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In brief

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

by JOE BIESK ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT - Gov. Steve Beshear and his fel-Now 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.

Democrats House 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 vear in new revenue.

House lawmakers have

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

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

election, was the primary sponsor on notification concerning fallen coal miners.

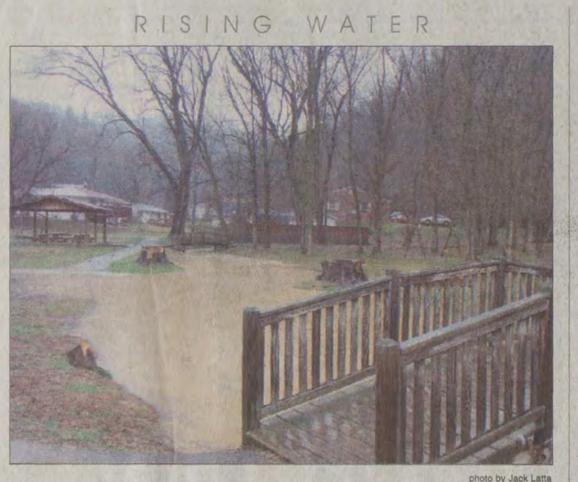
Stumbo also re-filed a bill authored by his predecessor James Brandon Spencer. According to the Kentucky Legislative Record, House Bill 522 would, require physicians, physician assistants, dentists, advanced registered nurses, and optometrists to provide preferential treatment to patients

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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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.

Native among finalists in greeting card contest

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 For Soldiers website sayhonor of the local Kentucky ing, "Americans will 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

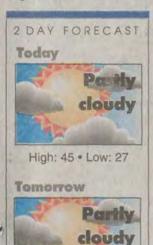
stated goal of the organization is to collect more than 50,000 cell phones.

"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 replace an estimated 130 million cell phones this year, with the majority of phones either discarded or stuffed in a drawer.'

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



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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

sion. People love to create and get great joy out of doing so. As a company built on creativity, communicating and connecting, we understand



to encourage that pas- Deana W. Tackett

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, hamsters, guinea pigs, birds, and even a chinchilla or two.

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"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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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 exhib-

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

Paul Donald Baldridge, 73. of Prestonsburg, died Monday, March 3, at King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Baldridge. 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, Hindman.

Andrew Elliott, 78, of Eustis, Florida, formerly of McDowell, died Saturday, March at the Florida Hosptial-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

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 Garreu, died Monday, March 3, at the Hospice of Dayton. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 8, iunder 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,

were held Sunday, March 2, under 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 Hillerest 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, native of Feds 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 Creck, 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 Williamson South the 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 Autry 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, dicd 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 He is envived hu his wife, Dorothy Charles Wells. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 2, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home Greathel 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.

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 Salversville, 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 Incz, died Thursday, February 28, at Three Rivers Medical Center, at Louisa. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 2, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

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

Lossie J. Newsome, 90, of

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

Beauty, died Tuesday, February 26. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 1, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham 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

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including House Bill 35 which United States Armed Services numbered years.

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"designate the last would, 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 researchbased 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 conlent.

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

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 refurnished are recycled to reclaim materials.

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

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 HAND-DOG! SOME 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

Donors

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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 of 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.wedoscience.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

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

ONLINE P RESULTS FOR WEEK OF March 2 - March 8, 2008 How should state government balance its budget? Raise taxes

Cut Services Casino gambling Don't Know

- (21 Votes, 17%) (31 Votes, 25%) (63 Votes, 50%) (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.
- · Maybe, but they still need to win more games.
- Only if they win the SEC tournament.
- Not a chance.
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in Prestonsburg. For more information about the program, please visit www.cellphonesforsoliders.co

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pany Hallmark, is known

throughout the world for its

greeting cards, as well as their

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publishes their products in more

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behind Tackett and vote for her

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tographer in Nashville, regular-

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www.tackettphotography.com.

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--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.

