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PCC prez candidates unveiled

Times Staff Report

Prestonsburg Community College has released the names, resumes and interview schedules for the other four applicants seeking the position of president of the community college.

On Wednesday, the Times had a story on one of the applicants, Barry A. Vann, a native of east Tennessee, who is presently the vice president for academic affairs at

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in Miami, Oklahoma. His interview is scheduled for August 29.

The next applicant who will go through the interview process from September 5-7 is Dr. G. Devin Stephenson, dean of students at Beville State Community College in Sumiton, Alabama. Stephenson has both a doctorate and an M.A. from the University of Alabama.

Stephenson has worked extensively

with community colleges in Alabama. Stephenson and his wife Judy have two children, Jon Dodd, 19, and JuliAnne, 11.

In his resume, Stephenson said, "...upon review of the Prestonsburg Community College mission statement, I find it evident that Beville State and PCC are very much alike in their mission."

Dr. Ted D. Springs, who was last vice president of Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, will be in

town from September 12 to 14.

Spring earned an M. Ed. from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, and a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland and has taught at Herkimer County Community College in New York and Thomas College in Waterville, Maine.

He wrote in his resume, "My 30-year career in education, predominantly in the

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Lt. governor to visit Tuesday

The Carl D. Perkins Jobs Corps Center announces that Kentucky Lt. Gov. Steve Henry will visit the center on Tuesday. Henry will address the staff, student employees and members of the community at 10 a.m. in the center's gymnasium. The public is invited.

Beg your pardon...

In a story concerning an interview and reception for Barry A. Vann, who is one of five candidates hoping to be the next president of Prestonsburg Community, listed the incorrect date of his interview and reception. They will take place on August 29.

Two Day Forecast...



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Marking a loss...



photo by Willie Elliott

A community mourns the passing of a child. The McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital lowered its flag to half-staff, while the First Baptist Church extended prayers, inset, to Terry and Kathy Mullins, parents of 3-year-old Sydney Mullins, who died on Tuesday in a Pittsburgh hospital while awaiting a heart transplant.

Stumbo presents trainer's version of horse's death

Times Staff Report

A horse trainer and jockey who has come under fire following the death of one of the horse's in his care has released his version of the events leading up to the death of Dark Skies at Thunder Ridge Raceway July 21.

Prestonsburg attorney and 95th district Representative Greg Stumbo is representing Morrow, Ohio, native Jason Brewer in the investigation of the Dark Skies' death. Stumbo was asked to represent Brewer by Harla Renae Conn, who was the owner of the horse.

Following the horse's death, Brewer was suspended from racing in Kentucky for one year after an investigator determined that he had trained the horse in an "unconventional manner" and had whipped Dark Skies in an "excessive and brutal manner."

Brewer has since appealed that ruling. His appeal will be considered by the Kentucky Racing Commission next month.

On Friday, Stumbo released a statement which he said would "correct many of the false and misleading statements about the unfortunate incident."

Stumbo said Brewer trained the horse between 10 and 10:30 a.m. the morning of its death, then returned the horse to the care of its groom, Nick Coleman, to be bathed and cooled. Stumbo said Conn saw the horse around 1 p.m. "in what appeared to be normal condition."

At 3 p.m., Stumbo said Coleman told Brewer that the horse appeared to be in distress, at which time Brewer sent

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Deer object of latest rescue

by WILLIE ELLIOTT
STAFF WRITER

Oliver, a three-month-old deer, must be grateful for people like Penelope Roberts, who takes care of him and his friends when they are involved in accidents with motor vehicles.

When a deer in the area is involved in an accident and the injury isn't so bad that the deer has to be destroyed, it invariably ends up at Penelope's Pets in

Prestonsburg.

As is happening rather often this year, Oliver hit a car and suffered injuries that need to be attended to. Roberts, owner of the pet shop and Good Samaritan to injured deer, said this was the seventh instance where a deer was involved in an accident with a motor vehicle. Of those that were injured, one was mercifully put down, one died and the others were released in the wild.

Roberts understands that this situation

is going to get out of hand if something isn't done — she can take care of only so many injured animals — so she has started talks with Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin and other community members about creating a wildlife rehabilitation center to care for such animals. She envisions the center being something like a miniature zoo. In the meantime she is working with Camp Nathaniel in Knott

(See **DEER**, page two)



'Oliver'

Clinic offer college students convenience

by WILLIE ELLIOTT
STAFF WRITER

Norma Harless, working toward a degree in social work at Prestonsburg Community College, knows the value of the student health clinic at the college.

The clinic, now under the management of Big Sandy Health Care reopened August 14 under the name College Health Clinic and offers basic medical services for a variety of students, faculty and staff members.

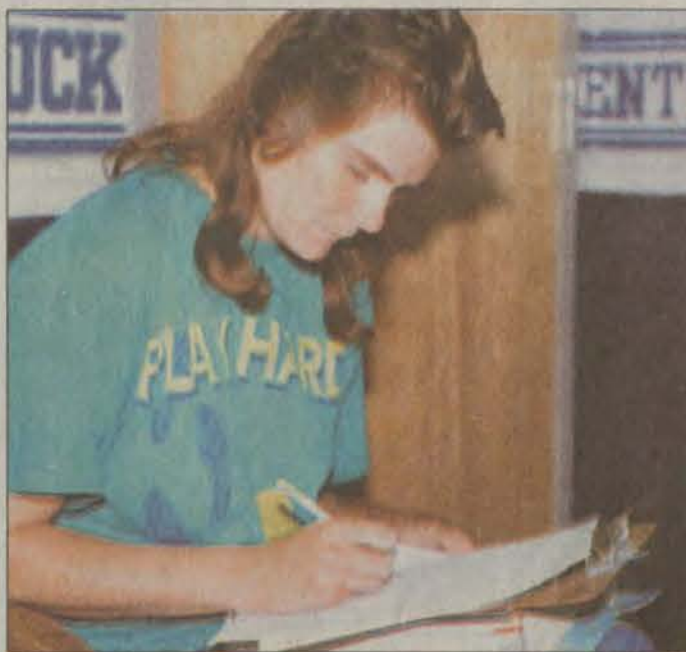
Harless, who was in on Friday for an appointment, said this was her first trip to the

clinic but felt reassured that it was there. She said several of her friends had taken advantage of the services and all had been positive about their experience.

Harless said the clinic becomes her primary, and only, health provider during her tenure as a student. Harless and other students pay for the services during registration.

Ancil Lewis, executive director of Big Sandy Health Care, said his agency had a memorandum of agreement with the college to run the clinic. While day-to-day operations

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Norma Harless updates her medical file at the PCC Health Clinic prior to seeing the nurse practitioner.

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Clinic

of the clinic are carried on at the college. Big Sandy Health Care does the administrative portion of the program.

Lewis explained that any student who attends classes at PCC, including students from Morehead State, Sullivan University and UK, could take advantage of the services with two options — pay per visit or pay the same fee as PCC students and receive the same services. Lewis also said the clinic can bill insurance companies and Medicaid.

Since Mayo Technical students are under the same parent agency as PCC, those students pay the same fees and receive the same services.

The spouses of faculty and staff are also eligible for services.

Carolyn Issac, a registered nurse at the clinic, said the kinds of health problems students have vary with the seasons. She said so far allergies have been the most common reason for seeking medical help. She said early in the semester the clinic will see about 10-12 stu-

dents per day, but she said that number would grow to 20-30 later in the year.

"Best job I've ever had as a nurse," Issac said about her work with the clinic. "I love college health."

Issac explained that Dr. Jagan M. Annabathula was always available for consultation with the nurse practitioner.

According to Betty Hunt, office

manager, the services will be expanded in September to include the services of a psychologist, Dr. Tamara Knox, who will be available one day a week, and two OB-GYN physicians, Dr. William Madland and Dr. Angela Maggard, who will work on a rotation basis.

Issac explained that the clinic operates with a full-time nurse practitioner and a part-time medical doctor.

President

community college setting, has been stimulated and encouraged by the entrepreneurial spirit and creativity indicative of the two-year college philosophy."

Dr. George D. Edwards, dean of instruction and student services at Lord Fairfax Community College in Middletown, Va., will go through the selection process from September 14-16.

