentucky's constitution and allow casino gambling, which he says can bring the state \$500 million in upfront license fees and \$600 million per year in new revenue.

House lawmakers have not agreed on the proposal, and Beshear has acknowledged its fate is uncertain.

**Local leaders push issues in legislature**

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — The last day to file new bills in the General Assembly came and went last week, with Floyd County's elected officials sponsoring 18 bills in both the House and Senate.

Greg Stumbo, who appeared late in the General Assembly due to a special

election, was the primary sponsor on six bills filed in the House of Representatives. Among them was House Bill 520 designed to "establish payments to or on behalf of survivors of fallen coal miners; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164A to provide for administration of scholarship payments for children of fallen coal miners; amend KRS 351.070 to require

notification concerning fallen coal miners."

Stumbo also re-filed a bill authored by his predecessor James Brandon Spencer. According to the Kentucky Legislative Record, House Bill 522 would, require physicians, physician assistants, dentists, advanced registered nurses, and optometrists to provide preferential treatment to patients

brought to the office by an ambulance and would establish monetary fines up to \$15,000 for violators.

Spencer, who is an executive for Trans-Star Ambulance, pre-filed the bill during his last days in office.

Rep. Hubert Collins was also active during the assembly, as he was the pri-

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**RISING WATER**



photo by Jack Latta

Water was rising in Prestonsburg Friday after a day of steady rainfall. Flood season typically accompanies the transition from winter to spring in Eastern Kentucky.

**Employment office collecting cell phones for soldiers**

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — It was announced last week that the Prestonsburg Office for Employment and Training will be acting as a local depository for people wishing to donate unused cell phones as part of the "Cell Phones for Soldiers" program.

The program which recycles old and unused cell phones to raise funds to purchase prepaid calling cards for U.S. servicemen serving abroad, was founded by two teenagers, Robbie and Brittany Berquist, from Norwell, Mass.

Prestonsburg OET Manager Billy Breeding said the employment office will be acting as a drop off point for the cell phones in honor of the local Kentucky national guard unit which will soon be deployed to Afghanistan. "It doesn't cost us anything, and is a small way to help soldiers."

"We're proud to show our support for the U.S. soldiers, and to contribute to a worthy cause like Cell Phones for Soldiers," Breeding said. To date, the nonprofit organization has raised almost \$1 million and has provided soldiers overseas with more than 500,000 prepaid calling cards. The

stated goal of the organization is to collect more than 50,000 cell phones.

"We have been overwhelmed by the generous support of thousands of Americans who have helped our troops speak with their loved ones," said the teens' father, Bob Berquist. "However, the need for support keeps growing as more soldiers are sent to the Middle East or are asked to serve extended tours of duty."

Cell Phones for Soldiers sends all donated phones to ReCellular, which in turn pays the organization so that they can provide the prepaid calling cards to soldiers serving outside of the United States.

Mike Newman, vice president of ReCellular was quoted on the Cell Phones For Soldiers website saying, "Americans will replace an estimated 130 million cell phones this year, with the majority of phones either discarded or stuffed in a drawer."

"Most people don't realize that the small sacrifice of donating their unwanted phones can have a tremendous benefit for a worthy cause like Cell Phones for Soldiers," Newman added.

According to Cell Phones for Soldiers, It is estimated that ReCellular

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**Native among finalists in greeting card contest**

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

A photographer with local roots was named a finalist by Hallmark recently in a nationwide search for America's funniest pet card concepts.

Deana W. Tackett, a 1997 Graduate of Prestonsburg High School, was chosen from among thousands as one of 67 finalists who could, through an online voting process, win a \$1,000 grand prize and a trip to Hallmark for a photo shoot and

workshop with their creative team.

"For years, Hallmark consumers have approached us with incredible ideas for greeting cards," said Ingerlene Embry, editorial director at Hallmark. "We want to encourage that passion. People love to create and get great joy out of doing so. As a company built on creativity, communicating and connecting, we understand



Deana W. Tackett

that." According to Hallmark, of the more than 7,000 entries submitted in the "YourPets" competition, most featured pictures of cats and dogs, though other pets included bunnies, turtles, horses, pigs, guinea pigs, birds, hamsters, and even a chinchilla or two.

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**Science center honors donors to new exhibit**

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A ceremony was held Tuesday at the East Kentucky Science Center in recognition of the donations made by companies around the region to help fund a new exhibit.

According to the center's website, the new exhibit — "Our Weakening Web" — is now on display and is designed to give visitors a unique look at how species become endangered and, without intervention, extinct.

The science center exhibit encourages patrons to "Discover how uncontrolled development leads to destruction of wildlife habitats and

puts many species in danger of not being able to survive in Getting Wildlife out of the Way."

The "Weakening Web" exhibit received much of its funding from the National Science Foundation and was designed by The Cincinnati Museum of Natural History.

The event is being sponsored by Equitable Resources, Olin and Muriel Prather Foundation and Chesapeake Energy, who have donated an estimated \$65,000. Both Equitable and Olin Prather are in their third year as sponsors.

Additionally the science center also gave special recognition to the Floyd County Fiscal Court for secur-

(See **DONORS**, page two)



photo by Jack Latta

Several representatives of corporate sponsors met with board members of the East Kentucky Science Center Tuesday, as the center unveiled its new exhibit. According to the center, the sponsors donated over \$65,000 toward the exhibit.

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**Tomorrow**  
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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

■ Berton Bailey, 63, of Hippo, died Monday, February 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Frank Michael Baldrige, 38, of Wayland, died Saturday, March 1, as a huge boulder came smashing down from a cutthrough from a mountain on the Highway of Highway 80 at Martin. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Paul Donald Baldrige, 73, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, March 3, at King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Baldrige. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Rita Gay Swincy Branham, 51, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, March 4, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. She is survived by her husband, Roy Branham. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Doris Gilliam Boyd, 79, of Betsy Layne, died Monday, March 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Orbie Boyd. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 6, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Molly Bryant, 70, of Weeksbury, died Saturday, February 23, at McDowell ARH. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Martha Helen Bolen Childers, 72, of Garrett, died Sunday, February 24, at Hazard ARH. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Andrew Elliott, 78, of Eustis, Florida, formerly of McDowell, died Saturday, March 1, at the Florida Hospital-Waterman, in Tavares, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Elliott. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Dickie Mitchell Goble, 50, of Auxier, died Thursday, February 28, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services

were held Sunday, March 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Sadie M. Hayes, 94, of Allen, died Friday, February 29, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Monday, March 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Treva Lynn Hufford, 59, of Dayton, Ohio, formerly of Dayton, Ohio, died Monday, March 3, at the Hospice of Dayton. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 8, under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Russell Isaac, 71, of Wheelwright, died Friday, February 29, at the McDowell ARH. He is survived by his wife, Elfriede Anna Kohler Isaac. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Ida Mae Johnson, 84, of Weeksbury, died Tuesday, February 26, at home. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Mary E. Layne, 74, of Prospect, Ohio, a Floyd County native, died Sunday, March 2, at her residence. A celebration of life was held Friday, under the direction of Denzer-Farison-Hottinger and Snyder Funeral Home.

■ Blanche McCown, 92, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, February 29, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Monday, March 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Cline Hardy Mullins (Doodle), 66, of Martin, died Monday, March 3, at St. Joseph Martin. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ William Daniel Norris, 61, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, March 1, at his residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Alpha Geneva Hensley Stiltner, 73, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, February 27, in the Cabell-Huntington Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Walter Stiltner. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 1, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Angela Dawn Whitaker, 19,

of David, died Sunday, March 2, in David. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Maurice L. Williams, 84, of Betsy Layne, died Saturday, March 1, in the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 4, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Ethel Wolford, 69, of Ivel, died Thursday, February 28, at the Cleveland Clinic Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 4, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

■ Minnie Auxier, 86, of Buena Vista, Ohio, formerly of the Pond Creek area, died Tuesday, February 26, at Hillcrest Care Center, Buena Vista. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 1, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Annie L. (Phillips) Beal, 80, a native of Fods Creek, died February 25. A celebration of life was held Friday, February 29, under the direction of Keith and Keith Funeral Home.

