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County finally sells East Ky. Utilities

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court seemed relieved to announce the sale of East Kentucky Utilities during a regular meeting Friday.

And perhaps with good reason. The efforts to sell the utility company dates back years, with deadlines extended and many other levels of agreement and routine in between.

But now that the smoke has cleared, the county accepted \$700,000 from Kentucky Frontier, which was then voted to be placed into a new account and earmarked as contingency funds.

"We've got this off our shoulders now," said Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall.

Kentucky Frontier's first attempt to purchase the gas company ran into problems that were not directly related the gas company deal itself.

At that time, Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley said the bid was tied to the purchase of several companies and that another company had a federal lien against, a development that stalled the process.

A second company which bid this past June, Martin Gas Company, was rejected, according to Treasurer David

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East Kentucky Utilities has been sold and is now Kentucky Frontier Gas. Its office remains at the corner of Graham and South Central in Prestonsburg.

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FRANKFORT — Harry Ward, the former mayor of the city of Vicco in Perry County, and his son, Gary Ward, a former city commissioner, have each entered an Alford Plea to a charge of official misconduct first degree, a Class A misdemeanor.

The Office of the Attorney General began investigating the case at the request of Kentucky State Police in 2004 after a complaint from a local bank involving unauthorized transfers of city funds.

Investigators discovered that while in office both Harry and Gary Ward had been using city funds for their own benefit. Gary Ward had also falsified bills to the Vicco city attorney and wrote several hundred dollars in cold checks into the city's petty cash fund.

Perry Circuit Court Judge William Engle has sentenced Harry Ward, who had been serving on the Vicco City Commission, to 12 months in the county jail probated for 24 months or until restitution is paid to the city of Vicco in the amount of \$10,750. Engle sentenced Gary Ward to 12 months in the county jail probated for 24 months or until restitution of \$17,248 is made to the city.

At the request of local officials, Harry Ward has resigned from the Vicco City Commission.

JUDGE HAS LAST WORD



photo by Jarrid Deaton

Sean Bobo received an extra six months on his two-year prison sentence on Friday for a contempt of court charge that occurred in November. Bobo's was sentenced to two years in prison on a charge of sex abuse and imprisonment.

Contempt charge adds six months to sex abuse sentence

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An Allen man originally sentenced to two years in prison, after admitting in November to sexually abusing and imprisoning a minor, received an extra six months Friday for a contempt of court charge involving the victim.

Sean Bobo, 37, made an obscene gesture toward the victim and her family as he left court after his sentencing in November. Bobo also made a threatening comment to the victim.

During Friday's sentencing, Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill informed Bobo that a staff writer with The Floyd County Times witnessed the gesture and heard the comment. Bobo admitted to

the contempt of court charge and accepted the additional sentence from Caudill instead of opting for a hearing on the charge.

"You made a gesture and I told you we would set a hearing date and that would be contempt of court," Caudill said. "It sure didn't look like a friendly

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Repeated use of Taser ends chase

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

GOOSE CREEK ROAD — A Langley man led police on a lengthy car chase that ended after a foot race along Goose Creek Road earlier this week.

Kentucky State Police Commercial Enforcement Officer Tommy Gearheart took Joshua C. Bailey, 21, of Langley, into custody after following his vehicle into the street of road just off Route 680.

Bailey was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, fleeing or evading police, reckless driving, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, menacing, first-degree wanton endangerment, no registration and no insurance after the chase ended.

The chase began, according to reports from Gearheart filed in Floyd County District Clerk's Office, when while on patrol, Gearheart saw a white Jeep Cherokee traveling along Stone Coal Road at a high rate of speed.

He later tracked the vehicle to Goose Creek Road and turned on his blue lights, at which time the Jeep accelerated along the road and then was involved in a collision.

It was at that time Gearheart said Bailey left the Jeep on foot, running up a hill in the area. Gearheart followed and reported bringing the 21-year-old down with a Taser, striking him with

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Wheelwright water project gets financial boost

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — More funding for an overhaul project an Wheelwright's water supply was accepted by county leaders Friday.

Members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court accepted \$290,000 in grant money for the Wheelwright Water Source Project which they immediately voted to then hand over to the Wheelwright City Utilities

Commission to continue work.

As in November when the last round of funding came — \$310,000 — District 3 Magistrate Donnie Daniels made the motion to accept the money. Wheelwright is a city that rests in District 3, and is sorely in need of the project, Daniels said.

"I'm happy these steps are falling into place," Daniels has said during past funding transfers. "I think Golf Hollow was one of the last places in my district that didn't have water

extensions and now that can be taken care of with this project."

The project will bring better water for up to 300 residents in the city.

Voting to send the money directly to the city's commission lends expediency to the project, which members of the Big Sandy Area Development District, which has helped the county seek and secure grants for the utility company, say will get underway sometime this year.

A projected overall cost for the proj-

ect has been estimated at about \$1.5 million.

Brenda Powers, with Big Sandy ADD, has been administering the grants for the project, said in October of last year that there has been an engineer from Frankfort already assigned to the project.

"One of the initiatives is to upgrade their water source," Powers said then. "They're getting water from mines.

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Regional Obituaries

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■ Mary "Dee" Burchett, of Martin, died Friday, February 13, at Northpoint Health Care Center in Lexington. A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, February 28, at 2 p.m., at the Maytown Baptist Church.

■ Mary Magdalene Cesco, 73, of Pikeville, formerly of Weeksbury, died Sunday, February 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Paul Cesco. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Charles Crum, 80, of Banner, died Thursday, February 5, at UK Medical Center in Lexington. Funeral services were held Monday, February 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Arnold Daniels, 81, of Eastern, died Saturday, February 14, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Martin. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Willa Mae "Sissy" Frasure, 66, of Galveston, died Sunday, February 15, at the University of Kentucky Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Tom "Town" Frasure. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Thomas "Tommy" Maryland Hale, age 57, of Blue River, died Tuesday, February 17, at his residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 21, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ James T. Hall, 64, of

Cherryville, North Carolina, formerly of Wheelwright, died Monday, February 16, at Carolinas Medical Center, Lincolnton, North Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Ferguson Hall. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Paul Gene Hall, 80, a Floyd County native, died on Thursday, February 12. He is survived by his wife, Mary "Bootsie" Hall. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 14, under the direction of Milward-Broadway.

■ Joe W. "Buddy" Harris, 78, of Dwale, died Sunday, February 1, at home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Elder Samuel Patton Hollifield, 78, of Teaberry, died Saturday, February 14, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ James Blaine Hopkins, 79, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, February 17, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 21, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Georgine Johnson, 70, of Wheelwright, died Monday, February 16, in McDowell. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Johnson. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Ellen Marsillett, 82, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, February

17, at the Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Dud Marsillett. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Myrtle S. Maynard, 79, of Catlettsburg, a Floyd County native, died Tuesday, February 17. She is survived by her husband, Henry Maynard. Funeral services were held Friday, February 20, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

■ Margeline Lambert Mitchell, 76, of McDowell, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Earnest Mitchell. Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Alberta Thomas Moore, 82, of Monticello, formerly of Wheelwright, died Sunday, February 15, at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital, in Somerset. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Mabel Ernestine Cole Ratliff, 86, of Printer, died Thursday, February 12, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Kathy Ann Sexton, 58, of Lackey, died Tuesday, February 17, at her residence. Funeral services were held Friday, February 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Belyia McCown Stanley, 82, of Melvin, died Thursday, February 12,

at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Charles Homer Stanley. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 14, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home, in Robinson Creek.

■ Larry Douglas Tackett, 56, of Grethel, died Tuesday, February 17, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Flora Thacker Tackett. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ June Watts Caperton, 83, of Litt Carr, died Sunday, February 8, at the Whitesburg ARH. She is survived by her husband, William "Buck" Caperton. Graveside services were held Tuesday, February 10, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Carolyn Sue Cook, 63, of Topmost, died Friday, February 6, at home. Funeral services were held Monday, February 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Geraldine King, 80, of Kite, died February 3, at her home. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 7, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Eda Mullins Reynolds, 84, of Mallie, died Monday, February 9, at the Knott County Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Timmy Slone, 39, of Raven, died Sunday, February 8, at his home. Funeral services were held

Wednesday, February 11, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Vesta Fields Trent, 88, of Edgerton, Ohio, formerly of Knott County died February 5, at the Park View Nursing Center, in Edgerton. Graveside services were held Monday, February 9, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Billy Ronald "B.R." Hunt, 40, of Kimper, died Friday, Feb. 6, at the Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center, Kingsport, Tenn. He is survived by his wife, Amy Hunt. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 10, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Howard Justice, 77, of Meta, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. He is survived by his wife, Hazel Avonelle France Justice. Funeral services were held Friday, Feb. 13, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Allen Eugene Newsom, 76, of Little Robinson Creek, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Robinson Creek. Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 15, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Willie "Billy" Robinson Jr., 79, of Elkhorn City, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. He is survived by his wife, Reable Robinson. Funeral services were held Friday, Feb. 13, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Kentucky supports America Saves Week

FRANKFORT — Gov. Steven L. Beshear signed a proclamation Friday urging Kentucky citizens to save money in 2009 in honor of America Saves Week, Feb. 22 - March 1.

"Personal saving is fundamental to the commonwealth's stability and vitality," said Gov. Beshear. "I call on all cit-

izens to save money or reduce debt and to pledge to continue that commitment throughout this year."

The Kentucky Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) is supporting the governor's call by offering a free public workshop on saving money at the Lexington Public Library. "Pay Yourself First" will be

presented at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the central library, 140 East Main St. Free materials and information will cover ways to save money, plan for the future and understand savings and investment accounts. To register, call 859-231-5532.

"America Saves Week is a great time to analyze your personal budget and to commit to

save money for yourself and your future," said DFI Commissioner Charles Vice. "The Lexington library workshop is one of many public outreach events DFI offers throughout the year to help Kentuckians make wise and safe financial decisions."

Studies show that most Americans do not have ade-

quate savings to meet major emergencies, let alone enough savings for retirement. The typical American household has less than \$100,000 in net wealth, including home equity and 401k accumulations, and only about \$10,000 in net financial assets. Lower income families have much fewer resources.

"The national savings rate recently has been at its lowest point since the Great Depression," Vice said. "Starting small can have big results. Try one or two of the tips below to start your personal savings commitment":

■ Sign up as an American Saver at www.AmericaSaves.org and receive a free newsletter with tips for reaching your goals.

■ Pay yourself first - put into savings a set amount of money from each paycheck before meeting other obligations or spending it elsewhere.

■ Start a retirement plan, either through your employer or on your own. If you already have one, consider increasing your regular contribution.

■ Consider investing your money. Before you invest, check out the product and the person selling it by calling DFI at 800-223-2579 or visiting www.kfi.ky.gov/public/invest.htm.

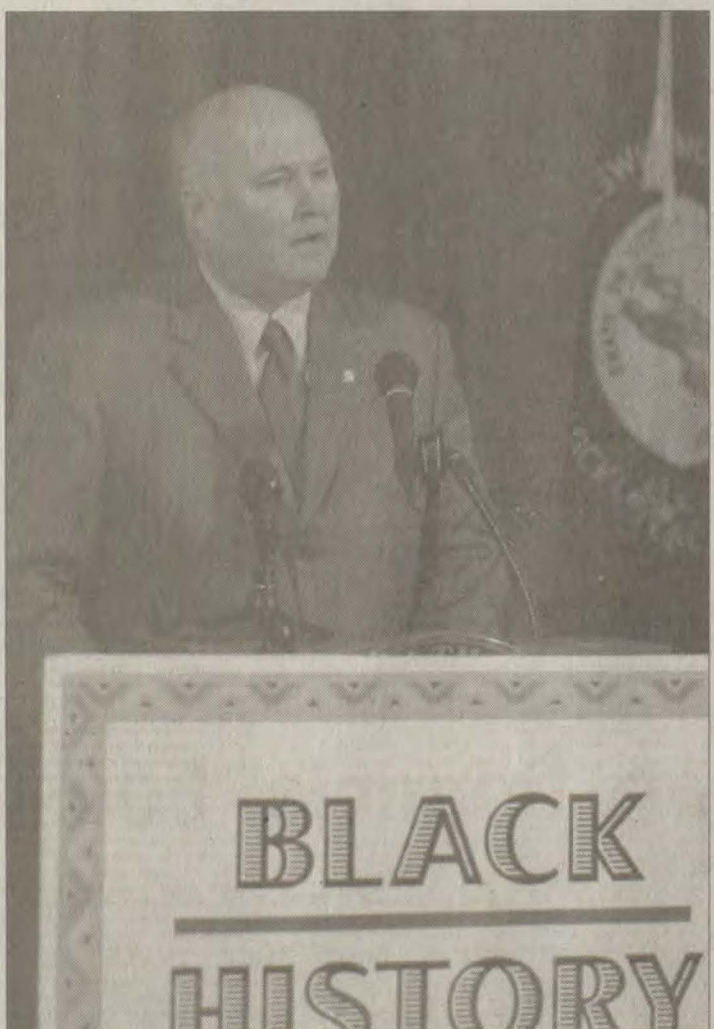
America Saves is a seven-

year-old effort to encourage Americans to save money, reduce debt and build wealth. About 1,000 organizations in over 50 local areas participate. More than 100,000 people have enrolled as American Savers. Their top savings goals are: emergency fund, investing and homeownership.

