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In brief

Cigarette tax hike less likely

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — House Speaker Jody Richards says an increase in the state's tax on cigarettes is getting less likely as budget talks resume Friday. House lawmakers have approved a quarter increase in the state's tax on cigarettes, but senators have said they oppose any tax increases.

Richards has compared the tax increase's prospects of passing to a dying fish "turned over with little bubbles coming up."

Lawmakers were scheduled to resume budget talks Friday afternoon, and are hoping to finish a final plan this weekend.

Kentucky is facing a projected \$900 million shortfall and lawmakers are looking for different avenues to raise additional revenue to carry state government for the next two years

Suit claims political pants-pulling

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Knott County man filed a lawsuit last week alleging his supervisor "yanked his pants to his knees" in the presence of other employees as a form of political retaliation.

Don Fugate filed the complaint in U.S. District court last week against

Ronnie Adams, of Hindman, and the Knott County Fiscal Court.

According to the complaint, on or around March 25, 2007, Ronnie Adams, then road foreman, allegedly went behind Fugate and pulled his pants down as other employees looked on.

The complaint goes on to allege that, "The plaintiff openly supported the Democratic nominee for the Knott

County Judge Executive in the November 2006 election contest and the defendant was aware of the plaintiff's political affiliation and electoral preference in this regard."

According to the complaint, "The conduct of Adams in harassing and humiliating the plaintiff was a retaliatory attempt to cause the plaintiff to quit his job with the county because of the plaintiff's political affiliation and

his expressed support and preference for the Democratic nominee."

Adams was reportedly actively supporting the Republican nominee, and had on a number of occasions embarrassed or pressured Fugate with regard to his political affiliation.

According to the complaint, Fugate had to endure "severe emotional dis-

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HONORING A LEGEND



Senator Johnny Ray Turner (left), D-Drift, honored Kentucky's first Mister Basketball, the legendary "King" Kelly Coleman (right) with a resolution on the floor of the Senate. Reigning from Floyd County, Coleman played for the old Wayland High School Wasps from 1953-56. Former University of Kentucky Coach Adolph Rupp described Coleman as one of the greatest high school players in Kentucky history, an honor he still holds. Coleman remains the leading scorer in state history, pouring in 4,263 points in 126 games for the Wasps — for a career average of 34 points. Many of Coleman's records remain intact despite the advent of the three-point basket, which arrived years after his playing days ended. "Even changing the rules hasn't beaten him," said Turner. In 2005, the eight school systems in the 15th region joined together to retire Coleman's basketball jersey number. Number 66 has been forever set aside to honor this Hall of Fame athlete.

Rail crossings to close for rehab work

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Highway officials announced this week that motorists will need to find alternate routes on Monday, Mar. 31, due to the closing of railroad crossings at Boldman and Harold.

"By the end of the day the goal is to have Harold finished with new asphalt and Boldman finished with packed rock. We will blacktop at Boldman on Tuesday, April 1," said John Fortune, Appalachian Division Roadmaster for CSX.

According to officials, both crossings will close at 8 a.m. and will remain closed until 7 p.m.

Due to the number of crossings that the CSX is improving, Fortune said, time and weather have not permitted the track crew to finish everything as quickly

as anticipated.

"The Old Wagner Station crossing and the main one between Mossy Bottom and Broadbottom as well as the private crossing through Broadbottom will be blacktopped next week," he said. "Ford's Branch through Pauley Addition and Coal Run Hill are all complete."

According to Fortune the rail crossing near Ivel may close on Wednesday, April 2. Crews hope to complete the refurbishment of that crossing and put down new asphalt within one day.

Fortune said that special thanks were due to Frank Hatcher, the Pike County road foreman, and Gary France of the Pike County Road Department, for their work over the last few weeks in maintaining traffic

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Beshear says casino bill dead

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A beleaguered proposal to legalize casinos in Kentucky will not pass in the current legislative session, Gov. Steve Beshear said Thursday.

"For this session, it is dead," Beshear told reporters at an impromptu press conference outside his Capitol office.

The Democratic governor had pushed for a constitutional

amendment to legalize casinos. He said allowing casinos to open, then taxing them, could have generated up to \$600 million a year in much needed state revenue.

Although Kentucky has a long tradition of wagering at horse tracks, the state constitution specifically forbids casinos.

If lawmakers had agreed to amend the constitution to allow casinos, voters would have had a chance to ratify or reject the

proposal in a ballot referendum.

Beshear made the announcement after a brief meeting with leading Democratic lawmakers late Thursday.

"We agree that we do not have the votes necessary to pass the gaming amendment in the House, and we see no prospect of getting that number of votes with the little time remaining," Beshear said.

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P'burg named a 'Tree City'

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

Prestonsburg was recognized recently by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a "Tree City USA Community" to honor the city's commitment to improving forestry.

"Trees in our cities and towns help clean the air,

conserve soil and water, moderate temperature and bring nature to our daily lives," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The Tree City USA designation recognizes the work of elected officials, staff and citizens who plant and care for the

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Study linking health, locale suggests more questions

The Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — It sounds like common sense: People who live in economically depressed places - places with high rates of poverty and little health insurance coverage - are likely to die sooner.

But not so fast. While conventional wisdom holds true for central and southern Appalachia, the Mississippi Delta and parts of the Southeast, a new study conducted for the Appalachian Regional Commission finds other areas that defy the pattern.

While they might face similar socio-economic challenges, the health out-

comes are significantly better for people who live in the Great Plains, the Upper Midwest, many Rocky Mountains counties and several western Rio Grande counties.

The study does not explain why areas with similar economic conditions have markedly different outcomes. The answers could lie in genetics, access to state and local health care programs, diet, lifestyle and exercise habits, or a combination thereof. But the report does offer public health authorities at all levels a road map for further investigation.

"The puzzles that come out of this are as interesting as the answers," says ARC economist Greg Bischak, in

Washington, D.C.

The one thing the researchers can conclude? Place matters.

"There is a role of place in explaining health disparities," Bischak says. "It's not earthshaking if you don't know the field ... but it's actually a shaft of light cutting through a dark room."

Most studies on health disparities focus on race, gender and age. The ARC says this is the first major study focused solely on place.

"What we haven't done as a nation," says Bischak, "is to ask what is the role of place in accounting for persistent health disparities. It's just not there. You can't find it."

The \$45,000 study was conducted by Joel Halverson, director of the Office for Social Environment and Health Research at West Virginia University.

It builds on a 2004 report that showed Appalachia - a 13-state region stretching from southern New York to northeast Mississippi - had some of the nation's highest death rates for heart disease, cancers and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

The new report, completed this month, confirms a statistical correlation between poor socio-economic conditions and early mortality, or deaths

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Thousands lose right to vote in Democratic primary

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Thousands of Kentuckians who have switched political affiliations over the past three months in hopes of voting in May's Democratic presidential primary will instead be barred from casting ballots.

Secretary of State Trey Grayson alerted Kentuckians on Wednesday to a little-known state law that forbids people who change their party registration after December 31 to vote in the May 20 primary.

"We're getting a lot of reports of folks who are either independents or Republicans

who are trying to become Democrats in order to vote in the primary," Grayson said. "In the presidential primary, they will not be eligible to vote."

Some 9,000 people have switched parties since Jan. 1. Grayson said voter registration drives by supporters of Democratic presidential candidates Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton could inadvertently cause the number of ineligible voters to grow.

Grayson said Obama's campaign requested 5,000 Kentucky voter registration cards earlier this week.

"They're obviously going

to do a big push over the next three weeks to register voters," Grayson said. "I'm sure the Clinton campaign will do the same thing."

Grayson said he wants to let the campaigns know that under Kentucky law, recruiting independents and Republicans to the Democratic Party will be of no benefit in the presidential primary. People registering for the first time, however, will be eligible to vote in the Democratic primary if they register with that party.

Traditionally, the Republican and Democratic presidential nominees have been decided long before

Kentucky's primary election. Not so this year, with Clinton and Obama engaged in a taut race that is long from decided.

Clinton is scheduled to campaign in Kentucky on Saturday with stops in Louisville and Madisonville. Her husband, former President Bill Clinton, made a swing through the state earlier this week.

Obama last visited Kentucky in August when he campaigned in Lexington.

Kentucky has had the long-standing voter registration law to prevent so called "party raiding" in an effort to sway an election's outcome.