■ James Reaford Bevins, 43, of Zebulon, died Thursday, February 28, in Floyd County. He is survived by his wife, Melissa Bolden Bevins. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 2, under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Harold Chaney, 48, of Millard, died Thursday, February 28, at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 4, under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Maggie Compton, 94, of Jonancy, died Friday, February 29, at her residence. Funeral services were held Monday, March 3, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Flora Fields, 87, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, March 4, at her home. Funeral services were held Friday, March 7, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Earsel Hardin, 87, of Stopover, died Wednesday, February 27, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 2, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

■ Opal Avonell Henton, 82, of Betsy Layne, died Thursday, March 6 Arrangements, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Roy Lee Hurley, 69, of Majestic, died Friday, February 29, at his residence. Arrangements, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Mark Irick, 46, of Pikeville, died Friday, February 29, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Judy Justice Irick. Funeral services were held Friday, March 7, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Michael Dean "Marcel" Kiser, 45, of Cancy Creek, died Saturday, Feb. 23, at his home. Funeral services were held Monday, February 25, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Grace Matthews, 75, of Phelps, died Tuesday, March 4, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 8, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Ruby Meade, 83, of Kendallville, Ind. formerly of Virgie, died Wednesday, February 27, at the Parkview Noble Hospital in Indiana. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 1, under the direction of Hite Funeral Home.

■ Plenna Aury Ramey, 71, of Mouthcard, died Wednesday, February 27, at his home. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 1, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

■ Lida Williams Rowe, 78, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, died Sunday, March 2, at her residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 5, under direction of Pikeville Funeral Home.

■ Fairy Tackett, 86, of Virgie, died Thursday, February 28, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 2, under the direction of the Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

■ Jean West Thacker, 70, of Canada, died Wednesday, March 5. She is survived by her husband, Edgar Thacker. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 8, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Louise Varney, 73, of Pinsonfork, died Thursday, February 28, at her residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 2, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Bernard Wells, 71, of McCarr, died Thursday, February 28, at Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Charles Wells. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 2, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Graciel Chapman Willis, 73, of Majestic, died Thursday, February 28, at South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 4, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Gina Barker, 47, of Van Lear, died Wednesday, March 5, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Michael Barker. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 8, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Michael Dewayne

Fitzpatrick, 39, of Hager Hill, died Saturday, March 1, at his residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Oakley Patton, 78, died Wednesday, March 5, at East Kentucky Veterans Hospital, in Hazard. He is survived by his wife, Lou Ellen Morris Patton. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 8, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Elizabeth Trimble, 80, of Van Lear, died Wednesday, March 5, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 8, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Ruth Ann Newsome Williams, 57, of Paintsville, a Floyd County native, died Monday, February 25, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, James Williams. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 28, under direction of Preston Funeral Home.

## MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Anna Lee Fraley Rice, 79, of Salyersville, a Floyd County native, died Saturday, March 1, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Mark Franklin "M.F." Rice. Funeral services were held Monday, March 3, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

## MARTIN COUNTY

■ James A. Crum, 65, of Knoxville, Tennessee, formerly of Martin County, died Sunday, February 24, in Knoxville, Tennessee. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 27, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Dolly Jude Farley, 55, of Inez, died Saturday, March 1, at her residence. Funeral services were held Monday, March 3, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Mona Musick Meek, 65, of Inez, died Thursday, February 28, at Three Rivers Medical Center, at Louisa. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 2, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Maisie Thompson Moore, 73, of Lovely, died Friday, February 29, at her home. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 2, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Lossie J. Newsome, 90, of

Inez, died Saturday, March 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 4, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Anna Francis Perry, 83, of Beauty, died Tuesday, February 26. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 1, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

## KNOTT COUNTY

■ Anthony Keith Blair, 46, of Somerset, formerly of Hindman, died Tuesday, February 19, in Somerset. He is survived by his wife, Catherine Blair. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 23, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Johnny Dawson Jacobs, 6, of Pippa Passes, died Sunday, February 17, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 21, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Edward Lovins, 56, of Vest, died Monday, February 25, at his home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 27, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

## Bills

mary sponsor for eight bills, including House Bill 35 which would, "designate the last three weeks of the school year in each school district as the testing window for the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System." If passed, the measure would take effect in the 2009-10 school year.

Collins also sponsored a bill which, if successful, would create a 21st Century Skill Center at Morehead State University.

According to the legislation, the center would provide training in educational leadership and innovative professional development to improve Kentucky schools.

The legislation lists five stated purposes for the center including:

- Develop collaborative partnerships with schools, businesses, community ventures, and other higher education providers on issues related to twenty-first century skills;
- Conduct regional seminars and mentoring to help school district teams and university students and faculty explore emerging twenty-first century educational technologies and strategies;
- Provide a state-of-the-art twenty-first century model classroom learning environment where educators can experiment with digital tools and learning strategies;
- Assess and share with Kentucky educators research-based materials, instructional modules, and techniques as part of best practices for enhancing the teaching of twenty-first century skills; and
- Assist districts in the integration of collaborative learning techniques and real world applications in the innovative instruction of core content."

Sen. Johnny Ray Turner also filed four bills in the state Senate, many of which are efforts to improve benefits to veterans.

Among those, Senate Bill 67, of which Turner was the primary sponsor, would allow

out of state veterans of the United States Armed Services eligible for instate hunting and fishing permit fees and rates.

Turner also filed legislation which would create scholarships available to family and spouses of fallen coal miners.

The Kentucky legislature's regular session convenes for 60 days on even numbered years and 30 days on odd numbered years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January. It also can convene in special sessions at the request of the governor.

According to the Kentucky Constitution, the regular session must end no later than April 15 in even-numbered

## Phones

reconditions and resells the phones to wholesale companies around the world. Phones which are unable to be refurbished are recycled to reclaim materials.

Local residents can drop off cell phones during normal business hours, Monday

## Finalist

Tackett's winning photo card showed a friend's pug accompanied by the caption, "I'm SHOCKED! After all these years, you're still a HANDSOME DOG! Happy Birthday!"

According to Hallmark, the judges were made up by both creative staff within Hallmark, as well as experts within the pet community.

The finalists were judged based on three criteria: sendability (how easily the card can be sent to multiple people), theme, and humor/cohesiveness of caption.

According to Hallmark, Tackett and the other 66 finalists, in addition to having their design sold online and in more than 13,000 stores finalists will

years or by March 30 in odd-numbered years.

## Donors

ing the initial funding for the exhibit.

The East Kentucky Science Center is located on the Prestonsburg Campus of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

Those interested in bringing a school group or family who wish to learn what they can do to help "Our Weakening Web" can call 606-889-0303 or visit us on the web at www.wedo-science.org.

through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon. The office is located at 686 N. Lake Drive in Prestonsburg.

For more information about the program, please visit www.cellphonesforsoliders.com.

receive \$250.

The Kansas City-based company Hallmark, is known throughout the world for its greeting cards, as well as their dramatic series, the Hallmark Hall of Fame.

The company reportedly publishes their products in more than 30 languages, with distribution in over 100 countries.

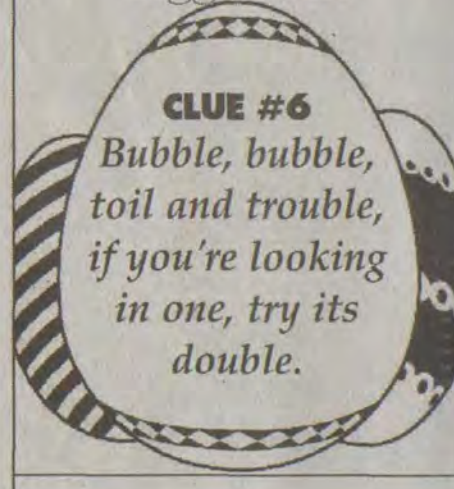
Floyd Countians can rally behind Tackett and vote for her entry once a day through Sept. 14 by logging on to http://www.hallmark.com/you.

Tackett who works as a photographer in Nashville, regularly makes trips back to the region to do private photo shoots. Tackett's work can be viewed on her web site at www.tackettphotography.com.

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RESULTS FOR WEEK OF March 2 - March 8, 2008

## How should state government balance its budget?

Raise taxes	■	(21 Votes, 17%)
Cut Services	■	(31 Votes, 25%)
Casino gambling	■	(63 Votes, 50%)
Don't Know	■	(11 Votes, 9%)

## Go online today and answer this week's question!

Do you think the University of Kentucky Wildkats have a shot of making the basketball playoffs this year?