Edwards has earned both an

M.S. and an M.B.A. degree from Murray State University and an Ed.D. from the University of Southern Mississippi. He has served in his present position since 1993. Edwards has another Kentucky connection — he got his bachelor's degree in business administration from Berea College.

"I have been able to make positive contributions in every position I have held, and I believe that I would make similar positive contributions as the next president of Prestonsburg Community College," Edwards told the search committee in his application letter.

During September 20-22, the final candidate will be going through the process. Dr. Paul Brown is presently employed by Owens

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Big Sandy Health Care and PCC encourage students to take advantage of the services offered by the clinic. The clinic is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The clinic is located in the Johnson Building on the PCC campus.

On Friday, David Bowen came in for services. While his schedule did not permit attention on Friday, Bowen made an appointment to return on Monday.

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Community College where he serves as chief operational and academic officer. He has held this position since 1993.

Brown has two degrees from Vanderbilt University, specialist in education, human development and counseling and doctor of education, human development counseling.

"I have managed millions of dollars divisional and institutional budgets and assets and served on several grant committees that acquired a million dollars in funds to improve delivery of programs," he stated in his letter of application.

PCC invites the community to participate in the selection of the next president of the college. Files of each candidate are on file at the PCC library.

Brewer

Coleman to get veterinarian Dr. John Roberts to care for the horse until it later died.

Stumbo called into question the motivation behind those who testified against Brewer during the initial hearing, saying they were trainers and owners in competition with Brewer.

"The objective testimony and the objective evidence will reveal that Jason Brewer did not train nor treat this animal in an unconventional manner, that the unfortunate death of the animal was not caused by him any more than any other death of a race horse at a race track could be blamed on someone who trained it, and in fact the only evidence which would support a finding like that made by the presiding officer would be that evidence from competitors which must be viewed in the light in which it is given," Stumbo wrote in his statement.

Stumbo said that he believes Brewer will ultimately be cleared of the allegations against him.

"I am convinced that he will not be found guilty of the events as charged," Stumbo said, "and I am convinced that he will prevail."

"On behalf of Jason Brewer, I

would tell the public and the racing world that he is truly sorry and that he and his family are particularly distressed about the many lies and untrue and misinformed statements that have been written and spoken about this event, but in the end facts will prevail."

Stumbo's full statement can be found on page A4.

Deer

County in hopes that the deer can be sent there to recuperate.

Roberts warns motorists that this has been a very good season for deer and asked that they be on the lookout for the little fellows. She said it is time for mother deer to wean their babies.

"When they get out there and see vehicles, they panic," Roberts said.

Roberts continues to feed and change bandages for Oliver. She said she is thankful for donations and help from individuals who have helped with the care of other deer. She said donations and help with the care would be welcome.

You can contact Roberts at Penelope's Pets at 889-0570. Her shop is located just below the entrance to Jenny Wiley State Park in Lancer.

Hammonds receives recognition for songs

by WILLIE ELLIOTT
STAFF WRITER



Helen Hammonds

Helen Hammonds, song writer and gospel singer from Prestonsburg, has been receiving recognition for her work.

Hammonds wrote the song "Trouble and Trials" for Rusty Stratton who is produced by Tom Hartman in Hollywood, Calif. The song is a patriotic song which has excellent music to go with lyrics supplied by Hammonds.

The song is on the album "Let Freedom Ring," which is played on the Armed Forces Radio Network.

Hammonds has produced two cassettes of her own. Both are entitled "Helen Lafferty Hammonds" and contain gospel songs, both new songs and old favorites. The cassettes are available locally in Prestonsburg at the New Creation Bookstore and Style Salon (located next to Subway).

Hammonds' song writing skills have earned her an award from Jason Hawkins Publisher. Her song "Listening to a Jukebox Song" was nominated for a King Eagle Trailblazer Award "for your out-

standing song writing contribution to the music industry."

Hammonds will be singing Friday and Saturday during the Jenny Wiley Festival. She is also available for church singings, which she says she does for the price of attention from the audience.

Requests for information can be sent to Charlie and Helen Hammonds, 1121 Cliff Road, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41657.

First of PCC candidates to be interviewed Tuesday

Prestonsburg Community College has narrowed the number of candidates for the position of college president to five and has released the name of the first of those candidates to be interviewed.

The first interview for the position has been scheduled. The preparations for the visits and interviews of the five candidates will begin at the end of August and continue through the month of September.

During the interview process, the candidates will visit the Paintsville, Pikeville and Prestonsburg campuses of Mayo Technical College and Prestonsburg Community College.

The first candidate to be interviewed is Barry Vann, a native of east Tennessee. The interview is scheduled for August 29.

Vann is the vice president for academic affairs at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. He is the former chair of the Division of Social Sciences and professor of Geography at the University of Arkansas.

His master's and bachelor's degrees were awarded at Western Kentucky University and Tennessee Technological University, respectively. He has published a critically acclaimed book and a number of professional articles on cultural and sociological issues affecting community and workforce development in the Southern Uplands.

Vann and his wife Sandy, who is a native of southeastern Kentucky, have two children, Sarah, 7, and Preston, 5 months. Vann enjoys fishing and gardening, but his favorite activity is golf.

The community is encouraged to participate with Prestonsburg Community College in the selection of the new president. A community reception will be hosted at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29, in the Pike Technology Building auditorium, room 102. All community members are invited.

Dr. Charles E. Stebbins of Elizabethtown has served as interim president following the retirement of Dr. Deborah Floyd.

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Governor encourages eye examinations for children

Frankfort — During the KIDS NOW press conference at the Kentucky State Fair last week, Gov. Paul Patton informed parents about the importance of having complete eye exams for their children entering public schools for the first time. "When my daughter Nicki was young, she could not read the road signs," said Gov. Patton. "I took her to have her eyes examined and discovered that she needed glasses."

Children entering public schools, public preschool, or Headstart programs affiliated with

public schools for the first time are required by law to have a complete eye examination by January 1, 2001.

As part of House Bill 706, the Early Childhood Development Initiative, the 2000 Kentucky General Assembly

passed the new law requiring parents to have a complete eye examination for their children by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

"We want to identify problems earlier because it affects learning," said Kim Townley, executive direc-

tor of the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development.

The goal of the Early Childhood Initiative is to ensure that Kentucky children are healthy and safe, possess the foundation that will enable school and personal success, and live in strong families that are supported within their communities.

Hearing testing of newborns and the eye examinations prior to school entry address problems with the two senses that are most critical to successful learning.

Examinations must be performed by an optometrist or oph-

thalmologist and not a general physician or pediatrician. A complete examination requires specialized equipment and extensive training to make a more accurate diagnosis of the problems and prescribe treatment.

At least 50 percent of Kentucky children are eligible for Medicaid or KCHIP and both programs cover routine eye examinations and glasses. House Bill 706 had an appropriation of \$300,000 to assist those families who, are not eligible for Medicaid or KCHIP and do not have private insurance coverage.

"We owe it to our children to help them reach their fullest potential," said Gov. Patton.

Pikeville College grad is MCC interim head

A 30-year veteran of community college education in Kentucky has been appointed interim president of Maysville Community College.

Jim Miller, who has worked for Ashland Community College throughout his career, will lead Maysville Community College effective immediately, said Dr. Michael B. McCall, president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS).

McCall announced Miller's appointment recently at a meeting of faculty and staff at Maysville Community College. Miller replaces Dr. Hans Kuss, who is moving to the KCTCS System Office in Lexington to develop a statewide program that offers general-education courses at housing projects.

"Until I appoint the next permanent leader at Maysville Community College, Professor Miller will serve as a very capable interim president," McCall said. "His broad experience in our system brings instant credibility."

Miller earned his bachelor's

degree in English and a teaching certificate from Pikeville College. He received his master's degree in speech from the University of Kentucky.

Miller began working for Ashland Community College in 1969 as an instructor of speech and communications. He also was coordinator of computer services and most recently has served as assistant dean of academic affairs.

Miller served on the community college system Faculty Senate and was on the rules and program development committees. From 1995-97, he served as elected faculty representative to the UK Board of Trustees. Before the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997 created KCTCS, the community colleges were managed by UK.

Miller said he is willing to serve as interim president at Maysville until a permanent president is appointed, but he will not be a candidate for the permanent position.