Sarah Ball Johnson, execu-

tive director of the State Board of Elections, said she couldn't immediately determine how many of the 9,000 voters who have switched parties had abandoned the GOP to join the Democratic party.

"We will send a letter to every single person who is not eligible to vote in the primary to explain why they're not eli-

gible to vote," she said.

Johnson said Kentucky currently has about 1 million Republicans and 1.6 million Democrats.

"I would assume, that given the attention paid in a presidential year, that most of the folks are switching from Republican to Democrat," Grayson said.

House, Senate continue budget talks with little agreement

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Lawmakers resumed their third day of budget talks Thursday, with flashes of tension between the House and Senate and few of their fiscal differences resolved.

Budgeteers spent Thursday scouring their budgetary differences but few things were settled when talks broke for the night. They did, however, agree to at least consider certain proposals that could give the state millions more to work with over the next two years.

"I have hope, I'm an eternal optimist," House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, said. "I think we can get it done."

With the legislative clock ticking, more than 20 legislators huddled around a conference table in the Capitol Annex to continue the tedious process of examining each appropriation in which the two chambers disagree in an effort to find common ground. They've set a goal to finish deliberations by the weekend.

By law, the General Assembly must adjourn by April 15.

Kentucky is facing economic projections of a \$900 million revenue shortfall over the next two fiscal years beginning

July 1.

Gov. Steve Beshear has proposed an austere budget that would include 12 percent cuts to public universities and government agencies and programs. Beshear has also called on lawmakers to boost the state's tax on cigarettes by 70 cents per pack and use the revenue it generates to finance hundreds of millions in bonds.

House lawmakers have proposed raising the state's tax on cigarettes by 25 cents per pack, along with taxing certain services. The Democrat-controlled House plan also calls for freeing up additional money by restructuring the state's debt.

Meanwhile, lawmakers in the Republican-led Senate have a different plan that does not rely on any tax increases. Instead, the Senate plan would among other things collect about \$110 million more money per year from the Kentucky Lottery.

Legislators agreed to consider elements of both proposals over night before they resume talks Friday afternoon.

They agreed to take a longer look at the House's proposal to restructure some of the state's existing debt, a plan House legislators say could generate up to \$300 million over the next two years. Lawmakers also agreed the state could save \$85 million in each of the next two years through

an expected flood of retiring state employees.

Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, said he was reluctant to move ahead with the debt restructuring plan.

"If you're in a hole, the first thing you do is stop digging," Williams said.

Lawmakers said they would also consider elements of the Senate's plan to collect millions more in lottery proceeds. Senate lawmakers said they were not interested in addressing the proposed cigarette tax increase.

Beshear said earlier in the day that he was hopeful lawmakers would decide the state needed to raise more revenue to pay bills.

"Otherwise, it's going to be a very ugly budget," Beshear told reporters.

Lawmakers agreed to spend \$50,000 on a bust memorializing former Kentucky Supreme Court Justice William McAnulty who died from cancer last year. McAnulty was Kentucky's first black justice to serve on the state supreme court.

For the first time in years, the public has access to the inner-workings of state budget deliberations. In years passed, reporters have been barred from the negotiation room, hallways have been roped off and state police have stood guard.

The legislation is House Bill 406.

Health

among those under 65. But Halverson says it's the anomalies that are most intriguing.

Even within Appalachia, there are differences: People live longer in the northern reaches of the region than in the southern.

"Part of it's health care access. Part of it's behavior. Part of it's culture. Part of it's diet," Halverson says. "There's a

whole range of issues that vary from place to place."

To really understand the disparities, he says, researchers would need to conduct case studies, visiting certain areas and assessing their conditions in great detail.

Anne Pope, federal co-chair of the ARC, said Friday that the study "confirms what we unfortunately already know, that Appalachia suffers higher pre-

mature mortality than the rest of the U.S. as a whole."

"For each of us, being healthy is essential to have quality of life and to compete in today's global economy," she said. "While Appalachia has made some improvements, the health of our people will continue to be a major focus of ARC's work in the region."

Trees

community forest."

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

According to the foundation, Prestonsburg has met the

four standards to become a Tree City USA community by having a tree board or department, an ordinance enforcing tree care, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance.

"Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in

our cities and towns, and provide environmental and economical benefits," said Fortune. "A community and its citizens that recognize these benefits and provide needed care for its trees deserves recognition and thanks."

Casinos

House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, vowed the fight for casinos isn't over.

"Certainly, we will come back in the future and try to get the votes," he said.

John-Mark Hack, head of the antigambling group Say No To Casinos, said Beshear and lawmakers wasted time and effort pushing the casino measure, even though it has been clear for weeks that the proposal stood no chance of passing.

"The governor admitted the obvious," Hack said. "There's no cause for celebration because the tragedy is we've lost an opportunity to address very important issues that our state faces."

Beshear had argued that casinos could help stave off a projected \$900 million financial shortfall that threatens to cause severe cuts in government services.

Beshear said Monday he would make one final push to get House lawmakers to

approve the casino measure, which needed at least 60 votes before it could be sent to the Senate for consideration.

Dave Adkisson, head of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, appeared with Beshear to encourage lawmakers to act. Adkisson said Kentucky residents already are spending more than \$1 billion a year at casinos in neighboring states of Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and West Virginia.

"I'm surprised but thankful that it didn't pass," said state Rep. Tom Riner, D-Louisville, a Baptist pastor. "It would have hurt a lot of families that are struggling with financial problems and looking for a quick fix."

Because of that, Riner said, lawmakers weren't willing to open the state to casinos.

"I think gambling brings with it many of the social problems that in the end are going to cost us much more in terms of lives destroyed, families destroyed."

Beshear made the casino

issue a centerpiece of his campaign last year, winning a lopsided victory over Republican incumbent Ernie Fletcher, who had been indicted on criminal charges for allegedly violating state hiring laws. Beshear tried to paint his victory as a mandate for gambling. Lawmakers rejected that argument.

"I think it's fair to say that legislators here in Kentucky, or anywhere else, don't like to have to handle controversial issues if they don't have to," Beshear said. "They obviously worry about the constituencies back home and what effect it might have on their longevity."

Even so, Beshear said he will certainly consider raising the issue again in 2010, which, under state law, is the earliest the issue could be placed on the ballot for voters to consider.

"Obviously, we will see how things develop over the next year and a half, as we approach the 2010 session, to see what might be possible at that time," he said.

Crossings

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control.

"Joe Stanley and the highway crews from District 12 are always helpful, too," Fortune said, "and we couldn't do the work as quickly as we do if it weren't for the help of state and county road crews."

This railroad and rail crossing work has been part of an ongoing 57-mile refurbishing project in Pike and Floyd counties which involves 98 crossings and 25,000 railroad ties.

According to highway officials, work began on March 10 and is expected to be completed in the next couple of weeks, with the track crew working Monday through Thursday, for as much as 16 hours a day.

Highway District 12 maintenance workers, Pike and Floyd road department workers, and street crews from Pikeville have assisted in traffic control at crossings in their respective areas.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Failed gamble

It's been seven years since the International Olympic Committee - with the broad support of the Western world - awarded the 2008 Summer Olympic Games to Beijing. Some IOC officials asserted they had secured hard promises from China that it would ease its tyranny and human-rights abuses in the lead-up to the 2008 Games. Many observers expressed confidence that with or without promises of reform, the spotlight would force China's repressive regime to shape up. The New York Times editorial board reflected conventional wisdom in concluding that giving Beijing the Olympics was likely to help "those in China who would like to see their country evolve into a more tolerant and democratic society."

As the events of the past two weeks in Tibet have shown, however, the international community's gamble on Beijing's maturation has come a cropper. A March 10 protest in Lhasa by a handful of Tibetan monks loyal to the Dalai Lama, their nation's exiled leader, against Chinese occupation triggered similar protests elsewhere around the small nation. The response from Beijing was brutal and emphatic: dozens of protesters, perhaps more, were killed, and hundreds detained. A ban on foreigners has kept a fuller picture from reaching the outside world, but evidence suggests that China's grip on Tibet - its determination to force Tibet's submission to and merger into a greater China - has never been stronger. This belligerence presents a fundamental dilemma for the democratic nations of the world, many of which are major trade partners with China, an emerging superpower. These nations' long-held presumption has been that China's economic liberalization should be encouraged because it would inevitably be accompanied by political liberalization. But it will soon be 30 years since China began to move away from a government-controlled economy, and it remains a highly authoritarian state that eagerly hunts down and punishes dissidents.