- Yes, they've really improved.
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2x6 *SPF* KD.	3.11	3.77	4.77	5.44	6.33
2x8 *SPF* KD.	4.44	5.33	6.33	7.22	8.44
2x10 *SPF* KD.	5.55	7.22	8.77	9.55	11.33

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2x4x92 5/8" Studs.....	<b>\$1.66</b>
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<b>1/2" CDX Plywood...A.P.A.....</b>	<b>12.88</b>
5/8" CDX .....	15.98
3/4" T & G .....	21.44
1/4" Lauan Exterior .....	9.88
3/8" One Side Ext. ....	17.55

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Description	8'	10'	12'	14'	16'
2x4 Treated	\$2.44	\$3.33	\$4.33	\$5.33	\$5.88
2x6 Treated	3.33	4.55	5.66	6.88	7.98
2x8 Treated	5.15	6.33	7.88	8.88	10.88
2x10 Treated	6.77	9.88	11.55	13.88	14.77
4x4 Treated	6.44	7.88	9.98	10.88	13.77
6x6 Treated	15.55	17.77	21.88	25.55	29.88
1x6 Treated	2.88		4.77		
5/4x6 Treated	3.55	4.55	5.55		8.44
2x2	\$2.22	4 Step Riser .....			\$8.44
48" Colonial Post	\$9.55	36" Spindle			\$1.44
8' Grooved Handrail	\$7.44	Ball Top			\$3.77
"4x4"x8" Turned Column					\$33.33
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3030	36 1/2" x 36 1/2"	104.88
2840	32 1/2" x 48 1/2"	108.88
3040	36 1/2" x 48 1/2"	112.88
3052	36 1/2" x 62 1/2"	116.88

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Glass size	Rough Opening	Price
20x16	26" x 42"	\$95.77
24x16	30" x 42"	102.77
28x16	34" x 42"	104.77
32x16	38" x 42"	109.77
24x24	30" x 58"	122.77
28x24	34" x 58"	124.77

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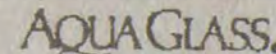


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— Felix Frankfurter

## Guest view

### Let the people have final say

Regardless of what you think about expanded gaming, Kentucky residents deserve the right to vote on the issue.

Many lawmakers said they have heard from constituents who overwhelmingly want the issue on the ballot, with many of those same people saying they actually would vote against it.

Sen. Joey Pendleton, D-Hopkinsville, sent out a pre-General Assembly questionnaire to his constituents in Logan, Christian and Todd counties.

One of the questions asked residents if they were in favor of having a vote on a constitutional amendment for expanded gaming.

Sixty-nine percent in the district wanted to vote on it and of those more than 50 percent said they would vote against expanded gambling, according to Pendleton.

Many political observers also believe that Gov. Steve Beshear's election over Ernie Fletcher was at least in part a referendum on expanded gambling.

Fletcher campaigned relentlessly against expanded gaming, while Beshear said it should be left to the people.

Beshear won that election with 58.7 percent of the votes.

A Courier-Journal Bluegrass Poll in September showed that while most religious group leaders didn't favor expanded gambling, more than 75 percent of their congregations favored putting the question on the ballot.

The same poll found that 53.8 percent of the 812 adults surveyed had either played the lottery, bet on a horse race or participated in legal gambling outside the state in the past 12 months.

The Senate already has approved (23-12) putting on the ballot a constitutional amendment that will hold little significance for most of the general public. If approved by voters, the amendment would abolish the state treasurer's office.

There can be up to four constitutional questions on the General Election ballot. Tradition has held that two are generated in each chamber, but that doesn't have to be the case, according to the Secretary of State's office.

Rep. Rob Wilkey, D-Scottsville, acknowledged that there has been some controversy surrounding how the gambling bill came out of committee.

"But I think it's important to remember when we talk about this is what we will be approving is simply a question that the citizens of the state will decide," Wilkey said.

Wilkey said he's not afraid of democracy or of the people of the commonwealth.

"We are simply placing the question before the voters," he said.

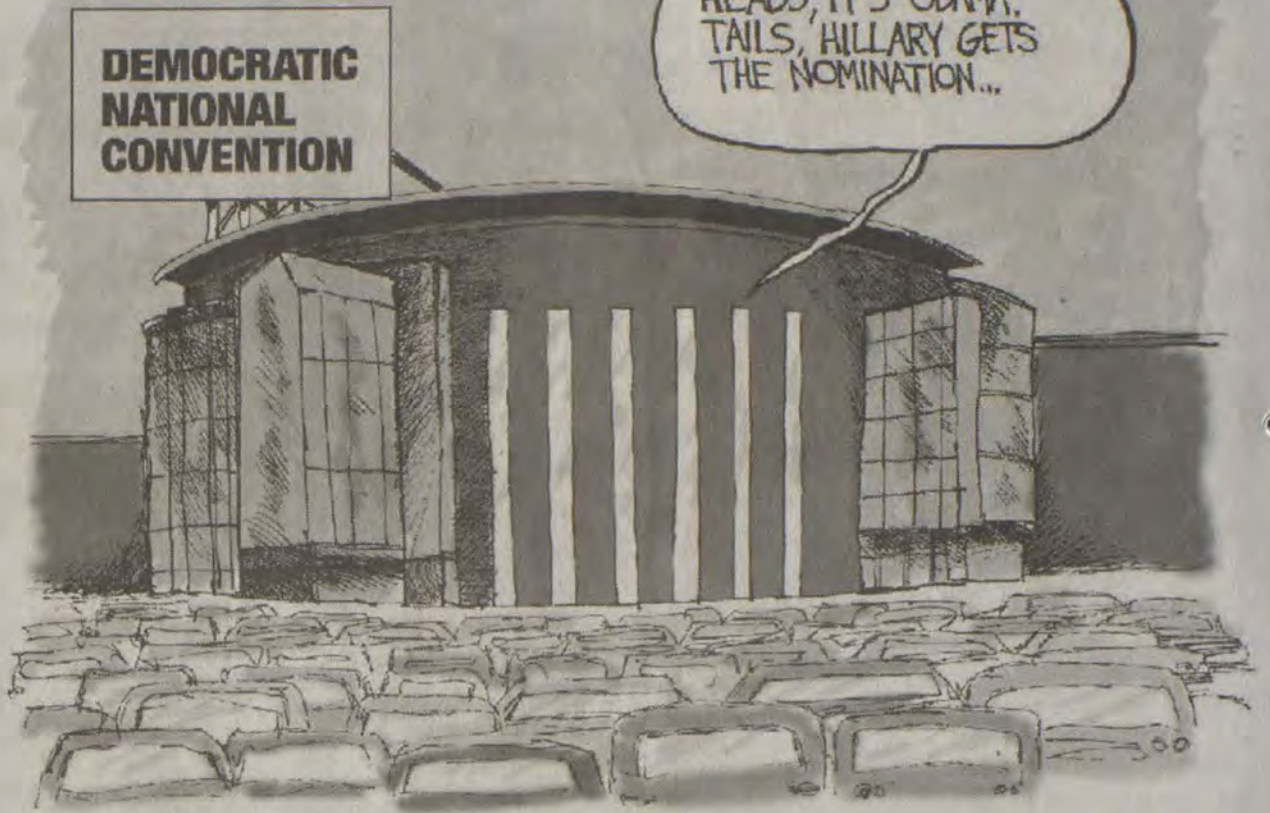
Why can't we allow the public to vote on something that has impassioned voices on both sides of the issue.

We support bringing the matter to the people, but let's make sure the language of the amendment is clear and to the point, not the wordy amendment that Beshear first proposed.

Let's give Kentuckians something they care about and put the expanded gaming issue on the ballot. That way the discussion can either have closure or begin the process of bringing gaming to the state.

— Daily News, Bowling Green

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## Rich Lowry Column

### Republicans for Hillary

Hillary Clinton might be losing Democratic voters to Barack Obama, but she has a stalwart cheering section that won't abandon her even as she slips in the polls: Republicans nearly everywhere.

Bill's relationship to Hillary is blissfully straightforward compared with that of Republicans. They hate her, and they love hating her. They have wanted her to lose the nomination for the mere sport of it, and they have wanted her to win because they think she's the weakest potential Democratic nominee. The party seems united in its quiet pleading: "Please, Hillary, you're in it, now win it — for us."

Despite her intelligence and discipline, Hillary entered the race saddled with inherent weaknesses. She has the kind of negative ratings candidates usually have only after the battering of a general-election campaign, not before. Her political persona ranges from grim to charmless. She may call herself an "agent of change," but she's emblematic of an entire era of search-and-destroy partisan politics.

She is the Tony Robbins of negative Republican motivation. At a town-hall meeting in Derry, N.H., back in January, Mitt Romney tried to stir the crowd in the immediate wake of Barack Obama's victory in Iowa:

"We cannot afford Barack Obama as the next president." About two people applauded. The next day he mentioned Obama again, but added, "I can't wait to meet Hillary Clinton face to face." Sustained applause.

"She has tremendous baggage, high negatives, and she can't be the candidate of change," says a top Republican strategist who pines for her to be the nominee.

All of that was true even before her bitter campaign with Obama created a wave of revulsion against her among liberal opinion makers; before she had a rift to heal with African-Americans, high-income liberals and the Kennedy crowd; before she became the "two-in-one" candidate with Bill again, and at times seemingly the junior partner.

