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by **JARRID DEATON**
FEATURES WRITER

HAGER HILL — A Martin woman was arrested in Johnson County recently for allegedly driving an automobile under the influence of drugs while her 11-month-old son was a passenger.

Candi L. Ousley, 27, was arrested at Hager Hill on May 25. Ousley was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, endangering the welfare of a minor, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to notify an address change to the Kentucky Department of Transportation.

According to the police report, Ousley was stopped for failing to use her turn signal. Ousley allegedly had slurred speech and glassy eyes and failed sobriety tests. She also allegedly admitted to taking non-prescribed Percocet and drug paraphernalia was located in the vehicle.

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School plan gets state OK

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by **JARRID DEATON**
FEATURES WRITER

FRANKFORT — The Floyd County School District Facilities Plan has been approved by the Kentucky Board of Education in the final official step that will lead to the merger of Allen Central High School and South Floyd High

School.

"That's it. It's final. It's approved," said Supt. Henry Webb. "That's our four-year plan. The board will at some point decide what to do with the funding we have. Funding is an issue because we have a pretty ambitious plan. A lot of it depends on a legislator asking for transitional school funds

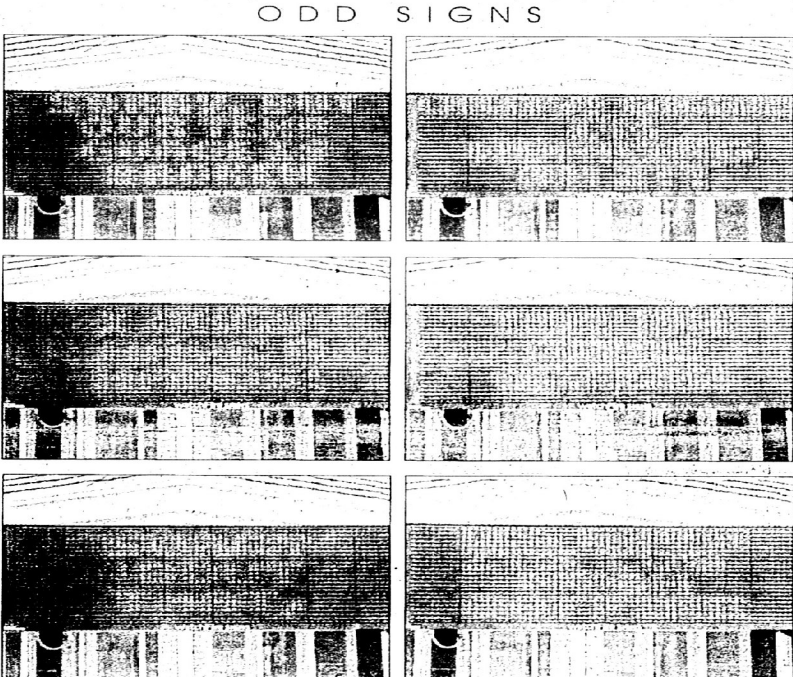
during the legislative session. That will have a major impact on what our board is able to do."

The plan was approved by the Kentucky Board of Education during its meeting on Wednesday in Frankfort.

According to the plan, Allen Central High School will be renovated to become a permanent Area

Technology Center/District Transportation and Maintenance Department, and South Floyd High School will become the new home for students from McDowell Elementary and Osborne Elementary. The new high school is estimated to cost over \$24 million

(See PLAN, page 3)



The digital bulletin board at the junction of Route 114 and North Lake Drive in Prestonsburg offered some odd announcements Wednesday afternoon, after the thermometer malfunctioned.

photos by Sheldon Compton

Sexual abuse trial delayed

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A trial set to begin this past Monday for a woman accused of sex abuse was put on hold, and now a pretrial conference has been scheduled for September.

Rhonda Clay, 51, was indicted in August of last year along with her husband Eddie A. Clay, 47, on charges of first-degree sexual abuse and first-degree sodomy. Those original charges were amended to include the alleged sexual abuse and sodomy of a child under the age of 12.

Typically, when a jury trial is put on hold followed by the scheduling of a pretrial conference, it indicates a plea agreement to avoid trial failed, and prosecutors and defense attorneys go back to negotiations.

Clay, who lived with her husband at Cow Creek at the time of her indictment, is accused of the alleged incidents between June 1 through June 30, 2009.

Eddie Clay is charged with first-degree sodomy for allegedly engaging in deviate sexual intercourse with a person under 12, and first-degree sexual abuse for allegedly having sexual contact with a person under the age of 12.

Kentucky State Police Det. Ben Cramer appeared before the grand jury as a witness in the case, which has been sealed at the circuit court level in Floyd County.

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Effort to resuscitate Jenny Wiley Trail to be topic of meeting

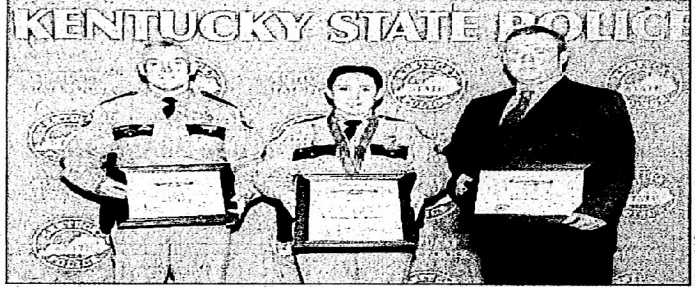
by **JARRID DEATON**
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An informational and organizational meeting is scheduled to take place next week for the reopening of the Jenny Wiley Recreational Trail.

"The open meeting is designed to hear the concerns of local officials, landowners and citizens who have concerns about the route of the trail and the need for developing a partnership with interested users groups, if the trail is to be successful," said Steve Barbour, executive director of the Jenny Wiley Trail Conference. "The Jenny Wiley Trail presents an opportunity to positively impact the economic development of cities and towns along its path."

According to information about the Jenny Wiley

(See TRAIL, page 3)



Three officers assigned to Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville received honors at the agency's annual awards ceremony held in Frankfort on May 24. Tpr. First Class Eddie Crum, left, was named Trooper of the Year for the post. A 23-year KSP veteran, Crum is the son of Jim and Brenda Crum, of Ashcamp, Ky. Sgt. Jennifer Sandlin, center, received a Citation for Bravery. An eight-year KSP veteran, Sandlin is the daughter of Donald and Diana Colwell, of Hazard. Det. Kevin J. Newsome was named Detective of the Year for the post. A 15-year KSP veteran, Newsome is the son of Joel and Deborah Newsome, of Harold.

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Marriage Licenses
Ashley Danielle Gillispie, 17, of Prestonsburg, to Aaron Michael Burkett, 20, of Prestonsburg.
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Kimberly Jolyn Blackburn, 25, of Minnie, to Justin Ryan Taylor, 22, of Hi Hat.
Loren Henry Herrington, 28, of Hueysville, to Hope Marie Rose, 24, of McDowell.
Christal Gail Spears, 27, of Langley, to Stanley James Frasure, 26, of Langley.
Hazel Marie Music, 29, of Prestonsburg, to Roy Michael Reynolds, 32, of Prestonsburg.
Deborah G. Patton, 39, of Hueysville, to Don Hughes, 49, of Hueysville.
Bridget Jenae Stumbo, 24, of Minnie, to Justin Douglas Triplett-Hall, 26, of Minnie.

Civil Suits Filed
Discover Bank vs. Thelma Perry, complaint.
Joshua Dale Moore vs.

Jessica Dawn Miller, divorce.
Darren Douglas Damron vs. Georgie Sue Damron; divorce.
Corby M. Hall vs. Nancy Lawson; complaint.
Clyde Hoover vs. Sheila Jackson; complaint.
Midland Funding LLC vs. Tommy Collins; complaint.
Tax Ease Lien Servicing, LLC vs. Frankie R. Lafferty; complaint.
Karen R. Keens vs. Ricky R. Carroll; petition for healthcare insurance.
Teresa Eileen Anthony vs. James Michael Anthony; divorce.

Charges Filed
Kaitlyn Erin Meek, 21, Prestonsburg, complicity to commit a second-degree assault, complicity to commit first-degree robbery, complicity to commit theft, complicity to commit tampering with physical evidence.
Jimmy R. Boyd, 35, Dana; custodial interference.
Billy Lee Craft, 59, Prestonsburg; possession of

a controlled substance.
Orville Douglas Bentley, 42, Grethel; flagrant non-support.
Festa D. Salisbury, 53, McDowell; first-degree criminal mischief.
Thomas Osborne, 27, Hi Hat; driving on a suspended or revoked license, no or expired registration receipt, no or expired registration plates, failure to maintain required insurance, fleeing and evading police.
Linda Faye Castle, 54, Hager Hill; harassing communications.
Matthew S. Snowden, 40, Clay City; motorboats not registered and numbered.
Marcus Lee Castle, 43, Hager Hill; terroristic threatening, harassing communications.
Donna Elkins, 42, Bypro; resident fishing without a license or permit.