While he is at Maysville, Miller will focus on:

- Preparing the college for a visit in October by a team from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which accredits community colleges in Kentucky.

- Integrating technical education seamlessly into the community college. The General Assembly has funded a \$7.5 million technical training center at Maysville. Miller said the college and the community must work together to determine what programs should be established in the center.

- Assisting in the search for a permanent president.

"I am pleased to be able to continue my service to KCTCS by accepting this interim appointment," Miller said. "I look forward to working with Maysville's faculty, staff and students to make this academic year a success."

McCall also announced the appointment of Dr. Ed Story as interim dean of academic affairs at Maysville. Story is a biology professor who has served as chair of the division of science and related technologies. He also was chair of the Faculty Congress.

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Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

You know how it is in an election year. They pick a president and then for four years they pick on him.

Adlai Stevenson—

Sunday, August 27, 2000 A4

Editorial

Weighing the evidence

A common strategy for defense attorneys in drunken driving cases is to attack the accuracy of the machine used to measure the level of alcohol in a person's bloodstream.

It makes sense and it works.

After all, if the machine is off, who can say whether the driver tested actually measured at 0.10 percent or above blood-alcohol content — the level at which the law presumes most adults to be drunk?

Absent the test results, prosecution can become more difficult — more a matter of opinion.

But what makes no sense, and doesn't work if Kentucky's DUI laws are to be enforced, is the argument that results from a breath test machine should be summarily tossed out solely because the machine didn't work properly at some point in the past or even several times in the past.

We're pleased the Kentucky Supreme Court saw it that way and ruled that a Campbell County judge was wrong when he threw out the results of a blood-alcohol test because the machine used for the test had a spotty track record.

Instead, the Supreme Court said results from the test should have been presented during the trial, where the accuracy of those results could also have been challenged.

In other words, put the evidence before the court, argue whether or not the machine is dependable, if that's at issue, bring up the machine's maintenance record, and then let the judge or jury decide.

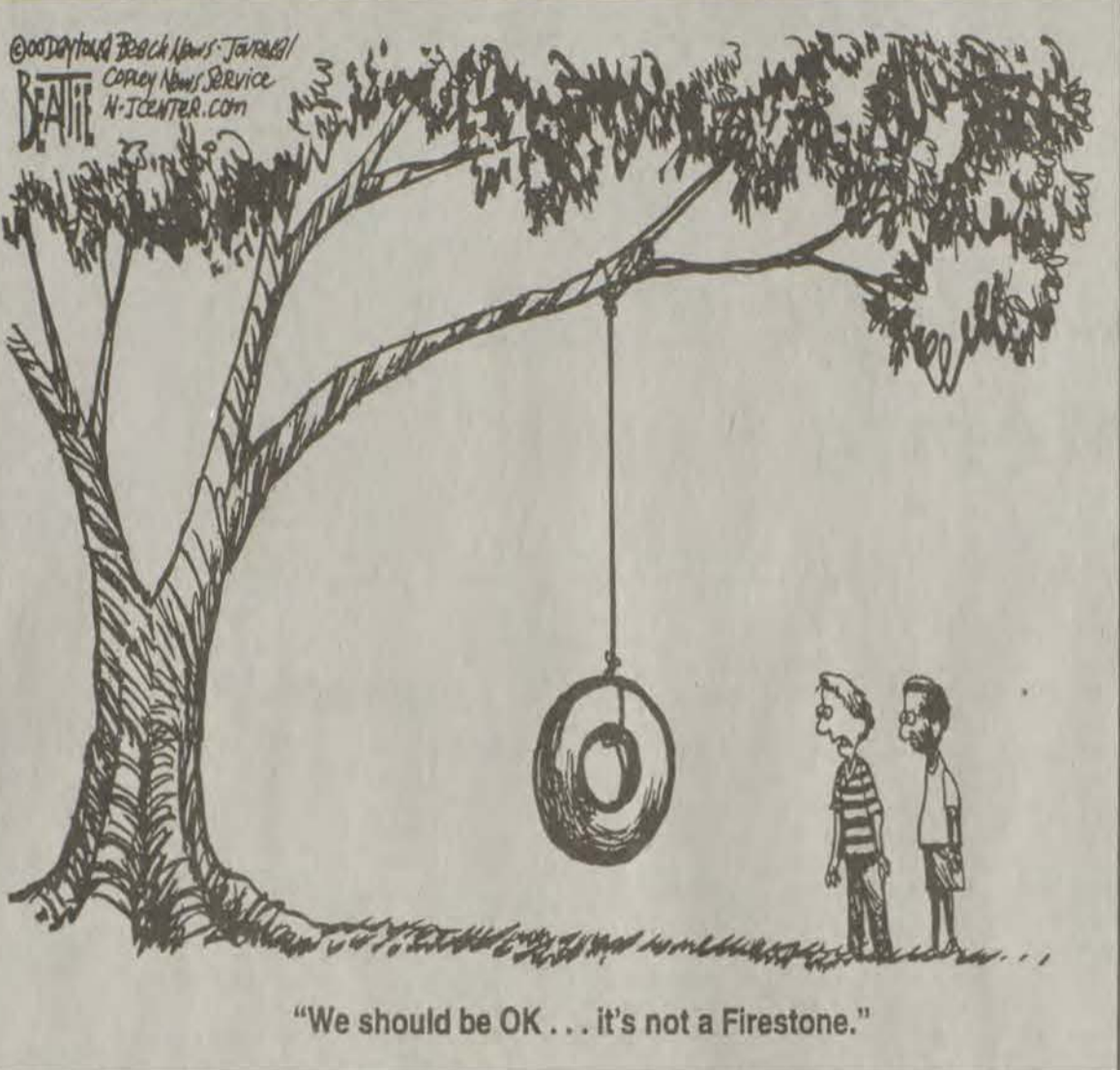
Let's say the machine didn't work properly when the test was given or was set wrong. Or maybe the test wasn't administered properly. If that's the case, throw out the results.

Indeed, such problems arise. Police agencies must keep the machines in proper working order and be able to certify that they work. Officers who give the tests must be properly trained. That's part of police professionalism.

But if it can be shown the machine worked and the test was administered properly, don't give drunk drivers a chance to escape conviction by tossing out the test results.

The place to address questions about the accuracy of machines that test for drunken driving and the abilities of those who conduct the test is in the clear light of the courtroom during the trial.

— The Kentucky Post



"We should be OK... it's not a Firestone."

Guest Columns

Opportunities lost

Take the total number of Americans killed last year by murder, suicide, AIDS, auto accidents, illegal drugs, alcohol, breast cancer, leukemia and birth defects. Then double it. Tobacco kills more.

With what we know now, we could cut that death toll in half over the next 10 years. But even with unprecedented financial resources at our disposal — the proceeds from a multistate settlement with cigarette makers — America seems incapable of rising to this life-saving challenge. As a result, tobacco remains the nation's single leading cause of preventable illness and death.

Last week, U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher laid out a prescription to help us kick the cigarette habit. His report contains a practical mix of simple and ambitious recommendations. None requires development of expensive new drugs or technologies. Even so, it seems unlikely they will be implemented.

It is unforgivable that, while billions of dollars are available to fund anti-smoking programs, states are squandering the opportunity to save lives and prevent illness. Satcher suggested at least 20 percent to 25 percent of the tobacco settlement money be used to help smokers quit and prevent young people from starting. But most states plan to use only about 10 percent of the money for anti-smoking programs. In

Illinois, less than 2 percent of the \$543 million in settlement money available this year will go toward smoking prevention. In Missouri, legislators couldn't even agree on how to spend the settlement proceeds. As a result, there will be no new funding this year in Missouri, where one in five deaths is caused by tobacco.

States have a special responsibility to prevent young people from smoking. They are doing a woefully inadequate job. A 1999 study by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that nearly a quarter of high-school smokers were able to buy cigarettes at convenience stores and gas stations. Of those who had purchased cigarettes during the previous month, about 70 percent said they had not been asked for proof of age. The result? A new generation of tobacco deaths.

One of the biggest obstacles to anti-smoking efforts, Satcher reported is "the pervasive, countervailing influence of tobacco promotion." But it would be hard to argue it is the largest roadblock. We know how to help people quit smoking and how to prevent them from starting. We have the money to launch ambitious new efforts.