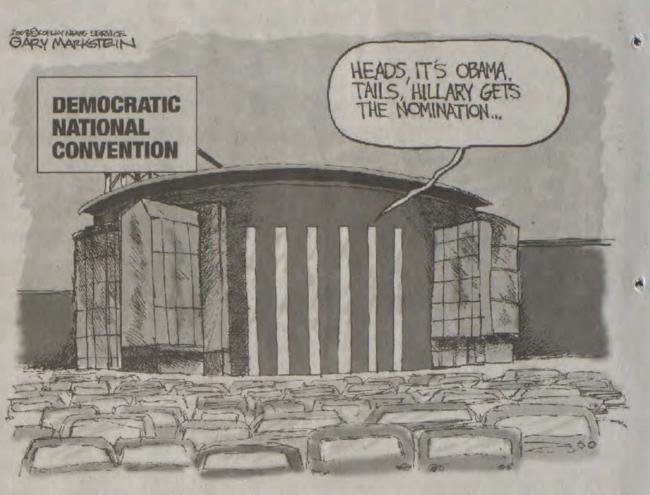
A Courier-Journal Bluegrass Poll in September showed that while most religious group leaders didn't favor expanded gambling, more than 75 percent of their congregations favored putting the question on the ballot.

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.



-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

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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

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 twoterm incumbent's performance. As for

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 hopehungry Democrats. If Obama has more electorate upside than Hillary, he also might have more downside

"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.

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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, 1 decided to go south. 1 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 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

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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.

and not my idea of sum-

But we were there so we persevered and eventually saw all the wonders of Patagonia — penguins, cormorants, sea lions, condors, guanacos (a kind of Ilama-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 Sca 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 scals 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 mea-

> sured 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 to 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-losing Washington correspondent who, by his own account, is right





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This Town, That World

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

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

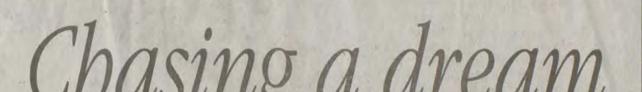
James Morell keeps me posted on the situation, down in Loving County, Texas, and it appears to be a bit on the unusual side.

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



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



THE BLACK LAGOON 'Breakdown'

MOVIES FROM

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-andgo 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 light, but the mild-mannered Jell 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

, 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.

Ususing a arcant 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 2,000plus 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 worried, 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 carly and stopping at sunset, Harbin says he plans to travel "about 65 to 7,5 miles a day," which he proposes should enable him to arrive at his destination in midMay. 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.

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. Jell 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 boy had become withdrawn and Haley's favorite, walks through the 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 disfigured 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

keenly aware of his disfigure-

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ment. There was much scarring on his neck and hands. He always wore the cap to try to hide the ugly, brightridges pink 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,

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.

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 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

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

can be addressed pretty easily. You the car. If you travel far from home engine shake would be the last thing the problem continues after you "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 "unfriendlies" have been filling the tank with camel whiz? Who knows?

RAY: If the fuel filter is clean, or

I'd be worried about, Dan. Those 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

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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

Soup

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

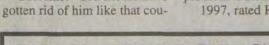
farfetched and seems more appropriate for a "Terminator" film (which funnily enough was the director's next gig, "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines").

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.



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

and her mom are preparing to solitary corner. She puts her

Timmy's mother explains 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 A short while later, Haley where Timmy still sits in his leave the clinic and head for tiny fingers on his tightly

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

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will pray for you." The adults in the room who had previously avoided looking at Timmy are now watch-

Best line: "You should have ple from Ohio." 1997, rated R.



the promised visit to the icecream 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

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."

ing 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.

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

Appeal Social Security decisions online

by KIMBERLY THOMPSON TECHNICAL EXPERT SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION PRESTONSBURG KY

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.

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CBA: Miners fall to Minot in regular-season finale

TIMES STAFF REOPORT

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. After battling back from a first quarter deficit, East Kentucky managed to carry a slim 64-63 lead into halftime. Minot, however, maintained an advantage in each of the last two quarters. The Skyrockets enjoyed third and fourth quarter surges, defeating the Miners 134-121. Minot prevailed 6-1 in the quarter points category.

reached double figures in the scoring Farragut column. product Academy Ronnie Fields led a Minot balanced offensive effort. Fields finished with a team-high 25 points. Kevin Johnson followed with 24 points for the host Minot team. Ray Cunningham was close behind his two teammates in the offensive category, ending the contest with 23

Six different Minot players points.

Miners guard Mike Dean scored a gamehigh 40 points versus Minot Thursday night.

Mike Dean led East points and 19 rebounds for the

points. Dean hit 13-of-13 shots from the free throw line and connected on 5of-11 three-point field goal attempts. The former Middle Tennessee State standout also dished out 12 assists, recording a double-double for the visiting squad.

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

a double-double of 20

Kentucky with a game-high 40 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-per-

cent (26-of-32) of its shots from the free throw line.