Republicans speak in wishful terms about Hillary winning the nomination and fearful ones about Obama overtaking her. "It'll be hard as hell to run against Obama," says the GOP strategist. The Illinois senator's negative ratings could be driven up in a general election, but "hope" is an elusive and risky target for attack. In Obama's favor, the strategist says, is that he's "incredibly likable," that he has "iconic status," that "Americans

would like to vote for an African-American" and that "he represents real change."

Elections can't be forecast with precision eight months out, of course. If Hillary should win the Democratic nomination, it will be because of strengths not apparent in her lowest moments. And any Democrat has to be favored when 60 percent of the public disapproves of the Republican two-term incumbent's performance.

As for Obama, he has the most liberal voting record in the Senate, according to the National Journal, and his lack of experience might matter to general-election voters in a way it hasn't among hope-hungry Democrats. If Obama has more electorate upside than Hillary, he also might have more downside risk.

But most Republicans don't want to find out. Obama may give inspiring speeches at campaign events thronged by thousands, but for Republicans, there's only one candidate of hope: Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



## beyond the beltway

### Patagonia's 'summer' beats Michigan winter

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

I went to Ushuaia last month. I know what you're thinking: "Who's she?"

Wrong question. Ushuaia is a town on Tierra del Fuego at the southern tip of South America. Not the end of the earth perhaps but you can see it from there.

So what was I doing there? I moved to Michigan recently to be near my ancestral home (a vacant lot in Detroit). And it turned out I'd forgotten something.

Winters are really lousy in Detroit. You wake up to single-digit temperatures and spend the day getting snow in your shoe. The skies are not cloudy all day because there is no sky. There is instead a gray canopy that hangs over you and makes life look like an early Ingmar Bergman movie.

Being more of a Fellini kind of guy, I decided to go south. I was thinking Florida or Arizona — maybe take in a little spring training — when Argentine friends called and invited my wife and me on a trip to Patagonia. To, as a matter of fact, Ushuaia, where it's summer, they said.

The next thing I know I'm in the woods in Tierra del Fuego, lashed by a cold rain driven by 30-mile-an-hour winds. While this is a step up from a Michigan winter, it is a small step

and not my idea of summer.

But we were there so we persevered and eventually saw all the wonders of Patagonia — penguins, cormorants, sea lions, condors, guanacos (a kind of llama-like creature) and, most incredibly of all, remnants of the Yamana civilization.

The Yamanas were a primitive people who'd lived in the area for an estimated 10,000 years before the arrival of 19th century missionaries, who brought them God, civilization and extinction.

Actually, "primitive" doesn't begin to do justice to them. They didn't wear clothes.

This is not the South Sea Islands we're talking about. This is a harsh and punishing climate that seldom gets above 50 degrees and more often rests in the 30s. It snows in the winter, rains almost daily in the summer and the wind blows. A lot.

Naked. They lived in little huts made of sticks and animal pelts and ate seals and shellfish almost exclusively. After they finished the shellfish they'd throw the shells out the door until they piled up in a wall around the hut. Then they'd move.

When they hunted seal, the man would stand in the front of the canoe with his spear raised, waiting for his chance, while the woman sat in back and rowed. (Sounds like a plank in the Republican Party platform, doesn't it?)

To get shellfish the women would dive into the water — it's 30 degrees

remember — while the men watched. I mean they just watched. Always. Yamana men never learned how to swim!

I suppose it's fitting that this beautiful, desolate land spawned so strange and otherworldly a people. Ushuaia is a tourist boomtown of 60,000 now but everywhere else on the island you feel as though you're taking a trip back through time measured not in centuries but millennia.

Ushuaia began life as an Argentine penal colony for repeat offenders who were made to build their own prison.

And what a prison. It's a museum now but they've kept one wing of it as it was 100 years ago, a three-story stone building lined with tiers of unheated closet-sized cells. It makes Alcatraz look like the Augusta National Golf Club.

I'll tell you how bad it was. The prisoners' reward for good behavior was to be allowed to go into the mountains in the rain and snow and chop wood, build roads and lay track, dressed in flimsy prison garb.

The malcontents were punished by having to spend the day in their bone-chilling mausoleum. Juan Peron, not known for his humanitarian gestures, finally closed the place.

Our weather improved finally, and we wound up having a grand and memorable time.

When we got back to Michigan, it snowed four inches.

Don Kaul is a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington correspondent who, by his own account, is right

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

As the fellow told his old woman when the clock struck 17, it's later than you think.

**NEIGHBORLY ADVICE**

When a certain man telephoned the home of a friend and was told that the man of the house was fishing on this cold, cloudy, blustery day, the caller cautioned the poor sap's wife:

"When he gets back, be gentle with him till I can get there with the plow lines."

**DOWN TEXAS WAY**

James Morell keeps me posted on the situation, down in Loving County, Texas, and it appears to be a bit on the unusual side.

The federal government is trying to get the county to initiate a free food program (commodities) for the poor, but Loving County officials say everybody already has three square meals a day, without government help or intervention.

Washington is determined to take a census of the county (area, 647 square miles), but the Census Bureau is being reminded that the county judge down there can give them all the figures without any further ado—population, 165; farms, one; telephones, 20; automobiles, 47; oil wells, three per person; jail, one unused cell.

Government also declares Loving County schools must be integrated, and that's going to take some busing of pupils, we learn. For the county only has only one school, and there isn't a black child in the county.

One thing they need is water, one they don't—The Pill.

**EXPOSED TO THE RAYS**

Strange that the sun becomes of interest, to everybody, only when it's in eclipse. We were warned not to look at the sun during Saturday's partial eclipse, because of the damage that might result to the naked eye...And then I foolishly strolled outside with my hat off.

**LABOR SAVING DEVICE**

This report is not fully confirmed, but I am told that Watt Hale has taken his polk warden duties so seriously that he has invented a device along the lines of a Geiger counter or mine detector, which will enable his constituents to locate the polk roots underground. Thus they are enabled to stake out their claims to the spots where they know the sprouts will emerge, and save the warden a lot of future policing of the operation.



Adam Harbin already has his bike loaded and in tip-top shape for his departure to California this coming Tuesday morning.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

**Chasing a dream  
Young man plans  
cycling trip to California**

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

Young and free and ready to take advantage of both those factors, Adam Harbin, age 19, is preparing to embark on a trip he has long envisioned. "I always heard it was pretty there," Harbin said of the city he plans to arrive in, in approximately two months — and, oh yes, by way of bicycle.

Already loaded with all the gear he believes he'll need for the 2,000-plus miles trip westward, Harbin plans to embark this coming Tuesday morning on his Trek 1000 road bike to California's beautiful Santa Monica.

"Yeah, my family is not exactly happy, but they've accepted it," Harbin said of his decision to travel by bike from Prestonsburg to California. "My mom is a little wor-

ried, she's afraid I'll get hit by a car and she'll never see me again. My brother is pretty much excited for me, and my two sisters both think I'm an idiot," he said. "But I've always wanted to take a big bike trip and I have the opportunity and so I thought I might as well do it now."

Harbin will be traveling with "about 100 lbs." of weight, including the weight of his Trek 1000. For the trip, he has packed, among other items, a tent, sleeping bag, small propane stove, a laptop computer, digital camera, cell phone, skateboard, and clothing. "I plan on camping all the way," he said. With a daily agenda that will include rising early and stopping at sunset, Harbin says he plans to travel "about 65 to 75 miles a day," which he proposes should enable him to arrive at his destination in mid-

May. He plans to return to Kentucky via train.

Harbin has promised to make every attempt to keep in touch with his hometown newspaper via email along the way. In the weeks to come, we hope to bring our readers regular updates on his progress as he keeps us informed.

"I'm pretty excited, I guess," he said. "And I plan on riding on through whatever the weather...rain, snow, whatever, I plan to keep going."

Harbin is the son of Michael and Vicki Harbin, of Floyd County, and Penny Lewis, of Johnson County. He has three younger siblings: a brother, Jeremy, age 17; and sisters Amber, age 15, and Paige, 18.

He will be taking a break from his job at Food City, in Prestonsburg, to embark upon his dream trip of a lifetime.

**MOVIES FROM  
THE BLACK LAGOON**

**'Breakdown'**

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

A husband frantically searches for his kidnapped wife through hostile desert terrain in this thriller which should cure that spring season wanderlust in most viewers.

The movie opens with a married couple, Jeff and Amy, driving along a Nevada highway en route to a new life in California. The couple are nervous about making the big move (from Boston) and have staked their meager finances on the trip.

Jeff only takes his eyes off the road for a second, but that's long enough for a local to pull out in front of him and proceed at granny speed (commuters who travel U.S. 23 should find this moment to be especially potent). Jeff nearly wraps his new Jeep around the truck, but manages to pass the driver without mishap.