All we lack is the will to succeed.
Reprinted from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A parody of itself

Eight years ago, as the Reform Party's presidential nominee, Ross Perot captured nearly 19 percent of the popular vote nationwide and helped propel Bill Clinton into the Oval Office.

Today, the Reform Party is a shambles after being hijacked by Pat Buchanan, whose nativist views and hard-right rhetoric have caused a civil war among followers of the populist movement. This bitter squabble has produced two rival Reform Party nominees, Buchanan and Natural Law Party founder John Hagelin, who are scrambling for the \$12.5 million in federal matching funds that both party factions claim.

Meantime, Buchanan is busily rationalizing his running mate's leadership in the ultraconservative John Birch Society.

The selection of Ezola Foster is especially ironic because the pugnacious Buchanan was looking to smooth some of his sharper ideological edges by picking an African-American woman. Now he finds himself linked with a paranoid fringe group that believes Dwight Eisenhower was a conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy and that fluoridated drinking water is a plot.

Marginalizing himself still further, Buchanan delivered an abrasive acceptance speech that contained many of the same cultural war screeds he enunciated during the 1992 GOP convention that under-

mined George Bush's chances for re-election.

Buchanan yearns for a far simpler time when people and institutions had clearly defined roles, when foreign-made goods were inferior. His protectionist trade policies would raise tariffs in a futile attempt to repeal the domestic and global economic changes that have displaced a few American workers. In the process, Buchanan would cost Americans millions of export-related jobs and drive up the costs of consumer goods.

Perot's 1992 presidential candidacy resonated among millions of disaffected voters because he railed against a massive federal budget deficit and lambasted career politicians. His stronger-than-expected showing encouraged both major political parties to become more fiscally responsible and spurred several states to enact term limits for officeholders.

The co-opting of popular causes is consistent in this country's political history. It helps explain why third parties like the Populists and the Progressives, which burned brightly for a while, eventually faded as many of their ideas were appropriated by the Democratic and Republican parties.

The Reform Party, which has become a parody of itself, is fading exceptionally quickly.
— Copley News Service

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Guest Column— Setting the record straight about horse's death

by GREG STUMBO

Editor's note: The following was written by Prestonsburg attorney and 95th District Representative Greg Stumbo, who is representing horse trainer and jockey Jason Brewer concerning the investigation of the death of the horse Dark Skies at Thunder Ridge Raceway on July 21. Brewer was suspended from racing following the death after an investigator ruled that the horse had been trained in an unconventional manner and had been whipped in an "excessive and brutal manner." That ruling has since been appealed. Stumbo has said he is making the statement to "correct many of the false and misleading statements" about the horse's death.

To begin with, let me say on behalf of Jason Brewer how sorry he is about the death of this horse. I was asked to represent him on this matter by Ms. Harla Renae Conn, the owner of Dark Skies. Ms. Conn and her family convinced me that the charges against Jason are false, and I am here today to set the record straight.

The horse was trained by Jason on the morning of July 21, 2000, between 10 and 10:30 a.m. by taking him around the track two times, or what is referred to in the industry as a "double header." The horse was returned to the barn to the charge of Nick Coleman, the regular groom, who bathed and cooled him out and put him into his stall in the usual and customary manner. Mr. Coleman has verified this with investigators. At the appeals hearing, I will offer evidence from another owner who saw the horse leave the track in what appeared to be good condition.

Ms. Conn arrived at approximately 1 p.m. and observed the horse in his stall in what appeared to be normal condition. Jason returned to the barn area sometime around 3 in the afternoon and was informed by the groom that the horse appeared to be in distress. He immediately sent the groom to get the veterinarian, Dr. John Roberts. Dr. Roberts arrived promptly and began to administer treatment. At the appeals hearing, I will present a copy of Dr. Roberts' bill to verify this. Any report that veterinarian treatment was not rendered or rejected is completely erroneous. Dr. Roberts continued in fact to administer care for the horse, and it remained in his care until it died. No autopsy was ordered, and as a side note, there was no insurance coverage on the animal.

It should be noted that Jason was suspended because the presiding officer felt that the horse had been trained in an "unconventional manner." He was not convicted of killing the animal, nor will he be convicted of killing the animal, nor is there one piece of evidence that would warrant a finding that he in any way contributed to or caused the death of Dark Skies.

There will not be any finding that veterinarian assistance was not requested and in fact administered. There will not be any testimony from the owner that Jason's training techniques in any way or manner led to the unfortunate death of this horse.

The media accounts and those contained on the U.S. Trotting Association websites have been full of misinformation. It should be noted that several of the witnesses who testified against Jason are those with whom he is in direct competition with, other owners and trainers. It is a fact that he has compiled the winningest record from the Thunder Ridge meet, but it should be noted that even after this unfortunate incident, that he continues to have the full support of not only Ms. Conn, but his other owners as well.

Would any fair minded person believe that anyone would entrust a valuable race horse to someone that they felt might mistreat it? The obvious answer is no. The objective testimony and the objective evidence will reveal that Jason Brewer did not train nor treat this animal in an unconventional manner, that the unfortunate death of the animal was not caused by him anymore than any other death of a race horse at a race track could be blamed on someone who trained it, and in fact the only evidence which would support a finding like that made by the presiding officer would be that evidence from competitors which must be viewed in the light in which it is

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ALC staff member speaks at International Youth Camp

Priscilla Fraley of Hi Hat, director of foundation and corporate giving at Alice Lloyd College, was selected as a presenter at the Church of God of Prophecy International Youth Camp 2000 in Lizella, Georgia, on August 7 at the Georgia State Campground.

More than 200 youth counselors, camp coordinators, pastors and state overseers from around the world attended this year's International Youth Camp. Established in 1959, the camp provides participants with useful tips and ideas on how to make their youth church camp a success.

Fraley's presentation, titled "Funding Techniques," was well received by the group, and she was given opportunity to answer questions about her field.

Employed by Alice Lloyd College for 37 years, Fraley has spent about 25 years working in the area of foundation and corporate giving. More than 51 percent of the college's income sources are derived foundations and corporations each year.

A member of the Church of God of Prophecy in Hi Hat for about 33 years, she enjoys assisting her husband, Don Fraley Jr. in his ministry.

"I consider it an honor to be asked to do a presentation on fundraising and proposal writing for a group," Fraley said. "Service is something we stress at Alice Lloyd



College, and it is good to know that the skills and abilities God has given to me to earn a living can also

be used to help people not only in Appalachia but internationally as well."

Most wanted child support evader arraigned

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Ben Chandler and Fayette County Attorney Margaret Kannensohn announced that Mark A. Todd, one of Kentucky's Most Wanted child support evaders, was arraigned in Fayette District Court Wednesday, August 9, charged with flagrant nonsupport.

Todd, who owes more than \$15,000 in back support, apparently turned himself in after realizing that authorities would soon be closing in on him.

Todd is the first evader to be arraigned in the 2000 Most Wanted Campaign. The campaign, headed by the Child Support Enforcement Commission, targets

parents who are over \$10,000 in arrears and are unable to be located or are hiding out.

Chandler, who serves as chairman of the Commission, said "this campaign sends a message to those parents who willfully evade their support obligations that Kentucky's efforts are going to be relentless until they are found and held accountable."

Chandler praised Kannensohn's office for "not giving up" and "having the determination to nominate Todd for the Most Wanted campaign."

Kannensohn said her office's main objective now is to "obtain the support for this child that is so

long overdue."

For information on how a parent can be nominated for the Most Wanted campaign, please visit the Attorney General's web site at "www.law.state.ky.us" and follow the links.



A giraffe can go without water longer than a camel can.

Horse

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given.

Jason has and will continue to devote his life to this industry that he loves, and he, like everyone else in our country, is entitled to the presumption of innocence guaranteed by our state and federal constitutions until proven guilty. I am convinced that he will not be found guilty of the events as charged, and I am convinced that he will prevail. On behalf of Jason Brewer, I would tell the public and the racing world that he is truly sorry and that he and his family are particularly distressed about the many lies and untrue and-misinformation statements that have been written and spoken about this event, but in the end facts will prevail.