Even before the recent crackdown, Beijing's treatment of Tibet made plain it wasn't evolving into a quirky Asian version of a wealthy modern nation-state. In the late 1980s, tiring of young Tibetans' resilient resentment, the Communist Party leader in Tibet began bringing in thousands of ethnic Chinese to change the composition of the nation in the most basic way possible.

As a reward for his innovation - likened by the Dalai Lama to "cultural genocide" - this leader moved rapidly up the ranks. His name is Hu Jintao, and he is now China's sitting president. In less than five months, he will be basking in the spotlight as the Summer Olympics hold the world's attention.

So what should the United States do? A boycott makes little sense; China's poor human rights record is nothing new. France suggests participating nations boycott opening ceremonies. That makes sense. But the world must muster an even broader effort, one going beyond the Olympics. This effort should convey to Beijing that until its human rights record finally improves, scrutiny of that record will never flag - however mighty China's economy may grow.

— The San Diego Union-Tribune



Rich Lowry Column

Impact at 130 miles

Somewhere 130 miles above the Pacific Ocean, tumbling around the Earth at 17,000 mph, a disabled spy satellite met a fiery end late last month — destroyed by a U.S. missile-defense interceptor.

The spectacular hit marks a definitive turn in the debate concerning missile defense, from whether it's technically possible to whether it's ethically desirable. The same people who had argued for years that missile defense couldn't be done now will complain that it constitutes a nefarious "weaponizing of space."

The U.S. normally isn't in the business of shooting down satellites. It took out the dead National Reconnaissance Office satellite because it had a full, 1,000-pound tank of toxic rocket fuel that there was some slim chance could fall on a populated area when it re-entered the atmosphere. Now, the hydrazine fuel appears to have burned up in an explosion in space, and small pieces of the 5,000-pound satellite — about the size of a school bus — will fall harmlessly to Earth.

The satellite wasn't a missile launched with just minutes warning, but hitting it is still a major success for our missile-defense system. The window for a successful strike was about 30 seconds, the speeds

involved were mind-boggling and the same technologies that would be deployed against a missile were in play.

The Chinese immediately lashed out. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that they will continue to monitor "the possible harm caused by the U.S. action to outer space security." The Chinese commitment to "outer space security" was recently exemplified by their shooting down an aging weather satellite with no warning, then denying they had done it, and doing it at an orbit so high that 1,600 pieces of space debris will clutter Earth's orbit for years.

The Chinese test — of a system explicitly designed to target satellites — didn't produce much outrage from arms controllers. It's long been an axiom of arms control that whatever the U.S. does is dangerous and a provocation to other countries, while our adversaries are merely forced into hostile or irresponsible acts by our recklessness. But the U.S. position on space — like our position on the high seas — is that everyone should have full and free access to it for peaceful purposes.

This is how deep the Chinese and Russian commitment to the peacefulness of space runs: They want to have the option of launching ICBMs out

into space where they will travel undisturbed until they re-enter Earth's atmosphere on their way to visiting untold devastation on a target. The Chinese could make a genuine gesture toward peace in space by ending

their rapid buildup of ICBMs, but their true interest is in preventing us from checking their missile threat.

Space has been weaponized at least since the Germans launched V-2 rockets against Britain. Today, we use satellites not just for commercial purposes, but for intelligence and military command and control. That's the reason the Chinese are so keen to be able to shoot them down. Space isn't a pristine last frontier unsullied by human competitiveness and ferocity, but an extension of our flawed world down here below. It can be dangerous, which is why it's a comfort that we are building defenses against threats more serious than a tank of hydrazine.

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The Rich Lowry column



beyond the beltway

Movies that reflect life's grim realities

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

The Oscar-winning movies are back in the theaters for a last run at cashing in on their Academy-Award glow. Which is all to the good. They are a remarkable group of films. As a matter of fact I don't remember the last time so many really good films appeared in a single year. Nor so many that bit the hands that fed them.

Much was made of the fact that the best of them tended to be gloomy in tone, that is to say, serious. (And make no mistake about it these were serious, beautifully made films.) But the striking thing was how many of them were arrows aimed straight at the heart of capitalism and its engine, greed.

The protagonist of "There Will Be Blood," for example, is the very embodiment of rapacious early 20th century capitalism. He is driven to terrible acts not merely by greed but by the capitalistic spirit of competitiveness that demands not merely that he succeed but that those around him fail.

"Michael Clayton" takes predatory capitalism into the 21st century with a chemical company that, having knowingly sold a toxic product, is defending itself against a massive class action suit. The film centers on the law firm representing the chemical company and the price its lawyers pay, in terms of moral sanity, for the years they've spent cynically serving

the bad guys.

If you consider the illegal drug trade a capitalistic enterprise (and there's no reason you shouldn't) then "No Country for Old Men" is another shot at greed and capitalism. It tells the story of an ordinary man who stumbles upon the aftermath of a drug deal gone bad — bodies strewn over the desert, drugs and money left unattended. He takes the money and drugs, thus setting in motion the machinery of his destruction.

Although it's greed that triggers the narrative, the film — based on Cormac McCarthy's excellent novel — is essentially a meditation on evil. The chief villain of the story, marvelously played by Javier Bardem, is a hitman hired by drug lords to recover the drugs and money but in a larger sense he is Evil. Not evil the adjective, evil the noun — relentless, implacable, indestructible. He stalks his prey not merely because he is paid to do so but because he is a malign spirit that must destroy everything in his path.

Each of these films were justly rewarded with Oscars: Bardem for best supporting actor, Tilda Swinton for her portrayal of a strung-out, guilt-ridden lawyer and "No Country" for best film, best direction and screen adaptation.

I have no quarrel with any of that. It was a good year for Hollywood, a bad year for capitalism. Could it be the era of Bush-driven, unfettered capitalism is coming to an end? Perhaps not. While those anti-greed

films were vacuuming up the awards, higher fare like "Juno" and "Ratatouille" were scoring the great successes at the box office.

Then there's "Sweeney Todd." The over-the-credits image is of thick red blood dripping into the gears of a machine, a unobtrusive hint that blood is the lubricant that keeps society running.

The film, which really is gloomy, is based on the Stephen Sondheim masterpiece, perhaps the greatest piece of musical theater in the English language.

It is a story of rape, murder, political corruption, cannibalism and bad hygiene. Yet, on stage, it is a comedy — a savage, dark comedy perhaps, but funny nevertheless. The film version isn't. It looks great but its principals, Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter, fine actors both, can't sing a lick. That always hurts a musical. So too does a lack of energy and the film lacked it.

There's serious and then there's "What in God's name am I doing here?" But you can't win them all. There were other excellent serious films — "Atonement," "Into Thin Air," "Before the Devil Knows You're Dead," "Charlie Wilson's War," "Gone Baby Gone," "Savages." It was a very good year. Warm up your DVD machine.

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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.

Happy Chandler has announced that he wants to be Governor of Kentucky again. And I want to be Queen of the May, Mother.

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Headline in the morning newspaper reads, "U.S. May Be Asked for Arms. But No Troops." Correction, we'll be asked for all we have, and chances are, they'll get it.

WELL, MAYBE, PERHAPS

There are various ways of saying something, and some of our people are expert steering clear of a flat statement, leaving matters in a mebbe-yes, mebbe-no condition. One such was the oldtimer who was asked if his neighbor had with malice aforethought shot another resident of the neighborhood.

Quoth he:

"Well, he didn't take no rest or draw a real fine bead on him."

THE DEFENSE

Our friend from West Prestonsburg discussed with us at some length, the other morning, the matter of ecclesiastical courts, and how the hapless defendant seldom, if ever, won an acquittal. Then he told of how, in other days, a certain woman established her absolute innocence before the inquisitorial session.

The woman (he said) was haled before the church on a charge of riding a certain mule named Beck, astraddle. She admitted she had laid the sidesaddle aside, and had ridden the mule, as charged. Then one of the brethren asked her: "Have you anything further to say before we pass sentence on you?"

She had. "I suppose," she began "you folks have noticed that I have a stiff left—er, limb."