Minot went 53-for-99 (53.5percent 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 Kentucky scoring East 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 rules changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

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. The coach is held responsible for ensuring that each of his or her players is properly and legally (new this year) equipped.

Both illegally and improperly quipped 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. A player(s) who has been cautioned can only re-enter at the next legal substitution opportunity. There shall be no replacement for non-cautioned players until the next opportunity to substitute. In all situations, the removed player(s) may re-enter only after reporting to an official who shall be satisfied the player's equipment and uniform are in order. 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. An improperly equipped player is a player wearing legal equipment that is being worn incorrectly or becomes illegal during play. Cautions are not issued for improperly equipped players. "In the past, the coach could be cautioned subsequent times in a single game for equipment vio-

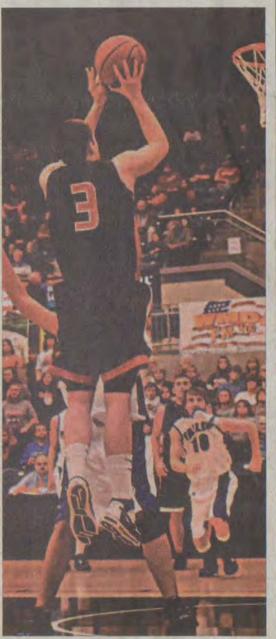


Prestonsburg suffered a season-ending loss to defending 15th Region Tournament champion Shelby Valley Thursday night.



PIKEVILLE - Elisha Justice scored a game-high 24 points Thursday night as defending 15th Region champion Shelby Valley eliminated Prestonsburg from the regional tournament. Shelby Valley outscored Prestonsburg in every quarter en route to an 80-50 win at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

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.



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. start to From finish Yarborough led - all 500 laps of the Southeastern 500.

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. Dale Earnhardt led every lap of the 1990 race at Phoenix but didn't start on the pole and neither did Jeff Burton when he led every lap of the 2000 fall race at New Hampshire. 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.

(See SOCCER, page two)



photo courtesy of Dusty Layne/East Kentucky Miners EAST KENTUCKY MINERS COACH KEVIN KEATHLEY gave instructions to Marcus Heard during a recent home game at the Expo Center.

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. Prestonsburg ended the season 9-19.

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.

15th Region Tournament at East Kentucky Expo Center Shelby Valley 80, Prestonsburg 50

Prestonsburg (9-19) - Clark 9, Hall 8, Tackett 10, Burchett 10, Stephens 1, Gearheart 4, Rodebaugh 2, Hughes 6.

Shelby Valley (24-4) - E. Justice 23, Hatfield 12, J. Bryant 4, J Justice 9, Logan Bryant 2, Newsome 10, Tackett 8, Varney 4, Roberts 6, Bartley 2,

Prestonsburg.....10 9 12 19-50 Shelby Valley 14 13 24 29-80

ligers 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. The two teams met Thursday night in the 2008 15th Region Tournament. This time, Paintsville prevailed. The Tigers broke open a close game in the second half, defeating Belfry 72-55.

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 used a strong second half performance to survive and advance on to meet Shelby Valley in the regional tournament semifinals. The Tigers outscored Belfry 19-11 in the third quarter.

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.

15th Region Tournament

at East Kentucky Expo Center

Paintsville 72, Belfry 55

Belfry (15-15) - Farley 6, Elkins 6, Hairston 4, May 26, Coleman 9, Smith 4.

Paintsville (27-3) - Slone 17, VanHoose 9, Bundy 8, Grimm 18, Murray 14, Pack 5, Caldwell 1.

Belfry......12 15 11 17-55 Paintsville....13 16 19 24-72

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 1 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 die," Favre joked.

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

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, both of whom attended the news conference and sat immediately to Favre's left along with his wife.

have anything to do with me support of his wife through a patiently, year after year.

But he was dead serious 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 "None of those things prescription painkillers, his

battle with breast cancer, and while Favre flirted openly 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 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 1 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 Yankces.

Wang, a 19game winner the last two years,

failed to make it through the candidate for the No. 1 spot first inning. The Reds got six in the rotation. Wang was runs on six hits, and Wang expected to pitch the season 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 bat-

ter Norris Hopper singled twice off Wang in the inning.

"My stride was too long," Wang said. "My ball was not moving.

opener last year, but was sidelined by a hamstring

injury during spring training. three batters before giving

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

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

In his first spring start, up Encarnacion's slam in the fourth inning, putting the Reds

up 10-0. A a r o n 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

"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

Toree, Francona enjoy spring visit

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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

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

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.'