Joining Gov. Beshear and DFI in supporting America Saves Week in Kentucky are government and nonprofit groups such as: the Kentucky JumpStart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy®, University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension, Green River Asset Building Coalition in Owensboro, the Kentucky Department of Education and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

DFI is an agency in the Public Protection Cabinet. It supervises the financial services industry by examining, chartering, licensing and registering various financial institutions, securities firms and professionals operating in Kentucky. DFI's mission is to serve Kentucky residents by maintaining a stable financial industry, continuing effective and efficient regulatory oversight, promoting consumer confidence, and encouraging economic opportunities.

Turner participates in statewide Black History Month celebration in Frankfort



Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, delivered greetings at the Black History Month Celebration today in Frankfort.

FRANKFORT - Senator Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift delivered greetings to the large group gathered for the sixth annual Black History Month Celebration today in the Capitol Rotunda.

"It is important that we remember, not just today, but every day the struggles, suffering and sacrifices of African Americans and the contributions they have made to Kentucky and to our country," said Senator Turner. "Black history is all of our history...It is American history."

"Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, 'We are not makers of history. We are made by histo-

ry.' Our country, our America, is made up of many and varied cultures and of people whose ancestors came from all corners of the world. Like any country -- any culture -- we have had our struggles, but we

have made great strides in promoting equality."

The program included a tribute to President Barack Obama, the NAACP and Curlee Brown Sr.

"This is not just a Kentucky celebration, but it is an American celebration," Senator Turner said.

The NAACP or National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, now in its 100th year, is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. Curlee Brown Sr., a Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame member, was the first president of the Paducah-McCracken County chapter of the NAACP, serving in that post for more than 30 years. His tenure with the NAACP was highlighted with the desegregation of then-Paducah Junior college and public schools as well as the inclusion of blacks in circuit court jury pools.

Renowned Louisville sculptor Ed Hamilton was the keynote speaker. A native Kentuckian, Hamilton's work has received worldwide acclaim. Some of his most notable work includes the "Spirit of Freedom" in Washington, D.C. and the Amistad Memorial in New Haven, CT. The Spirit of Freedom is the first national memorial to honor and salute United States black soldiers

and their white officers who fought and died in the Civil War. The Amistad Memorial pays homage to Joseph Cinque and the other Africans who escaped slavery in 1839 by commandeering the Spanish ship Amistad.

Hamilton's most recent work is a statue of Abraham Lincoln for the Lincoln Memorial at the Waterfront in Louisville that will be unveiled on June 4, 2009.

Along with Senator Turner, dignitaries at the event included Governor Steve Beshear, Lt. Governor Daniel Mongiardo, Speaker of the House Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, and Supreme Court Justice Daniel Venters. Attending also were other members of the Senate and House, members of the Supreme Court, cabinet secretaries, members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, and family and friends of the honorees.

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The family of Dorothy J. Moore would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support. Thank you all for the beautiful flowers, wonderful food, and words of encouragement. We will always be grateful.



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gesture or comment. I think you got a very fortunate outcome in this case, but I am not going to tolerate things like that in my court."

Caudill added an additional six months to Bobo's sentence, of which he must serve 120 days, with 60 days probated for 24 months.

"Your contact with this vic-

tim is over," Caudill said.

During Friday's sentencing, Bobo made a comment that Caudill didn't fully hear, and asked him to repeat what he had said. Bobo declined, and Caudill ordered him to speak with his attorney before continuing the proceedings. Bobo and his attorney spoke for a brief period and then stood

before Caudill again, this time with Bobo saying he had no more comments.

Bobo previously admitted to engaging in sexual intercourse with the minor, who was 11 years old at the time of the offense, which occurred last May.

As part of his sentence, Bobo must also register in a

two-year sex offender program.

Water

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one of the few places I know of where this is being done, but the engineers are working on designs to provide more options for citizens."

The grant money, which are bond funds through the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, will be split in such a way that the largest majority will be utilized to expand water services, while the remaining amount will fund attempts to improve the city's water source.

According to Powers, \$1.17 million of the grant will be used to upgrade the water treatment plant and add the services to Golf Hollow.

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Company

Layne, because the deal would not have satisfied the indebtedness owed by the Floyd County gas system.

The sale was finalized by county officials in the form of

an ordinance for which no second reading will be needed, according to court records, which categorize the deal as an emergency situation.

The county extended a

deadline for the company in last year with a deadline of their own looming from the Public Service Commission to accept a bid before Nov. 1.

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Chase

both probes of the device.

After this, Gearheart said Bailey "fell to the ground face first," but then began resisting when asked to place his hands behind his back to be handcuffed.

Gearheart reported using the Taser "through several cycles" until Bailey complied

and allowed himself to be handcuffed.

However, after being restrained, Gearheart said Bailey continued to attempt fleeing "by pulling away" and attempting to again escape on foot. Gearheart Tasered him several more times during this before the Langley resident

was brought under control.

Gearheart said Bailey was "extremely lethargic and had prescription medications filled that day with many missing."

During his arraignment, Bailey pleaded not guilty and is next scheduled to appear in court on Feb. 23 for a preliminary hearing.

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PMC sponsors bone marrow drive in support of local patient

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville Medical Center will sponsor a bone marrow drive next week in support of Pike County native, Kyle Dean Smith. Kyle Smith is a ten-year-old boy from Elkhorn City, KY in need of the community's help.

Diagnosed with acute leukemia only a few weeks ago, Kyle's in desperate need of life-saving bone marrow. Several bone marrow drives have already been held in honor of Kyle throughout the region, but a donor match has not been found.

Pikeville Medical Center is answering the call for help by hosting a community bone marrow drive next Monday from 6:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Atrium.

Each bone marrow test conducted costs \$25.00. If able to afford the cost, donors are asked to pay for their individual test.

Everyone who is tested will be placed on the National Bone Marrow Registry.

People who don't want to be tested, but would still like to contribute may make a nominal donation and enable someone else to participate in the screening.

Kyle needs your help!

Plan to attend Pikeville Medical Center's bone marrow drive on Monday, February 23rd and make a personal contribution to this child's and his family's hope toward recovery.

For more information, please contact Mike Taylor at (606) 754-9626 or Pikeville Medical Center's Public Relations Specialist, Jessica Howard at (606) 218-3960.

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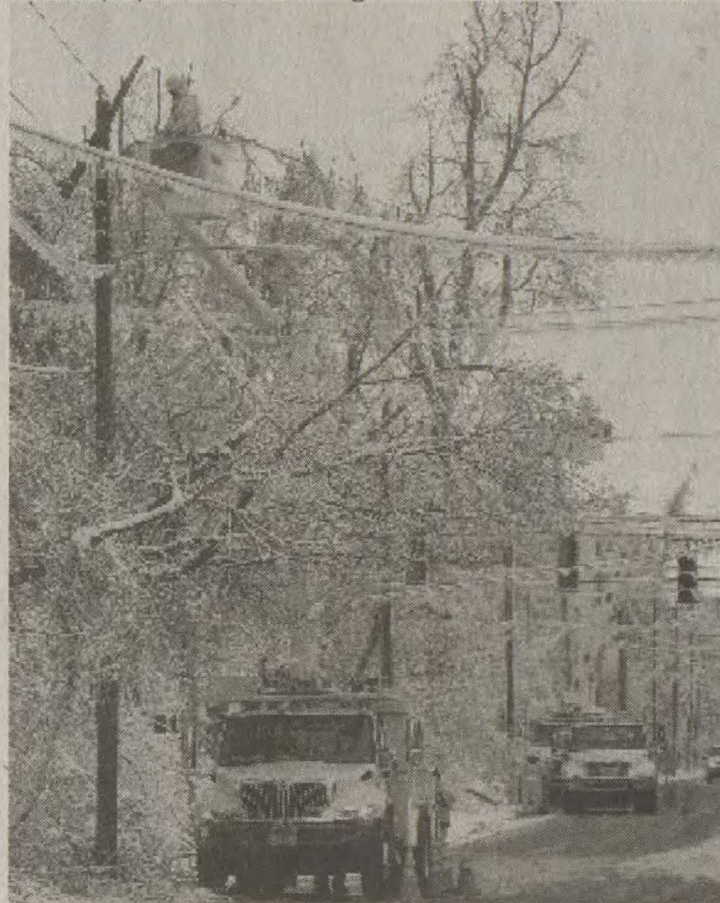


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Guest view

Not perfect, but good

President Barack Obama has signed into law the biggest, most sweeping economic stimulus plan to emerge from Congress in many years. The plan isn't perfect — it takes too long to work in some cases, and we might need another one before this wretched recession is over. But it was the right thing to do.

The \$787 billion stimulus plan provides \$111 billion for infrastructure and science projects, \$144 billion for state and local fiscal relief and \$288 billion in tax relief. It provides increased funding for unemployment compensation and food stamps and subsidies for health insurance. It is a massive effort. And precisely because it is so large, it will take longer than we'd like to reach the economy.

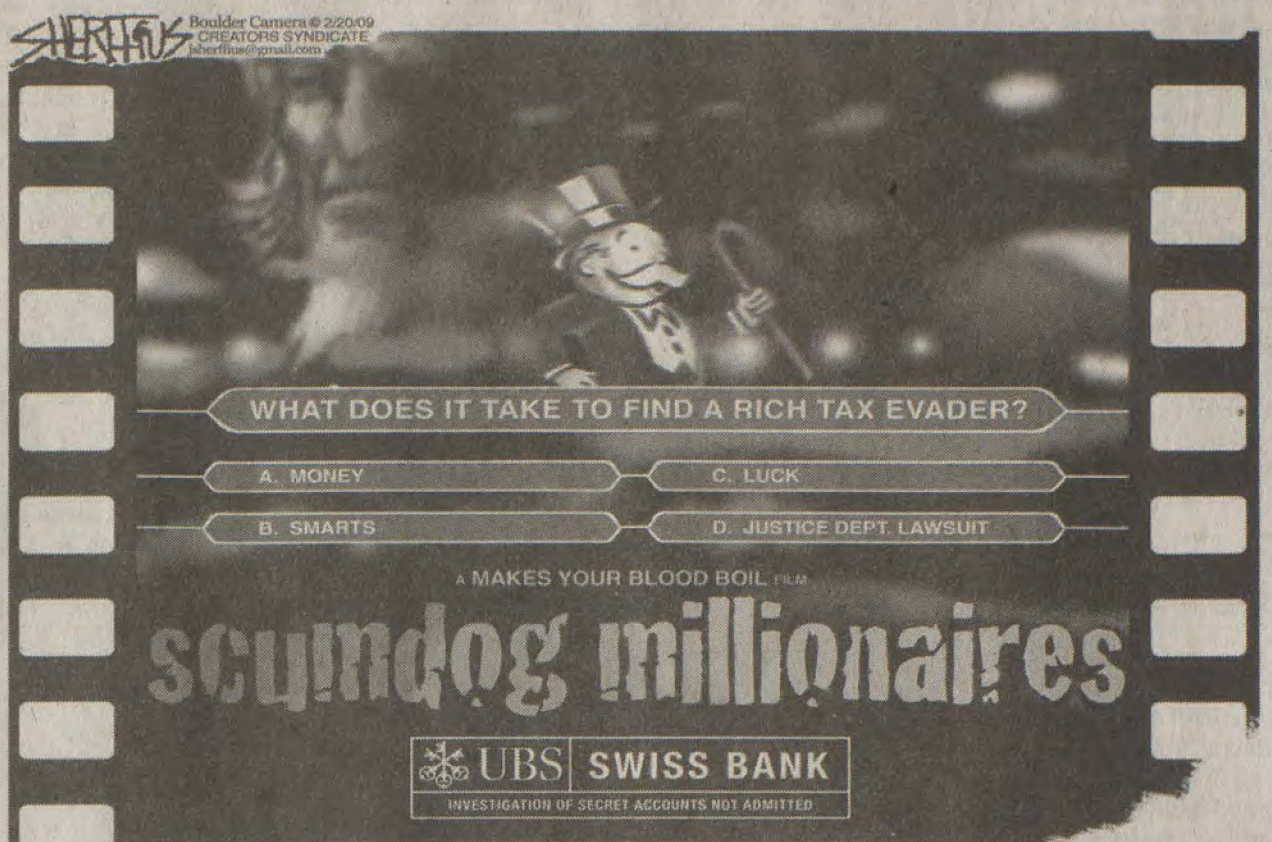
Meanwhile, there are other fires to fight. Homeowners teetering on the edge of foreclosure need help. The nation's major banks and two of the Big Three automakers are slouching toward bankruptcy. A plan for the banks is still being formed. The success of the stimulus will depend a great deal on how soon these businesses — especially banking — return to normal. Wall Street, worried about all these things, plummeted Tuesday to its lowest level since November.

