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GILLISPIE GONE UK releases basketball coach over 'lack of chemistry'

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — Less than two years after being named University of Kentucky men's basketball coach, Billy Gillispie is out as the caretaker of college basketball's winningest program. Gillispie, who was named UK coach on April 6, 2007, succeed-

ing Tubby Smith, who left to become head coach at Minnesota, met with UK President Lee Todd and Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart at Todd's mansion Friday afternoon. UK announced Gillispie would not return to his post as UK coach during a press conference held later Friday. "The chemistry was just not

right," Barnhart said during the press conference. Gillispie did not attend the press conference.

This season, Kentucky had its streak of 17 straight NCAA Tournament appearances halted. Kentucky was relegated to playing in the NIT (National Invitational Tournament). The Wildcats won a pair of games in

the NIT before falling to Big East member Notre Dame.

Kentucky ended what was ultimately Gillispie's second and final season as Wildcats coach 22-14. In Gillispie's two seasons, Kentucky compiled a 40-27 record.

Kentucky officials didn't put a



Billy Gillispie

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In brief
Truck
charged
with DUI

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

EAST POINT — A Harold truck driver has been charged with driving under the influence while operating a commercial vehicle.

Jonathan Ray Tackett, 31, was arrested last week on US 23 in East Point and charged with violating a safety regulation, operating with a commercial drivers license under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

According to the police report, Tackett's eyes were allegedly red and glassy, his pupils were constricted and he had blue powder residue in his nose. A straw containing blue powder was allegedly located in the ash tray of the vehicle.

Tackett was transferred to the Floyd County Detention Center on a \$2,000 cash bond. The bond was amended to \$500 property or surety, or 10 percent,

A FRESH LOOK



photo by Jarrid Deaton

The office of Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh has a new appearance thanks to renovation work that started earlier this year. The renovation of the office is an ongoing project with no specific date set for completion.

Teens get summer work program

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Big Sandy region communities in Floyd, Johnson, Pike, Magoffin and Martin counties will be the target recipients of a summer workforce made possible through the federal economic stimulus plan.

As part of the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program (EKCEP) will work with Community Action Agencies (CAAs) in 23 Eastern Kentucky counties to put an estimated 3,000 young people to work jobs for summer.

Of that 3,000, EKCEP officials say 1,000 of those workers will be in the Big Sandy Area, while the area will also receive \$2 million, the largest portion of the stimulus money to initiate the program.

This program will begin May 1, according to EKCEP officials.

"We see this as a fantastic opportunity for young people, businesses and public agencies,"

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Charges filed after woman held at gunpoint

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Police say a resident of Parkway Connection Apartments beat a Martin woman, damaged her car and held her at gunpoint, and have now charged him in connection the alleged incident.

Charles Vanderpool, 32, of Prestonsburg, was arraigned on charges of fourth-degree assault, criminal mischief and first-degree wanton endangerment in Floyd County District Court Tuesday.

The Prestonsburg man pleaded not guilty to the three charges.

Those charges came after an incident police said occurred on March 18.

On this date, it is alleged that Vanderpool hit Jana Bates, a Martin resident, several times and damaged her vehicle. Cost of the damages exceeded \$1,000, according to the warrant issued to Vanderpool Tuesday.

The third charge, first-degree wanton endangerment, was brought against Vanderpool for allegedly holding Bates at gunpoint, according to a signed criminal complaint brought against the 32-

year-old by Bates.

In that complaint, Bates said Vanderpool put a gun to her head.

Criminal background records for Bates show that he is listed as a fugitive in a 2007 Knott County case in which he was charged with burglary and terroristic threatening, and has a pending case against him in Magoffin County on a charge of possessing, using, obtaining or selling false records of birth to another dating back to 2006.

A preliminary hearing is set in the current case for March 30.

Pike County receives \$282K in stimulus funds for energy

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — An Eastern Kentucky county that has for the past few years made energy policy a staple part of its governmental concerns will now receive federal funding for energy efficiency improvements.

Pike County was awarded \$282,000, according to an announcement issued Thursday from the U.S. Department of Energy.

The funding came as one part of a large investment brought about by the Obama administration earmarking

\$25,382,500 for state, county and city efforts across Kentucky.

The round of funding builds on a prior investment of more than \$123 million in Kentucky weatherization and energy funding that came on March 12.

The money, which came in the form of block grants through the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will provide formula grants for projects that reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions as well as improving energy efficiency.

Pike County Judge-Executive Wayne T. Rutherford has made energy a key issue since returning to office. Among

his administration's plans are efforts to open coal to liquid plants and the utilization of solar energy options.

To ensure accountability, the government plans to provide guidance to and require grant recipients to report on the number of jobs created or retained, energy saved, renewable energy capacity installed, greenhouse gas emissions reduced and funds leveraged. Funding is based on a formula that accounts for population and energy use.

Pike County, which has trademarked itself as the Energy Capital of America, was the only county in the Big Sandy Region to receive funding.

Indictment alleges money orders stolen

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Floyd County man has been indicted in federal court on charges that he fraudulently issued more than \$5,000 in money orders through the post office.

Glenn T. Hicks now faces 10 counts of fraudulent issuance of money orders, according to an indictment handed down Thursday.

According to the indictment, Hicks issued 10 money orders, most totaling \$550 for a combined amount of \$5,552 between Oct. 1, 2007, and Oct. 1, 2008.

Of the 10 counts, only one was for an amount more than \$550. This money order was issued on May 30, 2008 and was for \$602.02, fed-

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Regional Obituaries

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■ Nora S. Beavers, 104, of Frankfort, Indiana, a Prestonsburg native, died Thursday, March 19, at Wesley Manor Health Care Facility, in Frankfort. Services were held Monday, March 23, under the direction of Goodwin Funeral Home.

■ Sarah Elsie Bolen, 88, of Wayland, died Sunday, March 8, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 10, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Debbie Sue Cole, 42, of Melvin, died Thursday, March 19, at the Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Warren Cole. Funeral services were held Monday, March 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Jean Mullins Dixon, 86, of Flatwoods, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, March 21, at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Carl Dixon. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 25, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ James E. "Jimmie" Goble, 83, of Allen, died Thursday, March 19, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 22, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Gregory (Bristles) D. Neeley, 38, of Auxier, died Sunday, March 22, at his residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Denver Reedy, a native of Melvin, died Wednesday, March 18, in Monroe, Washington. He is survived by his wife, Barbara. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 25, under the direction of Beck's Funeral Home.

■ Amos Tackett, 50, of Andrews, Indiana, formerly of Melvin, died Friday, March 20, at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Funeral serv-

ices were held Tuesday, March 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Judith Ann Osborne Ward, 66, of Martin, died Friday, March 20, at the Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Buddy B. Ward. Funeral services were held Monday, March 23, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Walter W. Akers, 87, of Pikeville, formerly of Hellier, died Tuesday, March 24, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Floretta Stapleton Akers. Funeral services were held Friday, March 27, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Felicia Caponite, 96, of South Williamson, died Wednesday, March 18, at her home. Funeral services were held Monday, March 23, under the direction of Weaver Mortuary of West Williamson.

■ John B. Childers, 84, of Bradenton, Fla., formerly of Pikeville died Tuesday, March 3. Funeral services were held Monday, March 23, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Arnold W. Coleman, 78, of Elyria, Ohio, a Pike County native, died March 22. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 28, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Paul Everett Deskins, 76, of Huber Heights, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, died Monday, March 23. He is survived by his wife, Ocie Newsome Deskins. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 25. Arrangements are a courtesy of Hall & Jones Funeral Home of Virgie.

■ Esta Tackett Elswick, 90, of Virgie, died Friday, March 20, at her home. Funeral services were held Monday, March 23, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Sarah Estep, 74, of Elkhorn City, died Tuesday, March 24. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of

Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Ethel Marie Farley, 90, of McCarr, died Thursday, March 19, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, March 23, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Elsie Hess, 84, of Raccoon, died Saturday, March 21, at her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 24, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Anita Sue France Justice, 71, of Pikeville, died Monday, March 23, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 25, under direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Jerry William Lindley, 65, of Palestine, Ill., formerly of Pikeville, died Monday, March 23, at Carle Hospital, Urbana, Ill. Funeral services were held Friday, March 27 under the direction of Goodwine Funeral Home of West Union, Ill.

■ Wallace Harold Lowe, 71, of Hatfield, a native of White Post, died Monday, March 23, at his home. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 26, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

■ Jeannie D. Rivard, 59, of Turkey Creek, died Wednesday, March 18, in Houston. She is survived by her husband, John F. Rivard. The Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 24. Arrangements, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Bonnie Hunt Scott, 89, of Johannesburg, Mich., a native of Hardy, died Friday, March 20, 2009, in Gaylord, Mich. Funeral services were held Friday, March 27, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Irene "Ba" Smith, 84, of Raccoon, a native of Lawrence County, died Friday, March 20, in Russell. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 25, under the direction

of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Arnold Thacker, 79, of Meta, died Friday, March 20, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Lou Bevins Thacker. Funeral services were held Monday, March 23, under the direction of the Community Funeral Home of Zebulon.

■ Joyce A. Williamson, 67, of Frenchburg, a Pike County native, died Monday, March 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Bill Williamson. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 26, under direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Janice Carol Harris Zienkiewicz, 59, of Ratliffs Creek, Pikeville, died Sunday, March 22, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 25, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ Girlie Slone Campbell, 82, a Knott County native, died Friday, March 6. Funeral services were held Monday, March 9, at 9:30 at Bell Mausoleum, Lexington Cemetery, under the direction of Milward Funeral Home.

■ Angela Sue Cox, 40, of Lexington, died Tuesday, March 10, at the UK Medical Center in Lexington. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 14, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Lee Fugate, died Friday, March 13, at the Hazard ARMC. He is survived by his wife, Florine. Funeral services were held Monday, March 16, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Wheeler "Carllewis" Martin, 77, of Leburn, died Wednesday, March 11, at the Hazard ARH. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Norcie Mosley Short, 55, of Garner, died Saturday, March 7, at the Hazard

Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Monday, March 7, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Wade Sexton, 43, of Pippa Passes, died Tuesday, March 10, at the Hazard ARH. Funeral services were held Friday, March 13, at the Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Clayton H. Slone, Sr., 79, of Wolcottville, a native of Hollybush, died Monday, March 9, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Funeral services were held Friday, March 13, under the direction of Young Family Funeral Home.

■ Eles Slone, 88, of Pippa Passes, died Wednesday, March 11, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 15, under

the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Elma Glee Smith, 72, of Mousie, died Monday, March 9, at the Hospice of Central Ohio in Newark, Ohio. Funeral services were held Friday, March 13, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Deloris Dale Thornsberry, 72, of Hollybush, died Sunday, March 8, at the McDowell ARH. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 12, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Gladys S. Williams, 94, of Leburn, died Wednesday, March 11, at the Knott County Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 14, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Elder Walter Akers

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Dear Dad,

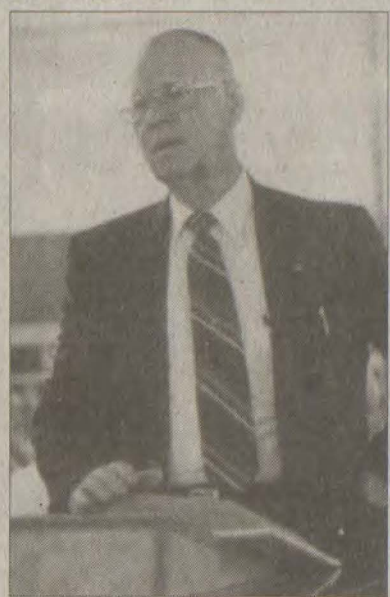
Today, March 27th, is the anniversary of that glorious day for you. You got to meet your Lord and Savior. It must have been wonderful. I know you are happy there in Heaven. Are you having those long talks with John and Paul and your Lord? I guess you've finally got all those questions you had answered by now.