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."

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."

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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 School Athletics High Participation Survey, 377,999 boys are involved in soccer and 337,632 girls participate in the sport.

left fielder, who has worked hard to cut down his strikeout total in the last year.

At Tempe, Ariz., Los Angeles Angels ace John

starts would not be enough.

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 "That's not something 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 Jailen Peguero. 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.



I'll fix it quick." Manager Joe Girardi has made

Wang the leading

"His sinker was up," Girardi said. **Aaron Harang** "His slider was flat and he got into some bad counts. They were

way he wanted."

Darrell Rasner walked

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 particularsized player, making it easy for players, coaches and officials to differentiate which shinguards are to be worn.

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, "This is a significant other points of emphasis for

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, from is Elizabethton, Tenn., just 15 minutes away from the World's Fastest Half Mile oval. And he's looking forward to taking part in the soldout 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

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 scason.

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-

green flag for the Food City 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 Sharpic MINI 300 (starting at \$45) and may be purchased at www.bristoltix.com or by calling the BMS ticket office at 423-989-6900.

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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."

were 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, 81/2 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 3for-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.

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.

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

Included among the list of (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 the presented of at the USBWA's annual awards breakfast in conjunction with the Men's Final Four in San Antonio.

Bradley, Crawford all that's left of ballyhooed recruiting class

by JEFFREY MCMURRAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - It was the class that seemed destined to end Kentucky's championship drought - four high school stars plucked from separate cities, who collectively were considered a national recruiting coup for then-coach Tubby Smith.

But four years later, the Wildcats still haven't been to a Final Four since 1998, Smith is gone to Minnesota, and just two members of that star-studded class remain to play their Rupp Arena finale Sunday against Florida.

"Everybody has left us," guard Ramel Bradley said.

Rajon Rondo was first to go after his sophomore year. He was taken in the first round of the NBA draft and now is the starting point guard for the first-place Boston Celtics.

Center Randolph Morris

early too, but he returned to Kentucky for a third year. After last season ended, he signed a free agent contract with the New York Knicks.

With Rondo and Morris gone, the only classmates remaining are Bradley and fellow guard Joe Crawford, who capped his Kentucky career Wednesday with a career-high 35 points in a victory over South Carolina.

That win and another one over the Gators could be sending the Wildcats (17-11, 11-4) back to the NCAA tournament, a prospect that seemed dim earlier this year after a 7-9 start under new coach Billy Gillispie.

But, even should Kentucky sneak into the tournament, the expectations were so much higher for this class. Bradley acknowledges that every now and then, he wonders whether the team could have won a

had flirted with going that national championship had it going to get all the time." stayed intact.

> "I've thought about it a little bit, but I really try not to because that's not the case," he said. "I just have to focus on the team we have now, see how far we can play.'

> For most of this season, Bradley and Crawford were key supporting players to Kentucky's latest freshman phenom, Patrick Patterson. But last week. Patterson was diagnosed with a stress fracture in his ankle and will be out for the rest of the season.

> Nobody gave Kentucky much of a chance to beat then-No. 1 Tennessee, but Bradley put the Wildcats on his back and fell just 3 points short. Then, Crawford was the one to step up against the Gamecocks.

"They compete on every single possession," coach Billy Gillispic said. "It's great when you have guys like that because you know what you're

The early betting seemed that Crawford would be the first to leave Kentucky. In fact, he did leave briefly as a freshman, upset with his lack of playing time.

Not only did Crawford stay all four years, but when new freshman Alex Legion was considering leaving earlier this year, Crawford gave him a pep talk. Legion ultimately decided to leave anyway.

"I think I have more patience now," Crawford said. When I came here as a freshman, I was extremely impatient. I just wanted to accomplish everything, and I forgot all the steps you have to take before you accomplish those goals.'

When Gillispie took over this year, bringing a hardnosed style and a tough workout regimen, Crawford and Bradley acknowledge the transition wasn't immediate. But,

impressive credentials at developing guards, including Acie Law - the top point guard in the nation last year at Texas A&M.

The two are roommates. They both come from big cities - Bradley from New York, Crawford from Detroit. But that's largely where the similarities end.

Bradley is the vocal leader, whose career ambitions include starting a clothing line, running for mayor of New York and forming a rap band. Crawford is more of an introvert, but the two have helped push each other for four years.

"We stayed through the toughest times," Crawford said. "That made us have to be closer. We had to depend on each other when nobody else believed in us."