In spite of these troubles, we are still very much a country divided politically. Except for three senators and a handful of Republican governors, the GOP seems to be betting that the economy will look just bad enough in a few months to claim that the stimulus bill was all for naught. Ideologically, they prefer tax cuts. But while targeted tax cuts, like the ones in this bill, do some good, the tax cuts that Republicans want would cater to the wealthiest Americans and Wall Street's pampered class. Been there, done that.

Only time will tell if Republicans have correctly judged either the economic or the political calculus. We guess they haven't, but Obama will have to keep selling his ideas with the people to keep the upper hand.

Government spending is required at a time when private investment is contracting. The nation's unemployment rate is at 7.6 percent and rising fast. If the stimulus does nothing more than cushion the blow, it will have been worth it.

— the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.



Chuck Norris

Congress' clueless credit system

There they go again! The House and Senate have buried us in yet another bailout-stimulus heaping pile of fiscal dung — a \$789 billion loan that has been tacked onto our children's (and children's children's) already staggering \$10-plus trillion deficit. Are you just going to sit there and take another one up the tailpipe?

Though President Obama emphatically declared that this 1100-page piece of legislation does not contain "a single pet project, not a single earmark," it's full of some type of financial fluff. Call it what you will, but few knew recessionary needs included \$2 billion for battery companies, \$2 billion for the National Parks Service, \$2.3 billion for NASA and the National Science Foundation, \$1.1 billion for airport improvements, \$850 million for Amtrak, \$800 million for federal prison construction, \$300 million for additions to the federal fleet, \$200 million for new Department of Agriculture buildings, \$165 million for fish hatcheries, \$100 million for the FBI, \$100 million for shipyards, \$50 million for an arts endowment, etc. (A detailed list of the stimulus package expenditures can be reviewed on the website of Patton Boggs legal firm at www.pattonboggs.com.)

Should I just shut up and be grateful that Republicans squashed the \$200 million to re-sod the National Mall in Washington and purchase a new Coast Guard polar icebreaker? Sure tastes like the same ol' partisan and political punch to me. (Remember when, in 1988, President Reagan vetoed a bill because it had six earmarks in it?)

And what about you? The average hardworking American citizen? The middle-class blue-collar worker? You'll get a whopping \$13 increase to your paycheck. Now there's change (as in coins) we can believe in. And we'll have to believe, because only faith and a miracle will turn that \$13 increase into a catalyst to jump-start the economy. Is that the change you were hoping for?

How does one fight an administration and a Congress that believe "only government" is the answer? Is it really true that in the absence of government intervention and doling out another trillion dollars of debt our nation would certainly experience an economic holocaust? Former President G.W. Bush pushed the first trillion-dollar bailout upon America. Nothing happened. Obama now has pushed the second trillion-dollar bailout upon America. Why should we believe there won't be a third, fourth, fifth or sixth so-called gov-

ernment stimulus? What other recourse do they have?

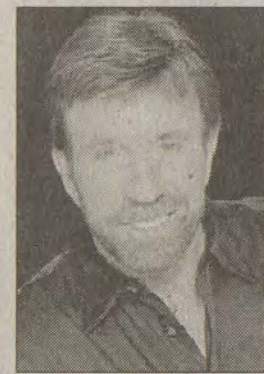
We're in the tank for trillions. And Congress' only solution is to print more money and make more loans. The House is constantly telling the American people to spend, spend, spend, while saying nothing about living within their means. The Senate tries to save every financial institution, rather than allowing the reasonable death of some under a diminishing supply and demand.

Our presidents repeatedly attempt to jump-start the last and highest revolution of the credit merry-go-round by refilling the gas tanks of financial institutions for one more go-round. But why? To lend to those who are already maxed out on monthly payments? Or is it the unemployed who are now supposed to borrow the big bucks? We must quit bailing out what we've borrowed. As George Washington said, "To contract new debts is not the way to pay for old ones."

There are only two things that are going to get us out of this particular financial mess, and only Americans (not "only government") can implement those solutions. Both come down to one word: restraint.

We must restrain our government,

(See NORRIS, page six)



Chuck Norris

beyond the beltway

They just don't make role models like they used to

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

You know the year has gotten off to a rotten start when it's February and the best news we've had is that an airline pilot landed his plane in the Hudson River and nobody died.

Let's see...our greatest Olympic athlete was photographed smoking pot, our greatest baseball player confessed to using steroids then lying about it to Katie Couric, our new Treasury secretary was caught cheating on his taxes and our most listened-to talk-radio personality says he's hoping Barack Obama fails.

Fortunately, none of these things is as depressing as it first seems. For example:

■ Michael Phelps, pot smoker — Phelps spends hours of his day swimming, an activity that makes watching paint dry seem electric. Little wonder that in his off hours he seeks the escape of a drug-induced haze. To do so in a crowd that bristles with cell-phone cameras, however, is like sticking your finger in the light-socket to see if the electricity is on. Mr. Phelps is obviously dumb as a box of rocks. If you have him as a role model I suggest you raise your standards.

■ Alex Rodriguez, steroid-user — The reigning World's Greatest Ballplayer copped a plea after a magazine revealed that he'd tested positive for the drugs in 2003, a test he took after being assured that no one would ever publish the results. (A

promise that ranks up there with "I'll respect you in the morning.") Mr. Rodriguez, teary and apologetic, suggested it had been a "loose time" for major league baseball and that he'd been caught up in the permissive spirit of the age. Sports writers were quick to jump on him, doing their best Mary Poppins imitations: "Just because everybody is doing it is no excuse for you to do it" they wrote, again and again.

Actually, it's a better excuse than most. If you're in a highly competitive business and your competitors are cheating and not getting caught, you have to be a plaster saint not to be tempted to cheat too. (If those sportswriters could take a pill that would make them write like Rodriguez hits they'd take it in a blink.) There are two reasons for not taking steroids:

They are bad for your health. They are illegal. In any case, someone should tell Alex that there's no crying in baseball. But if you were thinking of Alex Rodriguez as a role model, think again.

■ Tim Geithner, Treasury secretary-tax cheat — He said that not paying his housekeeper's payroll tax was an oversight, understandable for a busy man involved in matters of great moment. And besides that, the dog ate his tax return.

The fact that a high flier like Geithner was doing his own taxes would indicate that he might have something he wanted to keep from an independent accountant. We can only hope that the 30 grand he owed for

the housekeeper was all he was hiding.

I favored his confirmation as Treasury Secretary because he seemed to be the only person on earth who understood the proposed bailout of the financial system. Then he rolled out his plan and proved that a guy who looks like a pencil-necked geek can be just as terrifying as Hank Paulson.

Seeking a role model? Seek elsewhere.

■ Rush Limbaugh, talk-show-buffoon — This bag of wind makes Don Imus look like Winston Churchill. The fact that the leaders of the Republican Party

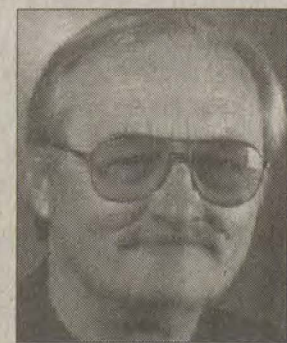
line up to kiss his ring every time he raises an eyebrow tells you all you need to know about the Republican Party.

Obama is trying to put out a raging forest fire that threatens us all and they're complaining he's using too much water. House Republicans actually congratulated themselves on opposing the stimulus package unanimously.

Thus the soldiers of the GOP line up behind General Limbaugh, who's beginning to resemble a Macy's Thanksgiving Day balloon by the way. Perhaps it's not his ring they're kissing after all.

If Rush Limbaugh is your role model...try wearing a corrective hat. Sometimes it works.

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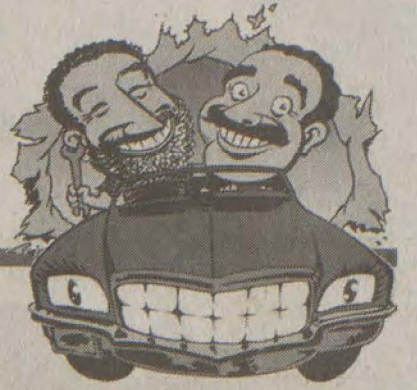
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This guys' off the hook for brake-line failure

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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.

THERE'S STILL HOPE

The United States apparently is on the way to trying to undo, with dollars, the damage done by other means to Vietnam. This lends hope that after the "war" in eastern Kentucky, between industry and the ecology is over, they'll come in, pick up the pieces, and try to put Humpty Dumpty together again.

EARLY BIRD

A cardinal has a habit of greeting the dawn at our house with an outburst of whistles and warbles, and this serves me as an alarm clock. But I fear he'll go to Daylight Saving Time, any day now, and upset my schedule.

THE STRAY

Speaking of our premises, we have two white cats that are accepted in the melange, and another, equally white, which is an interloper. This is, as cats go, a pretty decent fellow, and we sometimes feel pretty low about refusing him entrance to the house, while the others are faring comfortably. But he gobbles up enough food to be satified, and claims the place as home, even if he does have to sleep in a nearby coalbank. And now I'm worried about this white cat having black lung.

GIVE

This is that time of year. It's when most of us get a little saddle sore as we're solicited over and over again for this good cause or that—the Red Cross, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the Cancer Fund, the Polio Fund, and so on. But please consider what the country would be without such great work. Let's ask ourselves before we rebel:

If we refuse to support Scouting with our money, have we any right ever to criticise any boy who has been denied this privilege which should be every boy's?

If we refuse to give to meet human need, who should pity us in our need?

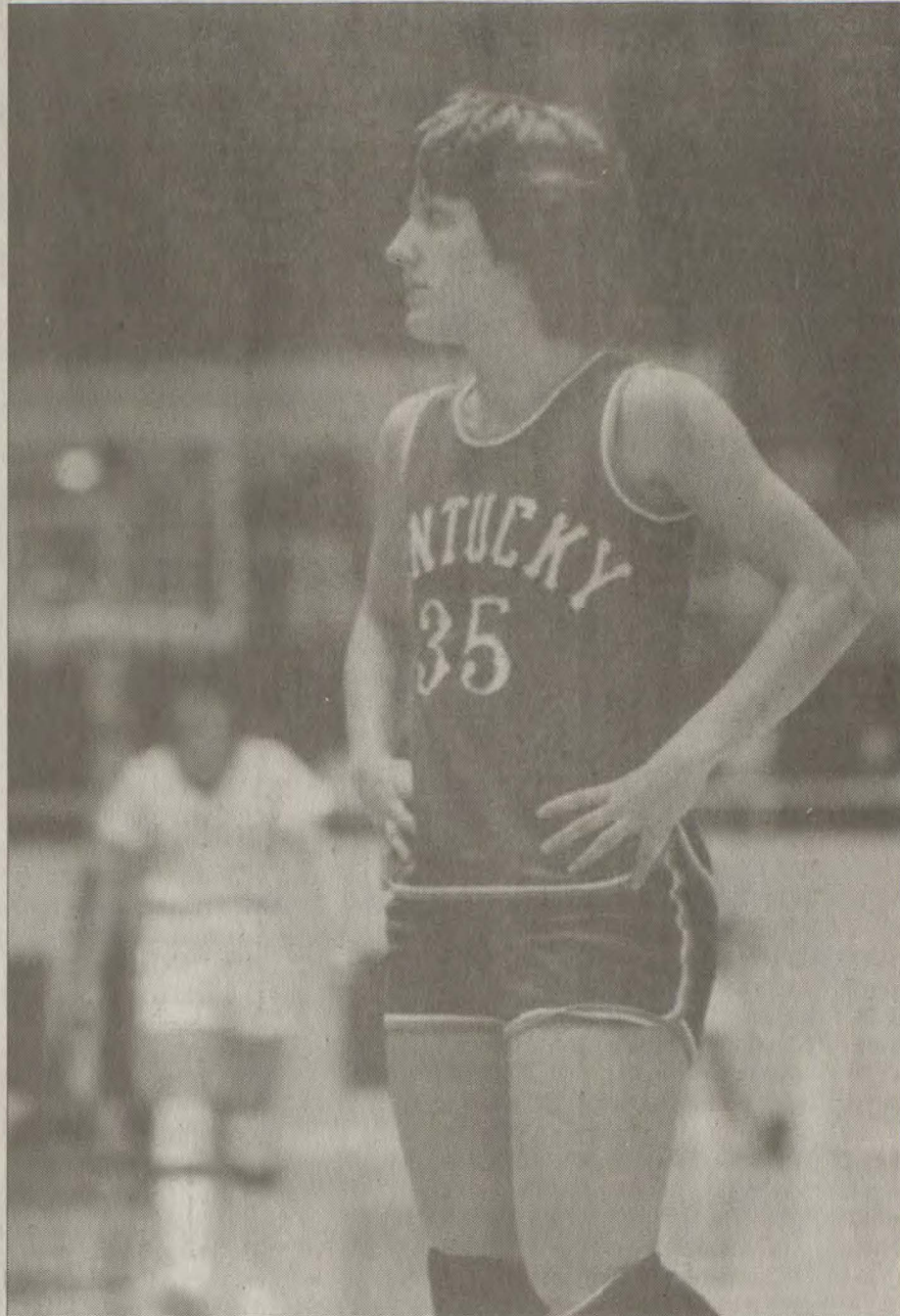
THE BIASED JUROR

And now I hear of the woman who was being questioned as a prospective juror and declared, she should be disqualified because she didn't believe in the death penalty. Reminded that the jury was being empaneled for a civil, not a criminal case, she didn't know. Then the judge explained:

"This is not a criminal trial. It's a civil suit in which a woman is suing her ex-husband for \$4,000 which, she claims, he look from her personal savings and spent on drinking and gambling, and another woman."