I wish I could say we all have our questions answered, but we are doing pretty well anyway. Mom misses you a lot, but she is so strong, more than we could have imagined. She's that rock and inspiration we needed after you left us. You would be proud of her.

Dad, there are no words to describe the void we all feel now, but you know what, I do think you must surely be right there in the kitchen when I go in the house, your presence is so strong. We all feel it, and I am glad for Mom.

I just wanted to tell you how much we love you, but Mom loves you more. We all do—Miss you? Yep, a lot! But we're not so sad now, because we know you are well and not suffering anymore. You just keep watching over us and we're looking forward to seeing you again. We think of you every time we see John 3:16. Just wait for us. I love you.

Your Daughter,
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What's the deal with new-tire placement?

by TOM and RAY
MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
The other day, I went to purchase two tires for my Dodge Intrepid. I wanted to replace the front pair and move my old front tires to the back. That way, I'd get good tread for the snow in the winter. The local tire store told me that due to insurance regulations, when a customer buys just one pair of tires, they MUST go on the rear. They say the tire manufacturers advise the same thing. I argued back at him, and said that because my car is front-wheel drive, I need good tread on the front tires more than on the rear. "Well," he replied, "then you'll have to buy four new tires." Is this true? I think he just wants to sell me four tires instead of two. — Chester

TOM: Of course he does, Chester. But he's also technically correct.

RAY: Tire manufacturers and safety people now recommend that your "better" set of tires go on the back, even if you have a front-wheel-drive car.

TOM: It does sound crazy at first. It also sounds suspi-

cious, because it provides a highly convenient argument for selling two extra tires. When we first heard about this policy, we said: "That's a fraud! It's a blatant rip-off! Let's implement it at the garage immediately!"

RAY: But the logic is actually sound. Putting tires with brand-new tread on the front certainly would help you get started in the snow. But having worn-out tires on the rear could cause the rear end to slide out when you try to turn or stop.

TOM: And since you can steer the front wheels, you have a better chance of maintaining control of the car if the front wheels slide than if the rear wheels slide. Once the back end starts to slide, it's a lot harder to control the car, and an accident is often the result.

RAY: Of course, having four good tires is best. But my guess is that this policy came from the tire companies' legal departments, not their sales departments — despite the conclusion it leads to. Although I'm sure the policy has been warmly embraced by the sales staff, too.

How long does wind stick around?

Dear Tom and Ray:

My problem began when I was driving down the road in our 2005 Dodge Caravan, packed full of our own kids and kids from the neighborhood. My elderly and ... let us call her "severe" mother was asleep in the front passenger seat when one of the neighborhood kids — now a hero among his peers — exercised certain organic gases, which announced themselves with a remarkably acute "crrrrraaack." My severe, elderly and not very well-liked (by the kids) mother started awake in her seat and said, "What?" This resulted in a tidal wave of elementary- and middle-school-aged hilarity. My kids now pay daily homage to the perpetrator of the pungent pontification — he's a local hero, but that isn't my problem. Mom refuses to get back into the vehicle, claiming, "That awful thing is still loose in there." This is a problem, since she likes to attend each and every yard sale within 50 miles and is even more unpleasant if she is denied that pleasure. I have accused Mom of being vengeful about the

children laughing. She denies this and claims there is a good, valid reason for her refusal to re-enter the vehicle. What I need is an authoritative statement on whether it's possible that the "awful thing is still loose" in the vehicle. Exactly how long is it justified for people to avoid a vehicle interior after such an incident? She thinks we need to get a new car! — Distracted Daughter in a Dodge

RAY: Gee, Distracted Daughter — we'll call you D.D. — I think this is largely psychological on Mom's part. She just doesn't want to ride with those little brats anymore.

TOM: I agree. I mean, even if that "awful thing" was a magnitude nine or 10 on the WindBreak Scale, it would still dissipate in a matter of minutes. Certainly within an hour.

RAY: I take it she hasn't refused to enter your living room, where your husband, no doubt, watches TV from the same spot on the sofa night after night and has his way with that poor foam cushion.

TOM: Cars have ventilation systems to bring fresh air into the passenger compartment. So, air is always circulating. And even with the vents off,



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the Nasal Observatory) to take a ride with you and offer an honest opinion.

RAY: But even if you get a clean bill of smell, for the sake of family unity, I'd have the car detailed, D.D. That'll cost you about \$100, but it includes a very thorough cleaning of the inside of the car. Tell them you want the seats and carpets shampooed, and ask them to use a "heavy hand" with the pine-tree air freshener. That way, Mom will know immediately that something has been done.

TOM: Then tell her you've had the car fumigated and you've called the kid's mother and had his diet changed, and that if she's willing to ride shotgun again, you'll take her to a yard sale nearby with lots of military surplus items, including gas masks. Good luck.

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UK

timeline on hiring a new coach but stressed the importance of contending for titles. Barnhart said a "search process" would be conducted.

"Our goal is to be a part of the championship picture every season," Barnhart commented.

Gillispie's tenure at Kentucky was filled with ups and downs. He went the opposite direction of many previous Kentucky coaches when it came to fulfilling off-court obligations and dealing with various members of the media.

Gillispie turned down an invitation to speak to the Lexington Rotary Club on Oct. 1, 2007. He was the first UK coach in 60 years not to speak to the Lexington group during the preseason. The Texas native was also less than receptive to questions from ESPN sideline reporter Jennifer Edwards, telling her she had asked a "bad question" during a halftime interview on Jan. 27, 2009. He shunned the spotlight on various occasions and didn't want the label of "ambassador" for the state

among his duties as Cats coach.

Gillispie, who never signed a contract, wasn't without success during his tenure. He was named 2008 SEC Co-Coach of the Year, sharing the honor with Tennessee's Bruce Pearl.

However, losses to relative college basketball unknowns Gardner-Webb and YMI fueled fans' fire in the argument that Gillispie might not be the right coach to lead college basketball's most storied program.

Kentucky opened SEC play

5-0 in the 2008-09 season before faltering down the stretch. The Wildcats finished the SEC portion of the season 8-8.

Florida head coach Billy Donovan was an early front-runner for the Kentucky basketball position. Donovan was an assistant under mentor Rick Pitino during a previous coaching stint in Lexington. Former Wildcats guard Travis Ford, currently at Oklahoma State, and Memphis coach John Calipari are other coaches who have been mentioned as possible replacements.

Gillispie was the school's 21st coach.

Teens

said Owen Grise, deputy director of EKCEP. "Both the private and public sector will get to undertake projects they might not otherwise have had the manpower for, and young people get to earn decent summer wages and learn marketable workplace skills."

The program, which will be available to people ages 16 to 24, is expected to pump \$6 million into Eastern Kentucky's economy by paying the wages of those taking

part. "Big Sandy Area Community Action Program is excited about the opportunity the stimulus package presents for summer employment of youth in our region," said James Michael Howell, BSCAP executive director. "Not only will our young people be earning money, they will gain valuable work experience and work ethics that will benefit them for the rest of their lives."

Those wishing to take part in the summer program must meet federally mandated income guidelines to be eligible.

In all, EKCEP estimates that 2,100 young people who are still in school and 900 who are no longer in school will be able to take part in six-week work experience placements throughout the community.

The program is expected to run through the end of September.

Orders

eral prosecutors say.

The indictment alleges that Hicks issued money orders every month both between March of 2008 to October of 2008 with only July missing. One money order was issued during each of these months, with the exception of May.

In May, federal prosecutors say Hicks cashed three money

orders. Two of those were on May 2 and the third was issued on May 30.

The indictment is the most recent of several federal charges brought against employees of the United States Postal Service in the last year.

Other federal cases range from the destruction of mail material to cases such as Hicks

which involve fraud with intent for monetary gain.

If convicted, Hicks could face 50 years in prison — a maximum of five years on each of the 10 counts brought against him — and a fine of \$250,000.

Hicks will next appear in U.S. District Court in Pikeville on April 10.

Mike Syck of Shred-All Documents discusses with Floyd County Chamber Of Commerce members the new secure mobile shredder. Shred-All Documents hosted Business After Hours on March 24 at the Floyd County Chamber Of Commerce Office. This free shredding event hosted by Shred-All Documents and Rock Solid Records Management & Secure Storage gave Chamber members inside information on all types of information security and identity theft prevention. All attendees were invited to bring one banker's box each (approx. 40 lbs max) for on the spot shredding using the latest in state-of-the-art secure mobile shredding technology.



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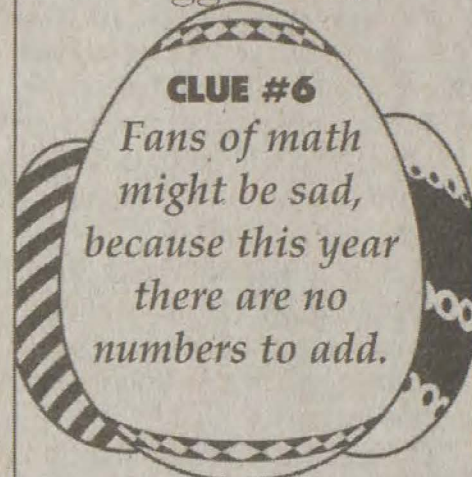
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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Tit-for-tat trade war

Here's the problem with throwing down the gauntlet. Someone usually picks it up.

In the realm of international commerce, what ensues is called a trade war. When the United States fires the first protectionist salvo, rest assured that U.S. workers will be among the casualties.

Congress recently inserted just such a protectionist measure in a spending bill - killing a pilot project that allowed Mexican trucks to haul goods deeper into the United States.

Allowing Mexican trucks access to U.S. highways fulfills obligations under the North American Free Trade Agreement. But the U.S., at the behest of U.S. truckers, has been stalling for years despite an international arbitration panel's finding that blocking the trucks violated the agreement. Mexico patiently has negotiated. The Bush administration created the pilot project after Congress imposed new safety requirements.

Mexican trucks participating in the project have been found to be generally as safe as U.S. trucks. And, this, of course, in the eyes of protectionist members of Congress, was cause to kill the project.

Mexico has retaliated by raising tariffs on 90 U.S. exports. That will mean U.S. goods grown with no place to go. Much more of that, and the ranks of the U.S. unemployed will only swell.

President Barack Obama campaigned as if he wanted to reopen NAFTA to renegotiation, a campaign promise we'd be pleased if he broke. In any case, this unilateral action by Congress is to negotiation what a punch in the nose is to polite discourse.

Congress must reinstate the program. And if the Obama administration wants to negotiate anything, let it start with trying to make trade freer, not restricting it. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood was meeting with lawmakers this week to try to reach a new deal to allow Mexican truckers broader access to U.S. roads.