Inspections
Wal-Mart, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: restroom found with a broken sink, not easily cleanable. Score: 98.

Bob's Prestonsburg, Catering, regular inspection. Violations noted: food not protected during storage, food not protected during preparation, food contact surfaces of cooking/baking not cleaned at least every 24 hours, non-food contact surfaces have accumulation of soil, floors not clean. Score: 96.
Absolute BBQ, East Point, regular inspection. Violations noted: food not protected during storage, individual disposable towels, a continuous towel system and/or hand-drying device not provided at lavatory or handsink, toilet facilities are unclean, floors not maintained/constructed and/or installed properly, floors not clean. Score: 95.
Charley's Grilled Subs, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: the wash, rinse and/or sanitize solution in warewashing sink is not clean, warewashing machine not properly operated. Score: 98.
Highlands Center For Autism, Prestonsburg, regu-

lar inspection. No violations noted. Score: 100.

Property Transfers
Andy Akers to Joseph Taylor, property not listed.
Johnny Carroll to Lowell Thomas Carroll, property not listed.
Betty M. Francisco to Albon Meade, property not listed.
Thomas Bruce Francisco to Albon Meade, property not listed.
Jean Lemaster to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, property not listed.

Ron Lemaster to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, property not listed.
Betty L. Little to Patty D. Johnson, Connie Roberts, Larry Tackett and Morris Tackett, property not listed.
Amanda Music to Winnie Merritt, property located at Abbott Creek.
Estill Music to Winnie Merritt, property located at Abbott Creek.
Pilgrim Energy Inc. to Jeffery Aliff and Timmy Gammon Aliff, property not listed.

Card of Thanks

The family of Barry Allen Mosley would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped comfort us during this time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, cards, prayers or who spoke kind words. A special thanks to Kentucky State Police, Floyd County Sheriff's Department and Nelson Frazier Funeral Home. A special thanks to Chuckie Hall and Johnny Johnson.

God Bless You
The Mosley Family

Obituaries

Virgil Cross
Virgil Cross, 79, of Auxier, died June 8, 2011, at Community Hospice Care in Ashland.
Born on March 16, 1932, in Evansville, Indiana, he was the son of the late Virgil and Rose Ritcherson Cross. He was an engineer and a member of the Prestonsburg Senior Citizens.
He was preceded in death by two brothers: Don Cross and Clifford Cross, and one sister: Virginia Cross.
He is survived by two daughters: Samantha Cross Baldridge of Salyersville and Caterina Cross of Auxier; step daughter: Ashley Hunter of David; one sister: Rosalee Lux of Wisconsin and six grandchildren: Ryan, Doylan, Whitney, Zachary, Katie and Holly.
Funeral services will be conducted on June 12, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with Wayne Meade officiating. Visitation will be after 6 p.m. at the funeral home.
Burial will follow at Baldridge Cemetery in Prestonsburg.
Nelson Frazier Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements.

Ukle Augustus "Gus" Curry
Ukle Augustus "Gus" Curry, 78, of Melvin, died on June 8, 2011, at the Community Hospice Care Center, in Ashland. Born June 3, 1933, in Bypro, he was the son of the late Ukle L. and Bertha Little Curry and husband of Ethel Adama Curry. He was a welder-painter and member of the Church of Christ, in Melvin.
Survivors include two daughters: Donna (Stewart) Henson of Bypro and Beth (Terry) Clemons of Bevinville; two brothers: Ellis Curry of Bypro and Chet Curry, of Coleman,

GA, three sisters: Oranie Curry of Bypro, Melba Pippin of Winchester and Mary Lee Crase of Florence and three grandchildren: Ashley Elizabeth, Joshua Pearl and Kerry Dean Augustus.
He was preceded in death by two brothers: Dawson Curry and Bruce Curry and one sister: Gloria Shrewsbury.
Funeral services will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2011, at 2 p.m. at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Eddie Hughes officiating. Visitation is after 6 p.m. Friday, June 10, and all day Saturday, June 11, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the Curry Family Cemetery, in Bypro.
Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

William T. "Bill/Bess" Wohlford
William T. "Bill/Bess" Wohlford, age 78, of Martin, passed away Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center, in Hazard.
He was born June 13, 1932, in Martin, the son of the late John Carl Wohlford and Mae Osborne Wohlford.

He was a retired railroad worker for C&O Railroad and a Korean War veteran.
William is survived by his sister Margarette Conn. of Martin, and a host of family and friends.
In addition to his parents, William was preceded in death by three brothers, Robert Wohlford, Warren Wohlford, and John S. Wohlford.
Funeral services for William T. "Bill/Bess" Wohlford will be held Saturday, June 11, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Randy Osborne and Bobby Neil Osborne officiating. Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, with Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements. Visitation will be held Friday from 5 to 10 p.m. at the funeral home.
Pallbearers: Harold Gordon Osborne, Brian Osborne, Stevie Stephens, Jim Rederick, Eric Shepherd, Keith Stumbo, and Tom Williams.

Jimmy "Papaw Jim" Yates
Jimmy "Papaw Jim" Yates, 70, of Grethel, died on June 8, 2011, at his residence. Born March 3, 1941, in Grethel, he was the son of the late Ballard and Maggie Hunt Yates, and husband of

Virgie Howell Yates. He was a retired coal miner.
Survivors include two sons: Jimmy "Buck" Yates Jr. of Grethel and Timothy (Amy) Yates of Winchester; three daughters: Kathy (Hershel) Tackett of Teaberry, Patty (Chris) Evans of Craynor and Shelia Mitchell of Grethel; two brothers: Eddie Yates and Ray Yates both of Grethel; two sisters: Bonnie Mullins


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Law aims to curb metal theft

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — A new law that took effect Thursday aims to deter metal theft across the state, a growing problem touching nearly every county, including Floyd.

Attorney General Jack Conway announced Thursday House Bill 242 unanimously passed both houses of the Kentucky General Assembly during the 2011 legislative session and was signed into law by Gov. Steve Beshear on March 16.

"Near-record prices for copper, platinum, aluminum and other metals have fueled the theft of common items such as copper wiring from utility lines, tornado warning sirens, coal mines and

even foreclosed homes," Conway said Thursday. "Metal theft is not only taking a heavy financial toll on businesses, it is endangering lives and putting communities at risk."

Metal theft costs businesses nationally around one billion dollars each year, including hundreds of thousands of dollars in property damage. It can also affect public safety by compromising communications or emergency response capabilities, such as 911 service.

Kentucky's metal theft laws are designed to curb this growing problem by targeting thieves who steal and then resell secondary metals. House Bill 242 prohibits anyone from buying or selling metal that has been smelted, burned or melted.

"Metal theft is a major concern across the Commonwealth," said Rep. Mike Denham, Vice Chairman of the Agriculture and Small Business Committee and sponsor of House Bill 242. "I am hopeful this new law will help stop these thefts and better protect our communities and our businesses, both large and small."

Kentucky businesses, like AT&T, also welcome the new law and attribute the increase in metal theft to a number of factors, including the ailing economy.

"The steady rise in the market price of copper and the state of the economy have led some people to extreme measures, including stealing copper cables from houses and telephone

poles," said Mary Pat Regan, President AT&T Kentucky. "This new law will help us prevent the theft of copper wire from AT&T telephone poles, work centers and cell sites, which puts our customers and sometimes entire communities out of service."

Kentucky and other states require scrap-metal dealers

to keep detailed and extensive records of their transactions in an electronic format, including the seller's photograph, signature and their vehicle's information. In addition, penalties for damaging a communication or utility facility or interrupting services can include a felony conviction carrying prison time and heavy fines.

Plan

and have a 750-student capacity. The site for the 112,853 square-foot high school is yet to be determined. A new alternative school is also part of the plan at an estimated cost of over \$5 million.

On May 24, the board held a public hearing to allow community members

to ask questions and make comments about the plan, but nobody in attendance spoke or gave written comments at the meeting.

According to Webb, the Floyd County School District Facilities Plan could take up to 10 years to complete.

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Knott man facing coke charges

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Knott County man was indicted in federal court this week on charges of distributing and conspiring to distribute cocaine between November 2009 and May 2010.

Estill Perkins Jr., also known as "Juno Perkins," was indicted June 2 and arrested the same day on charges he distributed at

least 500 grams of cocaine in Knott County. In the five-count indictment, federal officials say Perkins sold cocaine once in November, twice in December and once in May between 2009 and 2010.

Prosecutors also included a forfeiture count against Perkins, seeking to seize his home along Troublesome in Knott County. Authorities said the Knott County man used the land in making the

alleged transactions.

The indictment does not stipulate if these are Perkins' first offenses, an important factor in relation to federal sentencing guidelines.

If convicted, Perkins could face up to 40 years in prison and fined as much as \$5 million if his charges are first offenses. In the event he has previous offenses, Perkins could be sentenced to life in prison and up to \$8 million in fines.