The prospective juror perked up, eyes blazing. "I'll serve,

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HOOPS TO HIGHWAYS

Lessons on the hardwood translate for Grigsby

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

From the basketball courts of Eastern Kentucky to the halls of the state capitol in Frankfort, Geri Grigsby is familiar with leadership roles.

Grigsby, 50, was appointed chief of staff for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in October of last year. She previously served as deputy commissioner of the department of vehicle regulation.

"I love the job," Grigsby said. "It keeps me very busy, and Secretary Joe Prather is a wonderful boss. He has incredible integrity and work ethic. It's been a wonderful experience."

A legend in girl's high school basketball, Grigsby is no stranger to success. In 1993, she was inducted into the National High School Sports Hall of Fame. Grigsby still holds two national records for her

performance as a high school basketball star, with 1,885 points scored in the 1976-77 season, and 46.1 points per game as her career scoring average.

Sports and leadership run in the family for Grigsby, whose father, Pete Grigsby, Jr., played on Adolph Rupp's 1953-54 team at the University of Kentucky, and coached high school basketball. Pete Grigsby, Jr. is also former superintendent of the Floyd County Board of Education and currently serves as assistant superintendent.

"He's always been a model for me," Grigsby said. "If anything, I've learned from observing him as a coach and a teacher. In some ways I'm kind of following in his footsteps. He's very good at resolving conflict and solving problems. I feel like that's a big part of what I do."

Grigsby started her career in public service as an assistant commonwealth's attorney and legisla-

tive analyst for the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission, the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Grigsby also served as chief of staff of the Kentucky Senate Democratic Leadership Office.

Relating her sports history to the many paths she has taken in her professional life, Grigsby said she is always looking for new challenges.

"With me, I don't look back a whole lot because I'm so busy in the moment," Grigsby said. "It's been a wonderful adventure. I love challenges. I tend to look for the next one. It's like being out running or on a bicycle. I really like those hills. I like getting things done. I want to continue and have a positive impact on people. There's a lot of joy that comes with that. It's kind of like coaching without the basketball."

**MOVIES FROM
THE BLACK LAGOON**

**'Strange
Behavior'**

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A psychological experiment aimed at curbing undesired behaviors is to blame for a rash of killings in this sci-fi/horror hybrid that ignores logic but provides plenty of entertainment.

The 1980s saw way too many routine slasher movies cranked out by major studios, but this one has a lot going for it. Sure, it delivers on the splatter, but it also features decent characterizations, a rural American setting and superb music from "Tangerine Dream."



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

The film sports a stylized opening sequence that finds a young man enjoying some freedom when his parents head out for a date. He barely waits for the front door to close before lighting up a smoke and turning away from his homework.

A power outage sends him downstairs, where he lights a candle to seek out the power box, but gets distracted when he observes that the candlelight is perfect for making shadow puppets. It's a harmless moment that turns to ice when another set of arms appears, clutching a knife, and proceeds to stab him in the head.

It's all done in silhouette and an obvious homage to the lord of suspense, Alfred Hitchcock. Director Michael Laughlin brings off several more Hitchcockian moments throughout the film and it elevates the proceedings far above the norm for an 1980s shocker.

The film follows the town's sheriff, Brady, as he tries to unravel who's behind the murders, which show no sign of stopping. Meanwhile, his son volunteers for a behavior modification program at the college's psychiatric lab.

Brady suspects that the psych lab is the root cause of what's going on, though he has a history of his own with the facility. Seems his wife worked there until she died mysteriously after their son was born. Brady suspected that her boss, Dr. Le Sange, was to blame but the doc died too and only his legs were ever found (and later buried).

While Brady struggles with the spate of murders, his son gets a firsthand look at the techniques being employed at the psych lab, now run by Le Sange's assistant, Parkinson. The treatments they offer seem far from therapeutic and involve having an eight-inch needle inserted into one's eye. They never explain why they deliver their drug this way but it makes for a wince-inducing moment that will have you squirming in your recliner.

By the time Brady figures out that Le Sange may still be alive, his son is already at the doc's mercy and has

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THE UN-COMFORT ZONE

Will you freak-out or hunker down?

Sometimes motivation is forced upon us. We are thrust into the Un-comfort Zone. And, whether we sink or swim depends on how we respond to the situation. How do you react during a crisis?

Here are the stories of two men who faced a crisis late in life and how they dealt with it. One was a restaurant owner; the other a janitor. The former went into bankruptcy at an age when most people retire, and the latter was fired from a job he'd had

for nearly 20 years.

The restaurant owner enjoyed a successful business in a small town at the edge of the Appalachian Mountains. It was a great location along busy U.S. Route 25. And, because he offered the best food and service around, his eatery was jammed from sunup to sundown. But it wasn't to last.

The janitor started his job at St. Peter's Church in London as a teenager. Over the years he married

and raised a family and enjoyed a perfectly predictable profession with solid job security. That is until the new vicar came along.

Over the course of 26 years, he was honored by the state governor for his recipes; and was praised by famous restaurant critic, Duncan Hines, in his column *Adventures in Good Eating*. Then in 1956, the new super highway 'by-passed the little town. It's amazing the difference just a few miles can make. Two years

later the restaurant was closed and the property auctioned off to pay creditors. At 64 years old, the restaurant owner was broke.

It was around the turn of the twentieth century when the new vicar, a stickler for decorum, took over St. Peter's Church. When he learned that the janitor could not read, he gave him three months in which to learn. Quite depressed by the news, the man thought it might make him feel better if he smoked a cigarette.

Unable to afford the cost of opening another restaurant closer to the highway, he reviewed his assets. All he had left was his knowledge and the delicious recipes that made his food

so popular. So, he got into his car.

As he walked home, the janitor searched for a tobacco shop. There was usually one on every block, but there were none near the church. He walked block after block without finding one. By the time he reached his house he knew exactly what he was going to do.

Town by town, he drove, stopping at every restaurant along the way. He told the owners they would be more successful if they served his secret recipes under his brand name and paid him a royalty. Two years later, in 1960, he had 400 restaurants serv-

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SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

Social Security statement helps Americans save

by JENNIFER HOPKINS
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Did you know that your Social Security Earnings Statement can help you plan ahead and save for your retirement? More than 100 national groups and hundreds of local organizations are participating in America Saves Week, which takes place from February 22 to March 1, 2009. Social Security is proud to be one of them.

For years, Social Security has been encouraging Americans to plan and save for their retirement through the Social Security Statement. Social Security began mailing Statements to people who requested them in August 1988. About ten years ago - in October 1999 - Social Security began mailing annual, individualized Statements to all workers 25 and older and not receiving Social Security benefits based on their own earnings. In 2008, more than

148 million people received a Social Security Statement by mail.

You probably get one yourself, every year about two to three months before your birthday. But do you take the time to review it? You should. Here's what it will give you:

■ An estimate of the monthly retirement benefit you could receive at age 62, full retirement age and age 70;

■ An estimate of the monthly benefit you could be entitled to if you become disabled;

■ An estimate of the monthly benefit your family could receive if you die.

That's valuable information when it comes to planning your financial future. The Statement also gives you the opportunity to review your earnings to make sure they've been reported correctly to the IRS.

But you don't have to rely on the Statement alone to make your future retirement plans. Social Security's Retirement Estimator is an

online tool that allows you to try out different retirement scenarios. Just plug in some quick information and you'll get estimates of your future benefits based on your personal earnings record. Try it out at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

To learn more about Your Social Security Statement, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement.

To join us in celebrating America Saves Week, visit the America Saves website at www.americasaves.org.

For more information about online services just call your local Social Security Office in Prestonsburg at (606) 886-8525. The office is located at 1897 Kentucky Route 321 in Prestonsburg. Representatives are available to answer questions.

And remember, we have representatives available to give presentations and speeches about Social Security Programs. Contact the office for more information.

Norris

and we must restrain ourselves. Feeding the money monster will not reduce its size — it will perpetuate the problem. We must tame the money monster. We must return it to its cage. We must return to a time when we put a bridle on the spending of government and of our households. We've got to simplify our lives. We've got to learn to be happier with less. We've got to get out of debt.

The late financial guru Larry Burkett prophesied almost 20 years ago in his book "The Coming Economic Earthquake" that an economic calamity was coming upon the U.S. unless a drastic effort was made to curb massive federal spending and the soaring deficit. Burkett was right. And he gave one basic principle to avoid the future market meltdown: "Don't be a slave to debt! Get out of debt!" Burkett is still right today. That is why I devoted the entire economic chapter in my book "Black Belt Patriotism" to how to "Stop America's Nightmare of Debt," both nationally and per-

sonally.

In my wife, Gena, and my most recent interview, I explained that if we are going to reawaken America, we have to return to our Founders' principles, which include fiscal prudence. We must follow the advice of those like Thomas Jefferson, who warned long ago, "To preserve (the) independence (of the people), we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt." (Now read that again, then one more time.)

How do we do that? We cap our spending and allow the supply-and-demand levels to lower to points commensurate with our incomes (not credit lines). We must learn to downsize and live within our means, and not borrow excessive amounts, even for investment debt like a home or business. We must cut spending, reduce our budgets, pay down our debts, and stabilize our homes and nation.

As for that clueless Congress, we must demand our representatives seek a balanced-budget amendment to

the Constitution, which will keep the government living within its means. We must return to a pay-as-you-go government and nation. It's our last resort for an out-of-control economy. Thomas Jefferson once said, "The maxim of buying nothing but what we had money in our pockets to pay for (is) a maxim which, of all others, lays the broadest foundation for happiness."

If our country is to survive, we must elect only those who show proof of fiscal discipline, refuse under all circumstances to increase our national deficit, and commit to pass and live under a constitutional amendment for a balanced budget. And if our incumbents voted for the bailouts or bail on their fiscal frugality, then vote them out of office the next chance you get.

To find out more about Chuck Norris and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

Zone

ing his food. By 1963 he was making a profit of \$300,000 per year. And, in 1964, Colonel Harlan Sanders sold Kentucky Fried Chicken to investors for \$2 million, plus a lifetime salary of \$75,000 per year.

With his meager savings, he opened a tobacco shop near the church. It was an immediate success. His profits went to open a second, then a third and before long he thriving tobacco shops all over London. Ten years later, he met with his banker about

investing his earnings. The banker gave him some papers to sign. The man asked the banker to read the papers to him, explaining that he didn't know how. Shocked, the banker exclaimed, "You are so successful, just think where you'd be today if you could read!" Albert Edward Foreman smiled and sighed, "I'd be the janitor at St. Peter's Church." (Based on a true story by Somerset Maugham)

Did you know that in Chinese, the symbol for the

word "crisis" is the same symbol used for the word "opportunity?" Two sides of the same coin. In other words, it's all in our perspective. Will you find the opportunity in your next crisis?

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Lagoon

been programmed to kill daddy. It makes for a tense showdown as Dad must try and break his son's psychiatric conditioning with only the love for his son as a weapon. The boy on the other hand is armed with a brain full of the doc's wonder drug and handgun.

This one is so well crafted that it's worth watching despite the fact that you've seen it all before. The filmmakers have a lot of fun with the material.

First there's a daffy party scene that sees all of the teens attend dressed as TV characters of the 1960s and 1970s. Despite their diverse costumes, they all dance in the same, almost choreographed, rhythmless fashion, which is either a sly statement about

our underlying conformity or just another example that 1980s dances were stupid.

A superb sequence finds a housekeeper frantically calling for an ambulance after she comes upon a teen with a severed arm. It's filmed in a medium shot that lets the viewer note that a closet door in the background is slowly opening, but the woman can't hear the creak of the hinges over her own labored breathing. That's pure Hitchcock, as he delighted in letting the audience in on facts that his characters were oblivious too.

The lab scenes are also pretty gruesome and there's even a killer who rocks a Tor Johnson mask.