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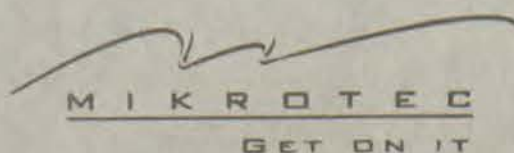


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Consumer Alert: Beware of Canadian Lottery or bond scams

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Ben Chandler, along with the Better Business Bureau (BBB), has issued an alert to Kentucky consumers to beware of Canadian Lottery or Bond scams.

Chandler stated, "Over the last year, increasing numbers of unlawful telemarketers from Canada are calling Kentucky consumers, especially seniors, offering bogus prizes. We encourage consumers to contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection hotline, before sending any money to claim

prizes or if you have sent money to claim a prize. The sooner consumers contact us the better chance we have of catching the criminals and getting their money back."

After receiving information about a possible scam, Charlie Mattingly, BBB, contacted the Attorney General's Office. The consumer received a telemarketing call stating that he had won the Canadian lottery but would have to send money before receiving the prize. At the telemarketer's request, the consumer obtained a cashier's check and air mailed it to Anjou, Quebec.

The Consumer Protection Division contacted law enforcement officials in Canada and the victim's bank in Kentucky, which successfully put a stop payment on the \$8,750 check.

Charlie Mattingly, president of

the Better Business Bureau serving Louisville and Western Kentucky, said, "I commend the Attorney General's prompt and effective action on the case this week involving a Louisville consumer who had contacted the Better Business Bureau regarding a Canadian lottery scam. In the BBB's experience, no legitimate sweepstakes or lottery uses the telephone or mail to tell someone that he or she has won money or a prize, and requests the person to send money before receiving the winnings. Such calls and letters are scams, and should be reported to law enforcement."

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division is conducting an ongoing investigation. Consumers are encouraged to call 1-888-432-9257 if they have information related to this or other telemarketing and sweepstakes

scams.

Here are some of the signs of a possible scam: You have to pay "taxes" or other fees for prizes, like lottery winnings, sweepstakes drawings etc.; You are being pressured for an immediate answer; You are asked to verify your identity by giving a credit card or checking account number. In another common scam the telemarketer tells the consumer they have won a British bond which will pay them on a monthly basis but the consumer is required to pay from \$1,000 to \$2,400 in advance for fees or some other expense. The bonds are allegedly issued in the name of several companies that may be bogus including Guaranteed Capital Holdings, Ltd., Overseas Registry Service, National Investment Group, Inc. and British Secured Investments.

OBITUARIES

Alice Stump

Alice Stump, 82 of Phelps passed away August 26, 2000, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson.

She was born June 17, 1918, in Phelps, the daughter of the late George H. and Florence Dotson Coleman.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Western Stump; seven brothers and one sister.

Survivors include five sons, Vernon Stump of Phelps, Edward Stump of Clay City, Jimmy Stump of Frenchburg, Charles Stump of Ransom, Allan Stump of Hazard; one daughter Marie Casey of Clay City; two sisters Bessie Layne of Pikeville, Maebelle Lee of Covington; 19 grand children and 21 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, August 29 at 1:00 p.m., at the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church at Phelps.

Visitation will be at the church after 5 p.m., Sunday, August 27, with services at 7 p.m., with Primitive Baptist Ministers officiating.

Interment will be at the Dotson Cemetery, Beech Creek, Phelps.

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

Madeline Hall

Madeline Hall, 58, of Galveston, died Friday, August 22, at her residence following an extended illness.

Born on July 27, 1942, in Galveston, she was the daughter of the late Green and Mae Hall.

She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Keathley.

Survivors include three sons, Deannie Keathley, Galveston, David Keathley, Stickney, Ill., and Bill Keathley, Harold; two daughters, Ella Mae Adkins, Harold, and Patricia Keathley, Galveston; two brothers, Raymond Hall, Pikeville, and Don Hall, Galveston; four sisters, Emogene Hamilton, Pikeville, Fannie Dotson, Cicero, Ill., Lassie Belcher and Geraldine Howell, both of Galveston; nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, August 28, at 1 p.m. at the Little Rachel Old Regular Baptist Church, Galveston, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist officiating. Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Garden, Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Geraldine Endicott

Geraldine Endicott, 38, of Ewing, formerly of Floyd County, died Friday, August 25, 2000, at her residence, following an extended illness.

Born on May 24, 1962, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of Emogene Burchett Endicott and the late T.Y. "Chester" Jarrell.

She is survived by her husband, Ezra Endicott.

Survivors include one son, Billy Ray Endicott of Prestonsburg; one daughter, Donna Kay Endicott of Ewing; and one sister, Mitzi Hall of Endicott.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, August 27, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Bill Collins officiating.

Burial will be in the Goble Cemetery, at Endicott, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Gary D. Thompson

Gary D. Thompson, 62, of Washington Court House, Ohio, died Friday, August 25, 2000, at 1:30 a.m., at Mount Carmel West in Columbus, Ohio, following an extended illness.

He was born April 8, 1938, in Paintsville to Thomas Burton and Idola Virginia Hale Thompson. He moved to Washington Court House in 1961 from Prestonsburg.

He was a member of St. Colman Catholic Church and a 27-year employee of Armco Steele.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte Ann Snodgrass; one daughter Toni Horney of Washington Court House; two sons, Gary Thompson of Washington Court House, and Mark Thompson of Mount Sterling; three grandchildren; and one brother, Thomas Burton Thompson of Prestonsburg.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, August 28, at 10:30 a.m., at the St. Colman Catholic Church by the Rev. Father Jan C. Sullivan, pastor at the church. Cremation will follow the service.

Friends may call at the Kirkpatrick Funeral Home in Washington, Court House Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Fayette County Inc., P.O. Box 849, Washington Court House, Ohio 43160.

Gomer Slone

Gomer Slone, 73, of Mousie, died Friday, August 25, 2000, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born on February 5, 1927, in Knott County, he was the son of the late Henry Slone and Stella Slone Thornsberry. He was a disabled laborer and a member of the Mt. Olive Old Regular Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred Mattingly Slone.

Other survivors include two sons, George Steven Slone of Pippa Passes, Vernon Gomer Slone of Mousie; one daughter, Tonya Gayle Sandlin of Mollie; one brother, Daniel Slone of Mousie; one-half sister, Clara Newberry of Nebraska; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, August 27, at 11 a.m., at the Mt. Olive Old Regular Baptist Church, at Pippa Passes, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Jimmy Slone Cemetery, at Pippa Passes, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Governor appoints Burks State Police Commissioner

FRANKFORT — Gov. Paul E. Patton has named a retired military officer and current executive vice president and chief operating officer of Louisville's Spalding University to head the Kentucky State Police. With this appointment, Ishmon Burks becomes the first African-American commissioner of the state's premier law enforcement agency.

"The thing that impresses me most about our new commissioner is that he has a visionary plan to advance this agency. He told me he wanted to strengthen the KSP with aggressive recruitment and energize morale to a new level," Gov. Patton said. "He wants to

make sure KSP reaches its goal of being the most efficient and effective law enforcement agency in the nation."

Burks, a native Kentuckian, is a retired colonel in the United States Army. He holds degrees in education and criminology, and his distinguished military and civic accomplishments include serving as acting inspector general for military police units in Europe, commanding a 900-member military police force in seven European communities, and heading up military police assignments worldwide.

He was also Battalion Commander for the military police

training school at Ft. McClellan, as well as being selected for the Criminal Investigation Brigade command.

Patton and Justice Cabinet Secretary Robert F. Stephens began a search for a KSP commissioner last year after determining that civilian leadership would best serve the agency.

"Ishmon's military background gives him the solid base he needs to work within a large organization that must stay focused on each and every employee," Patton said. "And his positive outlook on state government and this administration assures us that were getting the best man for the job."

REGIONAL OBITUARIES

Pike County

Stevie Alfred Morris, 45, of Sidney, died Tuesday, August 22,

at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 24, under the

direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Sadie Goolsin Reynolds, 99, of North Matewan, West Virginia, died Monday, August 21, in South Williamson. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 25, under the direction of Chambers Funeral Home.

Brandy Leigh Risner, 24, of Hazel Green, died Monday, August 21, at Zilpo. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 25, under the direction of Herald & Stewart & Halsey Chapel, West Liberty.