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Carter, Anthony, Natalee and Anna.

He was preceded by two brothers: Billy Yates & Burley Yates and one sister: Yvonne Yates.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 11,

2011, at 1 p.m. at the Zion Old Regular Baptist Church, in Grethel. Burial will follow at the Yates-Howell Cemetery, in Grethel.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Trail

Trail Conference provided by Barbour, participants will review plans for the re-activation of this non-profit conference and its goal of becoming the principal organization for restoring and developing the Jenny Wiley Trail and other trails in Eastern Kentucky.

The Jenny Wiley Trail was first designated as a

National Recreation Trail by the Department of the Interior on July 29, 1980, but it has gone unsupported since the early-1980s, when the state suspended its funding.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, in May Lodge, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

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Obituaries

and Betty Evans both of Delaware, OH; 11 grandchildren: Heather, Brandon, Casey, Becky, Ashley, Jessica, Ryan, Kyle, Caleb, Audre and Erin and eight great grandchildren: Majaia, Caden, Jarrett, MaKayla,

Carter, Anthony, Natalee and Anna.

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BRIDESMAIDS (R), Mon-Thurs. 6:45-9:15; Fri. (4:10) 6:45-9:15; Sat-Sun. (1:45-4:15) 6:45-9:15.

Cinema 3 — Starts Fri. June 10
JUDY MOODY AND THE NOT BUMMER SUMMER (PG), Mon-Thurs. 7:00-9:10; Fri. (4:25) 7:10-9:10; Sat-Sun. (2:10-4:25) 7:10-9:10.

Cinema 4 — Held Over
KUNG FU PANDA (PG), Mon-Thurs. 7:15; Fri. (4:20) 7:15; Sat-Sun. (2:20-4:30) 7:15.

Cinema 5 — Held Over
THOR (PG-13), Mon-Sun. 9:15 only.

Cinema 6 — Held Over
KUNG-FU PANDA 2 3D (PG), Mon-Thurs. 7:15-9:15; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:15; Sat-Sun. (2:20-4:30) 7:15-9:15.

Cinema 7 — Held Over
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: STRANGER TIDES (PG-13), Mon-Thurs. 8:00; Fri. (4:45) 8:00; Sat-Sun. (1:50-4:45) 8:00.

Cinema 8 — Starts Fri. June 10
SUPER 8 (PG-13), Mon-Thurs. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:15-9:15; Sat-Sun. (2:05-4:25) 7:15-9:15.

Cinema 9 — Held Over
X-MEN: FIRST CLASS (PG-13), Mon-Thurs. 6:40-9:15; Fri. (4:15) 6:40-9:15; Sat-Sun. (1:40-4:15) 6:40-9:15.

Cinema 10 — Held Over
THE HANCOCK (PG), Mon-Thurs. 7:00-9:25; Fri. (4:15) 7:00-9:25; Sat-Sun. (2:00-4:15) 7:00-9:25.

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MADEAS BIG HAPPY FAMILY (PG-13), Mon-Thurs. 7:05; Fri-Sat-Sun. (4:20) 7:05.

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Worth Repeating ...

A liberal is a man who is right most of the time, but he's right too soon.

— Gregory Nunn

Guest View An end to the thieving can't come soon enough

Here we go again. Just last week, Kentucky State Police arrested two people for allegedly stealing copper, and a third arrest is pending. Then, the same day those arrests were made, our editorial department was informed about a rash of thefts at the Englewood Cemetery in Christopher in which thieves were stealing floral arrangements from headstones and gravestones before the Memorial Day holiday, most likely to sell in the days prior to the holiday weekend.

It makes one wonder, just how low will people go?

We would suggest that we all rush to bolt down all of our belongings, but the thieves would probably just take the bolts, too.

There was a time here in eastern Kentucky when folks didn't have to lock their doors when they slept at night or when they left to go to town. There was a time when folks could turn their backs and not have to worry about keeping eyes on the backs of their heads to make sure their pockets weren't being picked.

We seriously wonder if those days are long gone. But the real damage these thefts are causing can hardly be seen at first glance. One can not measure the pain caused to people upon learning their family member's graves were targeted by thieves.

One can gauge in dollar amounts how much it will take to replace copper lines, but the intangible effect of cutting communications to emergency services is much harder to grasp.

We're not sure there's a quick answer to the problems of continued thievery in our communities. It all surely leads back to the issues of prescription pill abuse, and that's a root cause we've been trying to tackle for some time now.

Ultimately, and we've said it before, it's going to take a community effort to address a community problem. It's a tiring cycle of waiting for the next shoe to drop, but it's one we're hoping will come to a swift end someday soon. We're just not sure it can be soon enough.

— The Hazard Herald



Beyond the Beltway

Israel's third-rail borders

by DONALD KAUL
 OTHERWORDS

Jon Huntsman is edging closer to announcing his presidential bid, bringing shivers of joy to the hearts of Republican moderates — both of them.

Huntsman, a former Utah governor, recently resigned his post as U.S. ambassador to China (as in "Barack Obama's ambassador to China") and dropped hints that he is considering taking on his former boss in 2012.

The very fact that he was once able to win the hearts of the redder-than-red folks in Utah yet later serve President Obama in an important post is offered as evidence that he might be that magic politician serious Republicans have been looking for — one orthodox enough to win the GOP nomination but flexible enough to succeed in the general election.

I wouldn't bet on it. Many GOP primary voters are unforgiving zealots, and among the things they won't forget is Huntsman's support, tentative though it was, for gay civil unions and his acquiescence to aspects of Obama's stimulus plan. I reative Commons photograph by World Economic Forum.

Never mind that he's an obviously intelligent man of unimpeachable integrity who has made himself an expert on China, the most important nation in our future.

He's a former Obama appointee, and in the eyes of the primary loonies he will never live that down. They much prefer a politician like Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who refused to meet with Obama when he delivered an immigration reform speech in El Paso.

And even if Huntsman were somehow to nab the nomination, he remains a Republican moderate, which is a whole different kind of moderation.

As Utah governor, he was considered one of the nation's foremost foes of a woman's right to choose. He signed an anti-choice bill that made it a felony to obtain a late-term abortion, as well as another that requires doctors to describe to patients the pain an abortion would inflict on a fetus. He has played with the idea of banning abortion altogether. That kind of moderation.

He's solid on business taxes — he's against them — and he's as pro-gam as you can get.

All of which gets you votes in Utah. But in California? Not so much. I suspect that if he decides to run for the White House, he won't run far.

Never fear, Mr. and Mrs.

Republican Newt Gingrich, you'll be happy to know, has already made his presidential bid official. As have Gary Johnson, the former New Mexico governor, Tim Pawlenty, the former Minnesota governor, and Ron Paul, the libertarian lawmaker who believes that Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid are "unconstitutional."

You know a political party's in trouble when washed-up has-beens like Newt Gingrich begin picturing themselves on Air Force One. Gingrich comes to the fight with more baggage than the lost-and-found at LaGuardia airport.

He's on his third marriage, this time with the woman he was dating while still married to his second wife. He led the Republican takeover of Congress in 1994 and became Speaker of the House, but was forced from office by his colleagues after a few short years.

Which is illustrative of Newt's problem. Not only does he have enemies, his friends hate him.

One thing about him, however, ideology will not be a problem. If you don't like one of his ideas, wait a bit. He'll change it. He has been on more sides of the Libyan issue, for example, than there are sides. Still, it's good to have him around again. What would politics be without its washed-up has-beens?

The GOP's cup runneth over.

The Usual Eccentric

Chopping down the family tree

by WILL E. SANDERS

Recently, I formed an exploratory voyage into the deep, dark recesses of my girlfriend's purse. This cunning expedition into a place where most men dare not tread required a lion's share of beguiling on my part — this act was done upon my own accord and without permission — but I am an ends-justify-the-means sorta guy. I suppose it qualified as an act of invading her privacy, but I reasoned that since I bought her the enormous pink purse for her birthday, technically the purse belonged to me. I still have the receipt if you question my honesty.

One of the first things I came across was a mint from Olive Garden, which appeared old and smelled of leather. After devouring the mint, I ravaged through the secret compartments of her purse in search of more sugar and expired chocolate.

I found some cherry-flavored lip balm. Oh, well, you know what they say. In life, you have to be willing to make compromises.

In a mysterious hidden pocket, I found a spool of dental floss. I have never witnessed my girlfriend using dental floss, so the necessity to carry 55 yards of it on her person at all times and at all hours of the day gives me an ice cream headache.

What I found next startled me:

Three tennis balls, each one more mysterious than the next. I can only speculate why any woman would need just one tennis ball in her purse, yet alone three. I would have rather found a severed head in there. At least that would come with an explanation.

Meanwhile, I can only surmise as to the nature of the tennis balls, or what nefarious purpose, they serve, served or will serve in the future.

I have formed a hypothesis if you would like to hear it. Either my girlfriend, Christine, is MacGyver's daughter or perhaps a juggler who hasn't come out of the closet yet.