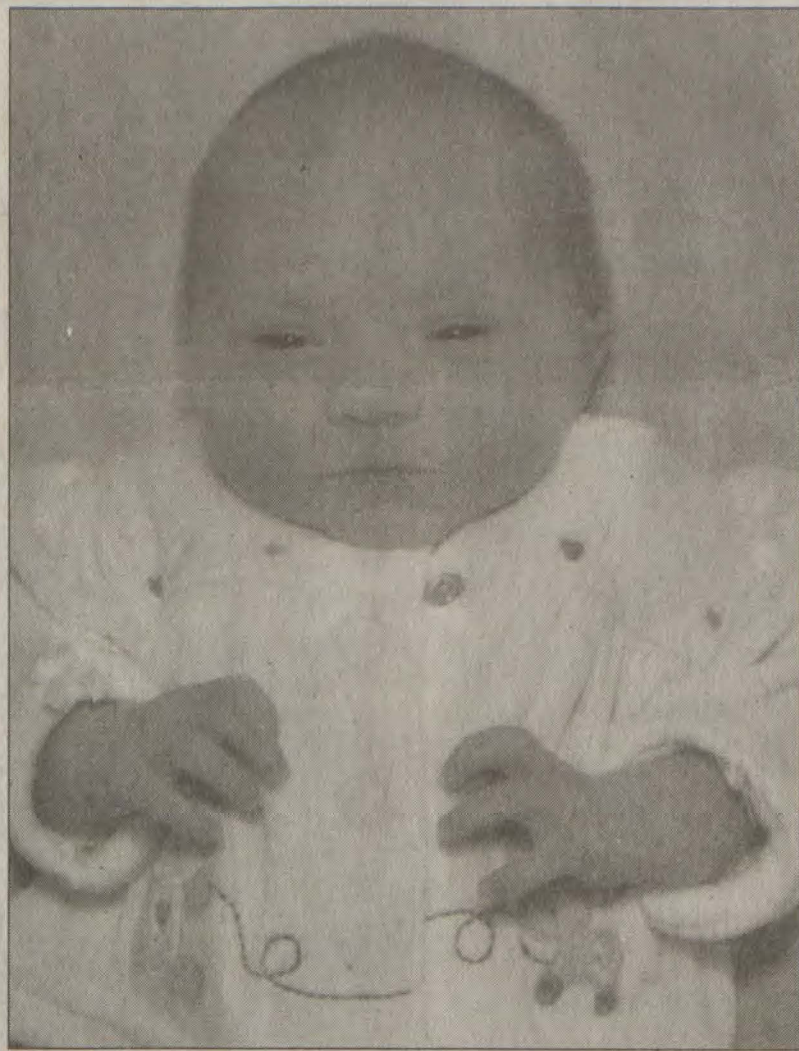
All this and the whole thing was actually filmed in New

Zealand (though most of the actors are American), which only adds to the surreal tone of the whole enterprise.

Laughlin would return three years later with "Strange Invaders." It's also worth your time and is a clever take on the "alien invasion" flicks of the 1950s. Despite the quality of both films, he has yet to make another but here's hoping he'll finish his "Strange" trilogy before too long.

Best line: "I have to tell you about Ted. He was a mouse but I got sort of attached to him, maybe because he had a name. They dyed his hair then they shaved it off. They fed him till he couldn't move, then they starved him. Then they castrated him."

1981, rated R.



NEW ARRIVAL

Chandra Kaye Caudill announces the birth of her baby sister, Nadelle Grace Caudill. She was born on Dec. 18, at 9:20 a.m., weighing 5 pounds and 13 ounces. Her parents are Bradley and Jodi Caudill. She is the granddaughter of Garnis and Linda Caudill, of Melvin, and Garvice and Lisa Woods, of Brooksville.

Allen

Judge," she barked. "if you'll make this an uncivil case. And never mind about capital punishment, either!"

THREATENED ACCIDENT

Yarns keep drifting in from down in the gorge country of Powell and Menifee. This one tells of the concern expressed around homesteads and country stores about the heavy influx of hippie-like individuals into the Red River Gorge area during fair weather. Some

fellows who had sported whiskers all their lives were horrified, and wanted to do something about it.

The subject was tossed about at a crossroads store, and one day, one of the oldsters inquired about when the squirrel season would open. Told it was a certain number of days away, he remarked, "That gives them just so long to clear out. Ef'n they don't, and my eyesight bein' what it is, somebody might just git accidental-

ly sprinkled."

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Then here was the brain who answered an ad for a man to retail parrots.

"What experience have you had in this line of work?" the store-owner inquired.

"None," said the dummy, "I just wanted to find out how the parrots lost their tails, in the first place."

KEEP OUT OF REACH

OF CHILDREN

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FLOYD COUNTY Sports

Best of the Bluegrass football game rosters released

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BOWLING GREEN – East-West all-star rosters for the Best of the Bluegrass football game to be played June 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green have been released.

Belfry senior running back/defensive back Ivan Lee and Johnson Central wide receiver/safety Ian Welch will play for the East squad.

A breakdown of the rosters follows.

EAST—Hunter Adams, Middlesboro (DB); Jordan Aumiller, Boyle Co. (TE/S);

Terrence Breckenridge, Mason Co. (WR/DB); Josh Conner, Highlands (RB/DB); Adam Dempsey, Highlands (OL/DL); Gary Demus, Lafayette (WR/FS); Adam Diamond, Southwestern (C); Zac Eagler, Boone Co. (FB/LB); Mike Federspiel, Henry Clay (TE/LB); Spencer Greer, Bell Co. (RB/DB); Tony Guidugli, Highlands (QB); Tyler Hardin, Bell Co. (TE/DE); DeRon Hicks, Franklin Co. (WR); Winston Hines, Pulaski Co. (S); Cody Jones, Whitley Co. (LB); Ivan Lee, Belfry (RB/DB); Will Letton, Lexington Catholic (WR/DB);

Robby Logan, Raceland (OL/DL); Brett Marshall, Boyle Co. (WR); Tyler Mays, Madison Central (DB); Earl McCann, Bryan Station (WR/DB); Monte Merrick, Bell Co. (P/K); Brock Messina, Trinity (OLB); Roy Philon, Bryan Station (FB/DL); Tim Phillips, Trinity (RB); Kody Rosenhagen, Highlands (DL); Anthony Sandoval, Scott Co. (DB); Keshawn Simpson, Madison Central (RB/DE); Sam Simpson, Henry Clay (C/D); Ben Sloan, Boyle Co. (LB); Cameron Smyth, Trinity (QB); Daniel Vogelsang, Lexington Catholic (TE); Chris

Walker, Ballard (OL/NG); Larry Warford, Madison Central (OL/DL); Oakley Watkins, Franklin Co. (OT); Ian Welch, Johnson Central (WR/S); Jordan Whiting, Trinity (LB); Daniel Wiechart, Boyle Co. (OL); Ryan Williams, Clark Co. (RB/SS).

East head coach: Larry French, Boyle Co. **Assistants:** Jim Black, Whitley Co.; Jeff Hester, Boyle Co.; David Buchanan, Mason Co.; Shadon Brown, Rowan Co.; John Hodge, Boyle Co.; Dan Gooch, Montgomery Co.

WEST—Tevin Barksdale, Bowling Green (RB/DB);

Jamarielle Brown, Lone Oak (QB/WR); Josh Carter, Fort Campbell (OL/LB); Ichiro Chiba, Oldham Co. (LB); Mister Cobble, Central (DL); Elias Cooper, John Hardin (RB); Courtney Dalcourt, Franklin-Simpson (QB); Joe Daniels, Beechwood (LB); Courtney Dillard, Apollo (DB); Raquan Durrante, Fort Campbell (WR/CB); Deuce Finch, St. Xavier (RB); Trevor Foy, St. Xavier (DE); Chris Gohman, Elizabethtown (WR); Justin Green, Male (RB/WR/DB); D.J. Hall, St. Xavier (WR/FS); Seth Harvey, St. Xavier (OL); Evan Hester,

Danville (DE); Shenard Holton, Warren East (RB/OLB); Van Ingram, John Hardin (OL); LaRod King, North Hardin (WR/S); Jacob Langston, Christian Co. (OL); Dominic Mainello, Beechwood (OL/DE); Chris Means, Marion Co. (C/DL); Justin Meridith, Warren Central (C); Victor Moulden, Hopkinsville (WR); Jim Murphree, Franklin-Simpson (TE); Max Oldham, Bowling Green (K); Rashaun Phillips, Bardstown (DL); Yorel Shemwell, Owensboro (RB/SS); Brady Slusher,

(See FOOTBALL, page two)

Lady Bears get past Georgetown

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – It's becoming old hat for senior Whitney Hogg. After scoring the game-winner on a rebound and put-back to push Pikeville College past Lindsey Wilson in her last home game, the Whitesburg product sank two free throws with 5.4 seconds left to secure a 72-69 win over Georgetown College Thursday night.

The win wrapped up a huge night by sophomore Natiera Hinton, who finished with 36 points, 13 rebounds, seven steals and four assists three days after being named player of the week in the Mid-South Conference.

Pikeville (19-9, 5-5 in the Mid-South Conference) led most of the way and comfortably the entire first half, including by 17 (34-17) at one point. The lead at the break was 38-24.

Georgetown (15-13, 4-6), however, made its charge in the second half. Hinton sank two free throws with 2:26 remaining to push Pikeville's lead back to five at 64-59. The Tigers then got a three from senior Ashley Bell before junior Jayme Gilbert hit a short jumper with 1:34 left to lock the game for the first time at 64.

Down the stretch Georgetown missed a three to win and Pikeville had the ball at the end but failed to get off a shot as the game went to overtime.

Pikeville scored first in the overtime on a layup by Hinton before Georgetown took the lead on a three by Bell, and when sophomore Jess Slonim sank a layup with 2:21 left, the Tigers were on top 69-66.

Pikeville responded with a layup by Hogg and took the lead when Hinton hit two tosses with 23 seconds left. After Georgetown missed a jumper, Hogg was fouled on the rebound. She walked to the other end and sank two to make it a three-point lead.

Senior Mikkah Huffer had a three-pointer to tie but it rimmed off to end the game.

Hinton was the only Lady Bear in double figures, scoring half her team's points. Freshman point guard Megan Mosley had nine points, six rebounds and three steals, while senior Kristal Daniels came off the bench with eight points and seven boards.

Georgetown was paced by Gilbert's 18. Bell finished with 13 and nine rebounds, while Huffer had 13 on 3-of-7 shooting from the arc.

FLOYD COUNTY A-TEAM CHAMPS



BETSY LAYNE captured another A-Team championship Thursday night, defeating Adams 56-37 in the title game. Betsy Layne standout Dylan Hamilton (right) claimed the Floyd County Conference A-Team Player of the Year award.



CHEER CHAMPS

Adams Middle claimed the A-Team cheerleading title at the conclusion of the Floyd County tournament.

Samarco leads Bears over Georgetown

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Junior Josh Samarco poured in 41 points and led the Pikeville College Bears to an 84-80 win over No. 3 Georgetown College Thursday night.

Samarco, a guard from Ypsilanti, Mich., blistered the nets on 7-of-11 shooting from the arc and made all six of his free throws in the win, leading the Bears to a 24-of-28 performance from the charity stripe.

Samarco, who has reached at least 37 points four different times, recorded his career high before a raucous capacity crowd.

They needed it all to overcome the talented Tigers, who dominated the glass to the tune of 38-24 but turned it over 17 times in suffering only their third loss of the season.

Pikeville (19-8, 7-3) maintained its tie for second place in the league standings with Cumberlands, an 82-79 winner over WVU Tech, Pikeville's Saturday-afternoon opponent.

The hottest team in the Mid-South, the Bears have now won four straight and seven of their last eight.

Georgetown fell to 24-3 overall and 8-2 in the league.

Pikeville led most of the way, but when sophomore Matt Walls nailed a three with three minutes left, the Tigers took a 72-71 lead.

It lasted only 20 seconds, with Samarco sinking a three. While Walls pulled the Tigers within one with 3.1 seconds left, it wasn't enough – the Bears hit 3-of-4 from the line in the last 1.2 seconds left to seal the win.

Samarco was joined in double figures by sophomore Justin Hicks, who flipped in 13 thanks to 6-of-6 shooting from the line and dished out eight assists. Senior guard J.B. Smiley scored 11, pulled down nine rebounds and had five steals.

Georgetown got a tremendous game off the bench from sophomore Matt Walls. The Georgetown native fired in 21 to go with four rebounds. He was joined in double digits by senior Demetrius Guions, who fired in 17, and freshman Vic Moses who tossed in 14 and pulled down eight rebounds.

The leading rebounder was senior guard David Graham, who had nine to go with five points. Four of his caroms came off the offensive glass.

Blackcats edge Paintsville

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE

Prestonsburg upended a much-improved Paintsville team Thursday night on the road in a late regular-season boys' high school basketball matchup. The Blackcats, taking on the host Tigers in the storied Paintsville gymnasium, pulled out a hard-fought 66-64 win.

Senior guard Jody Tackett led Prestonsburg with a game-high 28 points. The Blackcats prevailed after holding off a late Paintsville rally.

Alex Stumbo joined Tackett in double figures for Prestonsburg. Stumbo, a

senior guard, added 11 points.

Senior center Steven Tackett added seven points, nine rebounds and nine blocks for the visiting Blackcats. Junior guard Michael Burchett also had seven points. Senior forward Austin Gearheart scored six points and junior guard Cameron Tincher tossed in five for Prestonsburg.

The Blackcats – which improved to 14-12 after posting the win – took the early initiative. The Blackcats led at the end of each of the first three quarters, outscoring Paintsville in all of the eight-minute frames leading up to the final period.