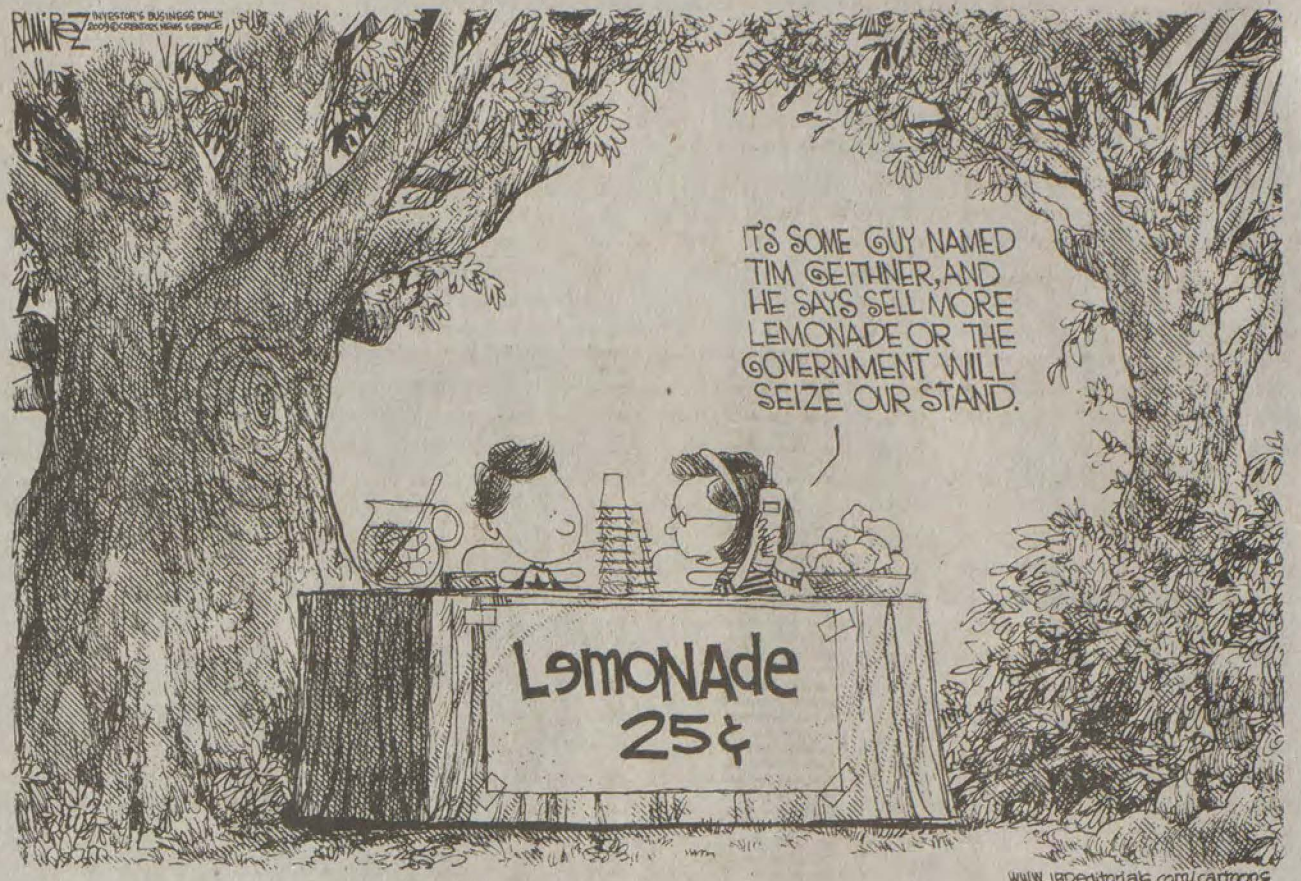
Protectionist sentiments in times of domestic distress are easy to understand. But the problem with the current meltdown isn't about commerce being too fluid. It's about it not being fluid enough.

As a Journal Sentinel article last week by John Schmid explained, Wisconsin companies will be affected by these tariffs. They are on products ranging from soy sauce of the kind produced by Kikkoman in Walworth County to paper products produced elsewhere in the state.

One fear is that Mexico next will hike the tariff on corn, a big crop in Wisconsin and throughout the Midwest. Arguing against this is how much Mexicans then will have to pay for what is a staple of their diet.

But that's the thing with war, trade and otherwise: Reason is often a casualty.

— The Indianapolis Star



— Chuck Norris

Mexico, mafias and baggy borders

by CHUCK NORRIS
CREATORS SYNDICATE

Do you ever wonder how we can conquer the Middle East but can't close our own borders?

In the news just this past week was this small sampling of headlines: "Locals, Feds Prepare for Any Escalation of Mexican Border Violence"; "(New Mexico) delegation asks for border task force"; "Texas lawmakers angered by border security money being spent in other regions"; "U.S. Sues Railroad Over Smugglers"; "Border drain open for hours before 8 entered it."

More than 7,000 lives have been lost in Mexico's drug wars in just the past 14 months. Nine in 10 guns recovered from those crime scenes have come from the United States. Border towns are experiencing outrageous escalations in crime, including more than 300 drug-related kidnappings in Phoenix alone in 2008. (Most involved Mexican immigrants with ties to drug cartels.)

Isn't it time we finally built a wall that works? Isn't it time for us to quit restricting our border agents by granting illegals more rights than our citizens? Isn't it time we post military personnel at particularly hot illegal crossings?

Instead of shifting tens of millions

of dollars from investigating employers guilty of hiring illegal immigrants to fighting Mexican drug cartels, the Obama administration should leave that money alone and hunt down the \$100 million-plus that AIG executives robbed from taxpayers for their bonuses.

We don't need a government study on Mexican border safety conducted by newly installed Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano. We need action now!

Congress authorized a border fence in 2005. That was four long years ago, for anyone bad at basic math. It approved \$2.6 billion for border enhancement, but we still have illegals and contraband crossing our borders like gnats through a screen.

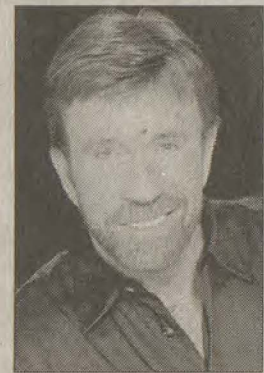
I opposed the amnesty bill introduced in the Senate in 2007. But I supported Congress' roughly \$3 billion directed to building up border security — money used to train and deploy 23,000 more agents, build 700 miles of fence and 300 miles of vehicle barriers, add four drone airplanes, and erect 105 radar and camera towers.

Homeland Security has made some headway in securing our borders. But our nation's boundaries, ports and airports remain largely open runways for illegal and terrorist transport. Sen. Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico reminded his constituents of that very fact when

he described another type of illegal crossing: people going from the United States to Mexico. It appears drug cartels are again using revenue derived from their "free trade" to purchase weapons illegally in the United States and smuggle them back into Mexico. As a result, murder rates have shot up more than 100 percent in certain towns.

One of the aspects of illegal immigration often overlooked is the effect it has on the 30,000 street gangs, which have up to 1 million members, in the United States. The gang considered the most dangerous is the MS-13, which has ties to the Mexican Mafia. It is estimated at 10,000 members, many of whom are illegals. Seven hundred MS-13 members were arrested by law enforcement in 2005. According to The Washington Times, MS-13 is believed to have a major smuggling operation that transports drugs, firearms and people. What's even more alarming is that in 2005, the Honduran security minister and the president of El Salvador warned that MS-13 was in talks with al-Qaida to transport terrorists into our country! With MS-13 currently in 44 states, we must secure the borders now. (Seventy percent of the kids in our martial arts public school program. (KICKSTART

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Chuck Norris

— beyond the beltway

Wall Street may reflect American culture

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Bernie (The Gonif) Madoff went up the river the other day, after copying a plea on 11 counts of theft, money laundering, perjury and failure to floss. They put the cuffs on him (too tight; they always put them on too tight) and led him off to the slammer. His lawyers requested bail but the judge said no dice.

"He has the incentive to flee," the judge said. "He has the means to flee. And thus he presents the risk of flight. Bail is revoked."

There are times when a judge's pronouncement can sound like the voice of God. For his part, Madoff was contrite.

"I cannot adequately express how sorry I am for what I have done," he said.

I believe it. If I had managed to ruin friends, family and fellow members of my faith, brought worthwhile charities to their knees and disgraced my family name for generations to come, I'd be sorry too. Real sorry. Particularly if I got caught. Madoff faces as much as 150 years in prison, which is a long time even if you're a turtle. Personally I'd be satisfied if he were paroled after 30 years — making him 100 when he got out — provided he was forced to live on the street like a homeless person.

I am not a vengeful man. Madoff was not the only swindler

on Wall Street; he was merely the biggest shark in the tank. He admits to bilking his victims of some \$50 billion but federal authorities say it's more like \$65 billion. He did it by pretending to invest the money given to him by trusting souls, giving them some back as interest, keeping the rest for himself.

And all the while, the regulators, charged with overseeing this kind of thing, snoozed.

Another financial lion, Allen Stanford, ripped off his clients to the tune of \$8 billion, which would have been considered a goodly sum had Madoff not come along.

You could make a case that the victims of these crooks deserved what they got. They were promised a consistently high return on their money in good times and bad. When the market went up, they got their 14 percent; when it went down, same thing.

There's really no way to do that without cheating. If there's one iron-clad rule of life, it is this: If something seems too good to be true, it generally is. And you can take out "generally" if you wanted. The victims were greedy. But I would not be too harsh on them, just as I would not on the (much) less wealthy folk that took out mortgages they later found they could not afford, or those who ran up unupportable tabs on their multiple credit cards.

We live in a culture that virtually screams "Buy, Borrow, Spend" at us. We glorify wretched excess in our tel-

evision shows and movies. We defy the lifestyles of the rich and famous.

The most recent figures available show that the average income of the 400 wealthiest Americans in 2006 was \$263 million. That's more than the New York Yankees payroll. And thanks to the tax cuts engineered by President George W. Bush and his gang, they paid the lowest tax rates in the 15 years they've been keeping track.

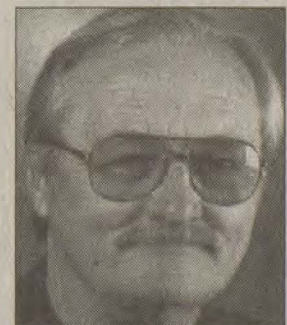
We were taught to respect those people. We wanted to be like them. And when someone would suggest that maybe making them pay higher taxes was a good idea, they were scorned as purveyors of "class warfare."

Right. And Poland attacked Nazi Germany. Perhaps Madoff and his fate will put an end to this worshipping of the filthy rich. As one Wall Street man said of Madoff:

"This man has single-handedly put the nail in the coffin for millions of baby boomer investors with respect to their desire to invest in the stock market. Billions of dollars...have been pulled from equities, never to return."

Single-handedly? Oh come on now, Mr. Wall Street Man; you're too modest. He had help — lots and lots of help.

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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.

Here it is, March 27, and I haven't wet a line. And while tempus fugit, I fidget. These characters who stop by, every day or so, tell tales of limit catches, of big ones at Cumberland, Dale Hollow and other places just out of my reach, aren't helping matters.

TENSE TROUBLE

Some of our television "stars" have their troubles with cases as they glibly recount this or that event and come up with such classics as "between you and I." Chaucer had his troubles with tenses! "Holpen" for "helped," for instance. And they're still having the same trouble in these parts, where you will get as near Chaucer in the usage of words as anywhere in the world. We still "holp" good neighbors that we are, when help is needed.

A prime example of "tense trouble" is the oldtimer's account telling how he bested the wildcat. Said he: "I crope around the pint and snuck up behind him."

ADIEU, VALE, FAREWELL

They hauled away the old press this week, the one which had served us—clatter, clank and pound—since the close of World War II, till about two years ago for the printing of this newspaper. As I watched a truck roll down the street with it. I had the feeling of watching a hearse leave for the cemetery.