My heart skipped a beat when I found gift certificates for a local buffet. She's been holding out on me! Suddenly, the realization I could be shoving good into my mouth at a bare-bottom rate instead of snooping through the confines of Christine's purse tempted me. But alas, with the taste of cherry still on my tongue, I continued rifling through the pink purse in haste, despite finding a coupon for a free sundae at the Cold Stone Creamery.

With the help of some rope, 12 mounting brackets and the horsepower of my Doberman, Silas, I managed to excavate two large, interconnected circular discs. After mistaking them for tinted dinner plates at first, I soon realized these were a pair of the largest sunglasses that I ever set my eyes on. (Mmm, word play.)

The miniature flashlight I found — in 100 percent probability used by Christine to actually find things in her gigantic purse (say, dental floss) — further aided in the discovery of the Holy

Grail of purse treasures.

I found her Ohio driver's license. There, printed beneath a laminated surface specifically designed to make any picture of you resemble a Frankenstein, were all the pertinent details I had been searching for. I have to tell you, it's reassuring to be dating a woman who is an organ donor. You never know when you might need a kidney, right?

However, I did notice a certain abnormality. Her listed weight was 120 pounds. Yeah, maybe on Jupiter. Christine is the only woman I know whose weight on her ID is actually considerably more than it is in actuality. A stiff wind is normally all it takes to blow her three states over. In fact, by comparison, I could probably fit her into her own purse if she folded like a Monopoly board. Her purse is just that big, and she is just that small!

Since I am now past the point of no return, I do fully expect Christine to wallop me over my mammoth-sized head with her mammoth-sized pink purse after reading this — rendering me unconscious in the process and otherwise incapable of further invasions into her privacy. And as I rested prone on the ground, she would begin pelting my lifeless body with a vast array of neon-colored tennis balls, which she would produce out of her purse like a magician performing a ribbon trick and winging them at me with amazing velocity.

Even if she hits a major organ with a fast ball, I should be fine. I already know that she is an organ donor.

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Floyd County Devotional Page

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD... First Assembly of God, Martin, Sunday School, 10 a.m.;

In Victory Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg... Sunday School, 10:00; Worship Service, 11:00 & 6:30;

New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd... Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg... Sunday School, 10 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Midweek Thurs., 7:00 p.m.;

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

Ball Branch Regular Baptist Church, Mousley Ky... Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek... Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne... Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.;

Bonanza Free Will Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza... Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

Brandy Keg Free Will Baptist, Com Fork... Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne... Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

Community Free Will Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition... Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

Cow Creek Free Will Baptist, Cow Creek... Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

Drift Free Will Baptist, Drita... Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.;

Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God... Sunday evening, 7 p.m.;

East Kentucky Metal Roofing & Siding Supplies... 3095 S. Lake Drive - Prestonsburg, KY 41653

East Kentucky Metal Roofing & Siding Supplies advertisement with phone number (606) 889-9609 or (606) 886-9563.

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Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

Maytown Church of Christ, 65 Turkey Creek Rd.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

CHURCH OF GOD

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

First Church of God, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

Little Point First Church of God, 671 Little Point Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.;

The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Saturday Services, 7:00 p.m.;

CHURCH OF GOD

St. James Parish 562 University Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; (606) 886-0445;

LUTHERAN

Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Rose Carnage House Motel; Pastoral Service, 11 a.m.;

METHODIST

Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.;

Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.;

Allen Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.;

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.;

Enma United Methodist, Enma; Sunday School, 10 a.m.;

Free United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.;

Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.;

Wheeler United Methodist, Wheeler; Sunday School, 10 a.m.;

Vogle Day United Methodist Church, Harold; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.;

Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.;

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.;

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Sunday School, 10 a.m.;

Free Pentecostal Church of God, 2nd Sat., 7 p.m.;

Goodfellow Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.;

Highlands Pentecostal, Highlands; Sunday School, 10 a.m.;

Trinity Chapel Pentecostal, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.;

PRESBYTERIAN

Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101; Drita; Worship Service, 11 a.m.;

First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.;

Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mt. Parkway; Church Service, 9:15; Sabbath School, 10:45;

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Sacramento Mig., 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:20 a.m.;

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Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg, (next to old flea market), Sunday School, 10 a.m.;

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Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.;

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Faith Fellowship, Allen, Ky. Sun. School, 10 a.m.;

Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Altar, Sunday School, 10 a.m.;

Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Rt. 3, just before Thunder Ridge, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.;

Martha House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.;

Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.;

Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.;

Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month;

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.;

The Tabernacle, 266 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg; Christian Educator, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00;

Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday - Thursday, 6 p.m.;

Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.;

Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building;

International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10874 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.

Rising Son Ministries, 114 Rising Son Lane, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; Sunday, 11:00 a.m.;

Church of God of Prophecy, Sunday School 10 a.m.;

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MSU names Dean's List Recipients

The Morehead State University Dean's List for the 2011 Spring Semester includes the following local students:

- John C Little, of East Point.
- Kristi Dawn Cole, of Allen.
- Nivia O Bruner, of Auxier.
- Justin Derek Conn, of Banner.
- Crystal L. Osborne, of Banner.
- Wesley T Akers, of Bevinville.
- Brandi N Frasure, of Bevinville.
- Floyd Patrick Davis, of David.
- Amanda Renac Ousley, of David.
- Brittany A Hamilton, of Grethel.
- Whitney S. Curry, of Harold.
- James Garland Henson, of Harold.
- James B Tackett, of Hi Hat.
- Larry Thomas Adkins, of Ivel.
- Kodi R Hall, of McDowell.
- Janet Louise Bingham, of Martin.
- Faith Dawn Little, of Melvin.
- Britta Deneene Caudill, of Prestonsburg.
- Lynsey Marie Caudill, of Prestonsburg.
- Whitney Lasha Caudill, of Prestonsburg.
- Christine M. Davis, of Prestonsburg.
- Nicholas R Lafferty, of Hippo.
- Recca Nicole Maynard, of Prestonsburg.
- Shane Oliver Music, of Prestonsburg.
- Tiffany Michelle Smith, of Prestonsburg.
- Jonathan E Lowe, of Printer.
- Jessica M. Deskins, of Stanville.
- Sheena D. Harris, of Stanville.
- Margo Allison Hunt, of Stanville.



Earl and Belinda Cook, of Drift, and Billy Stumbo, of McDowell, are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Bridget Jenae Stumbo to Justin Triplett-Hall. Justin is the son of Rodney Hall, of Wheelwright, Kathleen Triplett, of Ashland, and Melissa Hall, of Wheelwright. The bride elect is a graduate of Alice Lloyd College with a degree in biology and is now attending the University of Kentucky Physical Therapy Program. The groom is a graduate of Alice Lloyd College with a degree in business administration and is currently employed with the state revenue department. The wedding will be held Saturday, June 11, 2011, at 4:30 in the evening at the Drift Pentecostal Church, in Drift.



Mr. and Mrs. Randy and Donna Keathley, both of Betsy Layne, are happy to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter Shenna Lynn Keathley to Evan Mackenzie Stanley, son of Darrell and Linda Stanley, both of Huddy. Shenna is a graduate of Betsy Layne High School class of 2003 and is currently attending Southern WV Community and Technical College and is employed at Southeast Telephone. Evan is a graduate of Betsy High School class of 2002 and a college graduate of Big Sandy Community and Technical College in 2008. Evan is currently employed at Pikeville Medical Center. The wedding will take place Saturday, June 18, 2011, at 6 p.m. at Grants Branch Part at Pinson Fork. Reception will follow at the Runyon Elementary School, at Pinson Fork. The couple will spend their honeymoon in the Bahamas.

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Why Some People Think

Duke Ellington

Is a Member of the Royal Family.

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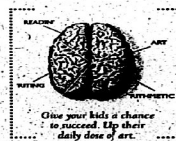
Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington didn't rule over a small English estate. Instead he reigned supreme over jazz institutions like The Cotton Club. He riffed powerfully on the piano, but it was the full orchestra that he considered his most compelling instrument. He introduced improvisation to his compositions — a process unheard of using a 5-piece orchestra. The result was a different approach to jazz that sparked a revolution and an evolution. His music spread across the world with songs like "Sophisticated Lady." "In a Sentimental Mood," and "Take the 'A' Train." His historical concert in 1953 at the Newport Jazz Festival has entered the lexicon of legendary live performances. There is no doubt about it, Ellington's brand of jazz has contributed significantly to the American songbook and to the lives of anyone who has ever tapped their foot to a beat.



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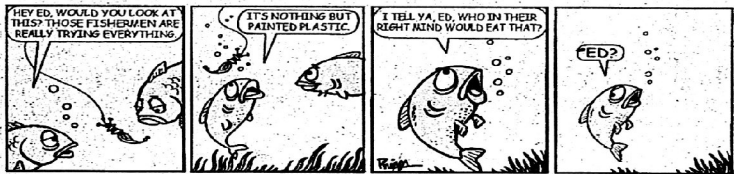
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Royal dukes are responsible. They have no rhythm. And they wear crowns.