They admitted they had so observed. Then she continued:

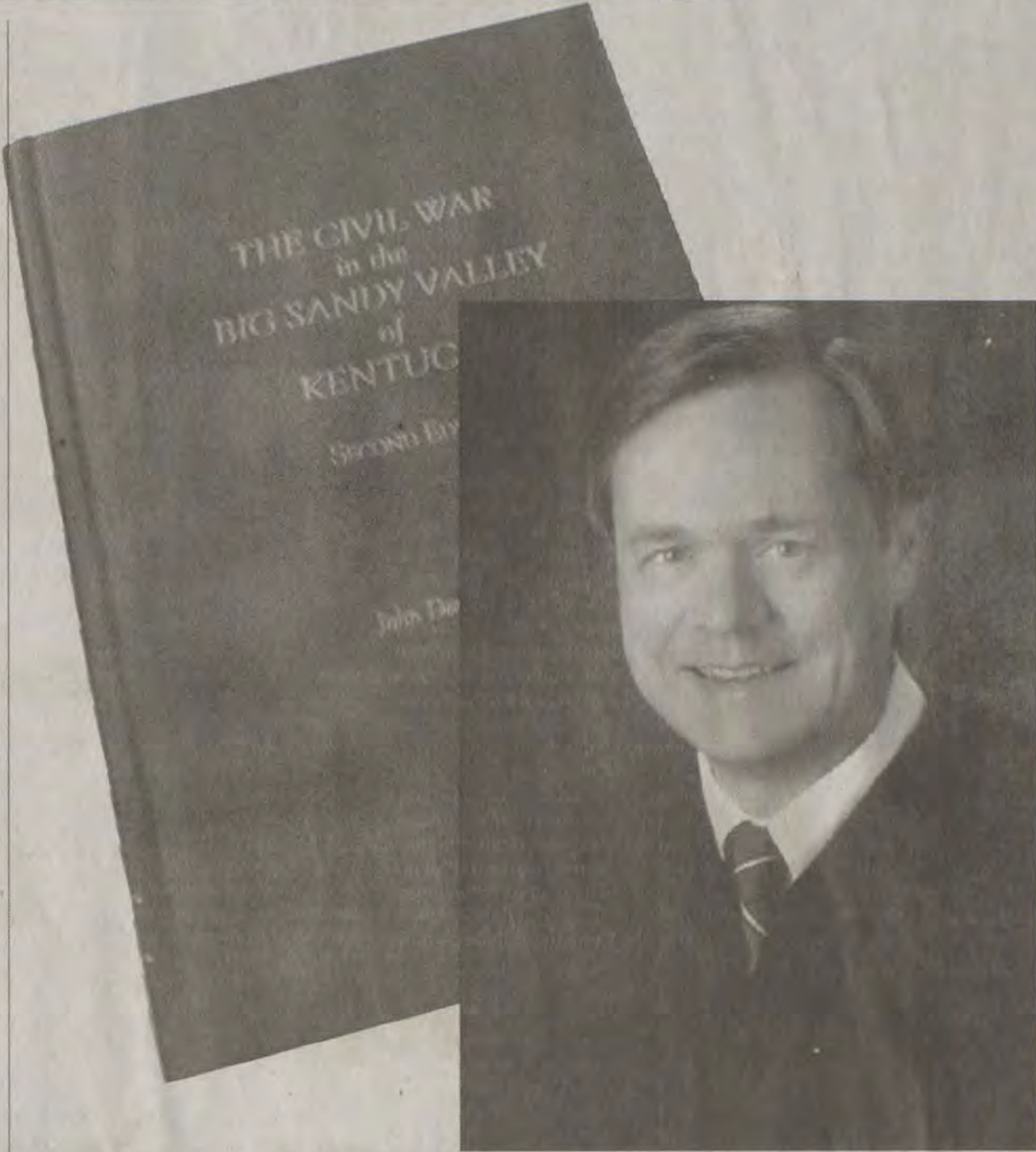
"Well, it's this way: If I ride a sidesaddle, I'll have to lay my left foot between old Beck's cars—and brethren, knowin' Old Back as I do, I'm convinced she wouldn't put up with it."

STANDOFF

Week before last, we couldn't send the paper to subscribers, in the New York area. Which made us all even—we couldn't get the paper to them, and they couldn't get a complaint back to us.

NOT THE SAME

My good friend, Ira McMillen, was here from Ashland, last week, and he left a note for me in which he remarked that the old desk looked familiar. Wonder if he missed the dog that I once used for a paperweight?



Judge John David Preston, author of "The Civil War in the Big Sandy Valley of Kentucky."

Local judge authors regional book on Civil War

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

It began as a research paper in his junior year at Harvard University. In the years since, Johnson County Judge John David Preston says that his daughter, Ellen, has never known a time in her life that he was not researching the Civil War. His book, "The Civil War in the Big Sandy Valley of Kentucky" is now in its second edition. This second edition, Preston says, "is the result of countless hours of research since 1984."

Containing maps, photos, and a listing of Big Sandy soldiers, separated by Union or Confederate service as well as county of residence; the book also boasts a listing of Big Sandy slaveholders, battles and skirmishes, local election results (Pike County) for the 1868 Presidential election between Democrat Horatio Seymour and Republican Ulysses S. Grant, and other notes of interest.

Also reviewed in analytical detail are histories of the impact of the war on the Middle Creek, Ivy Mountain, Paintsville, Jennies Creek, and Little Half Mountain areas in Floyd and Johnson counties, as well as the Pound Gap and Saltville regions of neighboring Virginia.

Recounting that Kentuckians, split on the various issues leading to the war, originally declared neutrality, but that "neutrality failed to keep Kentucky permanently out of the war, but it did allow Kentuckians additional time to consider their positions," the author writes that "the issues of disunion and neutrality plagued the residents of the Big Sandy Valley counties of Pike, Floyd, Johnson and Lawrence."

An excerpt from the book continues: "All of the counties were drained by the Big Sandy River, which, during the Civil War period, was the primary means of transportation in the river valley. The Big Sandy split into two forks at Louisa, the Tug Fork forming the eastern boundary between the Big Sandy counties and West Virginia (then Virginia), and the Levisa Fork, which flowed through the heart of these counties. The economy of the area was largely agricultural. The topography was similar, an area of hills and low mountains giving way to flat bottoms along the creeks and rivers. All the counties were similar in that they had few slaves and slaveholders. These counties formed a distinct geographical region. Their shared river valley gave them a similar economic base and a specific geographical

area which can be easily defined for historical purposes."

Preston notes that historians have written opposing accounts of where the sympathies of Big Sandy residents lay during the civil struggle. Some claim that the residents of Eastern Kentucky were largely Unionist in thought and sympathy; while others claim that they were largely Confederate. "Herein lies one of the questions to be considered in this book," the author writes, "examining the nature and strength of sympathy toward the Confederate or Union cause on the part of the people of the Big Sandy."

What follows is an in-depth look at the region, its people, leaders and noteworthy events of the time period. For those with an interest in this particular period, Preston's book will, most surely, be considered a must read. Years of research have produced a work that will be referred to time and again by scholars, historians and those with an avid interest time and again.

Published by Gateway Press, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland (www.gatewaypress.com), book orders and correspondences may also be addressed to: John D. Preston, Box 808, Paintsville, KY 41240.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'The Beast Within'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

The age-old argument of "Nature vs. Nurture" gets trotted out again in this 1980s riff on Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde via a side trip through "Rebel without a Cause."

The film opens in 1962 and depicts a young couple (Eli and Caroline) embarking on their honeymoon. After a brief stop in the quaint small Mississippi town of Nioba, they get directions that the nervous hubby promptly forgets until after he's passed the turn off.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

Thinking too quickly for his reflexes to keep up with him, he executes a sloppy U-turn that deposits their vehicle in some mud. Like your typical movie character moron he opts to leave his wife behind and go on foot to a gas station.

Caroline decides to walk her dog, who gets a whiff of something and takes off. Turns out that hound knows the scent of a six-foot cicada/man when he sniffs one. Said humanoid appears and assaults Caroline in a graphic scene that may be too much for sensitive viewers.

Next the action jumps ahead 17 years and we meet the couple's son who was spawned on that awful evening. Turns out he's having troubles with his pituitary gland, which has gone into overdrive. When the family doctor stresses that neither of them has a history of this condition, they must face facts and realize that a second trip to Nioba could save their son's life.

They hop in the car and head out, but Michael realizes something is up and is soon chasing after them. When they arrive in Nioba they split up, with Dad checking the courthouse while Mom hits the archives at the local paper. The judge is zero help to Dad but Mom finds that a murder rocked the town 17 years ago. The victim's surname was Curwin, the same as the judge and the newspaper's publisher.