Tom Doty  
Times Columnist

The next scene finds them counting their blessings at a roadside gas-and-go establishment when a long-haired desert rat, named Earl, begins complimenting Jeff on the jeep before revealing that it was his truck that almost got totaled. Earl is obviously spoiling for a fight, but the mild-mannered Jeff intones that he doesn't want any trouble. Of course, he gets a handful.

There is a brief respite where the two joke about a pack of donuts which is offering a prize from the manufacturer — a chance at winning 90,000 donuts or dollars. While chuckling over who in their right mind would opt for the donuts, their jeep breaks down. A passing trucker stops by and offers to drive them to a nearby diner where they can arrange a tow. Jeff doesn't appear to entirely trust this act of kindness but Amy convinces him it is a good idea.

Jeff gives in and almost immediately regrets the decision. He spots two dangling wires under his vehicle and connects them to find that he has fixed the problem but he's got a bigger one now. No one at the diner remembers Amy and there is no sign of the truck. He heads back out on the road and spots the truck, which refuses to pull over until he forces the issue by cutting it off.

Things take a Twilight Zone turn now as the trucker claims he's never seen Jeff. Luckily a sheriff stops by the scene but a search of the vehicle reveals nothing and he must let the trucker go.

Jeff winds up back at the diner where things go poorly, again, and he is forced to leave by the owner who actually pulls a gun on him. A young man approaches Jeff in the lot and says he saw the wife taken by a trucker who then used a nearby route to a lake.

Jeff takes off and is soon pursued by Earl's pickup, which he loses in a desperate maneuver that you shouldn't try at home — namely plunging down a hill into a river. He washes ashore

(See LAGOON, page six)

**Child's therapy**

by BARBARA HAILE

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE NURSE'S SOUL: A SECOND DOSE"

Beth holds the door open for her 5-year-old daughter, Haley, so she can maneuver her tiny red walker into the brightly decorated lobby of the children's clinic. It is a place far too familiar to Haley. She is well known to the staff. Today is a good day for Haley. Her energy level is uncharacteristically high, as she grips the handles of the walker with her small hands and guides its tiny wheels in the direction of the waiting room.

Care Bears dance on her bright pink sweatsuit, and blond curls bounce around her shoulders. Her twinkling blue eyes complement the big smile that is on her face.

While her mommy signs her in at the desk, Haley, ever the independent one, looks over the group of children and adults in the room. In a corner a young boy about 12 sits alone, head down, face obscured by his dark-blue baseball cap. Haley slowly approaches him. Beth follows her and takes a seat nearby on a couch next to a woman who turns out to be the boy's mother.

The child's name is Timmy, and his mom and Beth watch as Haley moves closer to him, trying to get his attention. Soon she stands near his chair, smiling at him even as he continues to ignore her. The other children are laughing and playing across the room in the play area, their parents appearing to be unaware of the disabled boy and the crippled girl. Timmy's mom tells Beth that he was tragically burned more than two years ago when he tried to fill a cigarette lighter with fluid, thinking he was helping his dad. He did not realize he had spilled some of the fluid onto his pajamas, and when he flicked the lighter to see if it worked, the pj's caught on fire. Since that time, the once outgoing, happy little

boy had become withdrawn and keenly aware of his disfigurement. There was much scarring on his neck and hands. He always wore the cap to try to hide the ugly, bright-pink ridges climbing up to his face, and he wore long-sleeve clothing to cover his rough, scarred hands.

While listening to the story, Beth notices Haley still standing closely, almost protectively by Timmy, who is now glancing at her from underneath the bill of his cap. Just then, Nurse Anne,

Haley's favorite, walks through the room and calls out Haley's name. Haley reluctantly moves away from the corner while looking back at Timmy. It is as though she can sense his pain. Anne quietly observes this and reaches out her arms to Haley with tears in her eyes. She lifts the little girl from her walker, and Haley snuggles her head on Anne's shoulder as she's carried into the exam room.

(See SOUP, page six)



# Reader plays the endless mileage game

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:  
My 1997 Honda Accord has 270,000 miles. It still runs great, and doesn't use any oil. There are some problems I could take care of, like a clicking from an axle, struts that are pretty worn out and a pitted windshield. But overall, it runs well. My brother says I should get a new car. He cites safety concerns, and says that things like tie rods could break and lead to an accident. Since I'm adopting a 1-year-old child soon, I don't really want to break down anywhere, but I've never been too worried about it before. Anyway, I'm thinking of trying to go to 300,000 miles and then give her up. What do you think? —Linda

RAY: Ah, the endless mileage contest. I have other customers like you, Linda. You say you just want to get to 300,000. And then when you get there, you'll say, "I just want to get to 325,000." I know your type.

TOM: Me too. You have my full support, Linda. As long as the rust hasn't diminished the structural integrity of the car, the safety stuff

can be addressed pretty easily. You take the car to a mechanic you trust, and you ask him to look it over, stem to stern, as if you were thinking of buying it as a used car.

RAY: Once he gives you the full report, you ask him which of the problems are safety-related, and you fix those first. And, by the way, the worn struts and pitted windshield should be on that list.

TOM: You're almost always better off, economically, keeping an old car rather than buying a new one. So if you address any safety issues, you have our blessing to keep driving this heap.

RAY: The primary drawback of an old car like this, aside from its lack of the latest safety features, is that it's not as reliable as a newer car. When you have 270,000 miles on a vehicle, at any moment the fuel pump could have "the big one" and go to join Elizabeth. That WOULD leave you stranded.

TOM: And sure, that could happen with 70,000 miles on the car, or 170,000, too. But the likelihood of breaking down and getting stuck increases with every mile you put on

the car. If you travel far from home with a small child, that becomes a consideration.

RAY: Right. If it was just you, it'd be no big deal. You call for help on your cell phone and wait around for a while. But if it's a hot day, and your last diaper is soiled, waiting a couple of hours for AAA to show up could be a grave crisis!

### A shaky problem

Dear Tom and Ray:  
I'm in Taji, Iraq, driving a Mitsubishi diesel pickup with a turbo, intercooled engine. It's very hard to start in the morning. You have to pump the gas at least 10 times, and then, once it starts, you have to hold the pedal all the way down until it stops shaking. There are no external markings to indicate that the truck is a diesel. Not even the gas cap is marked. Do you suppose that the previous driver put gasoline in it by accident? Or is there some other problem? Please help. Contractor support here is minimal, and the shaking is hard on an old guy like me first thing in the morning. — Dan

RAY: If I were in Iraq, a little

engine shake would be the last thing I'd be worried about, Dan. Those "backfires" are what would scare the heck out of me!

TOM: From your description, it sounds like not all of your cylinders are firing right away, like it's running on two or three cylinders. You can keep the engine from stalling by planting your foot on the gas pedal. But it's not until the engine warms up that the other cylinders jump in and make the truck drivable.

RAY: The first thing I'd suspect, in that case, would be your fuel filter or fuel injectors.

TOM: The fuel filter could be clogged for all kinds of reasons. Perhaps no one's changed it since Saddam threw out all the Jiffy al-Lubes. Or maybe some "unfriendly" have been filling the tank with camel whiz? Who knows?

RAY: If the fuel filter is clean, or

the problem continues after you change it, then it could be partially plugged injectors. When an engine's cold, it's very unforgiving of stuff like that.

TOM: But once an engine warms up, a bad spray pattern from an injector is less of a big deal.

RAY: Of course, if the truck continues to run rough even after it's warm and idles roughly, then you could have something more serious; a worn-out engine with lousy compression. In which case, you'll have to appeal for some better contractor support, Dan, in the form of a new engine. Good luck.

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## Lagoon

and spies Earl but he doesn't notice the kid from the lot until he is bashing him over the head.

Jeff comes to and is surrounded by an ugly quartet that includes Earl, the trucker (Red Barry), an older gentleman (referred to once as Al) and the kid, who's actually a conniving thief named Billy. These guys apparently have a plan to give back Amy if Jeff can name the figure in their bank account.

Jeff eventually remembers the donut conversation and buys his wife some time. Unfortunately these guys actually believe the couple has that much money and they force

Jeff to go into a bank and have it wired to him. This puts Jeff in a pickle since he doesn't have the dough, but he decides to play along and wait for an opportunity to strike back.

He turns out to be a resourceful guy and the game is on. I can't give away anymore, but rest assured that this one delivers on the chill factor and features several hair-raising scenes in which the hero must match wits, and fists, with his wife's kidnappers. It all culminates with a spectacular car sequence right out of the "Road Warrior" that has Jeff taking on three vehicles in an all-out smashup.

The final scene gets a little

farfetched and seems more appropriate for a "Terminator" film (which funnily enough was the director's next gig, "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines").

This one works due to two factors — plotting and performance. The script gives you an everyman character up against some hardcore types so it's easy to root for him when he uses his wits to strike back.