Amber Waves



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



MR. POTATO HEAD GETS INTO A TUSSELE.

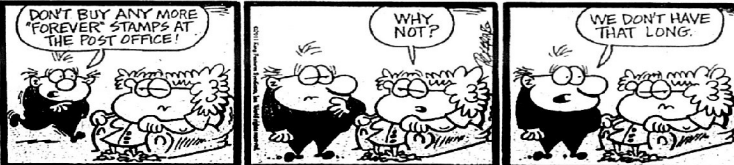
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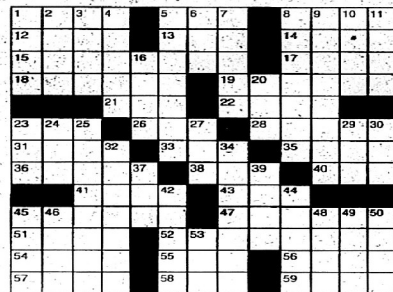
LAFF-A-DAY



"Must be newlyweds."

King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Seeks answers
 - 5 Couric's network
 - 8 "Zounds!"
 - 12 Beehive State
 - 13 Chop
 - 14 Unchanged
 - 15 Bogart-Bacall movie
 - 17 Animal's stomach
 - 18 Swimsuit brand
 - 19 Red-orange fish
 - 21 Skillet
 - 22 Old fogey
 - 23 Actress Zadora
 - 26 Edge
 - 28 Card-game rulebook
 - 31 Frizzy coiffure
 - 33 Taxi
 - 35 Insult
 - 36 Highway warnings
 - 38 Go down slightly
 - 40 Early bird?
 - 41 Hasn't paid yet
 - 43 "Great!"
 - 45 Rent payer
 - 47 Sedative
 - 51 Winged
 - 52 Snail, on a French menu



- 54 Tennyson pre-euro poem
- 55 Alias abbr.
- 56 Gator's kin
- 57 Picnic invaders
- 58 Wire measure
- 59 "Thirty days ..."
- 8 Portuguese money
- 9 Ugly-faced waterspout
- 10 Asian nurse-maid
- 11 Moist in the morn
- 16 Hebrew month
- 20 " -la-lal"
- 23 Joad and Kettle
- 24 " - Were King"
- 25 Any of Jason's crew
- 27 Frenzied
- 29 Haul
- 30 Work unit
- 32 Advancing
- 34 Lens created by Ben Franklin
- 37 D.C. VIP
- 39 Hemingway nickname
- 42 Fulton's power source
- 44 Canoe material
- 45 Author Janowitz
- 46 Verve
- 48 Ta Mahal city
- 49 Tugboat noise
- 50 Engrave, in a way
- 53 Schuss

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: **

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: "Ten Days That Shook the World" is an account of what event in history?
2. FASHION: What is an ascot?
3. LANGUAGE: Where might a lunule be found on the human body?
4. ASTRONOMY: When did Edmond Halley determine that a comet (which was later named after him) became visible to observers on Earth every 75 years or so?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Cyprus?
6. HISTORY: Where did the Glorious Revolution of 1688 take place?
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What did George Washington do for a living as a young man?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: On which continent did the peanut originate?
9. ANATOMY: To what system of the human body does the gall bladder belong?
10. ARCHITECTURE: Who designed St. Paul's Cathedral of London?

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- 10. Sir Christopher Wren
- 9. Digestive
- 8. South America
- 7. Sarcophagus
- 6. England
- 5. Nicosia
- 4. 1705
- 3. The crescent-shaped white mark at the base of the fingernail or toenail
- 2. Scarf or wide tie used as formal neckwear
- 1. Russian Revolution

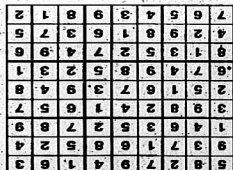
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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



Answer

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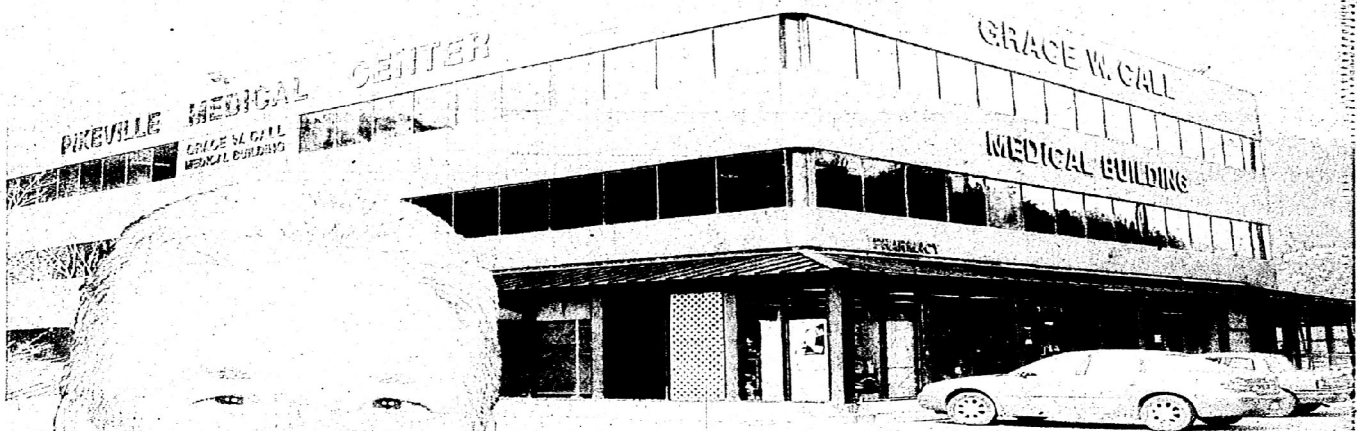
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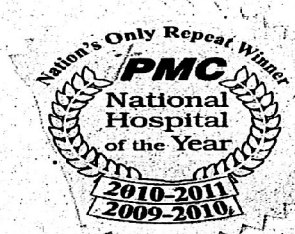
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DeRossett takes over P'burg basketball post

Coach returns to court; maintains football position

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — After a couple of seasons

away from the court, James DeRossett is back in the biggest capacity for the Prestonsburg High School boys' basketball program. DeRossett, a former PHS boys' basketball assistant coach, took over the team earlier in the month when he was named head coach. He replaces Jack Puck.

DeRossett joins Brad Short (Allen Central) as a new

head coach and older brother John DeRossett. The younger DeRossett is currently balancing his coaching obligations with the two Prestonsburg High School programs. Excluding the mandatory KHSA Dead Period, both teams plan to stay busy throughout the summer.

Prestonsburg concluded the 2010-11 season 7-21. The Blackcats were ranked 13th

among 15 teams in the final 2010-11 season's 15th Region standings. Prestonsburg ended last season on a five-game losing streak.

Overall, Prestonsburg High School athletics enjoyed a stellar 2010-11 school year. The PHS football and baseball teams both captured district championships. Under the guidance of first-year head coach Shane Simpkins,

the Baseball Blackcats won the 15th Region All "A" Classic championship. The Prestonsburg softball team, under the direction of head coach John DeRossett, finished runner-up in the 58th District.

Tommy Poe is the PHS Athletic Director.

Short named Allen Central boys' coach

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Following a long, successful stint as Allen Central Middle School boys' basketball head coach, Brad Short is moving on up. Short has been named the new head coach of the Allen Central High School boys' basketball program. Short will guide the ACHS boys' basketball team into the 2011-12 season.

Allen Central will return nearly every player from last season's roster. Forward/center Donovan Salyer was lost via graduation. Seniors Micah Harlow (center), Braxton Tackett (guard), Tyler Cole (forward) and Seth Jarrell (guard) are poised to lead the Rebels into the 2011-12 season.

Short is one of two new head coaches in the 58th District. James DeRossett has been selected as the new Prestonsburg boys' basketball coach.

Allen Central showed some improvement in the 2010-

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MLB Draft: Shepherd picked in 41st Round

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

*LOUISA — One of the top players in 15th Region history was picked in the Major League Baseball Draft earlier in the week. Chandler Shepherd, a senior, right-handed pitcher for 15th Region champion Lawrence County, was selected in the 41st round of the Major League Baseball Draft by the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday.

Shepherd is 11-0 in his senior season. He has pitched two no-hitters. Following surgery after his sophomore season, Shepherd took over as a designated hitter for the Bulldogs. He didn't pitch until the postseason portion

(See SHEPHERD, page 2)



PRESTONSBURG AND PIKEVILLE both advanced to the 15th Region Tournament Semifinals. Following a win, Pikeville fell to Lawrence County in the 15th Region championship game.

Commission proposes sandhill crane season, early migratory bird dates

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission voted June 3 to implement a sandhill crane hunting season beginning this year.

The Kentucky Legislative Research Commission's Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee will review the proposal following a public comment period. In addition to state legislative review, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also must approve the proposal.