Coming from New York, Bradley says he didn't know what to think of Kentucky. His

they also knew Gillispie had knowledge base was largely what he'd seen on TV. However, the appreciation in Lexington for college basketball can't be overstated, he said.

"There's so many celebrities that walk the streets of New York, nobody knows who you are," Bradley said. "Here, everybody knows who you are.

As is customary for a playcr's final home game at Kentucky, the seniors will stand with their families at center court while the Rupp Arena crowd sings "My Old Kentucky Home." Bradley jokes he wishes that would be substituted with a Frank Sinatra tune but insists he won't be the one to break into tears.

"Joe will probably cry," Bradley said.

Not so, Crawford insists. "I think Ramel's going to cry for the cameras," he said.

Knight's ESPN gig could provide a bleeping good time

by JIM LITKE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Props to ESPN for hiring Bob Knight as an analyst during the network's coverage of championship week and the NCAA tournament. If nothing else, it should give new meaning to the term "bracketbuster."

All across America, office pools suddenly became more interesting. Instead of just picking the winner of each game, now you can try and pick the game where an exasperated Knight finally climbs over the desk in the studio and busts up every piece of furniture in sight.

Will it come near the end of one of those triple-headers that stretch from noon to midnight, the second he realizes Dick Vitale has just sucked the last available bit of oxygen out of the room? Maybe right

after Fran Frischilla or Jeremy Schaap passes him in the hallway and asks, "What's up, Knight?" Or because he's still seething after discovering all the vending machines in the building are out of "Little Debbie" snack cakes?

As one network executive must have said during the meeting when the pros and cons of Knight's employment were first discussed: Who won't tune in to find out?

Knight's hiring is an inspired move on several levels. He knows more about college basketball than just about anyone, as he never tired of reminding the assembled media, and he has few peers as a teacher of the game. He's got strong opinions on every aspect of it, from proper footwork to improper recruiting, and few people are better equipped to call out the incompetents or coaches who

ful, instructive, amusing and sarcastic by turns, but he's rarely dull.

The question is just how much of that will make it onto the airwaves.

Knight hasn't weighed in on the subject yet, eschewing the usual conference call with reporters set up when a network hires a former coach or player as an analyst. In a brief statement last week, he said only, "ESPN has been real good for college basketball and I look forward to working with some of their people who I have known a long time."

An ESPN spokesman confirmed that as with nearly all the network's other shows, Knight will appear live, without the safety net of a sevensecond delay. Anybody who's watched the outtakes from Knight's performance in the now-infamous "Golf Your weekly coach's shows at

cut corners. He can be insight- Way" video, or any of his other memorable clips on YouTube might argue with the wisdom of that decision. But that's a big part of his appeal.

"Obviously he'll do plenty of preparing over the next few days. But rehearsals? No," said his agent, Sandy Montag. "ESPN wants Bob Knight for Bob Knight."

If so, it's hard to picture the General wearing makeup, let alone anything more confining than a sweater.

"He'll be on the air next Thursday," Montag said. "Let's leave something to the imagination of the viewer."

The problem, as this viewer imagines it, won't be with Knight's wardrobe, but with how little of his authentic self comes across on the screen.

He's already got a considcrable body of work out there, everything from dry-as-dust

Indiana and Texas Tech, to a the Red Raiders so soon after much-livelier starring role in the "Knight School" reality series two years ago, to funny send-ups playing himself in the movies "Anger "Blue Management" and Chips.

But the man who brings along a clipboard when he reports for work at the ESPN studios next week will also be dragging plenty of baggage behind him.

What remains to be seen is whether anyone who works with Knight - including pals and fellow studio analysts Vitale, Digger Phelps and Jay Bilas - will try to draw him out or cut him off on topics where his opinions would be at their sharpest: the commotion surrounding the Indiana program since his departure; the job his son Pat is doing after taking over at Texas Tech; or why he bailed out on

signing a new contract.

"He'd been coaching for a long time and didn't know what he was going to do next," Montag said. "But when this came along, it intrigued him. He's always been intrigued by TV and the media, but he wasn't expecting anything. He's not the type of guy to plan anything."

Ultimately, that could be the saving grace or the end of the experiment. As ESPN found out when it put radio talk-show host Rush Limbaugh on the air, things don't always go according to the script.

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NCAA TOP 25: Ranked teams UConn, Xavier, Stanford fall

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Tyndall named OVC Coach of the Year

MOREHEAD - Morehead State University Men's Head Basketball coach Donnie Tyndall has been named Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year, and Eagle junior Leon Buchanan and freshman Kenneth Faried have been named to the All-Newcomer Team as voted on by the league's head basketball coaches and sports information directors.