There are also some nice touches which tell the story without a lot of tired dialogue, such as a sequence where Jeff breaks into the barn the gang uses and spies a ton of evidence that these guys have been busy for a long time. Said

moment is complimented by an earlier one in which Jeff spies a ton of posters at the sheriff's office listing an unusually high number of missing people who were last seen in the region.

It's all made believable thanks to the actors. Kurt Russell makes you forget he was ever Snake Plisken with his believable turn as Jeff, while J.T. Walsh steals the show as the evil Red. Walsh manages to make Red all the more scary by showing his softer side in several scenes with his wife and son. Red's gang is also well rendered by M.C. Gainey, as Earl, and Jack Noseworthy, particularly vile as Billy, the Kid.

The best news is that this disc is still available for rent and it sells for less than \$10. There aren't any extras on the disc but the story delivers and most deleted scenes deserve to stay that way.

Best line: "You should have gotten rid of him like that couple from Ohio." 1997, rated R.

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## Soup

Timmy's mother explains how Anne has tried everything to reach her son, but in spite of her persistent, loving efforts, he rejects her and everyone else there.

A short while later, Haley and her mom are preparing to leave the clinic and head for the promised visit to the ice-cream parlor. Beth turns to the exit door, but Haley is whispering to Anne, who is kneeling face to face with her. The two conspirators — the

endearing disabled child and the caring nurse — smile at one another, hug and then part.

"Just a minute, Mommy," Haley says.

She crosses the room to where Timmy still sits in his solitary corner. She puts her tiny fingers on his tightly closed fist almost hidden in his jacket sleeve. He lifts his eyes to meet hers and does not pull away.

Haley whispers, "I think you are beautiful."

Tears appear in Timmy's eyes as Haley continues, "Every night my mommy prays with me and we ask God to take care of me. Tonight we will pray for you."

The adults in the room who had previously avoided looking at Timmy are now watching and listening. Timmy looks directly at Haley, then holds his arms out to her. She leans away from the safety of her walker and into his embrace.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

### Appeal Social Security decisions online

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Some people know that when you apply for disability benefits from Social Security, you have the right to appeal the decision you do not agree with. But did you know that now you can file an appeal over the Internet? Doing it online can help speed the process and assist Social Security in serving you better.

The Internet Appeal process is a fast, convenient, secure way to appeal a decision on your Social Security disability claim that you don't agree with. You can file your appeal online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/appeal](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/appeal).

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CBA: Miners fall to Minot in regular-season finale

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Host Minot won three quarters Thursday night as American Conference foe East Kentucky visited for a late regular-season game at the Municipal Auditorium.

Six different Minot players reached double figures in the scoring column. Farragut Academy product Ronnie Fields led a balanced Minot offensive effort.



Miners guard Mike Dean scored a game-high 40 points versus Minot Thursday night.

Kentucky with a game-high 40 points. Dean hit 13-of-13 shots from the free throw line and connected on 5-of-11 three-point field goal attempts.

Josh Pace contributed 30 points, seven rebounds and four assists for the Miners.

Steve Thomas added a double-double of 20 points and 19 rebounds for the

Miners in the setback. Thomas, who ranked as the game's leading rebounder, pulled down 16 defensive caroms.

Jason McLeish also registered a double-double for East Kentucky, finishing with 16 points and 11 assists.

The Miners recorded 33 assists opposed to 16 turnovers.

East Kentucky hit 81.3-percent (26-of-32) of its shots from the free throw line.

Minot went 53-for-99 (53.5-percent) from the field. The Skyrockets hit 50-percent (6-of-12) of their 3-point field goal attempts.

Minot outrebounded East

Kentucky 54-41.

The Skyrockets took a 41-33 lead out of the opening quarter. After falling behind in the second quarter, Minot was able to regain the lead early in the second half, outscoring East Kentucky 37-28 in the third quarter.

Center Lee Scruggs provided Minot (35-10) an inside presence, blocking four shots. As a team, Minot blocked nine East Kentucky scoring attempts.

East Kentucky will travel to Pittsburgh on Tuesday, March 11 for a CBA Playoffs play-in game versus the Xplosion. Tip-

Players to be penalized in HS soccer for illegal equipment

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS - Effective with the 2008-09 high school soccer season, players will be penalized (yellow card) for subsequent violations of illegal equipment rules.

A change in the penalty for illegally equipped players was one of three rules revisions approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Soccer Rules Committee at its annual meeting January 27-28 in Indianapolis.

The first caution (yellow card) for an illegally equipped player is issued to the coach, a rule that was implemented last year. Beginning next season, all subsequent cautions for illegally equipped players will be issued directly to the player and not to the coach.

Both illegally and improperly equipped players will be instructed to leave the field of play at the discovery of illegal equipment. The removed player(s) who has not been cautioned may re-enter during a dead ball.

The committee added definitions for "illegally equipped" and "improperly equipped" as well. An illegally equipped player is a player not wearing equipment required by rule or wearing an item or items not allowed by rule.

"In the past, the coach could be cautioned subsequent times in a single game for equipment vio-

(See SOCCER, page two)



Prestonsburg suffered a season-ending loss to defending 15th Region Tournament champion Shelby Valley Thursday night.

P'burg falls to Valley

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - Elisha Justice scored a game-high 24 points Thursday night as defending 15th Region champion Shelby Valley eliminated Prestonsburg from the regional tournament.

The Wildcats owned a 27-19 halftime lead after outscoring Prestonsburg 14-10 in the first quarter. Shelby Valley managed to separate itself from the Blackcats in the second half.

Ashley Hatfield scored 12 points and Tyler Newsome tossed in 10 for the Wildcats.

Ten different Shelby Valley players scored in the regional tournament opening round game.

Shelby Valley doubled up Prestonsburg 24-12 in the third quarter. The Wildcats improved to 24-4 after posting the victory

Jody Tackett and Michael Burchett led Prestonsburg with 10 points apiece. Taylor Clark tossed in nine points for the Blackcats and Jordan Hall aided the Prestonsburg offensive effort with eight points.

In the 14th Region, host Perry County Central eliminated Breathitt County, defeating the Bobcats 51-34.

Sophomore guard Chris Noble went 8-for-10 from three-point range and scored 24 points to lead the Commodores past the Bobcats.

In the 16th Region at Morehead State University, defending champion Elliott County coasted past Greenup County, winning 79-53. Jonathan Ferguson led Elliott County with a game-high 23 points.

Rose Hill defeated Rowan County 62-37 in the 16th Region Tournament's other matchup. Sophomore Chad Jackson led Rose Hill with a double-double of 31 points and 10 rebounds.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Rows include 15th Region Tournament at East Kentucky Expo Center, Shelby Valley 80, Prestonsburg 50, and individual player stats for both teams.



photos by Greg Moore

Quarter century has passed since Cale Yarborough led all 500 laps at Bristol

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. - The date was March 25, 1973. Nothing extraordinary about that day - unless you were lucky enough to be at Bristol Motor Speedway for the Southeastern 500.

That race turned out to be pretty special for Cale Yarborough. Sure, it was the first of nine times he would tame the field and cruise into victory lane at the half-mile oval but that wasn't the only thing that made the race unique.

Yarborough started the race from the pole and never once did he stray from the point. For 500 grueling laps, the South Carolinian held tightly to the lead and when the checkers finally fell two hours, 57 minutes and 43 seconds later he hadn't given up any ground.

No driver has come close to duplicating that feat at the World's Fastest Half-Mile. In fact, it has happened only a handful of times at other tracks - when Jack Smith won the Firecracker 250 at Daytona from the pole in 1960, when Glen Wood led all 200 laps from the pole in two different races at Bowman Gray in 1960 and when Buck Baker won at Watkins Glen from the top spot in 1957.

With the 25th anniversary of that great moment coming up just after the running of the Food City 500 at BMS on March 16, Yarborough still smiles when he remembers that special day.

"You know, that's something to really be proud of," he said. "That's not done that much on any track but to do it at Bristol, well, nobody had ever done it before and I don't think anybody will ever do it again. That's always been a pretty big deal for me."

That day Yarborough, whose pole speed of 107.608 mph in his Chevrolet was a new track record, won a whopping \$6,530 for his historic victory. He beat Richard Petty by two laps and Bobby Allison by five. The rest of the top 10 finishers were Dave Marcis in fourth, followed by Benny Parsons, Lennie Pond, Coo Coo Marlin, James Hylton, Vic Parsons and John Utsman.

Other notables in the field that day included Richard Childress (20th), who would go on to become one of the sport's most successful team owners, Donnie Allison (24th) and Buddy Baker (25th).

The last place finisher that day was none other than Darrell Waltrip, who was making his first start at Bristol Motor Speedway. Waltrip finished 30th that day but would go on to become the all-time winner at Bristol with a dozen victories.