Prestonsburg led Paintsville 18-13 through the first quarter. The Blackcats carried a 28-20 lead into halftime after limiting Paintsville to seven points in the second quarter. Prestonsburg stretched its lead out slightly in the third quarter, edging Paintsville 18-17. The Tigers made a strong late push, outscoring Prestonsburg 27-20 in the final quarter.

Freshman forward Joseph Jamerson and junior guard Tyler Hall each had one point for the Blackcats.

Eighth-grade guard Trevor Tiller led Paintsville with 24 points. Sophomore guard Dustin Caldwell followed with 17 points for the

Tigers. Sophomore forward Josh Green added eight points for the host Paintsville team.

In other area boys' high school basketball games played Thursday night, it was Buckhorn 76, Owsley County 61; Morgan County 64, Magoffin County 50; Phelps 95, Sheldon Clark 64; Powell County 74, Riverside Christian 26.

In a girls' high school basketball game on Thursday night, Johnson Central defeated Russell 55-28. Celena Conley scored 13 points and Chelsey Salyers added 11 for the Lady Eagles (21-5). Russell dropped to 8-15 following the loss.

H.S. Boys' Basketball Area Schedule
Tuesday's Games
53rd District Tournament at Knott Co. Central
Cordia-Jenkins, 6 p.m.
57th District Tournament
Paintsville at Sheldon Clark, 8 p.m.
59th District Tournament at East Kentucky Expo Center
Pike Co. Central-East Ridge, 6:30 p.m.
Pikeville-Belfry, 8 p.m.

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Kinzer competes in DIRTcar Nationals

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN – The Kinzer Motorsports team recently returned home to its Eastern Kentucky racetrack following the conclusion of the 'Alltel DIRTcar Nationals at Volusia Speedway Park in Baberville, Fla. Brandon Kinzer entered each of the six high-profile Dirt Late Model events held February 9-14 at the Daytona Beach area venue. Unfortunately for the No. 18 team, Kinzer fought a tight racecar throughout the 'Alltel DIRTcar Nationals, failing to make the starting grid for a feature event. Kinzer and his race team will look to turn things around on Saturday, Feb. 28 at Boyd's Speedway in Ringgold, Ga.

Sorg guides MSU baseball team as second-year head coach

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD – The Morehead State University baseball team was set to open the 2009 season this weekend at home against Valparaiso.

Former Eagle baseball standout and veteran professional player, coach and manager Jay Sorg is in his second season at the helm of the Eagle baseball program with quality returnees and a second consecutive outstanding recruiting class.

Heading the list of returning position players are shortstop Drew Lee, a Preseason All-Ohio Valley Conference selection, first baseman/designated hitter/pitcher Michael Bottoms, center fielder J.D. Ashbrook, third baseman Michael Fear and catcher Eric Parker. In addition to Bottoms, Tyler Bess, Quentin Morgan, Clay Muntz, Matt Clark, Jake Helvey, Michael Fahs, Josh Schneider and Trey Smith are key returnees on the mound.

Also among the returnees is Paintsville High School graduate Daniel Pugh.

Key losses were outfielder Eric Allen (.297, 17 home runs), first baseman Andrew Wertz (.276, 14 doubles, five home runs), now a member of the coaching staff, and designated hitter Marc Midden (.264).

Several members of the 2008 recruiting class figure to make immediate contributions.

The Eagle prospects, by position, follow:

First Base – Returnees Bottoms (.323, nine doubles, five home runs), Daniel Pugh (.219) and several of the newcomers are contenders.

Second Base – Travis Redmon (.208) started 37 games at second base last season. Evan Bennett (Fr., Winchester) will provide depth at both middle infield spots. Casey Branham (.280) will provide depth here and other positions, including catcher.

Shortstop – Lee (.313, 12 doubles, seven home runs) is one of the top players in the conference and is coming of an outstanding summer for Bethesda in the Cal Ripken, Sr., Summer Collegiate League.

Third Base – Fear (.273, seven doubles) made 36 starts at third base as a freshman. Several newcomers will provide depth.

Outfield – Ashbrook (.265, nine doubles, nine stolen bases) is back in center field. Freshmen Cameron Flynn (Lexington), Andrew Deeds (Louisville) and Luke Bainer (Louisville) are all in the mix in left and right field.

Catcher – Parker (.267, six doubles) caught 39 games with 36 starts last season. Branham (.280) served as the back-up. Freshmen Taylor Davis (Cincinnati, Ohio) was a Florida Marlins draft choice out of Jupiter (Fla.) High School. Fellow Freshmen Eric Bainer (Louisville) and Drew Williams (Kevil) will also see action.

Starting Pitching – Bess (3-8, 6.45 ERA) was the top starter last season and will battle for a spot in the rotation as a senior. Bottoms (3-5, 5.68) was Second Team All-OVC as a utility player (pitcher/designated hitter). Morgan (2-3, 6.47 ERA, six saves) will likely be back in the rotation this season after a year as the Eagle closer. Smith (0-3, 10.80) has shown significant improvement since his freshman season. Schneider (0-3, 7.94 ERA) received a medical red-shirt after being limited to only five appearances due to an arm injury in his initial season. Newcomers Matt Nichols (Fr., Erlanger), Matthew Robertson (Fr., Harrodsburg) will also contend for starting roles.

Relief Pitching – A host of veterans and newcomers will battle for relief and spot start roles. Back after extensive time on the mound last season are Helvey (2-2, 7.98), left-handed specialist Fahs (0-3, 6.57 ERA) and Muntz, (4-3, 7.71 ERA) who finished strongly in 2008. Chase Huffman, Jeff Arnold, Josh Barnes and Mark Rhodes saw limited action in 2008. Newcomers such as Hunter Hewitt (Jr., Louisville Trinity HS/Cypress College), Tyler Hieneman (Fr., Greenup) and Kris Sipes (Fr., Louisville) could earn prominent roles. Flynn could even see action on the mound in addition to the outfield.

Schedule – The Eagles always play an extremely tough non-conference schedule. This year the opponents include Cincinnati, Kentucky, Vanderbilt, Ohio State, Indiana and Louisville on the road. MSU will play home-and-home with Marshall and West Virginia. Among the teams visiting Allen Field will be Valparaiso, LaSalle, Western Michigan, Long Island and Canisius.

Coaching Staff – In addition to Sorg, the MSU coaching staff includes Jason Neal, now in his third season. Ex-big leaguer Drew Hall, who is the highest draft choice (third overall) in OVC history, is the pitching coach. Allen and Wertz off of last year's team begin their first seasons on the coaching staff.



ADAMS finished runner-up to Betsy Layne in the Floyd County grade school boys' basketball tournament.

Football

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Beechwood (OL/DL); Kenneth West head coach: John Townsend, Doss (OL/DE); Myers, Russellville. Assistants: Stayce Whipple, Fort Campbell (DL); Shawn Berner, Fort Campbell; Yantae Williams, Ridge John Petett, Monroe Co.; Dan Owensboro (WR/DB); Crume, Ohio Co.; Mark Peach, Wilson, Central (WR/DB); Anderson Co.; Matt Day, Elijah Young, Bowling Green, Russellville; Phil Todd, (DL); Alex Zimmerman, Fern Russellville. Creek (OL).

Lindsey Wilson women hand Campbellsville first MSC loss

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COLUMBIA – The Lindsey Wilson College women's basketball used a strong second half en route to a 60-48 upset of No. 9-ranked Campbellsville University on Thursday night at Biggers Sports Center.

No. 21-ranked Lindsey Wilson (20-7, 6-3 in the Mid-South Conference) dominated the second half outscoring Campbellsville 35-19 and shutting down the highest scoring offense in the MSC. The Blue Raiders held the Tigers to 24.1 percent (7-of-29) shooting from the floor, including just 6.7 percent (1-of-15) from beyond the three-point arc in the second half.

The Blue Raiders halted the Lady Tigers (23-4, 8-1) 12-game winning streak and handed the visitors their first conference loss of the season despite playing without Sierra

Rambert, the team's second leading scorer (16.7 points per game), who missed the game due to an illness.

The win is the second straight for the Blue Raiders over a team ranked ahead of them in the NAIA Top-25. Lindsey Wilson defeated then-No. 12-ranked University of the Cumberlands 79-70 last Saturday.

Campbellsville jumped out to a 14-point (27-13) first half lead before the Blue Raiders closed the half with a 12-2 run to climb within four (29-25) at the break.

Lindsey Wilson sophomores Viktoria Krell and Diondra Anthony ignited the run, combining for nine of the Blue Raiders' final 14 points to close the half. Krell finished with her league-leading 15th double-double scoring 24 points and grabbing 19 rebounds while Anthony finished with a career-high 16

points and five assists.

The Blue Raiders maintained the momentum into the second half as they opened the half with a 10-4 run claiming a 35-33 lead with 14 minutes to play.

Lindsey Wilson held Campbellsville to seven points over the remaining eight minutes and began to pull away. Anthony and Krell sealed the game with the final eight points of the game – all on free throws – giving the Blue Raiders the 60-48 win.

Lindsey Wilson limited the Lady Tigers to 29.5 percent (18-of-61) shooting from the field for the game, including 17.9 percent (5-of-28) from deep. The Blue Raider defense also forced Campbellsville into 21 turnovers.

Campbellsville sophomore center Whitney Ballinger finished with a double-double scoring 16 points and grabbing 16 rebounds.

Blue Raiders beat Campbellsville, 66-58

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COLUMBIA – The Lindsey Wilson College men's basketball team scored the game's first nine points and never trailed in beating Campbellsville University 66-58 tonight at Biggers Sports Center.

No. 15-ranked Lindsey Wilson College (21-5, 6-3 in the Mid-South Conference) built an early lead and extended it to as many as 17 points in the second half before hanging on for the win.

With eight minutes left, Lindsey Wilson looked to be on cruise control before the Tigers (8-17, 0-9) used a 14-0 run to climb within three with three minutes remaining.

But that's as close as it would get as the Lindsey Wilson junior Eric McPherson hit an 18-footer from straight away to the Blue Raiders' cushion.

Lindsey Wilson did the rest from the free throw line.

The Blue Raiders made 10-of-12 free throws in the final two minutes to secure

the 66-58 win. McPherson led the way at the charity stripe making all four free-bies to close the game. The Cleveland native finished with a double-double, scoring 11 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

The Lindsey Wilson defense limited the Tigers – who entered the game as the conference leader in three-pointers made at 8.1 per game – to just 2-of-15 from beyond the arc. Campbellsville finished the night with 37.3 percent (19-of-51) shooting, including

Wooden to be inducted into NAIA Hall of Fame

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced earlier in the week that legendary coach John Wooden will be inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame during a special ceremony held in conjunction with the 72nd Annual Buffalo Funds-NAIA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship Tip Off banquet on Tuesday, March 17. The celebration will take place at 6:30 p.m. (CT) at the Conference Center Grand Ballroom located in downtown Kansas City. In Wooden's absence, the NAIA will show a special tribute video taken during Jim Carr's, NAIA President, visit to Wooden's home this past week in Los Angeles.

15th Region Boys: Phelps shakes Sheldon Clark

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PHELPS – Four Phelps players reached double figures on Thursday night as the Hornets tuned back Sheldon Clark 95-64.

Senior guard/forward Dillon Stiltner led Phelps past Sheldon Clark, scoring a game-high 30 points. Junior guard Jordan Smith followed Stiltner in the Phelps scoring column, netting 27 points. Junior center/forward Tyler Gannon and junior guard Trent

Maynard each had 10 points for the Hornets.

Phelps claimed its second straight win, improving to 14-8. Earlier in the week, Phelps claimed a forfeit win over Big Creek, W.Va.

Phelps shook a loss start en route to Thursday's win. Sheldon Clark, under the direction of veteran mentor Roger Harless, who is back for his second stint at the helm of the Cardinals basketball program, outscored Phelps 16-12 in the

first quarter. The Hornets, however, eventually got going. Phelps grabbed some all-important momentum in the second quarter and carried it over into the second half. The Hornets led 33-32 at intermission and 63-53 through three quarters.

The loss snapped a two-game Sheldon Clark win streak.

Sheldon Clark dropped to 9-15 following the loss. Justin Porter led Sheldon

13.3 percent from deep.