This was one of several newspaper presses I've known during the years. It was an old Goss letterpress, which printed eight pages, and when we used it first, converting over from an ancient four-page Babcock cylinder job, it was a marvel of efficiency.

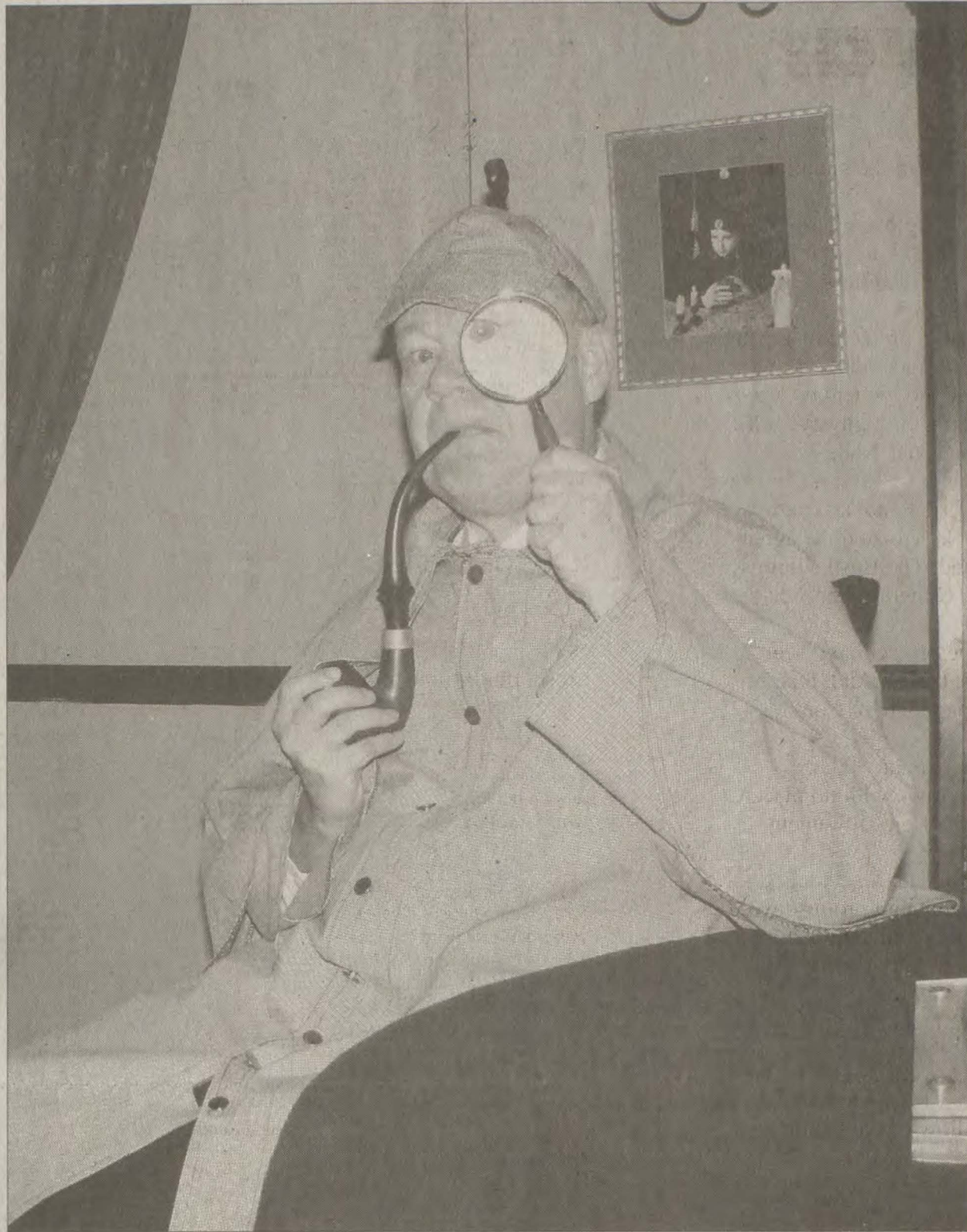
We ran it slowly, so slowly, at first, feeling our way, and I'll never forget the day Jim Goble turned the thing on, full speed, for the first time. It was reeling 'em off at 3,500 an hour—imagine!

All these presses had their peculiarities—you might say, idiosyncrasies. But the first had personality. Old Dave, "Printer" Goble called this fugitive from a junkyard. But the old press was dependable, slow, very slow, but sure. The Prestonsburg Post was printed on it for years before the Floyd County Times got into the picture.

This was the old press which, one night, was rolling along when somebody dropped a wooden mallet on the type form. But there was something of the steeplechaser in Old Dave. As the big roller approached the barrier created by the mallet he didn't even perk an ear. The roller simply jumped the mallet and went on about its business.

I've waited a long while to lament the late, departed presses in my life, but things themselves supply an excuse.

They've been right pressing.



Actor Allen Meyer portrays a convincing version of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous creation, Sherlock Holmes, as part of Sherlock Holmes and the Clock Tower Mystery currently on exhibit at the East Kentucky Science Center in Prestonsburg.

photo by Sheldon Compton

ON THE CASE

Science center exhibit a treat for mystery lovers

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Amateur sleuths in the area now have the chance to follow in the footprints of the world's greatest fictional detective by taking part in an exhibit at the East Kentucky Science Center in Prestonsburg.

Sherlock Holmes and the Clock Tower Mystery is currently on display at the East Kentucky Science Center, and over 1,000 would-be detectives have walked through the exhibit searching for clues in an attempt to solve the crime.

According to a release from the East Kentucky Science Center, "As

visitors enter the exhibit, they find themselves transported back in time. The sights, sounds and smells of turn-of-the-century London greet them at every turn."

While only 10 percent of those who attempt to solve the murder mystery are successful, the exhibit has proven to be very popular since opening on Feb. 28.

"It's been well received," said Eric Thomas, director of the East Kentucky Science Center. "The kids are very involved and they seem to be truly using their observation and investigation skills to solve this mystery. You're basically walking through a Sherlock Holmes novel, and the key is observing and looking

for the clues. In some rooms you will actually hear conversations between witnesses and investigators. They will meet with a live actor at the end of an interactive consolation."

Sherlock Holmes and the Clock Tower Mystery is open to the public from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and Friday evening at 7 p.m. It is also open on Saturday from noon until 4:30 p.m., and Saturday evening at 7 p.m. The exhibit is scheduled to be at the center until July 11.

For more information on Sherlock Holmes and the Clock Tower Mystery, visit the East Kentucky Science Center website at <http://www.wedosscience.org>.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Unforgettable'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A grieving widower injects himself with an untested drug to try and catch his wife's killer in this suspense yarn that blends science fiction elements and murder-mystery plotting for a solid fusion that should please fans of both genres.

Ray Liotta stars as David Krane, a Seattle-based medical examiner whom we first meet at the site of a grisly slaying in a pharmacy. The scene takes on a deeper meaning for Krane when he spies a folded matchbook left behind by the killer. He pockets the evidence and we soon learn that a similar clue turned up at the scene of his wife's murder.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

Krane talks a colleague into testing the matches for prints while he pursues a researcher, Briggs, who claims she has effected memory transfers in lab rats. Krane is desperate enough to make himself the first human subject for Briggs' experiment but she isn't having it and prefers to wait out the seven-year trial period imposed by law.

There's also the matter of the potion's side-effects, which include a heavy toll on the heart.

Turns out that Krane's grief has subverted his ethics, alongside his common sense, so he has no problem stealing the formula as well as a sample of his wife's brain. He injects himself with both and experiences his wife's murder from her viewpoint as well as some scattered memories. Unfortunately he doesn't glimpse the killer and repeats the process with tissue obtained from a female art student who was killed in the pharmacy massacre.

This time he gets a great look at the murderer's face. He brings his knowledge to a sketch artist but notices a strange side-effect when he finds that he can now draw as well as the victim whose memories he's inherited.

Briggs is no dummy and shows up at Krane's office looking for her drug. Unfortunately he used it all up, but he is happy to describe his experience for her notes. She goes him one better and stations herself at his side to observe the side-effects. They hit pay dirt right away when Krane's sketch of the killer turns up a suspect named Sutton.

Krane opts to keep the authorities out of the loop as he can't reveal how he identified the killer, so he seeks him out on his own. This turns out to be another bad idea which leads to Krane taxing his heart and the killer getting gunned down in the middle of a crowded church by Seattle's finest.

Krane goes totally around the bend and is soon injecting himself with the killer's brain matter, which leads to a harrowing scene of the child abuse which distorted the man's world view, followed by the shocking revelation

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Keeping up with the Joneses

by JIM JONES JR.
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL: INSIDE BASKETBALL"

I wouldn't be talking to you if it weren't for basketball. It spared my life. The words may seem like an empty cliché, but they are true. Basketball kept me alive, and now my son, Rob, and basketball are helping restore honor to my family name.

I will never forget the day. It was Nov. 18, 1978. I had moved from the San Francisco area a few years earlier

with my dad as he set up his ministry, Peoples Temple, in the nation of Guyana. The town we lived in was called Jonestown.

My life was built around basketball. I loved the sport and was in the capital city of Georgetown, Guyana, playing in a tournament on that infamous day. I was absolutely overwhelmed when I got a horrifying message from my father over the ham radio.

My father was explaining to me that California Rep. Leo Ryan was in

CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Jonestown investigating my father's ministry and that we would be blamed for people wanting to leave because of the injustices against Peoples Temple. He said that people were going to lay their lives down, that they were going to commit revolutionary suicide. It still echoes in my head how I argued with my father: "Why are we doing this? Isn't there another way?"

Hours later I learned that Congressman Ryan had been murdered and more than 900 people had consumed a cyanide-laced beverage, resulting in their deaths. My dad had a bullet through his head. I had lost everyone I loved — my parents, my wife and my unborn child. My world

was rocked forever. That experience was one that I wouldn't wish upon anybody, because everything that I had lived for during my 18 years was gone.

I returned home to my roots in the San Francisco area after this senseless tragedy, but I was haunted by those memories for years. I had many regrets, much remorse and was besieged with survivor guilt as I wrestled with the questions: "How did I escape? Why was I one of the chosen few?" The reason, of course, is that I was away playing basketball.

For many years, my solution to my mental anguish was to totally divorce myself from the sport that I loved. I

blamed basketball. If I wasn't selfishly away playing basketball, maybe I could have made a difference. So I had no contact with the game at all.

As I put my life back together, I eventually married, and our union was blessed with children. One of our sons, Rob, was gifted with some exceptional athletic talents. As he grew older, it was obvious that he had a bright future as a basketball player. I began to work with him one on one and started coaching some of his youth teams. In addition to contributing some value to his life, the love I had for basketball was rekindled after a long absence from the

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Norris

(http://www.kick-start.org), are Latinos, and gangs constantly are trying to recruit them. But we will not allow anyone to participate in the program if he is a part of any gang. KICK-START has provided young people with an alternative to and a safe haven from gangs, and that is one more reason I believe the KICKSTART program should be in every state across the nation.

Exacerbating the border crisis is the fact that there continues to be a shortage of Border

Patrol agents and other government security officials. The Homeland Security Department still is trying to fill the 138 vacancies in high-level jobs it had in 2007 — an employment crisis that it calls “a critical homeland security issue that demands immediate attention.” And that crisis will continue until we increase the pay and benefits for border agents. I believe this so strongly that I have done public service announcements encouraging their enlisting.