EAST KENTUCKY MINERS COACH KEVIN KEATHLEY gave instructions to Marcus Heard during a recent home game at the Expo Center.

Tigers get revenge on Belfry

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - Paintsville, thanks to Belfry, took an early exit from the 2007 15th Region Tournament. Belfry pulled off a first round upset win over the Tigers in last season's regional tournament.

In a tight first half, Paintsville edged Belfry 13-12 in the opening quarter. The Tigers carried a slim 29-27 lead into halftime.

Shane Grimm paced Paintsville with a team-high 18 points. Landon Slone followed Grimm in the scoring column, adding 17 points. Justin Murray scored 14 points for the Tigers.

Paintsville improved to 72-55 after recording the postseason win.

Dustin May led Belfry with a game-high 26 points. May was the only Belfry player to reach double figures in the scoring column.

The Pirates ended the season 15-15.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Rows include 15th Region Tournament at East Kentucky Expo Center, Paintsville 72, Belfry 55, and individual player stats for both teams.

# No regrets, no return: Emotional Brett Favre leaves football for good

by CHRIS JENKINS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Once again, Brett Favre tried to reach down deep for whatever it was that allowed him to put aside the pain and find his rightful place under center in 275 straight games for the Green Bay Packers.

It wasn't there any more. So Favre put a strong arm around his tearful wife, Deanna, and walked off the stage — presumably for good.

Favre confirmed his retirement in a news conference at Lambeau Field on Thursday, choking on his emotions as he spoke.

"I've given everything I possibly could give to this organization, the game of football, and I don't think I've got anything left to give," Favre said, two days after the Packers announced his intention to retire. "And that's it. I know I can play. But I don't think I want to."

Favre leaves the game with a Super Bowl victory, virtually every quarterback record worth having and the widespread admiration of his peers

and fans. He said he has no regrets and nothing left to prove, but did admit to having a "knot the size of a basketball" in his throat as he pondered his final day as a Packer.

Wearing an untucked, collared shirt, jeans and several days' worth of stubble, one of the toughest men in a tough man's business could only spit out a word or two at times before pausing to gather himself.

Although he spoke for a little more than an hour, Favre struggled just to get through the first minute of his opening statement, words he tried to piece together as he sat by himself on a plane ride from his home in Mississippi to Green Bay that morning.

"I promised myself I wasn't going to get emotional," Favre said, taking a deep breath. "It's never easy."

But Favre also flashed his playful sense of humor, admitting that he spent part of Wednesday night watching his career highlights on television.

"I realized what it's like to die," Favre joked.

But he was dead serious about his decision: He's finished with football.

"It's been a great career for me," Favre said. "It's over. As hard as that is for me to say, it's over."

Favre is convinced he could still play on Sundays, but had lost his passion to practice and prepare the way he would need to lead the Packers to another Super Bowl. He insisted that, not a rift with Packers management, was the reason he was hanging up his helmet.

Favre's agent, Bus Cook, hinted this week that Favre's decision might have been different if Packers general manager Ted Thompson and coach Mike McCarthy had worked harder to talk him into coming back or had signed free agent wide receiver Randy Moss.

Favre went out of his way to deflect blame from Thompson and McCarthy, along with those of whom attended the news conference and sat immediately to Favre's left along with his wife.

"None of those things have anything to do with me

retiring," Favre said. "That's from the heart."

Instead, Favre thanked the Packers for letting him play.

"I hope that with every penny they've spent on me, they know it was money well spent," he said. "It wasn't about the money or fame or records. I hear people talk about your accomplishments and things. It was never my accomplishments, it was our accomplishments."

Favre is the NFL's only three-time MVP, and leads the league with 442 touchdown passes, 61,655 yards passing and 160 career victories.

He started 253 consecutive regular-season games, more than any other quarterback in history. Including the playoffs, his streak stands at 275.

Favre also holds the more dubious mark of 288 interceptions — an indication of the wild streak that only made him more human to the fans who adored him.

The same was true of Favre's highly publicized struggles with an addiction to prescription painkillers, his support of his wife through a

battle with breast cancer, and a memorable Monday night game against Oakland after he lost his father.

Favre said his regular-guy persona helped him build a bond with fans.

"I think people say, 'You know what? Death does happen to Brett Favre, and Deanna Favre. Cancer does happen to them,'" Favre said. "It's not all about making a lot of money and being on TV all the time. There's more to it than that."

Favre's exit comes after a remarkable resurgence last season, but his final pass was one to forget: An interception in overtime of the NFC championship game against the New York Giants, a mistake that set up the field goal that sent the Packers home instead of to the Super Bowl.

Most folks figured Favre couldn't leave on such a sour note, especially when he had at least one more good year left in him.

So his decision came as a surprise to executives, coaches and teammates. And it was a shock to fans who sat patiently, year after year,

while Favre flirted openly with retirement — because, of course, he never really meant it.

Now, suddenly, he's gone. "I'm going out on top," he said. "Believe me, I could care less what other people think. It's what I think, and I'm going out on top."

Favre doesn't have a plan for retirement, other than to rest.

"Honestly, we both are really tired," Deanna Favre said.

And while Favre admitted he's almost certain to have second thoughts once the Packers start playing without him in the fall, he said he's never coming back.

"I'm not up to the challenge anymore," Favre said. "I can play, but I'm not up to the challenge. You can't just show up and play for three hours on Sunday. If you could, there'd be a lot more people doing it and they'd be doing it for a lot longer. I have way too much pride. I expect a lot out of myself. And if I cannot do those things 100 percent, then I can't play."

# Wang fails to make it through first inning, Reds beat Yankees, 12-8

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. — Edwin Encarnacion hit a grand slam and a two-run single Thursday, and the Cincinnati Reds roughed up Chien-Ming Wang on their way to a 12-8 victory over the New York Yankees.

Wang, a 19-game winner the last two years, failed to make it through the first inning. The Reds got six runs on six hits, and Wang left after retiring only two batters.

Adam Dunn hit an RBI single, and Encarnacion had a two-run single off Wang, who faced 10 batters. Leadoff batter Norris Hopper singled twice off Wang in the inning.

"My stride was too long," Wang said. "My ball was not moving. I'll fix it quick."

Manager Joe Girardi has made Wang the leading candidate for the No. 1 spot in the rotation. Wang was expected to pitch the season opener last year, but was sidelined by a hamstring

injury during spring training.

In his first spring start, Wang pitched two scoreless innings against Philadelphia and allowed only one hit. His pitches didn't dip Thursday, making for a quick exit.

"His sinker was up," Girardi said. "His slider was flat and he got into some bad counts. They were aggressive and didn't miss."

"He knows what he has to do. It was his second start and obviously didn't go the way he wanted."

Darrell Rasner walked

three batters before giving up Encarnacion's slam in the fourth inning, putting the Reds up 10-0.

Aaron Harang, scheduled to pitch the season opener for Cincinnati, allowed two hits and struck out two in three innings.

Dunn's opposite-field single in the first inning got the Reds going and provided more encouragement for the left fielder, who has worked hard to cut down his strikeout total in the last year.

"I'm trying to be more aggressive early in the count," Dunn said. "I think where I got in trouble is taking a lot of good pitches and putting myself in a hole. The second part of last year and this spring, I've felt a lot better. I even hit a ball down the third-base line. I don't think I've done that my entire life."

The Yankees rallied late against Reds minor leaguers. Bobby Abreu homered off Matt Maloney in the seventh and Greg Porter hit a grand slam off Alexander Smit in the eighth.

"Our young lefties got roughed up," manager Dusty

Baker said. "Hopefully they learn from it."

**Notes:** RHP Gary Majewski and LHP Bill Bray signed one-year contracts with the Reds. All members of the 40-man roster have been signed without arbitration or a forced renewal by the club. ... Yankees closer Mariano Rivera will make his first appearance of the spring on Friday. ... Yankee pitching coach Dave Eiland was not concerned with Wang's outing. "It was a rough day, but he is going to be OK," Eiland said. "He knows what he needs to do. We're going to work on it tomorrow."



Adam Dunn



Aaron Harang

## Soccer

lations," said Mark Koski, NFHS staff liaison to the Soccer Rules Committee and editor of the NFHS Soccer Rules Book. "The previous rule placed too much responsibility on the coaches when players should be shouldering some of the responsibility."

Beginning with the 2008-09 high school soccer season, shinguards must meet the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) standard. This risk-minimization rule was passed two years ago for implementation in 2007-08; however, the start-up was delayed one year to allow manufacturers another year to supply these types of shinguards to local equipment suppliers.

The new NOCSAE shinguards will be stamped or labeled with the NOCSAE logo. They will specify which size is correct for a particular-sized player, making it easy for players, coaches and officials to differentiate which shinguards are to be worn.