Raymond Maynard, 56, of Varney, died Thursday, August 24, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Betty Sue Stanley Maynard. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, August 27, 11 a.m., at the Pilgrim Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Cora Honaker Justice, 91, of Covington, formerly of Phyllis, died Thursday, August 24, at St. Elizabeth Hospital North, Covington. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, August 27, 11 a.m., at the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

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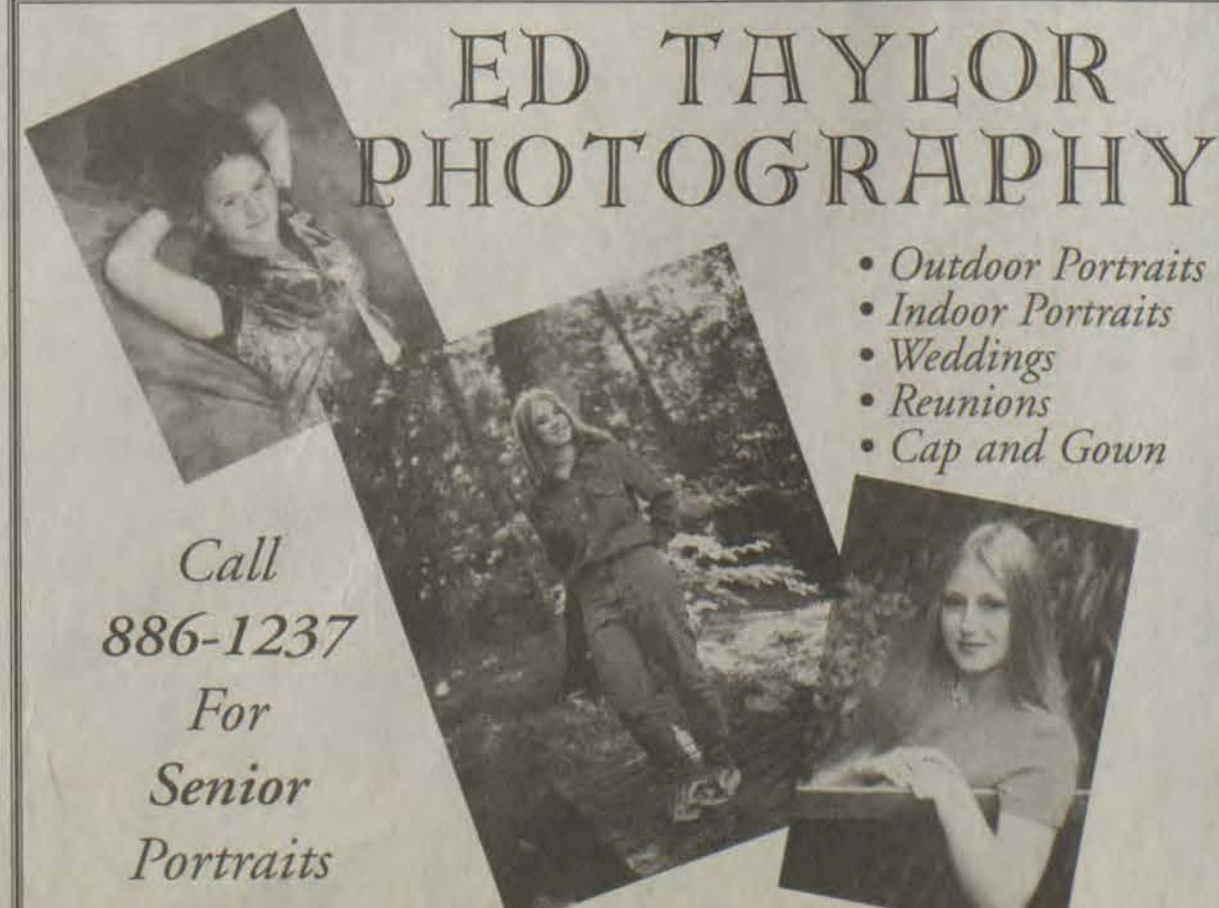
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■ Pikeville at Prestonsburg

Blackcats fall to Panthers in second half letdown

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS WRITER

Quarterback Matt Branham ran the ball eight times for a total of 68 yards. Branham doubled up in the passing category, completing 11 of 16 attempts for 82 yards. The Pikeville coaching staff made a change in their offensive strategy coming out halftime. To begin the third

quarter the Panthers changed from executing a power game to accumulating frequent flyer miles in a pass happy offense.

(See **BLACKCATS**, page four)



photo by Steve LeMaster

The Prestonsburg Blackcat defense looked stellar at times against Pikeville. Senior Ralph Mullett is seen here making the tackle on Pikeville's Barrett Rogers.

The Prestonsburg Blackcats battled the visiting Pikeville Panthers to a 14-7 halftime deficit, before going into the second half of play this past Friday night. After all, Prestonsburg was playing the same Pikeville team that had put up 46 points against a strong Lawrence County team less than a week before. Coach DeRossett and his team went into Friday night's game with high hopes after soundly defeating a very capable Perry County Central squad 45-15 in the Appalachian Bowl at Clay County last Saturday. Prestonsburg got the ground game going early in the first half. The first half total team yardage was almost identical, with Pikeville having the slight edge. One thing Prestonsburg did do was stop the one of Pikeville's offensive weapons. Pre-season all-state tight end Chase Gibson was virtually a non-factor in the game. The Panthers did their scoring on a strong running game of another pre-season all-state candidate, junior Barrett Rogers. The Pikeville junior would carry the ball eight times for a total of 90 yards.

Jones looking to lead Betsy Layne volleyball while softball season waits in the wings

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS WRITER

Betsy Layne senior Denise Jones comes into the 2000 Betsy Layne volleyball season with high aspirations for her team. The Betsy Layne volleyball team was slow to get started this season, with their now former coach Roberta Epperson leaving to take a job near her home in Perry County. The coaching change left the Bobcats without



■ Denise Jones

a volleyball coach for the 2000 season. After some searching and some shuffling, the husband and wife duo of Larry and Karen Wilson settled in as the new coaches. Now players like Denise Jones can get settled in and concentrate on the volleyball season at hand. Jones has been a member of the Betsy Layne volleyball team since its inception three years ago. However, volleyball isn't the only sport she participates in. Jones also plays softball for the Lady Cats. Jones confides that although she's set lofty goals for the upcoming high school volleyball season, the sport of softball still remains as her favorite sport. "I'd like for our volleyball team to win the district, and make it to the region," she said. "The best thing I like about volleyball is it keeps you active, and it's a real fast-paced game." As with most high school seniors, the end of their final high school year will bring many decisions, the most important one being the decision of going onto college or choosing another path. The choice for Jones seems quite simple. "I want to go to college next year, and I'd like to play softball in college if I get the opportunity," said Jones. "I've been playing softball since I was 8 years old." Denise Jones is a catcher and an infielder on

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■ Allen Central at Paintsville

Rebels struggle against Paintsville offensive attack

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS WRITER

The Allen Central Rebels traveled to Paintsville's Memorial Field Friday night for an encounter with the Paintsville Tigers. Coach Kevin Spurlock went into the Paintsville game hoping his Rebels wouldn't falter in the second half as they had done a year ago when the Rebels hosted the Tigers. What the Rebels had waiting for them

Friday night was a Paintsville scoring machine led by senior fullback Matt Brown. Allen Central would keep the game close through one quarter of play before falling prey to the Paintsville ground game. The Rebels dug themselves a hole against the Tigers, thus being forced to play catch-up football for the rest of the night. An Allen Central fumble on the opening kickoff gave Paintsville the ball first-and-goal from inside the 10-yard line. Three

plays later, senior Matt Brown hit paydirt, finding the endzone for the first of four touchdowns on the night. The score put the Tigers up 6-0 with just a little over one minute expired from the first period time clock. A Chas Harmon two-point conversion pass try was intercepted by the Rebels. Paintsville scored again in the first quarter of regulation when Chas Harmon found receiver Ben Hale for a 10-yard completion into the endzone. Once again the Paintsville conversion failed, leaving the Tigers up 12-0 with a minute and change remaining in the first quarter. Allen Central got on the scoreboard in the second quarter when junior fullback D.J. Hoover scored on a 2-yard run, cutting the Paintsville lead in half at 12-6. Senior Jonathan Ellis' PAT attempt was wide to the left. The second quarter Allen Central scoring drive was a real bright spot for the

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■ Allen Central at Feds Creek

Allen Central Upends Feds Creek in two sets

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS WRITER



photo by Steve LeMaster

Allen Central's Leslie Martin helped lead the Rebels to a recent drubbing of Feds Creek.