I was reminded of their need

for a salary increase when I was on the campaign trail with Mike Huckabee. We stopped in Laredo, Texas, and met with the Border Patrol. They gave us a tour of the area and explained to us what their operations were there. One of the Border Patrol agents and I struck up a conversation. As we were talking, I asked him whether his pay as a Border Patrol agent is adequate. He said that in certain states he gets by, but while stationed in California, he had to split rent with two other agents in order to afford the cost of liv-

ing. I didn't ask how much his salary was, but I always have felt that law enforcement officials from every branch are underpaid for the responsibility they have in protecting us. If we expect to attract and maintain quality personnel, then state and federal governments need to work together to make being a border agent more financially appealing.

Now more than ever, we must protect our borders and sovereignty. So far, our government has failed to produce suitable solutions to securing our

borders and stopping illegal immigration. Amnesty is not the answer. And immigration laws aren't effective if we continue to allow them to be dodged or ignored. Furthermore, globalization efforts have only confused security matters, further endangering our borders, as well as our national identity — our sovereignty.

And the question that keeps coming back to my mind is this: How is it that we can militarily overthrow a tyrant, such as Saddam Hussein in Iraq, yet

we can't keep illegals from crossing our borders? As Mike Huckabee says, “If the government can't track illegals, then let's outsource the job to UPS or FedEx.” It's true. If they can track lost packages anywhere in the world within minutes, they certainly can track down and keep track of illegals.

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sport. My enthusiasm returned, and I found myself elated to be a part of the sport again — through my son.

As Rob advanced through his high-school career, he became a highly recruited college prospect. He grew into the best high-school basketball player in the Bay Area — a 6-foot-6-inch, 230-pound forward with strength, quickness and a well-rounded floor game. After evaluating all of his options, Rob decided to accept a scholarship at the University of San Diego to play collegiate basketball. As a freshman, he averaged nine points and six rebounds per game, and was named to the West Coast Conference All-Freshman team for the 2007-08 season.

When I first saw an article in the paper about my son's high-school basketball team — “Jones leads Riordan to the top” — I paused reflectively. Anytime our family name had been in the news — Jones leading anybody — it was associated with leading individuals to a very negative outcome. It made my heart swell with pride to know a Jones was leading a group of people in a very positive direction. I am so proud of Rob's accomplishments on the floor, but I'm more proud of the fine young man he is turning out to be.

For years, I tried to escape the stigma of being Jim Jones Jr. I was never able to do that. I was known in basketball gyms as the son of the infamous Jim Jones. Now I'm known as the father of Rob Jones. That amazing transition has left me with an extremely good feeling.

The wonderful game of basketball helped make it happen.

Lagoon

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that he didn't kill Krane's wife.

It all leads to one more experiment with the drug that lays Krane out on living room floor while the real killer makes his appearance and proceeds to burn down the house with Krane and Briggs still inside. Telling you how it all ends would be criminal, but revealing the killer's identity would be even worse. Suffice to say, it's someone who you wouldn't expect.

This one pulls off some far-fetched ideas and that's all to the credit of director John Dahl. He was at the top of his game when he made this (having come off the success of “The Last Seduction”).

Ray Liotta also deserves a share of the kudos for pulling off a tricky role that requires him to sacrifice good judgment at every turn due to his emotionally clouded judgment. He's fine here and deserved to move on to bigger things, but he and Dahl were vilified by the critics, who had it out for this movie and its star (who had just come off “Goodfellas”).

There are some plot holes here and a few missed opportunities (the biggest being that each injection should have complicated things by adding new personalities to Krane's brain as well as talents). Then there are Krane's two daughters, who should have been featured more as their welfare was a chief motivator for his quest to clear his name.

That said, this movie is all about taking you for a ride and it succeeds on that score. Who cares if the trip gets a little bumpy?

Best line: “A brain-scan wouldn't be a bad idea. Just to make sure you have one.”

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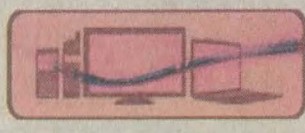
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UK releases 2009 football schedule, spring practice looms

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The 2009 University of Kentucky football schedule has been completed as the Wildcats will take on Miami University on Sept. 5 in Cincinnati's Paul Brown Stadium.

The game will be a unique season opener, as the teams will play at a neutral site, the home of the National Football League's Cincinnati Bengals. The game will be convenient for the fan base of both teams, as Paul Brown Stadium is 82 miles from the UK campus and just 39 miles from the

Miami campus in Oxford, Ohio.

"This will be a tough opener for us, as it will be the first game against a new (coaching) staff," said Rich Brooks, referring to first-year Miami coach Mike Haywood. "We don't have a lot of indication what they will do. We will have to be on top of our game as we'll be a little bit blindfolded going in."

"It's a great away game, to be able to play close enough to our campus that our fans can easily attend. Our team is excited to play in a terrific venue like Paul Brown

Stadium."

Miami is the official home team for the game. The stadium capacity is 65,435 and Kentucky will receive 30,000 tickets. Tickets are priced at \$35 for upper level, \$45 for lower level, and \$75 for club level. UK season-ticket holders may order tickets for the Miami game on their season-ticket renewal forms. (On-line renewals are already available at UKathletics.com; mailed renewal forms will be sent next week.) Non-season ticket holders may request tickets by contacting the UK Athletics Ticket Office at (859) 257-

1818 or 800-928-CATS. Ticket orders will be filled during the summer after season-ticket renewals are complete.

This will be the first of a two-game series with Miami. Kentucky will play host to the RedHawks in Commonwealth Stadium in either 2010 or 2013.

Despite the relative proximity of the schools, this will be only the 12th meeting between UK and Miami, and just the fourth matchup since the 1920 season. UK leads the series, 6-4-1. The teams last played in 1991, with Kentucky

winning a squeaker, 23-20, at Commonwealth Stadium.

The addition of the season opener completes the Wildcats' 2009 slate. Game times will be announced later.

Kentucky is coming off a 7-6 season, capped by a 25-19 win over East Carolina in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl. It is the first time in school history that the Wildcats have won bowl games in three consecutive seasons.

Spring practice begins Wednesday, April 1. Seven offensive starters and five defensive starters return for the Wildcats. The Blue/White

Spring Game is set for Sat. April 25 at 1:30 p.m. at Commonwealth Stadium.



Belfry High School graduate David Jones, a UK senior, has drawn the interest of more than one NFL scout.

Eagles set to open spring practice

PHS grad guides MSU defensive unit

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — The Morehead State University football will open 15 days of spring practice that will conclude with a spring game on April 25. The 11-game 2009 schedule has also been announced.

Coach Matt Ballard's Eagles finished the 2008 season with a 6-6 overall record and a 4-4 Pioneer Football League mark. MSU ended the season with wins at Dayton and at home against Campbell.

The 2009 schedule includes eight PFL games and non-conference contests against Southern Virginia, Saint Francis (Pa.) and North Carolina Central. The complete schedule, with times to be announced later, follows: Sept. 5 - Southern Virginia; Sept. 12 - at Saint Francis (Pa.); Sept. 19 - at North Carolina Central; Sept. 26 - Butler; Oct. 3 - Dayton; Oct. 10 - at Davidson; Oct. 17 - at Jacksonville; Oct. 24 - Marist; Oct. 31 - at Campbell; Nov. 14 - San Diego; Nov. 21 - at Valparaiso.

"There are several concerns and goals that apply to spring practice every year," Ballard said. "We have to make sure we have all our personnel moves in place. We always want to avoid key injuries that require surgery or long rehabs."

"We got to adjust and tweak our schemes based on our personnel. And, we want to end spring practice with everybody in place and knowing what we can hang our hat on offensively and defensively."

Offensive coordinator Gary Dunn mentioned the offensive line, wide receiver spots and fullback as key areas to be addressed during the spring.

"We lost two key members of the line in Nick Schoenfeld and Chris Setters," Dunn said. "We have a couple of probable starters who will miss spring practice due to injury. So, we will be able to evaluate several guys who have been in our program for a couple of years who should be ready to step up and earn starting or key reserve roles."

"We have to replace Nick Feldman at wide receiver, but we have a lot of good, young talent. We've got to identify who our fullbacks are going to be. Evan Sawyer is our leading candidate at quarterback, but

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THE ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL volleyball team and other Floyd County squads have kept up a busy schedule early on in the 2009 season.



Mathies named Miss Basketball

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky women's basketball signee Adia Mathies of Louisville, has been named the 2009 Kentucky Miss Basketball, announced Wednesday at Iroquois High School by the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation. The award is chosen by the state's high school coaches. Mathies will be the seventh Kentucky Miss Basketball to play for the Wildcats, including the third in the last five years. She joins 2007

winner Rebecca Gray (Georgetown) on the UK squad next season.

"I am extremely happy for Adia," UK Hoops Coach Matthew Mitchell said. "Her being named Miss Basketball 2009 is truly special. It is the culmination of an unbelievable high school career. She is an incredible player and we are looking forward to her playing for the Wildcats next season. It is always an honor for everyone associated with UK Hoops to have a Kentucky Miss Basketball on our roster."

The 5-9 senior also was named the Most Valuable Player of the Houchens Industries Girls' Sweet Sixteen championship, the Gatorade Kentucky Girls' Basketball Player of the Year and the Louisville Courier-Journal's Sixth Region Player of the Year. She averaged 17.1 points, 11.4 rebounds, 3.9 steals, 3.8 assists and 1.9 blocks per game while leading Iroquois High School to an impressive 33-1 overall record and the Lady Raiders' first state tournament title.

She will wear the No. 1 jersey when Kentucky faces Indiana in the states' annual high school all-star series, set for June 13 in Indianapolis and June 14 in Louisville.

Mathies is ranked as the 13th-best shooting guard in the country and 65th overall player, according to ESPN HoopGurlz.com. She has been a varsity player since the sixth grade and has tallied over 2,800 career points while starting at guard seven consecutive seasons.

She chose Kentucky over Louisville and Florida.

ACMS volleyball team takes two from MCA

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — The Allen Central Middle School volleyball program won two of three matches Tuesday versus Mountain Christian Academy. ACMS A- and B-team units both posted wins. The Allen Central Middle C-team dropped its match against MCA.

The ACMS A-Team defeated MCA 2-0. It was a see-saw battle with MCA taking a 16-14 lead. Behind the excellent serving of DeShea Elliott, and tight defense and two slams from Ciara Jones, Allen Central rolled off seven points to win game one 21-16. In game two, with the score knotted at 17, Allen Central made a 4-0 run en route to a 21-17 win.

Numerous ACMS players contributed in the win. A breakdown of the leading players follows.

Courtney Hodge: six kills, three aces, one assist, two Digs; Ciara Jones: six kills, one ace, one dig; Jeni Dingus: three kills, one assist, one dig; Laken Tackett: one kill, three aces, two digs, one deflection; Molly Thornberry: four assists, one ace, four digs; Alyssa Moore: one kill, two assists; Deshea Elliott: two kills, five aces, four assists.

The Allen Central B-Team rolled to a 2-0 victory, pulling out game one 18-13 and the second contest 18-14.

The Rebels C Team struggled, losing their first match of the season as MCA prevailed 2-0. MCA won 15-4, 15-10.

Lady Rebels KO Knott Central

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN — Allen Central got into the win column Thursday evening, defeating host Knott County Central 17-1 in three innings. The Lady Rebels jumped out in front during their first at-bat and never trailed en route to the convincing victory.

Pitcher Shea Spurlock recorded five strikeouts and walked two on her way to posting the win. Spurlock didn't allow an earned run.