"This is a significant

change as players no longer will be able to wear inappropriate, undersized shinguards," Koski said. "Shinguards need to be placed no higher than two inches above the ankle for safety purposes. This change should definitely minimize risk to players."

In another change, the issue of sportsmanship is to be addressed by the head referee during the pregame conference with the head coach and team captains. At this same meeting, the referee is to inquire of each head coach whether each of his or her players is properly and legally equipped.

Since many states play games on college or professional fields, the committee altered Rule 1-1-1 regarding the allowable width of fields. To allow for the use of other fields, the maximum width was expanded from 75 to 80 yards. The new recommendations are 100 to 120 yards long and 55 to 80 yards wide.

In addition to the emphasis on shinguards bearing the NOCSAE stamp of approval, other points of emphasis for

the coming season are team benches, knee braces, game management, pregame responsibilities and handling.

With regard to game management, Koski said, "Host schools should develop a game management plan. Game managers should meet with the referees prior to the game and discuss the following matters, which include but are not limited to: field conditions, unusual situations, security, end-of-game procedures, game fees and officials' area."

"Regarding handling, a player shall be penalized for deliberately playing, carrying, striking or propelling the ball with hand or arm," Koski said. "It is not handling if the ball makes contact with the hand in a natural position."

Soccer is the fifth-most popular sport for boys and girls at the high school level. According to the 2006-07 High School Athletics Participation Survey, 377,999 boys are involved in soccer and 337,632 girls participate in the sport.

# Toree, Francona enjoy spring visit

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If Joe Torre and Terry Francona had hugged at Fenway Park or Yankee Stadium, it might have been seen as an act of treason.

Under the sun of spring training Thursday, there was hardly a rivalry in sight. Especially now that the two managers are in different leagues.

There was Francona, fresh off his second World Series championship with Boston, putting his arm around Torre behind home plate. There was Torre, out of New York and now with the Los Angeles Dodgers, smiling with his friend in the dugout.

"It's nice to chat with him without someone thinking that some covert operation was going on," Torre kidded after the Dodgers beat the Red Sox 9-6 in Fort Myers, Fla.

"You know, while we're doing that, we're in the clubhouse stealing everything else that he has," he said.

Torre also got to spend time with another member of the Francona family. Terry's father, Tito, and Torre played together in Atlanta.

For part of the game, Tito stood in the stands next to the Dodgers dugout and visited with his old teammate. Torre called it a "bonus."

When Torre was in New York, he and Francona used to talk on the phone after Yankees-Red Sox series. The two of them were always close friends, although they could hardly afford to be so cordial on the field.

"I never went out there to the batting cage" to greet Torre the past four years, Francona said, "not just because of me. I just didn't want to put him in that position. People don't want to see that."

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At Tempe, Ariz., Los Angeles Angels ace John Lackey, out with a sore throwing shoulder, threw in the bullpen. Lackey said he would be able to make four spring starts and be ready by opening day, but Angels manager Mike Scioscia said four starts would not be enough.

"That's not something we're considering," said Scioscia, who said five spring starts would be the minimum for one of his pitchers to open the season.

"You have to build up stamina. Unless something unforeseen would happen, we would at least want John to be at 100 pitches so that he can pitch deep enough into his first start. That's going to take a little bit of work," Scioscia added.

In other spring games: Braves 5, Tigers 4, 8/12 innings: At Lakeland, Fla., Dontrelle Willis allowed two hits in three innings, lowering his spring ERA to 1.80 after two starts. He walked one and struck out three. Tom Glavine made his second start of the spring for the Braves and allowed two runs in 2 2-3 innings. He struck out two but walked three.

Twins 8, Orioles 7: At Fort Myers, Fla., Craig Monroe hit a two-run single for Minnesota after being out a week because of a strained calf. Delmon Young went 3-for-3 with a two-run single.

Rays 6, Phillies 4: At Clearwater, Fla., Philadelphia starter Adam Eaton failed to overcome back problems and gave up four runs and five hits in two innings.

Pirates 8, Blue Jays 7: At Bradenton, Fla., Pittsburgh's Freddy Sanchez, playing with a slow-to-heal right shoulder, singled, hit a sacrifice fly and drove in two runs as the designated hitter.

Indians 11, Astros 5: At Kissimmee, Fla., C.C. Sabathia threw three perfect innings. Grady Sizemore tripled and doubled for the Indians, who had 19 hits.

Cardinals 5, Marlins 2: At Jupiter, Fla., Skip Schumaker, Joe Mather and Albert Pujols hit consecutive home runs off Marlins closer Kevin Gregg in the fifth inning.

Royals 4, Diamondbacks 3: At Surprise, Ariz., Kansas City's Ryan Shealy led off the bottom of the ninth with a home run off Jaiлен Pegucro.

Angels 9, Giants 1: At Tempe, Ariz., Jered Weaver allowed a solo homer to Eliezer Alfonzo in three innings, and Vladimir Guerrero hit his first spring homer. Giants starter Matt Cain allowed five runs and five hits in 2 1-3 innings.

Padres 10, Rockies 3: At Peoria, Ariz., Padres center fielder Jim Edmonds will miss a day or two with a calf injury. Starter Jake Peavy allowed Troy Tulowitzki's solo homer in an otherwise efficient three innings: two runs and four hits with four strikeouts and no walks.

Rangers 6, White Sox 1: At Tucson, Vincente Padilla allowed an unearned run in three innings for the Rangers. Chicago's Bobby Jenks walked two in one scoreless inning.

Mariners 5, Brewers 2: At Phoenix, Seattle's Felix Hernandez gave up home runs to Ryan Braun and Rickie Weeks. Greg Norton hit a two-run homer for the Mariners.

Athletics 2, Cubs 1: At Phoenix, Chicago's Jason Marquis threw three shutout innings. He has allowed one run in five innings this spring. Kerry Wood threw a scoreless inning for the second straight time.

# NASCAR Sprint Cup Series: Witten named honorary starter for Food City 500

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Dallas Cowboys standout and local football legend Jason Witten has been named the Honorary Starter for the Food City 500 on Sunday, March 16 at Bristol Motor Speedway.

The 6-foot-5, 266-pound Witten, a four-time Pro Bowl selection, is from Elizabethton, Tenn., just 15 minutes away from the World's Fastest Half Mile oval. And he's looking forward to taking part in the sold-out Food City 500.

"I'm really excited about it," said Witten. "It's great to be coming home and I really can't wait to get out to the Speedway. The races in Bristol have always been a big deal. Growing up there, there was no way you didn't know just how huge those races were. For me to be able to go back there and be asked to wave the

green flag for the Food City 500 — that means a lot. It's truly a tremendous honor."

The 25-year-old Witten was a standout at Elizabethton High School. He was the USA Today Player of the Year in Tennessee in 2000 before signing with the University of Tennessee where he starred for three years before entering the draft after his junior year. In 2003, Witten was drafted in the third round by the Dallas Cowboys and became an instant star. One of the premier tight ends in the NFL, Witten finished the 2007 season with 96 catches and 1,145 yards, setting a new Cowboys' single-season record for receptions in a season.

Steve C. Smith, Food City CEO/President, is excited about having Witten wave the green flag on the Food City 500.

"Food City is a strong supporter of the communities we serve. We are especially hon-

ored to have such a wonderful native of our region representing our company for the Food City 500. Jason is a tremendous asset to his team and our area and I'm proud to have him as our guest," said Smith.

The Food City 500 takes gets under way at 2 p.m. on March 16. Qualifying for both the Food City 500 Spring Cup event and the Sharpie MINI 300 Nationwide Series race will take place on Friday, March 14. The Sharpie MINI 300 revs up at 2:30 on Saturday, March 15.

Tickets are available for Pole Day (\$15) and for the Sharpie MINI 300 (starting at \$45) and may be purchased at www.bristolvix.com or by calling the BMS ticket office at 423-989-6900.

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# Pitino nominated for Henry Iba Award

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — University of Louisville Coach Rick Pitino is one of 12 coaches nominated for the 2007-08 Henry Iba Award, presented to the national coach of the year by the U.S. Basketball Writer's Association.

Included among the list of nominees are Rick Barnes (Texas); Keno Davis (Drake); John Calipari (Memphis); Mike Krzyzewski (Duke); Lon Kruger (UNLV); Sean Miller (Xavier); Matt Painter (Purdue); Bruce Pearl (Tennessee); Rick Pitino (Louisville); Bo Ryan

(Wisconsin); Herb Sendek (Arizona State); and Kevin Stallings (Vanderbilt). From the list of nominees, finalists for the award will be announced later this month and the award will be presented at the USBWA's annual awards breakfast in conjunction with the Men's Final Four in San Antonio.











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