Tyndall, in his second season at his alma mater, took a team that

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It was a tough night for four ranked teams. Of course, one of them had to lose when Stanford visited UCLA.

The third-ranked Bruins prevailed over No. 7 Stanford 77-67 in overtime Thursday to win their third consecutive regular-season Pac-10 title and put them-

rebounds.

"When you want to win something so bad, everything works in your favor," Collison said. "That was a great team. Stanford gave us their best shot."

Brook Lopez had 18 points and 13 rebounds and his 7-foot twin Robin added 14 points for Stanford (24-5, 13-4), which has lost five of its last six highest-ranked opponent to lose at the Fieldhouse.

"It was an opportunity for them to create their own memories at the Fieldhouse," said coach Phil Martelli.

Derrick Brown led the Musketeers (25-5, 13-2) with 18 points. Xavier's only two A-10 losses came

in Philadelphia, the other a 78-59 loss

was 4-23 in 2005-06 and guided them to a 12-18 record a year ago and to a 15-15 mark this season. His MSU team was picked to finish 10th in the OVC's preseason poll, but proceeded to go 12-8 in conference play and earn a third-place finish.

He is the fourth MSU coach to earn Coach of the Year honors. and the first since 1994-95. Other Eagle coaches to win the award are Jack Schalow, Wayne Martin and Dick Fick.

"I am very honored to be named OVC Coach of the Year," Tyndall said. "With so many great programs and coaches in the league, it is truly humbling to be selected. I am so appreciative of my staff. Barry (Wortham), Chris (Moore), Kevin (Reynolds) and Jake (Lawrence) are tireless workers who do a fantastic job in every aspect of our program. I feel incredibly fortunate to work with them.

"Our players are obviously a large part of this as well. This is my 14th year in coaching, and I've had the best group of young men this season that I have ever coached. They are great players, great students, great people and great teammates. Five of our 11 players had a 3.0 or higher grade point average for the fall semester. They were a joy to coach each and every day.

"The most exciting and humbling thing to me about being selected OVC Coach of the Year is that my name will always be in the record books on the same list as Coach Wayne Martin. Coach Martin is a guy who I have looked up to for a long time. So, for me, this is very special. I can only hope to have the same success he had as we continue to build this MSU program.'

Buchanan, a junior college transfer from Albany, Ga., averaged 13.2 points and 6.1 rebounds this season. He ranks among the OVC leaders in scoring, rebounding, field goal percentage and free throw percentage. Buchanan has also been ranked among the NCAA leaders in field goal percentage and free throw percentage for much of 2007-08. He scored a career-high 35 points at Bowling Green earlier this season.

Faried, a freshman from Newark, N.J., averaged 10.5 points and 8.0 rebounds in his initial college season. He is among the league leaders in scoring, rebounding, field goal percentage and blocked shots. Faried led the Eagles in rebounding in 21 games this season.

"As I've said from day one, our talent level has improved and will continue to improve here at MSU," Tyndall said. "These two guys are very talented, hard-working young men who certainly deserve this honor and who were a huge part of our success this season.

Tyndall was on hand in Nashville Thursday to receive the Coach of the Year award at ceremonies announcing all of the conference's post-season honors for men's and women's basketball.

Bozeman named Second-Team All-OVC, All-Newcomer : Morehead State University freshman guard Chynna Bozeman has been named Second-Team All-Ohio Valley Conference and also to the All-Newcomer Team, it was announced this week. Bozeman led the Eagles in scoring, steals and free throw percentage this season

A native of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Bozeman averaged 12.3 points per game in her first collegiate season. She also collected a team high 46 steals and ranked second in the OVC in free throw percentage at 87 percent. Chynna also grabbed 145 rebounds to rank second on the team and posted 82 assists.

She scored in double figures in 20 of the 30 games and reached the 20-point mark six times, including a career high 23 points at Eastern Illinois on Jan. 26.

Samford's Emily London was the Freshman of the Year, Murray State's Ashley Hayes was named Player of the Year, and Tennessee State's Tracee Wells was voted Coach of the Year.

serves in solid position to earn a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

Darren Collison scored 24 points to help UCLA (27-3, 15-2) rally from a 14point deficit.

"It feels great. We're going to soak it all up," said freshman Kevin Love, who had 17 points and 10 rebounds for his 19th double-double.