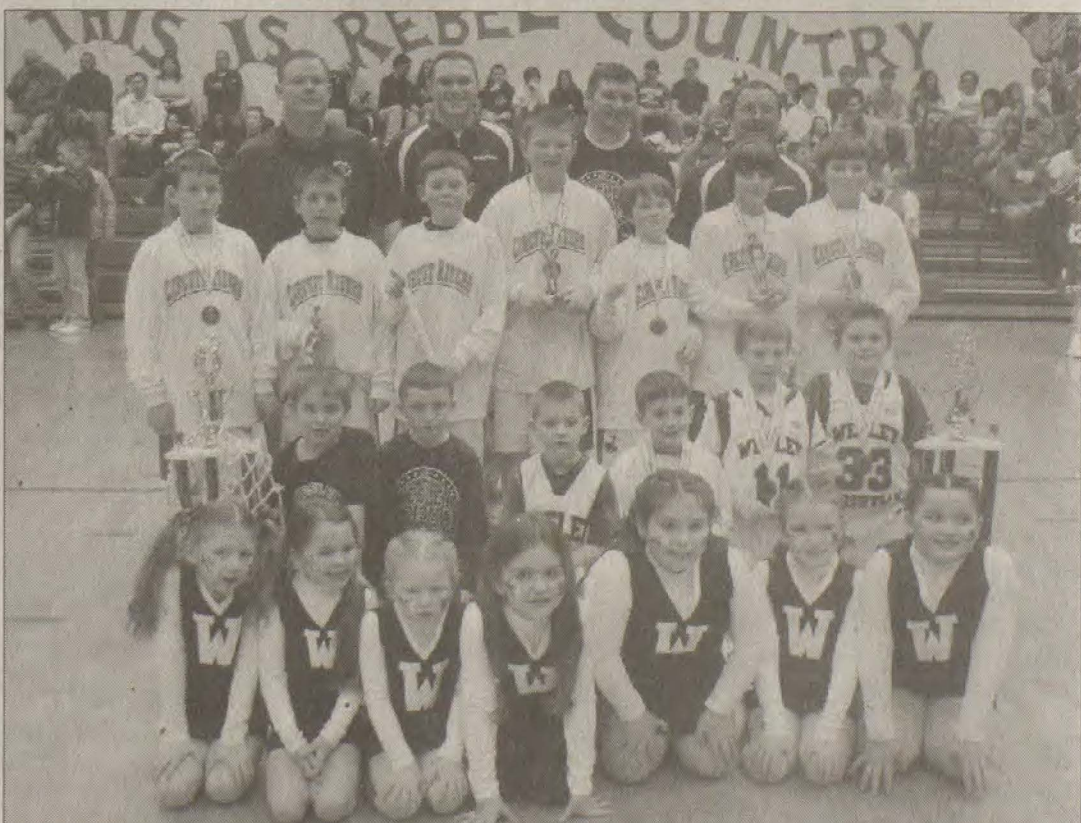
Lindsey Wilson junior Andrija Tintor finished with a team-high 14 points and senior Sam Walton's 11 points helped the Blue Raider reserves outscore the Campbellsville's bench 31-15.

Campbellsville senior forward Zach Allender recorded a double-double scoring 19 points and grabbing 11 rebounds in defeat. Sophomore guard Shawn Savage finished with 13 points.

FLOYD COUNTY CHAMPS



BESTY LAYNE captured the Floyd County B-Team championship with a win over South Floyd.



WESLEY CHRISTIAN claimed the Floyd County C-Team championship, defeating South Floyd in the title game.

Moyer wins DART Winternationals points for second straight year

TIMES STAFF REPORT

National Dirt Late Model Hall of Famer Billy Moyer (Batesville, Ark.) remained consistent during the entire 2009 DART Winternationals at East Bay Raceway Park to capture the \$5,000 in points fund money along with product certificates from DART. Moyer managed to earn the title for the second consecutive year, despite not having won as many of the main events during the week long competition as he did in the 2008 edition of the DART Winternationals.

The 51-year-old veteran earned his 702nd career win during this year's DART Winternationals as he won the event on the second night of competition and then recorded four second place finishes and

a lone fourth place to earn enough points to be crowned the overall points champion for the week at East Bay. Last year, Moyer won three of the six races contested. Moyer's win this year kept him atop the all-time East Bay Winternationals Late Model win list with 19 victories.

Moyer rounded out the week with 1,380 points, enough to capture the 2009 DART Winternationals Title over Josh Richards (Shinnston, W.Va.), who matched Moyer's victory total from 2008 with three wins during a breakthrough week. Richards took home \$2,000 cash plus product certificates as he captured his first ever win at East Bay and his first with the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series.

Rick Eckert (York, Pa.)

was third in the final 2009 DART Winternationals points, earning 1,205 points and \$1,000 cash plus product certificates. Opening night winner Matt Miller of Waterville, Ohio was fourth with 1,165 points collecting \$800 cash plus product certificates and rounding out the top was five was the winner of the \$12,000 finale, Dennis Erb, Jr. of Carpentersville, Ill., who added an additional \$700 cash plus product certificates to his total for the week.

Rounding out the top 10 in this year's DART Winternationals at East Bay were Brady Smith (Solon Springs, Wis.), who was awarded \$500 cash plus product certificates, Steve Francis (Ashland); Dan Schlieper (Sullivan, Wis.); Eric Jacobsen (Seacliffe Beach,

Calif.); and Tim Dohm (Cross Lanes, W.Va.) Drivers who finished in positions 7-10 all took home product certificates.

After the conclusion, on Saturday, Feb. 7 finale, Moyer expressed his appreciation for DART being on board again at East Bay.

"I want to thank DART for their continued support of the drivers and the Lucas Oil Series here at East Bay," said Moyer. "It's nice to end the week at the top of the points and the extra money and product will come in handy, thanks to everyone at DART for what they do."

The Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series sanctioned the DART Winternationals at East Bay Raceway Park for the fifth year in a row. There were 84 different drivers who

raced at least once during the week and the average car count for the six days of racing was 70 cars which were the highest among the three weeks of racing in Georgia and Florida that comprised Speedweeks.

Several firsts occurred during the week, including first-time Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series winners Josh Richards (three times) and Dennis Erb, Jr. LOLMDS regular competitor Dan Schlieper set a new East Bay Raceway Park Late Model track record on February 6 with a lap of 14.136 seconds. The previous record of 14.151 had been held since 2003 by Ohio's Jason Montgomery. What made the accomplishment even more gratifying was that Schlieper set the record during the time trials

for the daytime makeup rain-out from Feb. 2.

Final 2009 DART

- Winternationals Points**
1. Billy Moyer (Batesville, Ark.) - 1,380
 2. Josh Richards (Shinnston, W.Va.) - 1,245
 3. Rick Eckert (York, PA) - 1,205
 4. Matt Miller (Waterville, Ohio) - 1,165
 5. Dennis Erb Jr. (Carpentersville, Ill.) - 1,065
 6. Brady Smith (Solon Springs, Wis.) - 1,025
 7. Steve Francis (Ashland) - 940
 8. Dan Schlieper (Sullivan, Wis.) - 930
 9. Eric Jacobsen (Seacliffe Beach, Calif.) - 890
 10. Tim Dohm (Cross Lanes, W.Va.) - 875

Despite economy, Little League remains affordable choice

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. - Since its founding, Little League has remained a community-based program, that is operated by local volunteers and supported by the neighborhoods it serves. The cost of operation is an annual task for local Little Leagues throughout the world, but still the program remains the most widely-recognized and affordable option for more than 2.6 million children (ages 5-to-18) who wish to play organized baseball or softball.

"Playing Little League has always been about developing social skills and understanding the values of leadership, personal accountability and teamwork," Stephen D. Keener, President and Chief Executive Officer of Little League Baseball and Softball, said. "Every child who plays Little

League wants to have fun, while we as an organization want to make the program practical and affordable for all of our leagues."

The current economic situation, may force parents to make some tough choices when deciding if their children will be playing organized sports in the coming year.

Little League does not require its chartered programs to charge a registration fee for a player to participate. What Little League does have are regulations forbidding leagues from turning away players because of an inability to pay.

"Our leagues, their players and volunteers rely on each other to make the program work," Keener said. "Little League has many talented players, but is for everyone, not just the elite who can afford to play."

Many leagues pass no costs

on to its families, while others, along with a relationship with local sponsors, set a reasonable fee that will help offset operating expenses for the season. In fact, Little League International is continually searching for cost effective ways for communities to be a part of the program.

In contrast, the out-of-pocket cost for a family to send one player to a popular 12-under travel ball weekend tournament could be hundreds of dollars, including travel costs, lodging and food.

"Some children are more skilled than others, but our program is not solely about making great ballplayers, it's about making better people," Mr. Keener said. "Some players are fortunate to have the talent to play baseball and softball at a high level, and that's one reason why there is the Little League International

Tournament. For the majority though, they simply are looking for an opportunity to play, and parents want their children to be a part of something that can provide them with found memories and a positive experience."

Other youth baseball and softball organizations have gained favor in recent years, despite the cost and lack of a governing body or safety oversight for players. Travel ball or select club teams charge parents exurbanite amounts of money under the guise that they offer a better, more competitive brand of baseball or softball.

"In the past several years, youth leagues not affiliated with Little League, and lacking the commitment to family and community, have taken the sports of baseball and softball and turned them into more of a business venture than a

recreational outlet," Keener, the first Little League graduate to be elected President and CEO of Little League International, said.

"Little League is acutely aware of the delicate economic balance required by its member leagues," Keener said. "To that end, we have been diligent in maintaining the cost effectiveness, while not compromising on any of the materials or resources available to our chartered members."

Some examples of how Little League has made the program cost effective while keeping it relevant on the local level include, two free rule-books for every team, lowering charter fees, requiring background checks on volunteers at no charge to the leagues (for the first 125 checks), the development of LittleLeagueCoach.org - a free

on-line coach and manager training website, the ASAP program, which yields lower insurance premiums through participation, and reimbursement for travel costs for all teams participating in the annual Little League International Tournament.

"The quality of the Little League game is as good as ever," Keener said. "Still, in these trying financial times, it is our intent that parents understand that Little League is for everyone, and getting involved is an investment in our children's future."

- Area Little League charters
- Beaver Creek
 - Harold-Allen-Prater
 - Prestonsburg
 - Paintsville

New Rusty's Pit Stop Season Ticket available

BRISTOL, Tenn. - Beginning with the upcoming March race weekend at Bristol Motor Speedway, a new season package will be available to race fans that gives them access to both a suite and a grandstand seat. Rusty's Pit Stop season ticket package allow those purchasing tickets in the Wallace Tower access to the suite nearest that grandstand section. Fans will be able to use the catwalk to gain access to the suite. The suite will be a Wallace-branded lounge with restrooms and a cash concession area, as well as a cash bar. The suite will be standing room only and guests also will access to additional restrooms located on suite level. The suite is fully enclosed, climate controlled and features several flat-screen televisions. Each fan purchasing Rusty's Pit Stop package also will receive one \$25 voucher for each NASCAR race weekend at BMS. Included in the package are both Sprint Cup events and both Nationwide Series races. Cost for Rusty's Pit Stop is \$500 per person for the entire season. This offer is good to the first 180 people wishing to purchase the package. Fans interested in purchasing Rusty's Pit Stop season ticket package, which goes on sale Monday, Feb. 16, should contact the Bristol Motor Speedway ticket office at 423-989-6900.

Three Nationwide teams hit with Daytona penalties

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - NASCAR announced Thursday that three Nationwide Series teams have been fined and penalized due to rule violations discovered during last week's event at Daytona International Speedway.

- Blake Bainbridge, crew chief of the No. 09 Ford driven by John Wes Townley, has been fined \$15,000 and placed on probation until June 30, 2009, for violating Sections 12-1 (actions detrimental to stock-car racing); 12-4-I (any determination by NASCAR officials that the race equipment used in the event does not conform to NASCAR rules) and 20A-18A (Once constructed and installed, the roll cage must be acceptable to NASCAR officials. Main roll bar (No. 1) was not round; was altered for clearance) of the 2009 NASCAR Nationwide Series rule book.

Jay Robinson was penalized with the loss of 100 Nationwide Series championship owners' points while Townley was docked 100 Nationwide Series championship drivers' points.

Those infractions were discovered on Feb. 10 during opening-day inspection.

- George Bartlett, crew chief of the No. 84 Chevrolet driven by Mike Harmon, has been fined \$10,000 and placed on probation until June 30, 2009, due to rule violations discovered during opening-day inspection and post-race inspection on Feb. 14, respectively.

Bartlett was found to be in violation of Sections 12-1, 12-4-I and 20A-2.3A (Weight

containers welded to the outside of the main frame rails must not contain added weight in any form; added weight to the outside frame rail) and 20A-13E (Invalid SFI label).

Team owner/driver Harmon was penalized with the loss of 25 Nationwide Series championship owners' points and 25 Nationwide Series championship drivers' points for each infraction, totaling 50 points in each category.

Michael Hobson, crew chief for the No. 0 Chevrolet driven by Danny O'Quinn Jr., was fined \$5,000 and placed on probation until June 30 for violation of 12-1, 12-4-I and 20A-12.1A(8) (Combined spring rate was less than specified. The left-front spring rate was less than specified).

Johnny Davis was penalized with the loss of 25 Nationwide Series championship owners' points and O'Quinn forfeited 25 Nationwide Series championship drivers' points due to the violations, which also were found during post-race inspection.

Cup crew member violates substance abuse policy

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Paul Chodora, a licensed crew member in the Sprint Cup Series for Mayfield Motorsports' No. 41 team, has been indefinitely suspended from NASCAR for violating the sanctioning body's substance abuse policy.

On Feb. 11, Chodora was

found to have violated Sections 12-1 (actions detrimental to stock car racing) and 7-5 (violation of the NASCAR substance abuse policy) of the 2009 Sprint Cup Series rule book.