Meanwhile Michael arrives in town and heads straight for the publisher's house. He pretends to be delivering groceries and is allowed in. The publisher even offers to make him dinner but is disrupted halfway through the meal prep by Michael, who opts to devour the guy without even the courtesy of saying grace.

Eli and Caroline hook up with Michael and get him under the care of the town doctor. The sheriff gets on the case and suspects a link between the new murder and the old ones. This is compounded by the coroner, who can't explain why bodies turn up in the swamp that were interred in the cemetery after he delivered them for burial.

The town drunk runs into Michael

(See LAGOON, page six)

Dogs just wanna have fun

by SUSAN WHITE

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE CAT & DOG LOVER'S SOUL"

My husband Daniel and I travel frequently. When we first got our dog, Buddha-tu (we call him Buddhi), we were concerned that he would be lonely or perhaps feel that we'd abandoned him when we left him at home during our trips away.

When we left, we always had someone stay in our house and look after Buddhi, so we knew he was well taken care of, but we still felt guilty. I

even used to leave my husband's T-shirt for Buddhi to sleep with and made sure he got extra goodies each day we were gone. Still, I used to wonder what he made of the whole thing — did he miss his lovin's, his rub-a-dubs and belly pats, sleeping by our bed, taking walks with us — and who was going to play ball with him while we were away? Was our absence too traumatic for him? I supposed I would never know.

But then one night when we called home, Buddhi made it quite clear what he missed the most when we

were gone.

We reached our housesitter, Barbara, and had her put us on the speakerphone, so that we could talk to Buddhi. He immediately started barking and howling when he heard our voices. We were jabbering at Buddhi like a pair of fools, when we noticed we couldn't hear him anymore. Barbara told us that he had run out of the room.

What was he doing? I wondered uneasily. Maybe it hadn't been such a good idea to call home — perhaps Buddhi was confused and was searching the house for us. When he couldn't find us, would he become upset and try to get outside to continue the search? What if he tried to jump through a window? My imagi-

nation ran away with me, and I couldn't stop it. I thought, Poor baby, he misses us so much, hearing our voices had just made it worse. I urged Barbara to go find him. My husband and I decided to try to coax him back into the room by continuing to talk to him.

Barbara ran after him to see what was going on and almost tripped over him as he raced back into the room, holding something in his mouth. He bounded to the phone, where we were still

spouting endearments in a highly embarrassing manner.

We heard Barbara laughing in the background, and then she picked up the phone and told us that Buddhi had approached the phone, and had stood for a moment, head cocked. Then he carefully put his front paws up on the desk and set down the object in his mouth. It was his favorite ball. He put it directly on top of the speakerphone and stepped back — waiting for us to throw it.



Turn signal malfunctions when car is cold

by TOM and RAY
MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

We have a 2002 L300 V-6 Saturn. The turn signals will not work in cold weather (below 30 F) until the car has been driven and therefore warmed. The hazard lights will work, however. The dealer says that he doesn't know what causes the problem, and of course by the time we drive it to the dealer, the car is warm and the problem is gone. Any suggestions? — Richard and June

TOM: Have you considered relocating to Key West? If it ever gets close to 30 F down there, you can drive out to the orange groves and park next to the smudge pots.

RAY: Actually, if you have a problem that occurs only first thing in the morning, or when the car is ice-cold, you should make arrangements to drop the car off at your mechanic's place the night before your appointment.

TOM: Just make sure he

has a secure place to leave it outside. If he leaves it inside, it'll be nice and toasty in the morning, and he still won't be able to experience the problem.

RAY: And if he leaves it out on the street and he's in a neighborhood like where my brother lives, your car could get vandalized or stolen.

TOM: Of course, if the car gets stolen, you won't have the turn-signal problem anymore. But I don't think that's the solution you're looking for.

RAY: If you came to me with this problem, the first thing I'd do is replace the hazard-lights switch. That's in the dashboard, right behind the hazard switch itself. That switch has the flasher built into it for both the hazard lights and the directional lights.

TOM: If that doesn't fix it, your mechanic can try plugging in a new multifunction switch. That's the stalk sticking out of your steering column that controls your turn signals, your wipers, your

bright lights and your in-dash lava lamp. The contacts in that switch just might have worn out over time.

RAY: But I'd bet on the hazard switch. If the mechanic has the car when it's cold, when the directionals are actually misbehaving, he can test all this stuff in five minutes, out in the parking lot. Good luck, guys.

High-end recommendations
Dear Tom and Ray:

I am an older woman who has just taken a vice presidential position with a company that is virtually all male and, thus, I do not want to display my profound ignorance about cars. The company has said that it will provide me with a car to use, BUT it must be one that reflects the company's success and status. Translated, that means I have to choose something fancier than the 2000 Lexus I currently drive. I am, frankly, looking for comfort. I like leather seats, and I want roadside assistance if possible. One of the fellows suggested a Bentley, but I don't know if they make something smaller than the Queen Mary (I like my car's size). Another fellow who collects cars says that if I were a car, I would be a classic Crown Vic. But a new one isn't good enough for my com-

pany. So, here is the question: What car can I buy? I live in sunny California. I am told that Cadillacs and Lincolns are out. Something called an S-Class is OK on the low end (but I don't know what that is). Does Bentley make something of moderate size? I am an old lady, and don't want to climb in and out of a sports car. Find me a car, please. Thanks. — Andrea

TOM: I feel awful for you, Andrea. This clearly is a terrible burden for you. So here's what I'm going to do. I'm going to loan you my 1977 Fiat Spider. And I'll bear the burden of driving whatever \$150,000 junker the company foists on you. How's that for a deal?

RAY: You know, you might have a chance at persuading her if you didn't have an inch of mold growing on each of the Fiat's seats.

TOM: Well, this is a wonderful problem to have, Andrea, and we have two suggestions for you.

RAY: The first suggestion is a Bentley GT. It's a luxurious, but not huge, two-door, sporty coupe that sells for a cool \$175 large. It's neither a luxury barge nor is it so low to the ground that you'll have to fall into it and climb out of it every day.

TOM: Nor is it so hard-rid-



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and comfortable than the Bentley.

TOM: It has loads of high-tech features, including a system that claims to park the car for you. We've actually tried that feature and can't say it's quite ready for prime time yet.

RAY: Yeah. After my brother got his second ticket for parking in the middle of an intersection, we gave up on that one.

TOM: But in all kinds of other ways, the Lexus is absolutely wonderful. It's pin-drop quiet, supremely comfortable, wonderfully reliable, easy to drive and, as a bonus, it's a hybrid. That means instead of getting 13 miles to the gallon like you'd get in the Bentley, you'll get 20 miles per gallon.

RAY: And that makes a certain statement. It says, "I may have more money than I know what to do with, but I'm not a complete jerk!"

TOM: I know if it were me, I'd take the Bentley GT, because I AM a complete jerk. But I have a feeling the Lexus is going to be a better fit for you, Andrea. Enjoy.

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

Lagoon

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and realizes that he is channeling a guy named Billy who was his best friend. Turns out Billy disappeared shortly after a run-in with the Curwins 17 years ago. Michael appears to have inherited Billy's conscience as well as his unique ability to turn into a giant cicada.

Billy/Michael sets out to wipe out the last Curwin, the judge, but first he takes out the drunk and deposits him on some utility lines, where he's burned to a crisp.

Meanwhile Judge Curwin freaks out and gets more nervous than an Idaho senator who's run out of toilet paper in an airport restroom. The judge decides to tell what he and his brothers did to Billy in exchange for some protection from the mutant bug/man which has possessed Michael. The sheriff complies but the climax finds everyone barricaded in the jail as Michael, now fully mutated, bursts in for a reckoning with the judge that no force of nature appears able to stop.

This is a decent monster movie that also adds a blend of Southern Gothic to the proceedings. Director Phillippe Mora would go on to direct the horrible "Howling 2," but this effort shows he had some talent before taking that job.

He wisely enlists the aid of Tom Burman ("The Fly" remake circa 1986) for a convincing monster. Burman mostly delivers, though a prolonged transformation sequence features one goofy stage where Michael's head has obviously been substituted with a balloon.

That said, the gore effects are spot-on, with Burman delivering a convincing burn sequence and a gruesome

decapitation, that 1980s chestnut which popped up in every other slasher movie.