Elsewhere, No. 8 Xavier fell 71-66 at Saint Joseph's; No. 13 Connecticut was beaten 85-76 at Providence; and No. 24 Clemson lost at Georgia Tech 80-75.

Michigan State, the other ranked school at No. 17, survived with a 59-51 win at Illinois.

No. 3 UCLA 77, No. 7 Stanford 67, OT: Collison scored off his own miss for the go-ahead basket in overtime. Russell Westbrook added 19 points and Kevin Love had 17 points and 10 rebounds for his 19th double-double. Luc Richard Mbah a Moute had 10 points and 11

photo by Dusty Layne/East Kentucky Miners

EAST KENTUCKY MINER LAWRENCE BARNES went up for a dunk during a recent home game at the East Kentucky Expo Center. In college, Barnes starred at Indianapolis. The Miners are headed into a CBA Playoffs play-in game versus Pittsburgh. The Explosion will host the Miners as Minot awaits the winner for a twoof-three series.

against the Bruins.

Tied at 63 after regulation, the Bruins dominated overtime by outscoring the Cardinal 14-2. Brook Lopez scored Stanford's only basket and Anthony Goods committed an intentional foul on Westbrook.

"They played well for 42 minutes and came up short. I feel for them," Stanford coach Trent Johnson said.

Saint Joseph's 71, No. 8 Xavier 66: At Philadelphia, Pat Calathes scored 17 points and Saint Joseph's closed Alumni Memorial Fieldhouse with one more upset win.

With former Hawks stars courtside, including Jack Ramsay and Jameer Nelson, Saint Joseph's (18-10, 9-6 Atlantic 10) added to the history of its venerable arena. Playing the 401st and final game in their on-campus arena until the 2009-10 season, the Hawks marked the occasion by knocking off Xavier, the Jan. 16 at Iemple.

The Hawks will play next season at the Palestra while the antiquated Fieldhouse undergoes sorely needed renovations, including new locker rooms and 1,000 more scats.

Providence 85, No. 13 Connecticut 76: Weyinmi Efejuku scored 25 points and Providence kept alive its chances of qualifying for the Big East tournament.

Jeff Xavier added 21 points for the host Friars (15-14, 6-11), who swept the Huskies this season. Providence closes its regular season at home against Villanova on Saturday. The Friars are tied for the 12th and last spot available in the tournament that starts next week in New York.

Stanley Robinson and Hasheem Thabeet both had 16 points to lead Connecticut (23-7, 12-5), which had already clinched a first-round bye in the conference tournament.

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2008 NASCAR Sprint Cup **Upcoming Races**

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announces playoff format TIMES STAFF REPORT in game. Game time will be 8 the champion of the National

ALBANY, NY - The Continental Basketball Association announced Thursday the playoff format and participants for the 2007-08 CBA Playoffs. The CBA Playoffs will be contested by five teams as they all battle to capture the CBA championship.

American In the Conference, the top three teams will advance to the playoffs. The East Kentucky Miners will face the Pittsburgh Xplosion on March 11 in Pittsburgh in a one game play-

p.m. The winner of that contest will then host the American Conference Regular Season Champion Minot Skyrockets in the first game of a three game series. The remaining two games will take place in Minot. The dates and times of those contests will be announced at a later date when the winner of the play-in game is determined.

In the National Conference, both the Yakama Sun Kings and the Oklahoma Cavalry have clinched playoff spots. They will play a three game conference series to determine Conference. The first game will take place in Oklahoma on March 11. The Sun Kings will host the Cavalry on March 14 and if necessary March 17.

The conference champions will then face each other in the CBA Finals. The format will be a five-game series. The first two games will take place at the lower seed with the remaining games taking place at the higher seeded team's arena.

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for Kathy.

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John P.

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- Equipment/vehicle knowledge and operational skills
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Jesse Rudd. The

operation will use

Prestonsburg,

Kentucky 41653.

Written comments,

requests for a per-

Permits, No.

Hudson

objections,

Legals NOTICE OF

2952

INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0307 Amendment No. 2 In accordance

with KRS 350.070, 40601. This is the notice is hereby final advertisement given that Matt/Co., of this application; Inc., 439 Meadows all Branch, objections, Prestonsburg, requests for a per-Kentuc-ky 41653, mit conference must has applied for an be received within amendment to an 30 days of this date surface existing coal mining and

miles

County.