The Allen Central Rebels volleyball team just might have gotten the lift they needed this past Thursday when they prevailed in a big way over Feds Creek. Coach Larry Maynard's Rebels had just lost two very close encounters with a tough, experienced Paintsville Tiger squad two nights before. The Allen Central squad is playing better as a team, with each passing game. Amanda Potter began the first game serving her team to eight straight points. Good play all around the court allowed the Rebels to keep control of the volleyball for such a long period of time. Following two Feds Creek scores the Rebels regained control of the ball and only faltered slightly on their way to a resounding win. Shannon Sizemore and Leslie

Martin each served up points for the Rebs. Kari Osborne came on strong to set up two more scores, while the player who got it all started, Amanda Potter, came on and served her team up to points 13, 14 and 15. When Allen Central's scoring barrage was done in the first game, the Rebels had defeated Feds Creek by a final of 15-4. The 15-4 victory marked the most one-sided victory for the Rebels this season... that is, until the second encounter with Feds Creek rolled around. All six Allen Central starters and two players in off the bench served the Rebels to scores in the second game. All Feds Creek could manage was one single point. The bench play of Allen Central was strong. Laura Majakey and Deanna Mullins both came in off the bench and made big contributions to the

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A Look at Sports

Volleyball at a gym near you

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS WRITER



The high school volleyball season is heating up with several county teams seeing action up to three times a week.

Allen Central, Betsy Layne, Prestonsburg, and South Floyd all got their high school volleyball seasons started last week, or the week before. One of the more senior-laden teams in the region is Russell Shepherd's Prestonsburg Volley Cats. The Volley Cats have five seniors returning this season and are looking to make a run at the regional championship. Allen Central and South Floyd have looked impressive in early outings. Betsy Layne is a team that could contend once they get settled under new coach Larry Wilson. If you've never attended a high school volleyball game, I urge you to do so. It's a fast-paced game with few lulls in between the action.

■ Pikeville High School football is back

In last Sunday's Sideline Shots I asked the question, "How good is Pikeville High School's football team?" Well, after watching them play I can testify that they are for real. Pikeville is very deserving of their pre-season billing. Barrett Rogers, Chase Gibson and Matt Branham make for a lethal offensive arsenal. The Panther defense is nothing short of dangerous as well. Look for the Panthers to be in state title contention come late-November and early-December.

■ Carrier a Cat

After being cleared by the NCAA to play for the University of Kentucky, Josh Carrier committed to the Cats this past Thursday. UCLA was very high on Carrier's list, before he committed to the Cats. I think Carrier will be a good fit in the UK lineup once he gets in Lexington next season. Carrier will be a senior at Bowling Green High School this season.

■ High school soccer has hit town

Prestonsburg High will field a boys' junior varsity soccer team this season. The team will be coached by Tim Banks. Banks coached an under-19 soccer team in the East Kentucky Youth Soccer Association last season. Perry County Central will field both a boys' and a girls' high school soccer team this season. The addition of high school soccer will be good for the county youth. My only hope is that the other county schools along with other schools in the region will follow the lead of Prestonsburg and Perry Central.

■ UK-UL football showdown less than one week away

The UK-UL football game is less than one week away with both teams anticipating an all-out war. Kentucky will start redshirt freshman Jared Lorenzen. True freshman Shane Boyd and senior Mark Perry will be ready, willing and able if needed. Perry saw a considerable amount of playing time on the UK JV team last season, while Boyd was a do-it-all type player at Henry Clay High School.

■ Middle school football opens up this week

The middle school football season gets started this week with nearly all county and regional teams kicking off the 2000 season. Middle school is a fun time for young athletes. Although a young seventh or eighth grader doesn't start on their team, that doesn't mean their athletic career is washed up. Kids playing on the middle school level are still learning and are definitely still growing. The best advice I can think to give a young athlete is to always stay focused on school work and always work hard both in the classroom and on the playing field.

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YOUTH NEWS

Good Samaritan Foundation announces statewide essay contest

Good Samaritan Foundation Inc. is sponsoring a statewide essay contest for high school students with awards totaling up to \$25,000, according to Board of Trustees Chairman, R. Scott Davis.

The topic is "Comprehensive School Health Education in Kentucky." Among some of the points that should be addressed in the essay are why comprehensive school education is important for the health of Kentucky's children and adults, and how does the health status of children affect their ability to learn.

The contest information was to be distributed to Kentucky high schools by August 25. The essays must be received at the foundation office by October 27, at 2 p.m. Winners will be announced in November.

Essays will be reviewed by one or more panels of judges without knowledge of the name, address, school, or location of the writer. The decision of the judges is final.

"Depending on the number of essays submitted, winning essays will be awarded up to \$5,000 for first place, 10 second place winners at \$1,000 each and 20 third place winners at \$500 each. "In addition to cash awards, we will publish the winning essays," Davis said.

"Any Kentucky high school student is eligible to enter the contest. If information is needed about the contest, the students are asked to check the Good Samaritan Foundation's web page at www.gafky.org or call the foundation office at 859/255-1691," he said.

Good Samaritan Foundation is Kentucky's largest independent grant-making health philanthropy.



Photo by Willie Elliott

Students from J.M. Stumbo Elementary were tops in the state last spring in stock market competition. They brought home prizes for themselves, their school and their teacher, Gary Spears.

Stumbo students win stock competition

Eight students from Stumbo Elementary School participated last spring with more than 1,100 other teams across the country in stock market competition.

During the 10 weeks of competition, each team was given an imaginary \$100,000 in stocks of their choice. They traded a minimum of five different stocks.

The students used the business section of newspapers and the information they got on the Internet to select their stocks.

The game is determined by the increase, or profit, gained in buying or trading stock.

Two teams from Stumbo, which competes in the Morehead region, placed first and second in the state. The first place team turned \$100,000 into \$159,000 within 10 weeks, and the second place team finished with \$155,000.

The first place statewide winners received \$500 cash for the team, plus \$50 at the regional level. Other prizes included one share of Papa John's stock for each team member, stock market game certificates, t-shirts and a school trophy.

Teacher Gary Spears received the \$100 Teacher Award.

Members of the first place team were C.J. Newsome, Jack Slone, Stevie Joe Tackett and Latosha K. Tackett.

The second place team included Clement Blankenship, Brandon K. Hall, Mickey Hamilton and Justin Bentley.

This is the second time in five years that a team from Stumbo has finished first in the state.

Power and comfort

As part of the University of Kentucky Art Museum's exhibition A Silver Celebration: The Collection at 25, the education department presents "Power and Comfort." An exhibition designed for school tours, "Power and Comfort" is on display in the Richard B. Freeman Gallery in the museum.

Humanity has long surrounded itself with material goods that document power and position and provide comfort, both physical and spiritual. We wear and use objects imbued with powers that offer protection and solace.

Artists from many times and places have made works of art that record who we are and who we hope to be, creating images that resonate with meaning far greater than what we may see at first glance.

This exhibition, drawn from the museum's permanent collection, presents works that were made to evoke and display power and status, or to speak for the hopeful supplicant who desires good fortune and grace.

The exhibition includes such diverse objects as an African Chief's Chair from Ghana, a Peruvian grave doll, an 18th-century Northern European sculpture of St. Eustace, and portraits by Richard Sumner Meryman and Samuel Woodson Price. All examples of the expression of power and comfort through art.

Young visitors on docent-led tours will have an opportunity to try on clothing that reflects the costumes worn by people in the portraits.

The University of Kentucky Art Museum is open noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday and noon to 8 p.m. on Friday; closed Monday and university holidays. For general museum information, contact Jane Boswell at 859/257-5716. Visit the web-site at www.uky.edu/ArtMuseum.

Summer a busy time at McDowell Center

Students at McDowell Elementary enjoyed participating in summer activities offered by McDowell Family Resource Center. The activities were provided free, and the students were served lunch every day.