Mora also enlists a talented cast of veteran actors who manage to resist playing their characters as Southern stereotypes. Ronnie Cox ("Deliverance") and Bibi Besch (Captain Kirk's wife in the "Star Trek" movies) perform admirably as the parents. Michael is also well played by Paul Clemens (son of actress Eleanor Parker).

The real treat here, though, are the veteran character actors who make up the town. They include two graduates of the films of Sam Peckinpah (R.G. Armstrong, as Doc, and L.Q. Jones, as the sheriff). There are also talented thespians here that sport two full names, such as Luke Askew, well cast as the conniving coroner, and Don Gordon (a 1960s and 1970s actor who played a lot of cops' alongside actors such as Clint Eastwood and Steve McQueen). All of these folks play it straight and do a fine job of maintaining their character as they are confronted with killer cicadas and some truly awful dialogue.

As a bonus this comes on a two-sided DVD where it's paired with "The Bat People." This one's a little slow but makes sense as a second feature with a man on his honeymoon getting bit by a bat and soon mutating into man/bat. Goofy but fun and, once again, there are decent effects on hand to make you partially believe that a man can turn into a bat (hey, a giant cicada is a tough sell, but they pull that one off handily).

Best line: "You look like the hind end of a coon dog just leaving the swamp." 1982, rated R.

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Johnson moves on to Bell County

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — After guiding the Allen Central High School baseball team back to prominence in the 58th District and 15th Region, Ken Johnson isn't back at the helm of the Rebel program. Johnson is now an assistant coach at Bell County under head Bobcat mentor Rob Ledington, who joined the program from Corbin. Bell County opened the season with back-to-back wins this week, defeating Leslie County and Cumberland.

Johnson wasn't hired back as a teacher in Floyd County for the 2007-08 school year. As a result, he had to resign and vacate the coaching post.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my tenure at Allen Central," Johnson confided. "I feel I left the program in good shape and tops in the district. I am excited about my new position at Bell County, but also hold a place in my heart for my boys at AC. I will keep track to see how they do, and I hope they know they can achieve greatness — if they'll just keep working hard."

Johnson was torn when it came time to make a decision about his future.

"I didn't originally want to leave AC, but after much prayer and thought, I felt it was the best decision I could make for my family and for myself," Johnson commented. "I wish all the best to the new coach and hope all the success for my boys."

One of the state's top young high school baseball coaches, Johnson was quick to compliment the staff he had in place at Allen Central.

"I do feel my coaching staff that I had there and I

raised the bar for baseball at Allen Central," said Johnson. "With the help of Craig Kidd, Bill Pollack and Byron Hall over the last three years, we broke many school records — including a new mark in wins two consecutive years. But the success I measure the most is that I saw four of my players sign to play or are playing baseball at the next level. Hopefully, I will see a couple more of them do the same this year — even though I'm not with them."

Johnson is optimistic

(See JOHNSON, page five)



PRESTONSBURG SOPHOMORE CATCHER ERICA MEADE awaited a pitch during the Lady Blackcat softball team's season-opener versus Magoffin County earlier in the week.

UK football program starts spring drills

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — On Wednesday morning at the Nutter Training Center, the University of Kentucky football team began 2008 spring football practice with a two-hour, 20-minute workout in helmets, jerseys, and shorts.

The team will return to practice Friday morning. The Wildcats have 15 practices scheduled, capped by the Blue/White Spring Game on Saturday, April 19.

At the end of the initial spring practice, UK Coach Rich Brooks talked about his team's injuries during a press conference.

Maurice Grinter will do some drills, he will have no contact because of the off-season shoulder surgery," said Brooks. "Tyler Sexton will have no contact for a couple of weeks because of a lower back injury. Charles Mustafaa will not participate this spring because of a knee surgery last fall. (Nii Adjei) Oninku will do drills only, no contact. (Robbie) McAtee will be limited the first couple of weeks as well because of a lower back problem. Ahmad Grigsby has just been cleared and will participate as conditioning will allow because he hasn't been able to condition fully. We'll just have to work him into shape. Calvin Harrison had a knee surgery and I think will be able to come back before the end of spring but right now he's out. Brandon Thurmond had knee surgery again on the same knee, will not participate in the spring. We all know Jamil Parris is not going to be able to play football any more. Jeremy Jarmon had his knee scoped last week. He'll be out for at least the first two weeks of spring ball and should be able to return, but a little lateral cartridge taken out. Ricky Lumpkin has got a little hip problem and will probably be back hopefully sometime the middle of next week."

Despite his team working out in a limited practice setting, Brooks saw some good things in the spring session.

"Let me give you my impression of the first day, which is limited obviously, because we are in shorts and not full gear so it's hard to gauge where the line-

(See SPRING, page five)



BEAVER JUNCTION MOTOCROSS

file photos

WEATHER PERMITTING, BEAVER JUNCTION MOTOCROSS will open another season today. The track, located at Dwale, just off of US 23, hosts competitors from several Kentucky counties. Above: Former Prestonsburg High School football player Chat Yates (157) led a group of riders during an event last season. The track has also hosted numerous individuals from other states, including pro riders.



Hall claims Corbin title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg High School graduate Jason Hall placed first in full-contact kickboxing at the Battle of Corbin, an event held Feb. 9 at the Corbin Civic Center and presented by Premier MMA.

Hall is a student at Family Academy of Martial Arts in Prestonsburg. A former high school wrestler, Hall will compete in his next fight on April 19 at Somerset.

Other fighters in action at the Corbin event included Chad Crisp, Travis Wagers, Glen Sparks, Matt Spalding,

Patrick Garrett, Justin Collett, Travis Fredericks, Brandon Patterson, Tim Chamberlain, Curtis Simpson, Josh Blue, Billy Eversole, Travis Walker, Jamar Boulware, Adam Hatfield, Brandon Eversole, Marcus Burgin, Rick Adams, Gunner Holmes, Sherman Hubbard, Matt Traylor, Terry May, Corey Nellis, Tony Scott, Drew Kennedy, Gerald May, Kris Huffman, John Eversole, Ricardo Barros, AJ Hawk, Jeremiah Huskins, Steven Woodruff, Mike Chen, Jonathan Garrett, Trinity Young, Tristan Young and Josh Cate.



Prestonsburg High School graduate Jason Hall has a background in wrestling and martial arts.

Adams archery team finishes 11th at state tournament

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

LOUISVILLE — After winning the Floyd County middle school archery title in back-to-back years, coach Sherman Holliday and his young team opted to participate in the 2008 region competition held earlier in the month at Jenny Wiley State Park. Not only did the Adams team win the regional title, but the squad earned a spot in the state competition in Louisville thanks to the triumph. Over 40 students from Adams are currently participating in the state archery program. Holliday's team has impressed many people throughout Floyd County. Adams competed against 44 other schools in the tournament and came home with an 11th place finish overall.

The top shooter for Adams in the Elementary division was Hunter Brown with a score of 263 out of a possible 300. Brown finished in 13th place overall out of 402 shooters. Keith Kidd totaled 242 and finished 65th overall. Austin Bailey finished in 86th place with a 237 and Drew Wright finished with a 219.

Montana Lemaster posted a 177 in the girls competition. Morgan Short was the leading female for Adams in the middle school division with a 251. Short finished in 39th place out of 212 shooters. Laken Keathley came home with a 58th place finish and a 240 effort. Victoria Hampton ended with a 206 and Lisa Ratliff rounded out the scoring with a 181. Adams top male shooter in the middle school division was Austin Newsome with 276 points. The 276 earned

Newsome a top-20 finish out of a total of 439 shooters. Anthony Collins turned in a score of 275 — good enough for a 21st place finish overall. McKinley Minix finished with a 264 total which landed him in 53rd place overall. Josh Stambaugh registered a 254 as he finished 90th.

Other scores included: Brant Smith, 248; Luke Williams, 246; Kyle Chaffins, 245; J.D. Adams, 244; Evan Bays, 238; Cole Allen, 237; Mickale Roberts, 235; Colton Shepherd, 226; Zach Romans, 225; Colton Bolelyn, 209; and Cody Chaffins, 202.

This is the third year of the archery program in Floyd County and the Adams program is quickly turning into a state force in the middle school division.

Holliday was quick to give all of

the credit to the kids.

"These kids have worked extremely hard and represented our school and our community with honor and class," said Holliday. "I could not be any more proud of their accomplishments."

The National Archery in the Schools Program was introduced in Floyd County in 2006. Floyd County Schools Assistant Superintendent Pete Grigsby was instrumental in bringing the program to Floyd County schools.