Commission members also recommended the 2011-2012 early migratory bird season dates, including modifying woodcock and the September Canada

goose seasons. All recommendations are subject to legislative review prior to becoming law.

The Commission proposed a sandhill crane hunting season opening Dec. 17, 2011 and closing Jan. 15, 2012. The sandhill crane season quota will be 400 birds or 30 days, whichever occurs first. The daily and season bag limit will be 2 birds per hunter. Shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.

Hunters must apply for a sandhill crane permit online. Applicants must possess a valid Kentucky hunting license by the time of the drawing. Those selected must pass a bird identification test before the permit will be issued.

Only non-toxic shot approved for use

by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may be used. Participating hunters must tag birds immediately after harvest and telecheck their birds by midnight the day of harvest. They must also complete a post-season survey.

In other wildlife-related business, the Commission proposed the 2011-2012 early migratory bird season dates. They also modified the woodcock season by moving it later in the year, during the peak of woodcock migration. The Commission also lengthened the September Canada Goose season from nine days to 15 days, the most days

(See SEASON, page 2)

Holbrook, Williams capture region softball awards

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Kentucky Softball Coaches Association (KSCA) has announced its coaches and players of the year for each of the state's 16 regions. The regional players and coaches will be honored on Saturday, June 18 at 8 p.m. at Hilton Suites in Lexington. The honorees will receive a complimentary dinner at the Hall of Fame Banquet.

Magoffin County coach Sanford Holbrook and Johnson Central pitcher

Sarah Williams were the award-winners from the 15th Region.

Magoffin County is set to compete in the state softball tournament. The Lady Hornets edged 15th Region foe Johnson Central in the 2011 15th Region Tournament championship at Prestonsburg's StoneCrest Park last week.

A breakdown of the softball honorees from around the state follows.

KSCA Coaches of the Year: 1st Region—Tony Hayden, Reidland; 2nd Region: David Joiner, Christian

County; 3rd Region: George Randolph, Owensboro; Catholico/John Embry, Butler County; 4th Region: Penny Reece, Greenwood; 5th Region: Robin Milby, Green County; 6th Region: Megan Miller, Pleasure Ridge Park; 7th Region: Bob Wheatley, Sacred Heart; 8th Region: Steve Leanhart, Oldham County; 9th Region: Patti Oliverio, Kyle; 10th Region: Bart Rison, Montgomery County; 11th Region: Tracey Spickard, Franklin

(See SOFTBALL, page 2)

Hall competes in top 20 All-Star game at Super Sophomore Camp in Atlanta

Johnson Central player thrived playing against some of nation's best

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

POINTSVILLE — Floyd County native Shane Hall is making a name for himself on the national high-school basketball scene. Hall was one of three players from Kentucky selected for the top 20 All-Star game at the Super Sophomore Camp in Atlanta during late-May. Hall (6-7) enjoyed a stellar cam-

paign as a freshman for Johnson Central during the 2010-11 season.

Other Kentucky players competing in the top 20 All-Star game at the Super Sophomore Camp were D'Angelo Russell (Central) and Quinton Snider (Ballard).

Camp director Clay Dade was particularly impressed with Hall's performance at the camp.

"He opened a lot of eyes and turned a lot of heads from his first game," Dade said. "This camp was extremely physical and guys we're playing really hard no matter what situation they were but he really competed the entire time."

Memphis standout Leron Black, a player drawing heavy recruitment from the University of Kentucky, competed in the top-20 All-Star game as well.



SHANE HALL

Field set for Fourth Annual Summer Slam

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The field has been set for the Fourth Annual Prestonsburg Food City Summer Slam. Allen Central is the defending Summer Slam champion. The Rebels edged 58th District foe Betsy Layne 2-1 (19-25, 25-17, 25-20) in the 2010 Prestonsburg Food City Summer Slam championship match.

Betsy Layne is the reigning 15th Region champion.

The Prestonsburg-hosted volleyball tourney schedule has been sent out to all the coaches but was not available at press time.

Teams from five different regions (12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th) will compete in this year's Prestonsburg Food City Summer Slam. The invitational volleyball tournament is set for Friday, Aug. 12-Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Prestonsburg High School Fieldhouse and other feeder schools' gymnasiums.

The field for the 2011 Prestonsburg Food City Summer Slam will be made up of the following teams: Prestonsburg, Allen Central, Betsy Layne, South Floyd, Piarist School, Middleboro, Hazard, Paintsville, Phelps, Belfry, Pike County Central, East Ridge, Rowan County, Ashland, Southwestern, Russell County, Estill County, Perry County Central, Powell County and Pikeville.

Indoor football team makes good first impression

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Pro baseball has been tried twice. Pro basketball too. But never football. It had never been tried in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky.

Until, that is, this spring. The Eastern Kentucky Drillers are the mountain's first and only professional organization, and, thanks largely to the play of some actual mountain boys, tonight it will play for a league championship in the Ultimate Bowl in its very first season.

Unfortunately for local fans, the game isn't terribly accessible. And, thanks to one of the quirks in the schedule you often see at this level of play, the Drillers will play their opponent in tonight's title tilt, the Saginaw Sting, for the third time, all of them in the Michigan town some 90 miles-north of Ann Arbor.

But that's ok. If history has shown me anything, we'll get all but a play-by-play on Facebook, where we'll be able to follow our local guys as they try to win in this Michigan borough for the first time.

Al Holland Jr. and Justin Lamb have become quite a team in the last year or so.

(See FOOTBALL, page 2)

KHSAA state softball tourney set for weekend in Owensboro

TIMES STAFF REPORT

OWENSBORO — An exciting new format change highlights the 2011 KHSAA State Softball Tournament at Jack Fisher Park in Owensboro this weekend.

The 16-team, double elimination tournament has been expanded to three days, with play beginning at 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 9. Play continues all day Friday while the championship game is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Magoffin County will represent the 15th Region following a hard-fought victory in an extra-inning over 57th District for Johnson Central in the regional championship game.

Admission is \$5 on Thursday and \$10 each on Friday and Saturday. All season umbrellas are available, good for all three days, for \$15 per person. Children under 10 are admitted free.

Through an agreement with the online vendor, TicketTap, the KHSAA is offering fans the chance to purchase advance tickets to KHSAA state events, including this weekend's KHSAA State Softball Tournament.

Tickets for the KHSAA State Softball Tournament are available through noon on Thursday at <http://khsaa.tickettap.com>. After this time, tickets may only be purchased on site.

A complete schedule and tournament bracket is posted on the KHSAA website. Fans may follow along with every game in real time with complete box scores from each contest posted upon completion. The web link to view the softball information is www.khsaa.org/fastpitchsoftball.

For the second consecutive year, fans will be able to watch the winner's bracket championship game, as well as the state championship game live on the Internet at www.khsaa.tv.

State baseball tourney to open Monday: The second year of the 16 team baseball tournament format begins Monday in Lexington with a new title sponsor, Kentucky National Insurance, a member of the Forcht Group of Kentucky, begins a three-year run as the event's title sponsor.

Last year's event, the first with a 16-team format, attracted record attendance as more than 25,000 spectators witnessed the tournament. A record crowd of 4,932 watched the championship game between Harrison County and Butler.

Lawrence County is the 15th Region champion. The Bulldogs defeated Pikeville in the 13th Region Tournament championship game at StoneCrest Park last week.

ONLINE: www.khsaa.org



Perry County Central High School tennis player Caitlyn Dixon signed with the University of Pikeville during a recent ceremony.

Dixon to play tennis for U Pike

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The rebirth of the tennis program at the University of Pikeville will afford several athletes the opportunity to compete at a higher level while continuing to play their sport.

Such is the case for a Perry County student-athlete, Caitlyn Dixon, a recent graduate of Perry County Central High School, signed a scholarship agreement with the school recently. Dixon,

the daughter of John and Rebecca Campbell and Ray and Mary Dixon, will enroll in the fall.

Dixon is a four-year tennis player and was captain of the Commodores this season.

Shepherd

of his junior campaign. But Shepherd thrived throughout his senior season.

Last week, Shepherd led Lawrence County to the 15th Region title.

The University of

Kentucky signer is undecided on whether or not he will pursue a major league opportunity or play for the Wildcats, Shepherd has until August to make that decision.

Lawrence County (28-4)

will face 9th Region Newport Central Catholic (25-9) on Tuesday in the opening round of the state tournament at Whitaker Bank Ballpark in Lexington.

state champion Betsy Layne (25-7), Prestonsburg (7-21) and South Floyd (15-11). Allen Central also competes annually in the 15th Region All "A" Classic.

Short

11 season. The Rebels, however, still finished below the 500 mark, ending the 2010-11 season 8-19. Betsy Layne eliminated the Rebels from the opening round of the 58th District Tournament, defeating Allen Central 49-

31. The Rebels were ranked 12th in the final 2010-11 season's 15th Region standings. Allen Central competes in the highly-competitive 58th District along with defending All "A" Classic

Football

Holland is the offensive coordinator of the Pikeville College — soon to be U Pike — football team and Lamb, the school's record-holder in several categories from his playing days, is his chief lieutenant.