Center fielder Megan Jones and catcher Ericka Moore led Allen Central with two RBIs each. First baseman Sarah Kinney delivered three hits for the Lady Rebels. Other offensive leaders for Allen Central included shortstop Jamie Mullins, third baseman Logan Cline, second baseman Caitlyn Kidd and right fielder Brittany Johnson.

"Knott Central is in a rebuilding year with a new coach that has tons of experience from high school and college," said Allen Central Coach Don Burke. "However, we played really well at the plate. We were patient waiting on good pitches and aware of the count/out thus hitting the ball appropriately."

"We still have a ways to go but as long as we can get better every inning we will be alright."

Allen Central is scheduled to visit Magoffin County Tuesday for a 15th Region matchup.

Spring sports seasons in full swing

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The regular-seasons for six high school sports - boys' and girls' tennis, boys' and girls' track and field, baseball and fast-pitch softball is now underway. Regular season competition will continue for boys' and girls' tennis until regionals the week of May 8-16. Region competition for boys' and girls' track and field will be held on May

16, while district competition for baseball and softball teams begins the week of May 18-23.

Locally, Prestonsburg, Allen Central and Betsy Layne softball teams had multiple games in by the end of the week.

Prestonsburg (2-1), under the guidance of first-year head coach John DeRossett, defeated Pike County Central and Paintsville during the

first week of the regular-season. A talented Magoffin County team defeated Prestonsburg in between the two wins.

Gloria Mullins-coached Betsy Layne (2-1) claimed wins over Sheldon Clark and Knott County Central. The Lady Cats went 2-1 in a three-day stretch (Monday-Wednesday). Betsy Layne blanked Sheldon Clark 10-0 and defeated Knott Central

19-2. Allen Central, under the tutelage of Don Burke, the dean of Floyd County softball coaches, went 1-1 in its first two games. The Lady Rebels rebounded from a season-opening loss to East Ridge, defeating Knott County Central 17-1.

At press time, Kristi Howard-coached South Floyd hadn't played yet. The Lady Raiders are scheduled

to open the season Monday at home versus Hazard.

In baseball, Prestonsburg opened the season 2-0, defeating Shelby Valley and Magoffin County. Randy Tincher is in his first season at the helm of the Blackcat baseball program.

Betsy Layne (0-1), South Floyd (0-1) and Allen Central (2-0) were also active in the first week of the season.

CBS College Sports to televise East Carolina-Marshall football game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

NEW YORK - CBS College Sports has finalized its initial national television selections for the 2009 Conference USA football season and the Thundering Herd's Oct. 3rd Homecoming game with East Carolina is among those selections.

In addition to the East Carolina contest, Marshall's game at UCF on Sunday, Nov. 1 is scheduled to start at 8:15 p.m. in order to accommodate an ESPN national television broadcast.

CBS can make additional picks 12 days in advance of Conference USA games in November, leaving the possibility for more Thundering Herd games to be televised nationally.

Gjevre sets career strikeout mark in doubleheader

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CLEVELAND, Ohio - Morehead State junior pitcher Alex Gjevre set the school career record for strikeouts Thursday at Cleveland State as the Eagles split a doubleheader with the Vikings.

In the second game, the Eagles got on the board first, scoring once each in the first two innings. In the top of the first, freshman outfielder Sam Woodall nailed her fourth home run of the season over the right field fence.

In the top of the second, Ellis doubled to right field and then scored after consecutive walks. On a safety squeeze attempt, Carrie Himmelhaver missed the bunt attempt, but CSU catcher Haley Keller chucked the ball into left field to let Ellis score.

The Vikings threatened in the third, getting two singles to start the inning and getting runners on second and third with no outs. But, Gjevre (11-6) struck out the next two CSU batters and got a ground out to thwart the threat.

In the bottom of the sixth, Gjevre fanned Christa Coppel to pass Kari Quinn with her 356th strikeout. She now has 359 after the day.

Bethany Ellis went 3-for-3 to pace the Eagle offense, while Woodall added another hit to go 2-for-3.

In the opening game, the Vikings scored a pair on the first inning. Coppel drove a two-run homer over the left field fence. In the second, CSU added three more. Danielle Young singled with two runners on. The first runner scored from second, but a throwing error on MSU catcher Bianca Cardenas allowed a second runner to score, and Young circled the bases to score as well on the error.

The Eagles were able to plat a run in the fourth. Rebecca Butler reached on a fielder's choice and moved to third on an infield fielding error. Ellis' groundout to the right side allowed Butler to cross the plate.

Coppel hit an RBI single up the middle in the fourth to give CSU a 6-1 advantage. The Eagles had a bases-loaded, one out situation in the top of the fifth, but a double play (pitcher-to-catcher-to-first base) erased any threat of MSU cutting into the deficit.

CSU then added to its lead in the fifth and finished off the five-inning "run-rule" game with three more in the inning.

The Eagles had four hits, led by Cardenas' 2-for-3 effort. Coppel was 3-for-3 for CSU. Boyd absorbed the loss to fall to 0-3 on the season. Amanda Macenko picked up the win, allowing four hits and striking out six.

Freshman Ashley Boyd made her second career start and tossed the first two innings, allowing five runs. Only two were of the earned variety, however. Junior Sarah Funston came on in the third frame and finished the contest.

Eagles

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Jared Phillips is also experienced."

Associate Head Coach and Defensive Coordinator John Gilliam returns several key members of the 2008 Eagle defensive unit that ranked sixth nationally in rushing defense and eighth nationally in total defense.

"We're excited about our guys up front," Gilliam said. "Wes McDermott anchors our linebackers and Derik Steiner our defensive line. I told them that I was excited and that they could be among the national leaders in rushing defense again."

"We've got to answer some questions in the secondary,

especially at cornerback. We lost a great player in David Hyland, but we do have some talented players returning. We have to identify a starter at cornerback and establish some depth."

While weather adjustments may be necessary, the Eagles are scheduled to practice on Tuesdays (March 31 and April 7, 14 and 21), Thursdays (April 2, 9, 16 and 23), Fridays (April 3, 10 and 17) and Saturdays (April 4, 11, 18 and 25) during the spring practice period. Weekday practices are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. EDT. Saturday practice times vary, and the spring game is scheduled for 7 p.m. EDT on April 25.

NFL scouts flock to WKU Pro Day

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BOWLING GREEN - Western Kentucky University's annual pro day, in which players eligible for the 2009 National Football League draft work out for NFL scouts, took place on Wednesday morning at Houchens Industries - L.T. Smith Stadium.

Defensive linemen Terald Clark, Dan Cline and Robert Dark, linebacker Alonzo Higgins, defensive back

Marcus Minor, offensive lineman Greg Ryan, and running back Stephen Willis all participated in a variety of strength, speed and agility drills.

Their audience included National Football League scouts from the New England Patriots, Baltimore Ravens, Green Bay Packers, New Orleans Saints, San Francisco 49ers, Cincinnati Bengals, St. Louis Rams, Cleveland Browns and Detroit Lions.

Fyffe helps Colonels handle Herd

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND - Senior Matt Davis batted 5-for-5 with four runs scored, a home run and a key RBI single in the seventh inning to lead the Eastern Kentucky University baseball team to a 10-7 comeback victory over Marshall on Wednesday afternoon at Turkey Hughes Field.

After falling behind 5-0 after just two innings of play, the Colonels (12-7, 2-1 OVC) battled back and cut the deficit to 6-5 heading into the bottom of the seventh. Freshman Richie Rodriguez opened that inning with a triple down the right field line. Davis then tied it with an RBI single up the middle. The next batter, junior Anthony Ottrando, poked a single through the right side of the infield that moved Davis to second and after a wild pitch advanced both runners, senior Tyler Rehmel gave the

Colonels their first lead of the day with a sacrifice fly to right that scored Davis. Sophomore Jayson Langfels concluded EKV's big inning by smashing a two-run shot to left field that gave the Colonels a commanding 9-6 lead.

Freshman Eric Sanders (1-0) earned his first career victory, pitching two strong innings and allowing no runs on one hit.

Freshman Matt Harris started on the hill for the Colonels and went two innings while giving up five runs on six hits. Sophomore Matt Fyffe (Paintsville/Johnson Central HS) pitched three solid innings after Harris, allowing one run on four hits. Junior Jim Clancy worked the eighth and gave up a run and a hit. Junior Chris Hord came on in the ninth and earned his second save of the season, retiring the Marshall batters in order.

Arik Sikula (2-1) received

the loss for Marshall (10-12, 2-1 C-USA), going 3.1 innings and allowing five runs on five hits.

Aside from Davis's monster day at the plate, Ottrando batted 2-for-4 with an RBI and three runs scored while Langfels went 1-for-3 with a run scored and three RBI.

Ben Jurevicius, paced Marshall offensively, going 3-for-5 with three RBI, a run scored and an inside-the-park home run in the second inning. Josh Valle, meanwhile, went 3-for-5 with two runs scored and an RBI for the Thundering Herd.

Marshall scored two in the first on a two-run single by Victor Gomez and then plated three in the second off back-to-back home runs by Jurevicius and Valle to take a 5-0 lead.

The Colonels, however, cut the Herd's advantage to two in the third inning. Davis dou-

bled to open the inning and then scored on an RBI single by Ottrando. After Rehmel walked, Ottrando stole third and then scored on a sacrifice fly to center by junior Joey Stevens. An RBI single by freshman Jacob Daniel brought home Rehmel and made it 5-3.

After Gomez crushed a solo home run to center field in the top of the fifth to make it 6-3, EKV responded with two runs in the home half of the inning to slice the deficit to one. Davis singled to start the inning and Ottrando was plunked by a pitch. Rehmel then singled to right to score Davis and Langfels plated Ottrando with an RBI ground-out.

After a Jurevicius double in the top of the eighth cut the Colonels' lead to two, Davis made the lead three again with a solo home run to left field in the bottom of the eighth.

MU men's basketball announces summer camp dates

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. - The Marshall University men's basketball program and head coach Donnie Jones have announced the information for its upcoming summer camps.

Three camps are scheduled to take place this year, including the Little Herd Camp, Individual Boys' Day Camp and a Team Camp.

The Little Herd Camp, which is for boys and girls 6-10 years old, will have two sessions. The first will held from June 15-18 with the sec-

ond taking place from July 13-16. The cost is \$75 and includes a t-shirt.

A few of the drills included in that camp are group ball handling, individual improvement, shooting contests and games. The camps will take place from 9 a.m. until noon each day.

The Individual Boys' Day Camp will take place from June 15-18 and is open to boys between the ages of 11-18 and the cost is \$150. The first three days of the camp will run from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. with

Thursday's activities going from 9 a.m. through 1 p.m.

The Team Camp will be held on June 19 and 20. The camp will consist of three competitive leagues: JV, small varsity and large varsity with a minimum of five games under actual conditions to be played. Participation is open to high school teams.

All teams can have up to 15 participants. Registration is \$350 per team and \$650 for two teams.

The camp also includes an evening social for coaches

with the basketball staff and a Marshall basketball shirt for all campers and coaches.

Jones along with staff members Shawn Finney, Darren Tillis, Brett Nelson and Tim Thomas will be operating the camps.

Brochures containing full information for all camps can be accessed by clicking on the links above. For more information, call the men's basketball office at 304-696-6460 or contact Thomas at 304-696-3769 or by email at thomas334@marshall.edu.

Herd women's team releases camp dates

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. - The Marshall University women's basketball team has announced the information for its upcoming summer camps.

The team will hold two separate camps, beginning with the Little Dribblers Camp and followed by the Individual Camp.