Editor's note: More on the Adams Middle School archery program's rise to its standing as one of the state's top teams will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Mahoney lifts Kentucky into WNIT quarterfinals

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Senior guard Samantha Mahoney (Detroit) turned in the finest performance of her Kentucky career by scoring a personal-best 30 points, including five three-pointers, to direct the Wildcats to an 84-76 win over James Madison on Wednesday in Memorial Coliseum. The Wildcats will now face Big East member Marquette in the quarterfinals of the Women's National Invitation Tournament today at 2 p.m. in Memorial Coliseum.

The senior, not wanting her Kentucky career to end, became the first Wildcat to score 30 or more points in a game since stand-out Sara Potts scored 32 points against Xavier in the 2005 WNIT third round. Mahoney, who helped the Cats rally from a six-point second-half deficit, put on a show that was incredibly reminiscent of Potts' display just three years prior on March 24, 2005.

Her five made three-pointers tied her career high and marked the second-most three-pointers by a Wildcat in a WNIT contest, second only to Potts' seven threes against Chattanooga in a second-round contest in 2005. She also went 7-of-9 from the free-throw line. Mahoney moved into sole possession of fourth place on UK's all-time scoring list with 1,586 career points, surpassing Potts.

"It means a lot," Mahoney said of her Potts-like performance in the WNIT. "Sara Potts was a great player at Kentucky. I've known her since high school and we played together in college. She really took over this tournament my freshman year and it really means a lot to me ranked with her in the scoring records."

"Incredible," UK Coach Matthew Mitchell said about Mahoney. "I don't know what to say to describe that, other than it was a senior playing like she didn't want it to be her last game. She just didn't want to stop playing. She put up the most points she ever has, 30, and was vocal on the floor and from the bench. She was not going to be denied tonight. Playing a good James Madison team that brought a lot of intensity to the floor, we had to match that intensity and Sam did that tonight."

Mahoney was one of four UK players to score in double figures as senior guard Chelsea Chowning (Berea) tied her career high with 14 points and seven rebounds and made a career-best six free throws. Freshman forward Victoria Dunlap (Nashville, Tenn.), who grabbed a career-high 14 rebounds in UK's last game versus MTSU, once again dominated the paint by pulling down 12 points and 12 rebounds for her second career double-double.

Junior forward/center Eleia Roddy (Columbus, Ohio) came off the bench for a season high-tying 10 points and helped fill the void of senior center Sarah Elliott (McKee) who went out with a knee injury at the 7:54 mark of the second half.

"We left it all out there tonight," Roddy said. "This was probably the hardest I've seen us play all season. We just gave it our all and decided we weren't going to lose this game. We definitely came to play tonight." UK's four seniors combined for 55 points and 12 rebounds in the game.

Kentucky, which shot 42.4 per-

(See KENTUCKY, page five)

FAMILY FEATURES

When adversity strikes, the last thing most people think to do is push the envelope. Would a double amputee aspire to run with the president of the United States? Would a mom who had just nurtured her son through a bone marrow transplant for a rare form of leukemia decide to start a nonprofit organization?

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In 2006, Energizer inducted its first winner, John O'Leary of St. Louis, Mo., into its Hall of Fame. O'Leary conquered overwhelming odds: When he was just nine years old, he was burned on 98 percent of his body in a fire accident. He had less than half a percent chance of surviving. But, survive he did, and today he operates his own rehab business, is a husband and proud father, and is active as a Big Brother and a chaplain at a local hospital.

Melanie Goldish of Hoffman Estates, Ill., took the Energizer Keep Going Hall of Fame honors as the 2007 inductee. Goldish was inspired to found SuperSibs! (www.supersibs.org) after she saw how hard it was not only for her son who was diagnosed with leukemia, but also for his brother. Her organization reaches out to the brothers and sisters of more than 10,000 children in U.S. and Canada who are diagnosed with cancer each year.

Energizer is now accepting nominations for the 2008 Hall of Fame. "We're looking for people who never quit," says Betsy Laakko, Director of Marketing for Energizer. "Almost all of us know someone who is determined and has a can-do attitude. We're asking everyone to help us identify and honor those very energetic and inspirational people."

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While it might be daunting to imagine achieving the same kinds of results as Energizer® Keep Going® Hall of Fame finalists, it's within anyone's reach to make a difference.

- **Start Small.** While many Americans might like to get more involved, it can sometimes be intimidating when you don't know where to start. Don't feel like you need to start your own nonprofit group to make a difference; realize that even if you pledge to volunteer one afternoon a week, your contributions count.
- **Keep It Local.** Another great way to get involved is to look around your own community. Read your church newsletter, pay attention at school meetings, browse the local newspaper — chances are, there are multiple organizations that would not only love to have volunteers, but are in real need of help.
- **Follow Your Interests.** Think of your passions and hobbies, as well as your strengths and weaknesses. For example, if cats make you nervous, it's probably safe to say you wouldn't make a great animal shelter volunteer. But, on the other hand, if you're good with finances, you'd probably be a natural to keep your preschool's accounts in order. Chances are, no matter what your skills or interests, there's a place where they can be utilized — and valued.
- **Research Online.** In today's ultra-connected world, it's easier than ever to find the information you need. Volunteering is no exception. With a little research, you can find a wealth of information specific to your needs, interests and location. VolunteerMatch.org, Volunteer.gov, Serve.net.org, Volunteersolutions.org and 1-800-volunteer.org are just a few of the many sites expressly designed to get people matched up with the causes and organizations that need them most.

Call for Entries

Know someone who has that famed Energizer Bunny® never-quit spirit? Here's their chance to get the recognition they deserve. The third-annual Energizer® Keep Going® Hall of Fame is taking nominations through March 21.

Simply submit an essay up to 300 words, accompanied by a photo and/or video no more than three minutes long. The nomination should tell the story of the candidate's unstoppable spirit and why he or she deserves to be an inductee into the Keep Going Hall of Fame. Nomination can be made by going to www.energizer.com/halloffame.

A panel of independent judges will narrow the field to 100 semi-finalists, who will be honored in their hometowns. Then, 10 finalists will be selected, and their names and stories will be posted online. All of America will be given a chance to select the winner through an online vote in June. (Each vote will trigger a \$1 donation from Energizer to the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, up to \$10,000.)

The lucky winner will receive \$10,000, plus an additional \$5,000 to donate to their favorite charity.



Cal Ripken, Jr. is the first official member of the Energizer Keep Going® Hall of Fame and is leading the call for entries.

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Houses

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE 1 Pursuant to Application Number 836-0355

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that CAM Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 1169, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for a surface

coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 647.6 acres located 1.3 miles south of Endicott in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 1.8 miles southeast from KY 194 junction with County Route 3385 and located on Johns Branch of Buffalo Creek. The latitude is 37° 39' 22". The longitude is 82° 37' 28".

Legals

The proposed operation is located on the Thomas and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 7 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the area method of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Denzil Allen, Alma Land Company, EJ Blackburn, Cliff Blackburn, DFM, Inc., Bluebird Collieries, Fraley Heirs, Endicott Heirs, Unit Coal Corporation, CAM Mining, LLC, et al., Bobbie Phillips, et al., and Huntington District of Corps of Engineers. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division for Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 1346 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co., Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 2.6

miles north of Emma, in Floyd County. The amendment will add 199.80 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 328.30 acres, of which 164.15 acres overlie area mining area, making a total area of 618.72 acres, within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.70 mile northeast from Sugar-loaf Branch Road's junction with KY 1428, and is located on Dials Branch of Sugarloaf Branch of the Levisa Fork.

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quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Joe A. and Barbara Burchett, E. L. and Bertha Cline, Malcolm Layne, Rebecca Jarrell, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Wade and Ora Blackburn Heirs, John Dallas and Vina Sue Branham, Clark Pergem and Jesse Rudd. The operation will use the contour, auger and highwall methods of surface mining. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that McDonald's Corporation, 1000 Omega Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a McDonald's Restaurant with associated site improvements. The property is located off of North Lake Drive, near May's Branch Road. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date

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Garganelli With Zucchini and Grana Padano

Serves 4

- 16 ounces garganelli pasta
- 1 clove garlic
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
- 4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 pound diced zucchini
- 1 1- to 3-ounce slice Prosciutto di San Daniele
- Pinch sweet paprika
- Salt to taste
- 1 cup vegetable broth

Chopped parsley Grated Grana Padano cheese

1. Boil garganelli in salted water according to package directions.
2. Sauté garlic and onion with olive oil in large skillet.
3. Add zucchini, prosciutto, paprika, salt and vegetable broth. Cook gently on medium heat.
4. Drain pasta when al dente. Add to zucchini mixture. Sauté on high heat and blend well.
5. Garnish pasta with sprinkling of parsley and Grana Padano.