Tonight, they'll try to team up to bring the first ever Ultimate Bowl crown back home, ending a season they've both enjoyed.

"It's been fun getting to play with Al because we haven't done that since high school," said Lamb, who had caught 39 passes and five touchdowns entering the playoffs. "It's been fun understanding the difference between college and indoor ball. You've got to be focused on your route because the field is so much shorter. But for the most part it's been fun."

Holland agrees, but says it's not all fun and games. "It's a lot of work and a lot of time," he said. "That and trying to coach at the college makes it even tougher. There's been no question. It just worked out where it was perfect, having a pro team in the same town where you coach. And having a great head coach (in Dudley Hilton) who will work with you on your schedule allows you to be successful at both."

Neither are surprised to see the team in the playoffs, or advancing for the first time. "Even with us having a sub-par record I never doubted we wouldn't be in the championship game," Lamb said. "Never doubted, the team could. I don't know what the problems have been on the road, but I knew we'd make it to the championship. And I

feel like we'll go up to Saginaw and beat them."

"We set our goals early in the season that we were going to be one of the top teams in this league and not be satisfied unless we won a ring," said Holland, who has thrown 44 touchdowns compared to only 17 interceptions in his first season as a professional. "We've had some bumps in the road, particularly on the road, and we haven't been healthy. But this is the healthiest we've been all season."

When it comes to health, Holland knows of which he speaks. An ankle injury has saddled him the last month of the season, one which he says is proving to him that he's not as young as he once was.

"It's great to get the opportunity to play again but the older you get the longer it takes you to recover week in and week out," he said. "A primary example is my ankle. Normally I'd have been ready to go (the next week) but this is going on four or five weeks now."

"But I love the opportunity to play. I love being around the game and wouldn't know what it would be like not to have the game in my life."

Lamb says one more opportunity to play should help him immensely when it comes time to turn his attention back to being a fulltime coach.

"I go into every situation thinking, 'what am I going to learn.' You're never through learning with football ever," he said. "The more you play, the more you practice, it may not be a big thing but you catch on. I want to carry it over to

coaching my wide receivers and help us in the college game."

Holland agrees it's a completely different game, but he says the opportunity to get better as a coach is there. "There'll be a few things that may transfer over to the college game," he said. "It's a lot tougher because (in college) you can take your time and make reads. In the arena game you've got to get rid of the ball a lot faster."

Neither is completely sure what to expect when they get to Saginaw for tonight's game.

"If it's anything like the first week of the season there'll be 2,500 people," Holland said.

"It's just been very up and down" up there. My understanding is (former Indiana quarterback) Tommy Jones is supposed to return and if so that will bring out a few more people. I can imagine for a championship game they'll try to pack the house with some deals on tickets and drinks and things like that."

"We hope with it being the championship we'll get a few more fans," Lamb said. "Northern Kentucky said they only had about 600 last week. But with it being the first Ultimate Bowl we can have 1,000, 1,500. It would help us out a little more."

Regardless of how many are there, here's hoping that in the end, the Drillers will get over their road woes and bring the first pro championship here to the mountains.

"The one could say, would make this the 'Ultimate' season."

Softball

County/Dana Taylor, Lafayette; 12th Region: Stephen Lyons, Mercer County; 13th Region: David Halcob, Whitley County; 14th Region: David Faulkner, Powell County; 15th Region: Sanford Hölbrock, Magoffin County; 16th Region: Dave Miller, Ashland Blazer.

KSCA Players of the Year: 1st Region: Kristin Boggs, Calloway County; 2nd Region: Griffin Joiner, Christian County; 3rd Region: Cheyanne Gaskey, Butler County; 4th Region: Kelsi Pardue, Allen County-Scottsville; 5th Region: Andrea Whelan, North Hardin; 6th Region: Kelsey Hicks, Butler; 7th Region: Kayla Fairley, Ballard; 8th Region: Jenae Ginn, Walton; 9th Region: Haylee Smith, Kyle; 10th Region: Erin Charles, Montgomery County; 11th Region: Alyssa Oakley, Lafayette/Tanner Tevis, Scott County; 12th Region: Lindsey Stephens, Pulaski County; 13th Region: Gloriann Cordero, North Laurel/Caitlin Walden - Whitley County; 14th Region: Kayla Stambaugh, Jenkins; 15th Region: Sarah Williams, Johnson Central; 16th Region: Kaitlin Miller, Ashland Blazer.

Season

allowed within the federal season framework.

A breakdown of the 2011-2012 Early Migratory Bird Seasons follows.

Mourning Dove: Sept. 1-Oct. 24, 2011; Nov. 24-Dec. 2, 2011; Dec. 31, 2011-Jan. 6, 2012.

September Canada Goose: Sept. 1-15, 2011.

Wood Duck and Teal: Sept. 21-25, 2011.

American Woodcock: Nov. 1-Dec. 15, 2011.

Virginia and Sora Rail, Common Moorhen and Purple Gallinule: Sept. 1 - Nov. 9, 2011.

Common Snipe: Sept. 21 -

Oct. 30, 2011; Nov. 24, 2011-Jan. 29, 2012.

Season lengths and bag limits remain the same as last year.

In fishing-related business, the Commission proposed removing the yellow bass from the aggregate daily creel limit for white bass, striped bass and their hybrids on the Ohio River. The yellow bass reverts back to the statewide regulation of a 30 fish daily creel limit in the Ohio River. This regulation goes into effect March 1, 2012.

In boating-related business, the Commission recommended removing the horsepower restriction on boat motors on Lake Beshear. Boaters operating below Kentucky River and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers locks and dams as indicated by signage must wear personal flotation devices. These new

regulations go into effect March 1, 2012.

The next Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting will be held at 8 a.m., Friday, Aug. 19, at 1 Sportsman's Lane off U.S. 60 in Frankfort. Persons interested in addressing the Commission must notify Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's Commissioner's office in writing at least 30 days in advance to be considered for placement on the meeting agenda. People who are hearing impaired and plan to attend the meeting should contact Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at least 10 days in advance and the agency will provide a translator. To request to address the commission, write to KDFWR, Commissioner Dr. Jon Gassett, 1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601.

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Marty Stuart to perform at MAC

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Marty Stuart will be performing at the Mountain Arts Center this month in support of his new album, "Ghost Train: The Studio B Sessions" released on August 24, 2010.

"I'm always on the prowl for the kinds of recordings that can inspire and potentially make a difference," Stuart said. "What inspires me now, is traditional country music. It's the music I most cherish, the culture in which I was raised. It's the bedrock upon which the empire of country music is built, the empowering force that provides this genre with lasting credibility. It's beyond trends and it's timeless. With all that being said, I found traditional country music to be on the verge of

extinction. It's too precious to let slip away. I wanted to attempt to write a new chapter."

The concert, presented by Nathan Stanley Entertainment, will also feature Jeff Bates and Nathan Stanley. Stanley is the grandson of bluegrass music legend Ralph Stanley. On Jan. 4, Stanley released his first album titled "My Kind of Country." The album features Ralph Stanley, Vince Gill, Patty Loveless, Marty Stuart, John Anderson, Gene Watson, Rhonda Vincent, Little Jimmy Dickens, Ricky Skaggs, Jeff and Sherri Easter and others.

Tickets for the concert are \$30 in advance and \$35 on the day of the performance. The concert is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. on June 30.

For more information, visit <http://macarts.com>.



Campbell Family Reunion

The Campbell Family Reunion will be held Sunday, June 12, from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Woodmen of the World Building, in Allen.

Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish and a craft to be auctioned.

For more information, call (606) 874-9712.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'The Patriot'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

An out-of-work ex-Navy Seal is all that stands between the Southern California coast and some make-toting terrorists in this low-budget actioner from the awesome 1980s.

Action flicks were all the rage in the 1980s, with guys like Bruce Willis, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Clint Eastwood making a big dent at the box office. Big-budget action movies were awfully expensive, however, so low-budget cinema came along to fill in the gaps between blockbusters. Thus, you get mini-stars like Steven Seagal, who often settles for horrible one-liners after dispatching his gory ways. The worst acting in this flick is so bad, it's downright hilarious. That honor goes to Michael J. Pollard, who is only on screen for 10 minutes but shamelessly mugs his way through his role as Ryder's buddy. He snickers and makes so many faces per minute that you would think he was getting paid mime wages.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

The reason to get this flick is because it's part of an impressive multi-disc set called "Explosive Cinema." You get 12 flicks on three discs and the other 11 are masterpieces, compared to "Patriot." The films are all action-oriented dramas, with each one showcasing how creative a director can get in order to compensate for a low budget. You get all manner of cool material here with plenty of exploitation elements strung together to obscure the limited funds available.