Little Dribblers is set to take place from June 8-11, 2009.

Girls 5-12 years old are eligible to participate and the cost is \$85 per camper.

Camp is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. until noon each day and will include several activities including fundamentals, stations, drills, competitions, a free throw contest, hot shot contest, and an awards ceremony.

The Individual Camp will be held in two sessions.

Session 1, which is for girls entering grades 6-8, will take place on Friday, June 12 while the second sessions, which is for girls entering grades 9-12, is scheduled for Saturday, June 13.

Both sessions will take place from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and the cost is \$55 per camper.

The Individual Camp will focus on individual instruction and player development in

shooting, passing, dribbling, defending and rebounding. It will also contain drills and competitions along with coaching and instruction from head coach Royce Chadwick along with players on the Thundering Herd team.

Participants in all camps will receive an MU camp t-shirt along with a basketball upon completion of the camp.

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES SCHEDULE

April 5 - Texas
April 18 - Phoenix
April 26 - Talladega

May 2 - Richmond
May 9 - Darlington
May 16 - NASCAR Sprint Showdown
May 16 - Sprint All-Star Race
May 24 - Charlotte
May 31 - Dover

June 7 - Pocono
June 14 - Michigan
June 21 - Sonoma
June 28 - Loudon

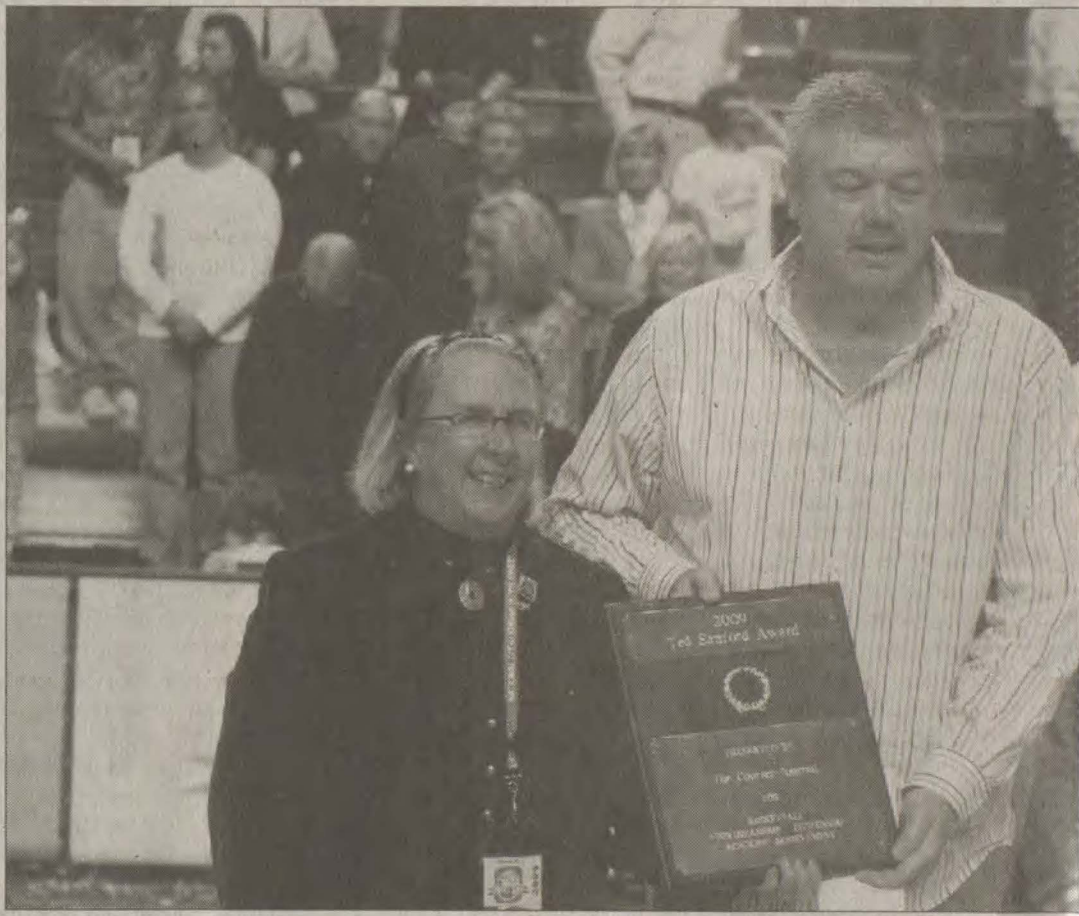
July 4 - Daytona
July 11 - Chicago
June 26 - Indianapolis

Aug. 2 - Pocono
Aug. 9 - Watkins Glen
Aug. 16 - Michigan
Aug. 22 - Bristol

Sept. 6 - Atlanta
Sept. 12 - Richmond
Sept. 20 - Loudon
Sept. 27 - Dover

Oct. 4 - Kansas
Oct. 11 - Fontana
Oct. 17 - Charlotte
Oct. 25 - Martinsville

Nov. 1 - Talladega
Nov. 8 - Texas
Nov. 15 - Phoenix
Nov. 22 - Homestead



HAZARD HIGH SCHOOL boys' basketball coach Al Holland accepted the Ted Sanford Award for sportmanship at the end of the Boys' Sweet Sixteen state basketball tournament.

Reds bring back \$5 tickets, announce \$1 food items

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CINCINNATI - The Cincinnati Reds have announced the return of \$5 single game tickets and the debut of new value-priced concession items at Great American Ball Park for the 2009 season.

"We want fans to know that Reds baseball will continue to be an affordable entertainment destination all season long," said Phil Castellini, Reds chief operating officer. "With the help of our corporate partners, we are always looking for ways to make Great American Ball Park the best reason to visit downtown Cincinnati."

The \$5 Outer View Level tickets are back at Great American Ball Park to give fans a great value throughout

the season. Tickets are in sections 509-510 and 536-537 (corners of the upper deck) and are available in advance and on game days, if available.

The \$5 tickets are available for all regular season games except for Opening Day. The price stays the same even for Select Games: vs. Indians, May 22-24 and vs. Cubs, June 5-7.

Fans have many options to get the \$5 tickets - Internet: reds.com; Phone: 513-381-REDS or 877-647-REDS (7337); In person: Great American Ball Park ticket windows and at area Meijer stores; Reds.com kiosks: On Crosley Terrace at GABP, on Fountain Square and at the Skyline Chili on 4th & Sycamore in downtown Cincinnati.

The last season that \$5 tickets were available was 2007.

The \$1 Menu Items (sold at two concessions stands, one in the Fan Zone and one on the first base side View Level) include: \$1 hot dog; \$1 12 oz. Coca-Cola sodas; \$1 bag of peanuts; \$1 ice cream cup; \$1 Redlegs French Chew taffy.

Additional Value Menu items also include: \$5 14 oz. draft beer (sold at all beer stands except in club and suite levels); \$7 adult value meal (regular hot dog, 16 oz. Coca-Cola soda and small chips or snack); \$5 kids value meal (kids hot dog, small Coca-Cola soda, snack and baseball card).

The \$7 adult value meals are available at 18 locations and the \$5 kids meal will be available at 10 locations.

Little Leagues can host MLB competitions

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Local Little Leagues wishing to provide players with a skills assessment program are encouraged to host a Major League Baseball's 2009 Pitch, Hit and Run competition.

The Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run (PHR) is a one-day skills competition for boys and girls ages 7-14 that emphasizes the fun element in baseball and allows children to showcase their pitching, hitting and running abilities.

Pitch, Hit and Run is the official skills competition of Major League Baseball and can be hosted by any local Little League. An administrative kit is provided.

Competitors have the opportunity to advance through our levels of competition: Locals, Sectionals and Team Championships held in all 30 Major League ballparks, and the National Finals at the 2009

Major League Baseball All-Star Game in St. Louis, Mo.

Children compete in four age groups: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14. July 17, 2009 is the competition's age determination date.

To bring a MLB Pitch, Hit and Run competition to your Little League, community or neighborhood, log on to www.mlb.com/phr to submit an on-line registration with a date, time and competition location. The administrative kit includes a handbook, "Strike Zone" banner, registration forms, award ribbons, participation cards and more.

LEVELS OF COMPETITION

Local Competition - March 1 - Mid May; All-Around, Pitching, Hitting and Running Champions advance from each age group.

Sectional Competition - Mid May-Early June: Each Sectional is part of an MLB

team's geographic market. All-Around Champions in each age group are eligible to advance. The top scores among the Sectional All-Around Champions within each Major League Baseball geographic market will advance to the Team Championships.

MLB Team Championship - June (weekends): Held in all 30 Major League Ballparks. Participants must place first in their age group to be eligible to advance. The top scores in each age group out of all 30 MLB Team Championships will advance to the National Finals. National Finals - 2009 MLB All-Star Week

National Finalists receive an all-expense paid trip to St. Louis for the 2009 All-Star Game. Finalists will participate in an array of festivities upon arrival in St. Louis including a PHR Welcome Reception, MLB Brunch and All-Star FanFest. Finalists will compete on the field at Busch Stadium prior to shagging fly

balls during the Home Run Derby and attending the All-Star Game.

At each level of competition, competitors will receive an item for their participation. Prizes at different levels of competition include ribbons, medals, trophies and other awards. National Finalists receive a trip to St. Louis for the 2009 Major League Baseball All-Star Game.

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- Harold-Allen-Prater
- Beaver Creek
- Paintsville
- Belfry
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PRESTONSBURG opened the 2009 softball season 2-1, posting wins over Pike County Central and Paintsville. John DeRossett (not pictured) is in his first season as Prestonsburg head coach.

Study finds track generates annual benefit of \$54 million

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The week of the Southern 500 will take on an even more important meaning in 2009 after the South Carolina Senate and House of Representatives passed a Concurrent Resolution declaring it Darlington Raceway Week in South Carolina.

Darlington Raceway president Chris Browning took part in the announcement Wednesday at the State House.

"Having the week of the Southern 500 declared Darlington Raceway Week is very special for everyone in the state of South Carolina," Browning said. "Darlington Raceway Week brings even more significance to our 60th season of racing in 2009. We appreciate the efforts of the Darlington Delegation to introduce this resolution in the State Senate and State

House of Representatives."

Darlington has been a NASCAR staple since 1950.

"South Carolina's Darlington Raceway has played a huge role in NASCAR becoming the largest spectator sport in America," Speaker Bobby Harrell said. "The track that is 'Too Tough to Tame' and the great South Carolinians that keep it running at full throttle deserve this recognition and honor as we continue to see this industry and fan base grow around the raceway that helped start it all."

In addition to the announcement of the Concurrent Resolution, Darlington officials also unveiled the findings of a recently completed economic impact study conducted by Washington Economics Group Inc., which found the raceway generates an annual economic benefit of \$54 million for the Pee Dee region

and state of South Carolina including the creation of 874 jobs in the region.

The economic impact study was conducted throughout a period of several months and utilized the IMPLAN model, which quantifies the direct and indirect benefits of economic activity. In addition to identifying the total economic impact of \$54 million, the study also found that:

- NASCAR events and other activities throughout the year at Darlington Raceway result in \$19 million of labor income for workers throughout South Carolina annually, benefiting workers in all sectors of the state's economy.

- These activities are also an important source of fiscal revenues. Each year these activities produce more than \$7.9 million for federal, state and local governments. Of this total, \$3.4 million flow directly to state and local

governments.