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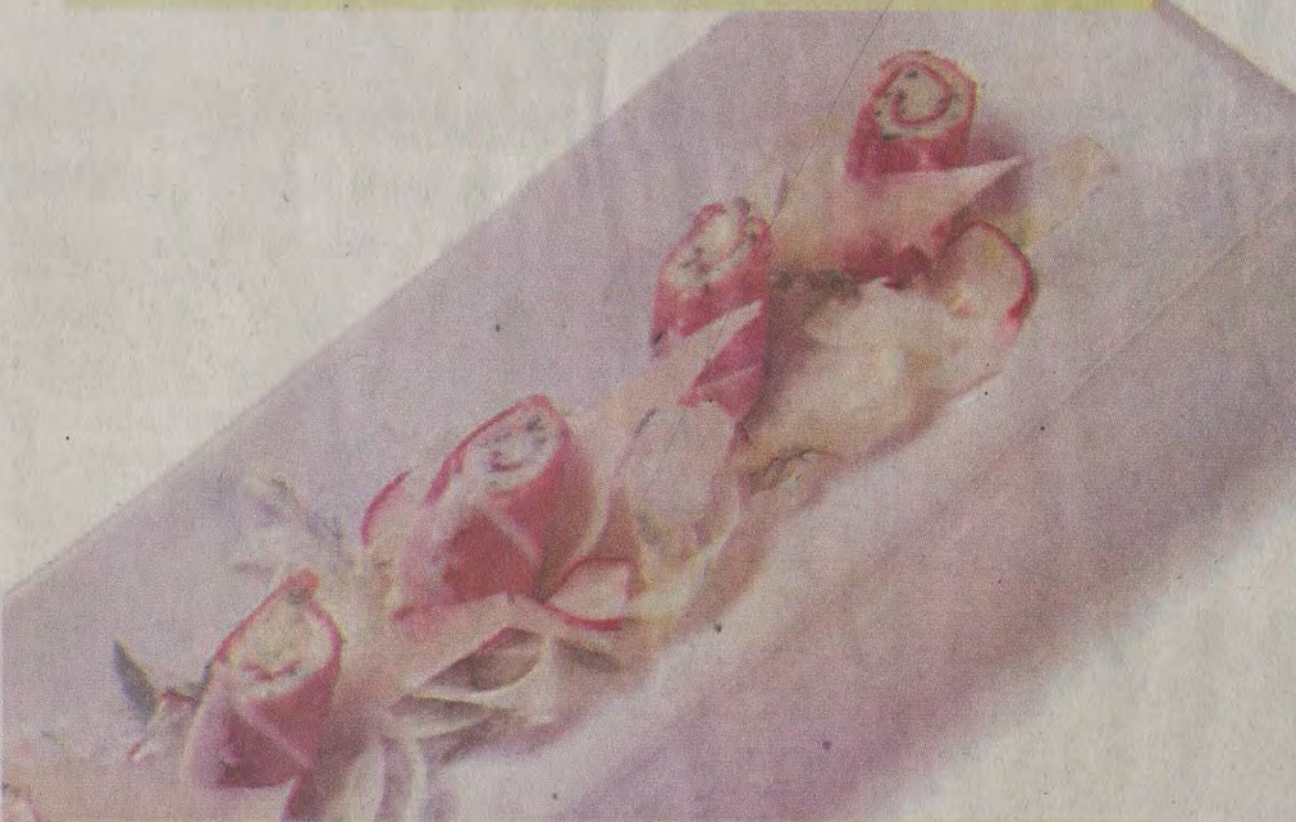
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The Goodness of Grana Padano

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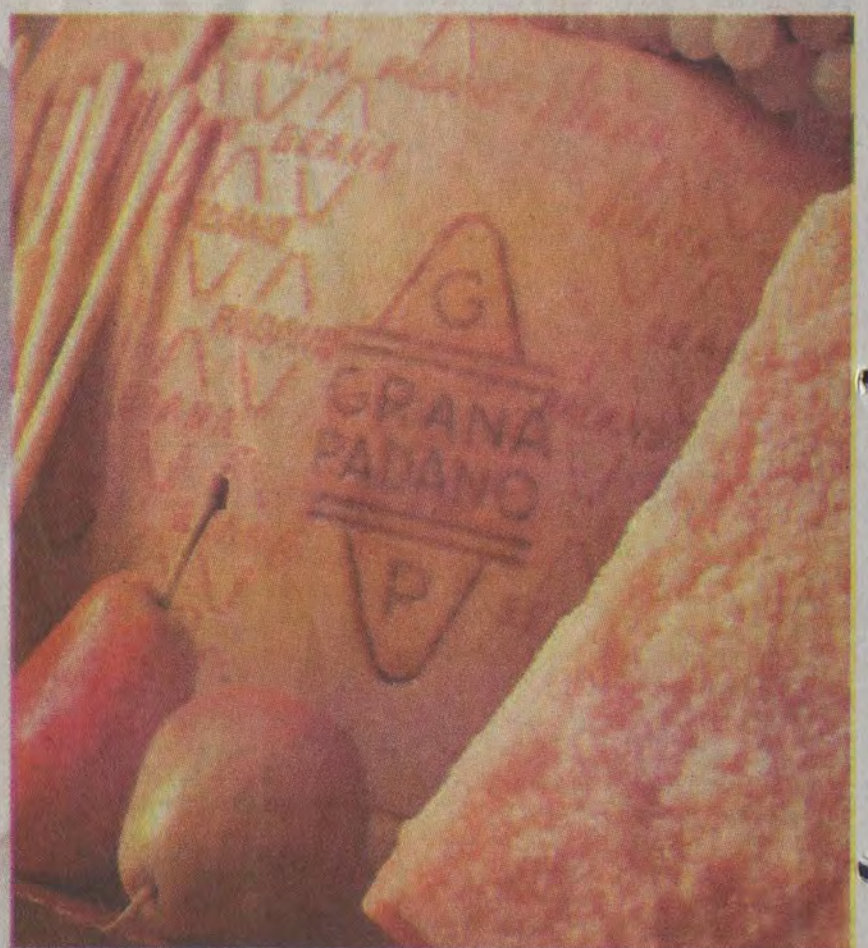


Grana Padano and Mascarpone Cheese Mousse Prosciutto Roll

Serves 4

- 6 ounces fresh mascarpone cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Grana Padano cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Finely cut chives
- 8 slices Prosciutto di San Daniele
- Fennel (optional)
- Extra virgin olive oil (optional)
- Lemon juice (optional)

1. Mix together in bowl: mascarpone cheese, Grana Padano cheese, salt, pepper and chives. Blend well to form smooth mixture.
2. Place spoonful mixture on end of prosciutto slice and roll tightly.
3. Leave rolls in refrigerator at least 2 hours before serving.
4. To assemble, cut rolls diagonally in 2 parts and place 2 in middle of plate. If desired, add fennel alongside, julienne and lightly dressed with olive oil and lemon juice.



Crêpes With Swiss Chard, Grana Padano, Fresh Tomato and Basil

Serves 4

- 8 crêpes
- 1/2 pound swiss chard
- 6 ounces fresh ricotta cheese
- 2 egg yolks
- Grana Padano cheese, to taste
- Pinch of salt, pepper and nutmeg
- 2 medium-size tomatoes
- 8 fresh basil leaves
- Extra virgin olive oil

1. Prepare or buy pre-made crêpes.
2. Cook swiss chard in salted water until tender, drain, pat dry and chop.
3. Mix chard with ricotta, egg yolks, handful grated Grana Padano, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Blend well.
4. Spread mixture onto crêpes. Close like a small bag and place seam-side down in buttered oven-proof dish.
5. Sprinkle crêpes with more grated Grana Padano and bake in oven at 375°F about 15 minutes.
6. Meanwhile place tomatoes into boiling water a few seconds. Drain, peel, remove seeds and dice pulp.
7. To serve, place tablespoon diced tomato on plate. Put one crêpe on top of another and sprinkle with pieces of two basil leaves. Top with drizzle of oil and serve immediately.