"Mayfield Motorsports respects the decision by NASCAR to indefinitely suspend Paul Chodora," team owner and driver Jeremy Mayfield said in a statement. "We as an organization appreciate NASCAR's drug testing policies and policing efforts as it makes the sport stronger overall. If Paul doesn't comply with NASCAR's reinstatement process, then he will no longer be an employee of Mayfield Motorsports."

In September, NASCAR announced an updated drug policy, which includes random testing.

AEGIS Sciences Corporation helped design and implement NASCAR's substance-abuse policy. A computer-generated list was scheduled to be used at "most if not all" weekends to test "from 12 to 14 people," according to Steve O'Donnell, NASCAR vice president of racing operations.

O'Donnell said in a typical weekend, an average of two drivers per series would be tested with the balance coming from the ranks of over-the-wall crewmen and officials.

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES
 Today's race:
 Auto Club 500 at
 Auto Club Speedway,
 Fontana, Calif.,
 500 miles, 200 laps
 Start time: 5 p.m.

2009 58th District Boys Basketball Tournament

Betsy Layne

Feb 24 6:30 PM
at Besty Layne

Allen Central

Prestonsburg

Feb 25 6:30 PM
at Besty Layne

South Floyd

Feb 27 7:00 PM
at Besty Layne

2009 58th District Girls Basketball Tournament

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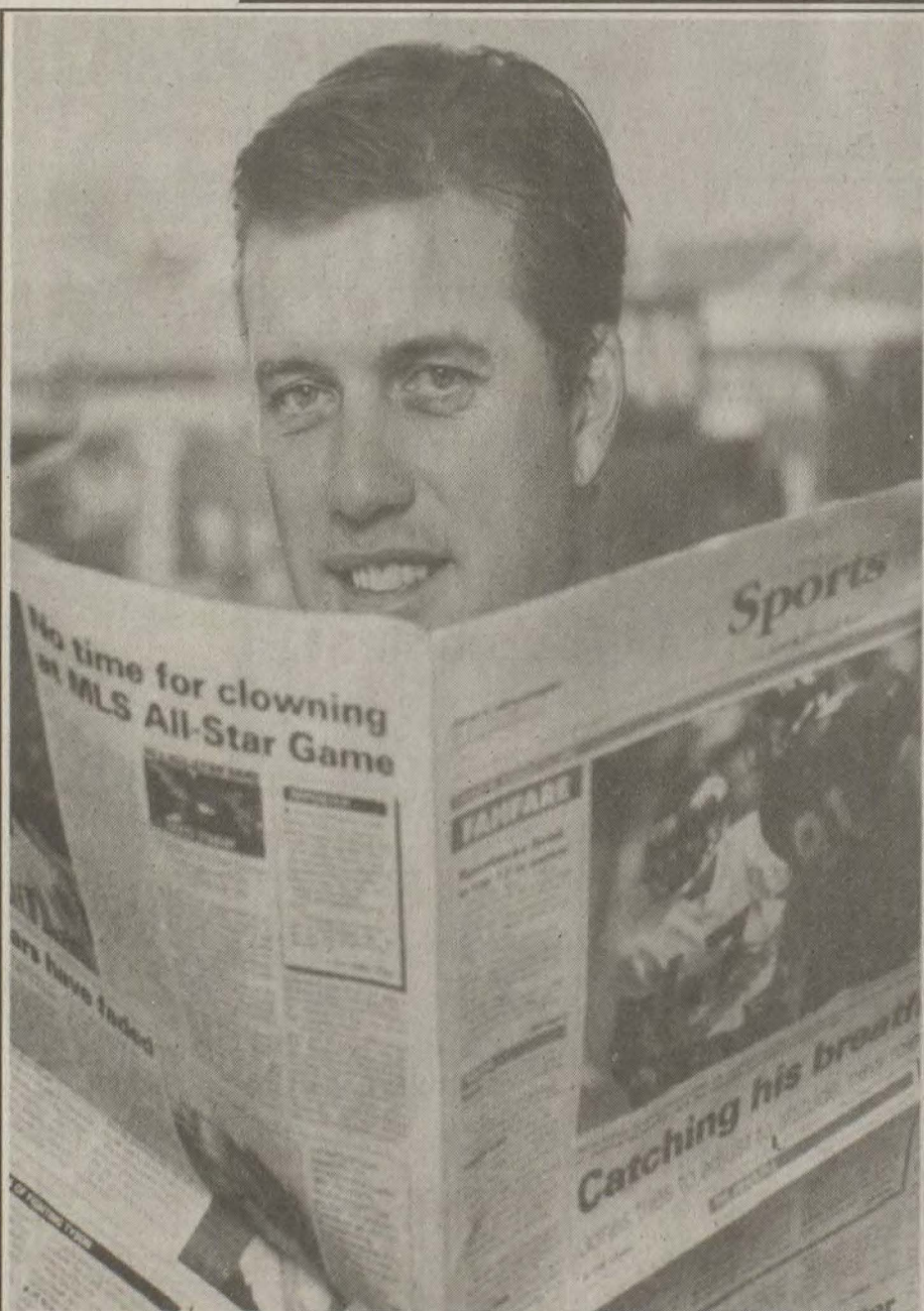
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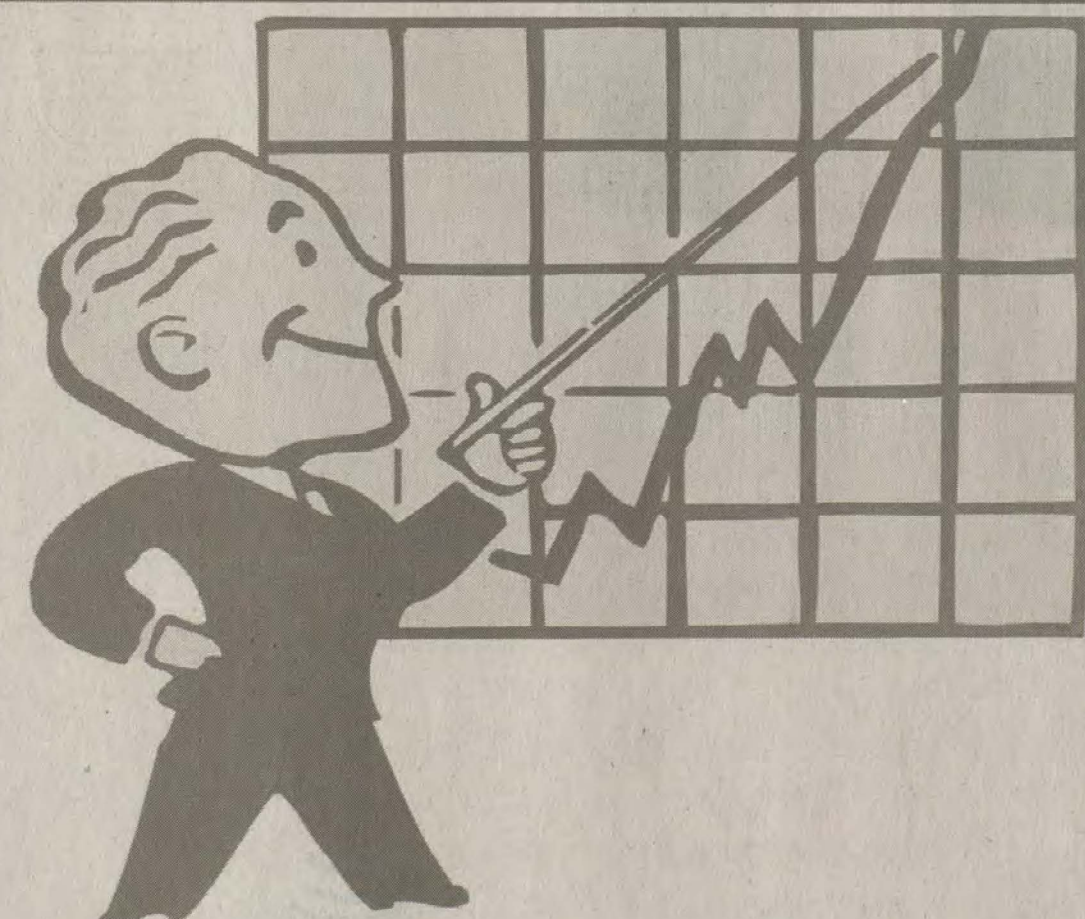
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This guy's off the hook for brake-line failure

by TOM and RAY
MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
I had a car accident. My vehicle would not stop because a brake line ruptured and the fluid leaked out. My wife says that it was because I am so heavy, and that the force I apply with my big, fat foot blew out the line. She says that if SHE had been stomping on the brakes, this wouldn't have happened, because she is, uh, several pounds lighter than I am. Please say that I am right! — James (a fat guy in Wisconsin)

RAY: Well, she's right that there is a relationship between the amount of force you apply with your foot and the amount of pressure in the brake lines, James.

TOM: But those brake lines are made of metal. And they're designed to take as much pressure as any human being — no matter how circumferentially challenged — can lay into them. So there's no way you blew a brake line just because you're a porker, James. The brake line failed because it had rusted out and you hadn't had anyone look at the brakes in a long time.

RAY: That's especially important when you live in a place like Wisconsin, where they use a lot of salt on the roads in the winter.

TOM: But we can say with complete confidence that your wife is 100 percent wrong, James.

RAY: She can legitimately blame you for breaking the recliner in the TV room and flattening out the seat cushions on the family sofa, but you're off the hook for the brake line, James. And we're glad you came through the accident with your sense of humor intact.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder

Dear Tom and Ray:
I have a fairly beat-up 1994 Mustang GT 5.0 convertible. It was made the last year they made the 5.0 in the newer, more curvaceous body style. Through childhood, I was a car girl and a Mustang enthusiast. So when it came time for me to buy my first car out of college in 1995, I could not help but stop to look at the slightly used, hunter-green, beige-topped, leather-interior 5.0 that was on the lot. I fell in love with it at first sight and was totally hooked when the dealer let me take it home for a few days. OK, it had a transmission problem, but it was still under warranty, and just above my price range. So I desperately figured out how, working three jobs, I could afford THIS car ... I found a great transmission guy, who figured out what the other dealer had not, and fixed my boy up. He (the car) was a rock. He was an island. Driving that bad boy was paradise. Still is. Although after years of great times, and many summers and winters in Chicago, I had to sideline him in 2004. After 10 years, he became a little unreliable starting on cold mornings, and the rear window popped away from the convertible top. Anyway, I say "sidelined" because I bought a new Toyota Solara without trading him in. Since then, I have burdened my boyfriend (now my unsympathetic husband), my parents and several friends by begging for a cozy and dry garage in which to park my baby. I've put new brakes on, kept the oil changed and drove it on occasional summer days when a working top was unnecessary. Driving that car still feels great! My favorite top-down driving CD is always loaded, and he is ready to go whenever I am. So, my dilemma: The Solara is going to be paid off soon. Woo hoo! I see the newly freed-up cash as an opportunity to finally shower my very deserving old buddy with some much-needed TLC and get him back into shape. My husband sees keeping the car and spending any money on it as a complete waste of time and cash. I'm concerned about what will happen to our relationship if I start spending any real cash on fixing up the car. I estimate \$3,000-\$4,000 would go a

long way toward bringing him back to his former glory. New top, fix an oil leak, bang out some dents, new paint — basically, a day at the spa (something I don't do for myself!).

Am I wrong? Am I having a problem letting go? I mean, when I met my husband, he thought I looked hot in that bad boy with the top down! Do you think he could be jealous? Is he being too frugal? I question my husband's love for me, since he seems unable to understand how important this

is to me! I need advice and family counseling that only you guys can offer. Please help. — Cynthia and her beloved bad-boy Mustang

RAY: Cynthia, one of the keys to a healthy marriage is maintaining a balance between "you guys" as a couple and each one of you as individuals.

TOM: Together, you need to make joint decisions about crucial issues, like where to live, how to raise your children and whether you should get HBO and Showtime, or

just HBO.

RAY: But there has to be room in the marriage for each of you to be yourself, too. And we can tell from this letter that this '94 Mustang is part of who you are.

TOM: Right. So, while it's possible for your husband, or even me, to say that it's a piece of junk and a waste of money — and be correct — driving this car makes you happy.

RAY: And if your husband is half the man we think he is, he'll realize that your happi-

ness is a bargain at a few thousand bucks.

TOM: Right. It took a house, a car and half my assets (twice) to make MY first two wives happy.

RAY: So, explain to him that you know it's impractical, but it's important to you, and it makes you happy. And if that doesn't work, cut a deal and tell him he can get his Powermatic Model 4224 3-horsepower woodworking lathe for the basement.



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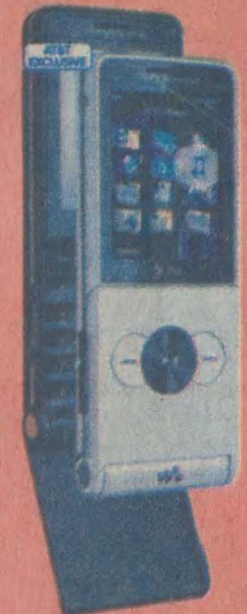
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