NOTICE OF reclamation opera-**BOND RELEASE** tion, located 2.6 Pursuant to north of Permit No. 836-Emma, in Floyd 5253 The Single Area

amendment will add In accordance with 199.80 acres of surthe provisions of face disturbance, KRS and will underlie an notice is hereby additional 328.30 given that Dema acres, of which Coal Company Inc., HC 80, Box 1070, 164.15 acres overlie Dema, Kentucky 41859, intends to apply for a Phase III of 618.72 acres, bond release for within the amended Single Area on perpermit boundary. mit number 836-The proposed 5253, which was operation is approxlast issued February kmately 0.70 mile 1, 2008. The applinortheast from cation covers an area of approxi-Sugar-loaf Branch mately 83.15 acres,

located 1.60 mile

Wayland, in Floyd

The permit area is

approximately 0.50

mile northwest from

Ky. 7's junction with

Ky. 899, and located

0.10 mile north of

the Right Fork of

Beaver Creek. The

degrees, 25 min-

utes, 22 seconds.

The longitude is 82

is

of

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southeast,

County.

latitude

Road's junction with KY 1428, and is located on Dials Branch of Sugarloaf Levisa Fork.

The proposed Looking for a amendment is located on the Lancer USGS 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Joe A. Barbara and Burchett, E. L. and

Malcolm

Company,

and

Cline.

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Company,

Homes Bertha delivered &

405 KAR

In accordance

8:010, notice is

hereby given that

Buck Coal, Inc., 544

South Lake Drive,

Prestonsburg

Kentucky 41653

intends to transfer

permit number 436-

Creek Energy, Inc.,

Box

Eastern, Kentucky

permit number will

be 836-5533. The

operation disturbs

46.08 surface acres

and will underlie

436.00 acres. No.

new acreage is

affected by this

transfer. The opera-

tion is located 2.3

miles south of

Eastern in Floyd

posed operation is

approximately 2.0

miles south from KY

Route 80's junction

with Goose Creek

County Road and

located 0.02 miles

south of Goose

Creek. The opera-

tion is located on

the Wayland USGS

7 1/2 minute guad-

been filed for public

inspection at the

Natural Resources

Prestonsburg

Regional Office,

3140 South Lake

Prestonsburg.

Kentucky 41653.

Written comments

or objections must

be filed with the

Director, Division of

Mine Permits, #2

Hudson Hollow,

U.S. 127 South,

Frankfort, Kentucky

40601. All com-

ments or objections

must be received

within fifteen (15)

days of today's

Suite 6.

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Drive,

application

Department

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County.

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P.O.

41622.

9:00 a.m., at the Department for with Mining Surface Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6. Prestonsburg Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 23, 2008

PUBLIC NOTICE

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mit conference must Notice is hereby given be filed with the that Consolidated Director of the Health Systems Inc. Division of Mine of Prestonsburg, KY 2 41653 has filed an Hollow application with the Complex, U.S. 127 Natural Resources South, Frankfort, and Environmental Kentucky Protection Cabinet, to construct a 69' X 145' medical office building located in comments, floodplain the or approximately 0.73 miles southeast of intersection of KY Route 1428 and U.S. Route 23 at latitude 37° 41' 13" N and longitude 82° 57' 13" W. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water. Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly 350.093, Road. Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, KY

> NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5533, Transfer

(502) 564-3410

40601.

Phone:

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date

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degrees, 47 min-Cline, utes, 59 seconds. Layne, The bond now in Jarrell, effect for permit No. The Elk Horn Coal 836-5253 is a cer-LLC. tificate of deposit for Wade and Ora \$4,000.00. Blackburn Heirs, Approximately John Dallas and 100% of the original Vina Sue Branham, bond amount of Clark Pergrem and \$4,000.00 is included in the application for release. Melissa Reclamation work Albert performed includes:

and Janet Ratliff. grading, seeding Johnny and Patricia and mulching, and successful estab-Renisa lishment of the post-Branham, Michael mining land use, Hunt, Ransom and which was complet-Betty Hunt, and ed June, 1996. Maxine Crider. The Writen comments, amendment will objections, and underlie land owned requests for a public hearing or informal by Joe A. and conference must be Barbara Burchett,

filed with the E. L. and Bertha Director, Division of Malcolm Field Services, No. Rebecca 2 Hudson Hollow, Jarrell, The Elk Frankfort, Kentucky Coal 40601, by April 23, LLC. 2008. Wade and Ora A public hearing on Blackburn Heirs, the application has John Dallas and been scheduled for Vina Sue Branham, April 24, 2008, at

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