- Year-round track operations contribute \$30 million annually toward South Carolina's gross state product. Referred to by economists as "value added," this is the portion of business revenues that provides compensation to workers and capital income. Value added also is the principle source of income to households and a key measure of Darlington Raceway's ongoing contributions to the South Carolina economy.

"We take a great deal of pride in being good corporate and community citizens and the results of this study demonstrate our significant contributions to the Pee Dee region and state of South Carolina," Browning said. "We're thrilled to have such a significant, positive impact on the economy of South Carolina and expect to continue generating economic

benefits to the state for years to come."

South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford agrees.

"Darlington Raceway is nothing short of legendary in the world of motorsports, and it continues to play an important role in its contributions to the Pee Dee region and the state as a whole," said Sanford. "We're proud of its history, and look forward to its long future."

Darlington Raceway hosts two major NASCAR races a year, one each in the Cup and Nationwide series. Additionally, the track also hosts the Darlington Historic Racing Festival each September celebrating the history of oval-track racing. During the 2008 Cup Series race, Darlington Raceway hosted fans from all 50 states and more than seven different countries.

"I join the entire General Assembly in the celebration

of 60 Years of Racing on the most popular tracks in the NASCAR racing world," Sen. Gerald Malloy said. "I have always been a proud supporter of Darlington Raceway and the announcement of the annual economic impact to the local economy reflects the success of the hardworking people of Darlington County and the hardworking staff at the Darlington Raceway. This announcement is just another nationally recognized example of Darlington County's commitment to sports destination tourism and stimulus to the economy."

Tickets to the Southern 500, as well as the Nationwide Series Diamond Hill Plywood 200 are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Darlington ticket office at 866-459-RACE or online at <http://www.darlingtonraceway.com/tickets/>.

Study: RIR has economic impact of \$467 million

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

RICHMOND, Va. — Richmond International Raceway generates an annual economic impact of \$467 million, with \$278 million of that in direct economic benefit, as evidenced by a study conducted by the Washington Economics Group Inc.

Included in the study are two NASCAR weekends, one IndyCar weekend and the ongoing operations of Richmond Raceway Complex. These economic activities create more than 7,700 permanent jobs in Virginia, resulting in \$186 million in annual labor income.

"We have been fortunate to host NASCAR races at Richmond International Raceway since 1953 and IndyCar Series races since 2001, as well as numerous Richmond Raceway Complex events annually," track president Doug Fritz said. "We are very excited to not only host these exciting events for our fans, but to provide valuable economic benefits for Virginia residents."

Known as a favorite among fans and drivers, Richmond International Raceway is committed to providing quality entertainment and to giving back to our community through jobs, tourism, national visibility, and quality of life in our community. These numbers speak loud and clear, and we are happy to make such a positive impact on Virginians across the

Commonwealth."

The economic study utilized the IMPLAN model, which quantifies the direct and indirect benefits of economic activity. The study, which analyzed operating and other expenditures made by RIR, as well as expenditures made by out-of-town visitors to the Commonwealth of Virginia shows the track also creates \$286 million toward Virginia's gross state product each year. Referred to by economists as "added value," this is the portion of business revenues that provides compensation to workers and capital income.

In addition, RIR annually generates almost \$85 million in tax revenues, made up of federal, state and local taxes.

"Virginia has a rich history in motorsports and today's economic impact numbers show how vital they are to our state's economy," Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine said. "Virginia will always be a welcoming host to visitors for the races at Richmond and the numerous other tracks throughout the state. With Richmond races only a few short weeks away, I look forward to another great year of racing at America's Premier Short Track."

Richmond International Raceway hosts two NASCAR doubleheader weekends and one IndyCar Series weekend each year. The track's property encompasses a little more than 1,000 acres and features 112,029 seats. During NASCAR event weekends,

RIR hosts guests from all 50 states and more than a dozen foreign countries.

"Richmond International Raceway has been the single biggest boost to local business that all of us see and feel right away," said Virgil Hazelett, manager of Henrico County where RIR is located. "Visitors stay in our hotels, they eat in our restaurants and they shop in our stores. Thanks to the track, Henrico County gets to host hundreds of thousands of visitors each year, where families come to have fun, contribute to our local economy and see our great community of Henrico County."

The Richmond Raceway Complex hosts more than 1.2 million visitors annually for racing schools, concerts, corporate meetings, trade shows, outdoor festivals and headline shows.

"We strongly believe every penny spent to enhance the fan experience at Richmond International Raceway is an investment in our community and in local businesses," Fritz said. "We're looking forward to continuing our partnership with the community and the Commonwealth of Virginia to bring in tourist dollars, generate jobs and grow the economy."

The only state to host four Sprint Cup Series races (two at Richmond and two at Martinsville Speedway), the Commonwealth of Virginia sees a combined annual economic impact of \$637 million.

Father and son Earnhardts teaming up with Rick Ware

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Seems like old times - with a touch of the future thrown in. Kerry and Jeffrey Earnhardt have joined Rick Ware Racing in the Nationwide Series. Kerry Earnhardt will debut with the organization April 4 at Texas in the No. 31 Chevrolet. His son Jeffrey, 19, is scheduled to make his Nationwide Series debut May 30 at Dover.

Kerry, son of seven-time Cup Series champion Dale Earnhardt, has 70 career starts in the Nationwide Series and has three top-five and six top-10 finishes. He competed full time in the series in 2002, finishing 22nd in the standings. He last raced in the series in 2008.

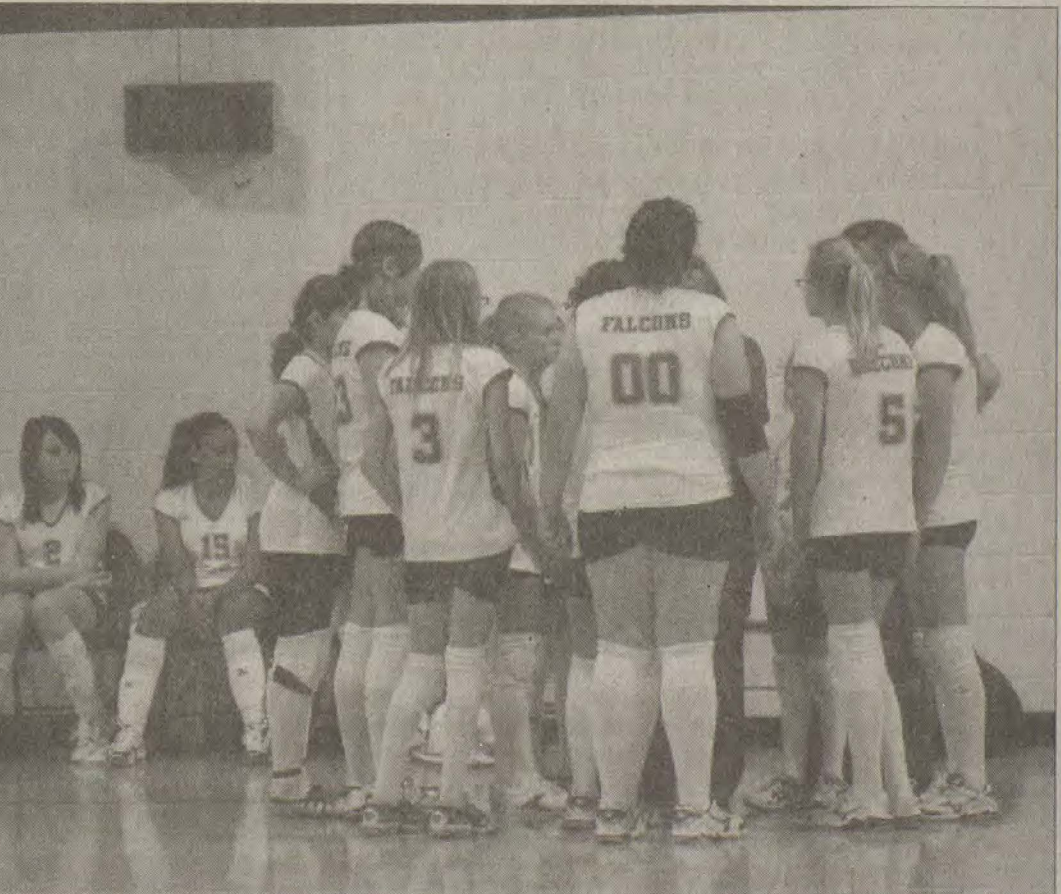
Jeffery Earnhardt has experience in the NASCAR Camping World Series East where he was fifth in the standings as a rookie in 2007 and finished 15th in the rankings last year.

Both father and son will be paired with former NASCAR champion crew chief Paul Andrews until they do battle at Atlanta in September. At that juncture, Clyde McCloud will serve as crew chief for the younger Earnhardt.

Atlanta also will highlight three Earnhardts in Nationwide Series competition with Jeffrey's uncle, Dale Earnhardt Jr., a two-time series champion, also slated to compete there.

Jeffrey Earnhardt will race a progressive schedule this year, running in seven events from a 1-mile track to a 2-mile oval as he prepares for a full 2010 season. He also will compete in the Nationwide Series event in Montreal, becoming the first Earnhardt to race in a NASCAR-sanctioned event in Canada.

The Earnhardts will be driving in events when Stanton Barrett will be competing in IRL races. The No. 31 will be the organization's primary car and the No. 41 Chevrolet will be the second car for races in which Barrett, Tim Andrews, Travis Kittleson, Tim Brown (a seven-time track champion at Bowman-Gray Stadium in the NASCAR Whelen Modified Division) or Jeffrey compete.



The Mountain Christian Academy (MCA) volleyball team has developed is a contender for the Floyd County championship.

EKU dance team tryout dates set

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — The Eastern Kentucky University dance team will hold a clinic and tryouts at the Weaver Dance Studio in April. All current and incoming EKU students are invited to attend. Anyone interested in attending

the clinic and tryouts should contact head coach Laura Hazelwood at 859-582-2477 or laura.hazelwood@eku.edu.

The EKU dance team attends all home football, men's basketball and women's basketball games in addition to other special events throughout the campus and communi-

ty. Partial scholarships are available to dance team members.

Dance Clinic: Saturday, April 11: Noon-5 p.m.; Review Session: Friday, April 24: 6-9 p.m.; Tryouts: Saturday, April 25: Noon-5 p.m.

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FRANKFORT — Kentucky food stamp customers will see an increase in their monthly benefits starting next month.

The influx of food stamp funding is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), also known as the federal stimulus package.

Gov. Steve Beshear said the extra funding is a boost for entire communities.

"Food stamp customers get the primary benefit of this increase," he said. "But when we consider that the money goes to local businesses that employ local workers, we see that this increase is doing a lot of good for many Kentuckians."

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services' (CHFS) Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) admin-

isters the Kentucky food stamp program, which is funded by the United States Department for Agriculture.

CHFS Secretary Janie Miller said the stimulus money is going to a worthy program.

"For many of our customers, food benefits make the difference in planning nutritious meals," she said. "This increase means that families are better

able to purchase healthy foods. Eating right makes a notable difference in both children and adults well-being."

Beginning April 1, food stamp benefits to most households will increase by 13.6 percent. For example, a family of four receiving food stamp benefits may now receive up to \$668 per month.

Food stamps benefits are

provided to qualifying individuals and families monthly on electronic benefits transfer (EBT) cards. EBT cards work much like debit or credit cards, and account funding is updated automatically.

Every county has a DCBS office that accepts applications for food stamps. Log on to https://apps.chfs.ky.gov/Office_Phone/index.aspx to find your

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For more information on Kentucky's food stamp program and how to apply, visit <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dfs/foodstampsebt.htm>.

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