The films also feature many actors on the back slide but who are still willing to emote like there's no tomorrow, as long as the checks clear.

The best one is Cameron Mitchell in "Kill Point." He steals every scene as a mean-spirited mobster, whose only pal is his belligerent poodle, Sparky.

Best line: "What's a Hiroshima?"

1986, rated R.

down and beat them up in several awkwardly staged fight sequences. Along the way he also finds time to tryst with an old flame and jump out of a helicopter for absolutely no reason. It all ends with a decent shootout, but the underwater scenes are so murky that it is impossible to figure out what is going down, besides your expectations.

Acting-wise, this film belongs to Henry, he is a very talented guy who usually plays the villain (he menaced Mel Gibson to sneering perfection in "Payback"). He plays Ryder with a dry wit that is refreshing in a genre that often settles for horrible one-liners after dispatching his gory ways.

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Overseas reader needs mechanic for father's final ride

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray: My terminally ill father has just given me his 1961 Lincoln Continental. The car is in a storage unit in Michigan, and although it was mostly restored about eight or nine years ago, it now needs some repairs (I have a list of what it needs) to make it roadworthy. I'd like to fix it up and drive it to the East Coast, and give my father his final ride in it. My problem is that I'm living overseas, and I need to find a mechanic I can wire money to so that when it's ready, I can fly to Michigan, pick it up and drive right out to the East Coast. Do you have any idea about how to find a mechanic who can help me, who would be reputable and who wouldn't take advantage of an absentee customer? Many thanks. — Annie

RAY: We were right there with you until you mentioned the word "reputable." Annie

TOM: Actually, your ideal candidate would be both reputable and have some experience with ancient Continentals.

RAY: So start by calling dentists' offices near where

the car is stored. Ask if they treat any mechanics with few to no teeth. That's the age group you're interested in, Annie.

TOM: Actually, we have a couple of genuine ideas for you. One is to start with the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club. You can find it on the Web at www.lcoc.org. It has a network of members who all work and restore old Lincolns. If you post a request on its website, and hook up with the regional club in Michigan, it may be able to help you find someone near the car who specializes in old Lincolns.

RAY: The second option would be to search the Mechanics Files (www.cartalk.com/mechanics). That's a database of mechanics who have been personally recommended by readers of our column or listeners to our radio show. You search it by entering your ZIP code.

TOM: You won't necessarily find a Continental specialist that way, but you should be able to find some highly recommended mechanics in the area. Then you can call a few of them and ask if they know anybody who'd be good for your dad's car.

RAY: You might get lucky. One of the guys you reach might want to do the work. But more likely, he'll know another guy in the area who loves working on older cars.

TOM: We wish you a lot of luck, Annie. It's a wonderful, sweet thing you're doing for your dad. My kids wouldn't be nearly as nice if I stuck them with one of my old heaps.

Low-profile tires caused buyer's remorse

Dear Tom and Ray:

When shopping for a new car, we favored the Mazda5, but my wife had one major concern: the low-profile tires. The dealer assured us they were absolutely safe and had standard tires beat. A month after purchasing this car, we caught a hidden pothole, which took out both right-side tires (sidewall bulges), rims, a front strut and a rear shock absorber. In 60 years of driving, having met many a pothole and losing only one tire to them, we've never experienced this degree of damage (\$1,800) from a pothole. Are these low-profile tires as safe as standard tires? Or are we the guinea pigs testing these tires? — Rick

RAY: Are you sure it was just a pothole, Rick? From the amount of damage you did, it sounds like it may have been a canyon at a national park.

TOM: Or, it sounds like you were going very fast when you hit this pothole.

RAY: Or both. When you hit a large pothole at high speed, no matter what kind of tires you have, you're going to do some damage.

TOM: That said, low-profile tires are more susceptible to road hazards. "Low-profile" means the sidewalls are short. This makes the sidewalls firmer, and less likely to bend and deform on turns which results in better handling.

RAY: But the downside is that there's less space between the road and your wheels. And if you hit a pothole, jump a curb or drive over your neighbor's granite lawn flamingo, you easily could find yourself in need of a new, \$800 alloy wheel or two.

TOM: Plus, there are two other things we don't like about low-profile tires. First, they're noisier. And second, the ride is more punishing, because there's less sidewall rubber to absorb the bumps.

RAY: This is something to keep in mind when you're buying a new car. On some cars (like the Mazda5), you don't have a choice. Mazda obviously felt that the van needed the handling advantage of low-profile tires. But sometimes you do have a choice.

TOM: Dealers often will push optional "bigger wheels." But remember, bigger wheels almost



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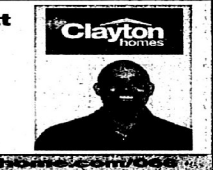
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RAY: So our advice, in general, is: Unless you own stock in alloy-wheel companies, stick with standard-size wheels and standard-profile tires when you have the option. Your wife was onto something, Rick.

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY TIMES COLUMNIST

Four solid bets for your entertainment dollar made for a superb week of releases, with all manner of genre and budget represented.

■ "True Grit" — John Wayne fans should not boycott this exceptional version of the western classic from the Cohen Brothers. They get everything right, starting with casting Jeff Bridges in Wayne's only

Oscar-winning role as Rooster Cogburn. Bridges is well cast as the one-eyed and booze-addled lawman that a 14-year-old girl seeks out to get the men who killed her dad. Josh Brolin and Barry Pepper are also good as the bad guys.

■ "The Company Men" — Three ex-executives have to readjust to their lifestyles when they are downsized from their job. Timely and very well acted. Director Tommy Lee Jones

assembles a fine cast that includes Ben Affleck, Kevin Costner and Jones. Probably too timely these days, but recommended.

■ "Green Lantern: Emerald Nights" — DC Comics continues to prove that animated superhero adventures are worth doing right, with this exceptional effort that focuses on the Green Lantern Corps. They are tasked with protecting the cosmos and they get four opportunities here, as Hal Jordan (the first earth Lantern) regales a new recruit with four stories about their adventures, as he leads the new charge to an important confrontation. Nathan Fillion voices Jordan and should have played Hal in the big budget film but lost out to Ryan Reynolds (who has already ruined "Deadpool").

■ "Rubber" — No roster of movies would be complete without a low-budget horror flick. Here you get a doozy as a possessed tire, named Robert (but pronounced like the French do it), goes on a one-wheeled rampage. You have to see it to believe it, and it's actually pretty good. B-movie veteran Wings Hauser is on hand as well, but the visuals are the star here.

Next week, look for UFOs to menace the West Coast in "Battle: Los Angeles."

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New dawn breaks for rheumatoid arthritis

by PAUL G. DONOHUE, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My daughter, 37, has rheumatoid arthritis. Is it genetic or a diet/lifestyle illness? What can be done to alleviate her discomfort? I read somewhere that cod liver oil brings relief. — H.B.

ANSWER: Arthritis comes in many guises. Osteoarthritis is the most common kind. Nearly every one has a touch of it before

the past four years. Am I putting undue stress on my heart? Am I hurting or helping myself? — R.S.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a 76-year-old man with COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease — emphysema and chronic bronchitis). I am relatively symptom-free and have reduced the use of my inhaler to one puff in the morning and in the evening. I jog and walk two miles, three times a week, in 25 minutes and have done so

for the treatment of this often-disabling affliction. Formerly, anti-inflammatory drugs like Motrin and aspirin were the initial treatment. Now treatment most often begins with drugs called disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs, DMARD. These medicines have the potential to stop the progression of the illness. Methotrexate is one example.

A brand-new class of rheumatoid arthritis drugs, the biologics, neutralizes body chemicals that lead to joint inflammation and deformity. They can halt the arthritis process in its tracks — not always, but enough of the time to call them amazing. Some names are Humira, Kineret, Actemra, Enbrel and Remicade. They also have powerful side effects that have to be quickly attended to. Your daughter lives at a time that is a

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health news, etc. at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Strange ... but true

It was American author Paul Auster who made the following sage observation: "Only the good doubt their own goodness, which is what makes them good in the first place. The bad know they are good, but the good know nothing. They spend their lives forgiving others, but they can't forgive their own goodness."

get rid of something — or somebody — they just tossed the offender overboard without ceremony. When a baby is born it has more than 300 bones in its body, but due to bone fusion, adults end up with only 206 bones.

change of scenery, just head to the control room to swing the crane around until you find a view that strikes your fancy. You may be surprised to learn that there is a growing interest in the new sport known as chess boxing. It's a hybrid sport in which competitors alternate 4-minute rounds of speed chess with 2-minute rounds of boxing. Since 2008, there have been 10 international competitions in London alone.

Salome's Stars Weekly Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Family and friends rally around as you confront an unexpected challenge. Some plans will have to be changed until all the fuss and fluster settle down.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Weigh all your options carefully before making any decisions you've been putting off. Then go ahead and plan a weekend of family fun.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While personal and financial situations continue to improve, some setbacks might occur. But they're only temporary, so hang in there.

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