The first week of activities, focusing on nutritional snacks, gave students the opportunity to learn about nutrition and to make several low-fat, nutritional versions of favorite snacks. Our Lady of the Way Hospital and the Floyd County Health Department sponsored the week's activities.



Family Resource Center staff provided arts and crafts, science, recreation and geography activities during the last week — Fun Week. Students learned about where different fruits originated, about science, and about making crafts.



Representatives of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Office presented programs for day camp. Arts and crafts, environmental issues, water cycles, and family heritage, were among activities and lessons taking place.



Students and parents took part in a watermelon feast during the last week of summer activities. Families spent time with each other and discovered what their children had learned. This activity was at Minnie Park on the evening of July 27.



The second week of activities featured physical fitness and day camp. Personnel at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital taught students about x-rays, exercise, physical fitness, safety and other related topics. Physical activities complemented the instruction.

Tribute to the river

Kim Gibson, a student at Allen Elementary, read her poem about the Big Sandy River during the July meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education. She is the daughter of Ken and Linda Gibson of Prestonsburg.



Photo by Willie Elliott
Kim Gibson

Our river, the Big Sandy
Was full of boats back when,
Carrying many a passenger and cargo,
Whether it was flooded or thin.

From up above the tallest mountain
The river cities looked like a quilt.
But then again, when she flooded,
The riverbed was covered in silt.

Then on back to yesteryear,
Back to the good old days,
When everybody was the same
In every single way.

One-room schoolhouses packed to the brim
With children wanting to learn.
After school it was back to chores,
With cows to milk and butter to churn.

These little towns grew up fast,
The population doubled.

The grown-up childhood friends got married,
And now came by in couples.

To connect the two sides of Prestonsburg,
A great arch bridge was spanned.
It connected our great city,
Riverbank to city land.

The county seat was founded,
In dear Floyd's early years.
But there in its founding,
The people were found in proud tears.

The coal, our precious ore, was mined
In coal camps around our region.
To these little buck-board towns,
Their mining knew no season.

Here's a way to sum things up;
Our county has survived.
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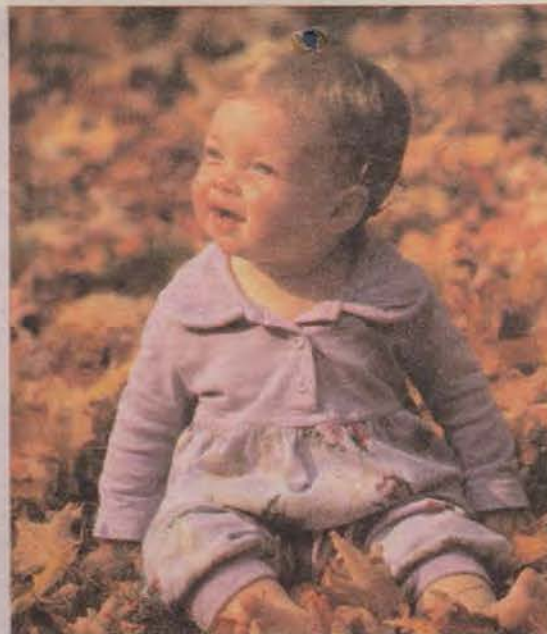
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Health

Lift your way to HEALTH

by CYNTHIA KING

Weight rooms are no longer the domain of power-lifting men. Today, about 39 million Americans lift weights—a 62 percent increase since the 1970s, mostly women and older adults. Indeed, strength training is one of America's favorite workouts. And with good reason. Strength training is as important to health as cardiovascular conditioning, according to the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM). Stronger muscles can greatly reduce injury risk, while improving balance and endurance.

The average American loses 6.6 pounds of muscle every decade after young adulthood; by age 65 or 70 the body has doubled its fat and lost half its muscle mass. This means less support for joints—setting the stage for back, hip, and shoulder injuries. With less muscle to burn calories, metabolism also slows.

Another age-related risk is osteoporosis, a debilitating and sometimes fatal bone-thinning disease causing hunched backs. A 50-year-old woman today has about a 50 percent chance of developing osteoporosis in her remaining years. By age 70, one-sixth of all men suffer a hip fracture due to this disease.

But weight-bearing exercises can help you reach the highest possible bone mass by age 40 and slow gradual loss. Building muscle after 40 can rejuvenate one's whole physiology. In one study, 12 men between the ages of 60

and 72 were put on regular weight-training sessions three times a week for three months. At the end of the study, the men's strength had increased dramatically. Their quadriceps (four different muscle groups in front of the thigh) had more than doubled in strength, and their hamstrings more than tripled.

Don't be concerned about bulking up: ACSM's guidelines for healthy strength conditioning include one set of 8-10 exercises (for each major muscle group), 8-12 repetitions for each exercise, at least twice a week. This rebuilds muscle fiber, increases strength and improves the shape and tone of the muscles, without bulking up.

The weight must be heavy enough to fatigue the muscle after 8 to 12 repetitions. If it doesn't, it's too light. And if you can't maintain good form for at least eight repetitions, the weight is too heavy.

If you've never lifted weights, make an appointment with a personal trainer or fitness professional at a local YMCA or fitness center. It's vital to learn proper form to prevent injury and get the most benefit from the exercise.

If you have health concerns, get approval from your doctor before beginning an exercise program. ✨

Freelance writer Cynthia King has been in the health and fitness industry for 20 years, and is certified in personal training and fitness.

Photo: Ken Robinson



Able County

by TOM MILNER



"Gosh, Mom! Granny and Pappy Joe have one TV, and it only has three channels! I didn't know you had such a tough childhood."

More information on strength training can be found in books or on the Internet. One good website is www.gettingfit.com/strength.html, or do a search under "strength training."

Or visit your library or book store for these titles: *The Basics of Strength Training* by John M. Cissik, McGraw Hill; *The Complete Guide to Strength Training* by Anita Bean, A & C Black; or *Strength Training Past 50 (Ageless Athlete Series)* by Wayne L. Wetcott, Thomas R. Baechle, and Mark Williams, Human Kinetics.

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ARKANSAS—

Fall Equinox Celebration & Hayride Tour—Scott, Sept. 23. This event offers a chance for hands-on opportunities to learn about American Indian crafts and culture. Visitors can participate in demonstrations of American Indian tools and games. The activities will end with a special Fall Equinox hayride tour. (501) 961-9442.

FLORIDA—

Starke Fall Festival—Starke, Sept. 16-17. Artists and craftsmen will exhibit their goods. Also features live entertainment, children's theater, children's area, and plenty of food. Held downtown in conjunction with the Shriners' Fun Day & Parade. (352) 395-5355.

GEORGIA—

Duluth Fall Festival—Duluth, Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Celebrate fall at this festival featuring a parade, arts & crafts booths, 5K run, food, live entertainment, and a Sunday morning worship service. (770) 476-0240.

KENTUCKY—

Marion County Country Ham Days 2000—Lebanon, Sept. 23-24. A country ham breakfast with all the fixings starts each day. This event also features parades, children's contests (spelling bee, jump rope) a hog calling contest, musical entertainment, car and truck show, and more. (270) 692-9594.



LOUISIANA—

Wooden Boat Festival—Madisonville, Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Largest gathering of historic, antique, classic, contemporary, wooden, sail, rowing, and steam watercrafts in the South. The festival includes a Kid's Workshop, Marine Flea Market (old boat parts are sold), live entertainment, and food. (504) 845-9200.



MISSISSIPPI—

Richland Day 2000—Richland, Sept. 23. Come join in this fun-filled hometown celebration, including an arts & crafts market, hot air balloons, entertainment, Kid's Town, and fireworks. (601) 932-3000.

NORTH CAROLINA—

Benson Mule Days—Benson, Sept. 21-24. A free outdoor concert kicks off this celebration, which also includes street dances, a parade, arts & crafts show, and rodeo activities. The mule competition features weight pulling and racing. (919) 894-3825.

SOUTH CAROLINA—

Pioneer Days and Muzzle Loaders Conclave—Blacksburg, Sept. 16-17. A weekend filled with pioneer craft demonstrations, music, games, food, and a muzzle loaders conclave. (803) 222-3209.

TENNESSEE—

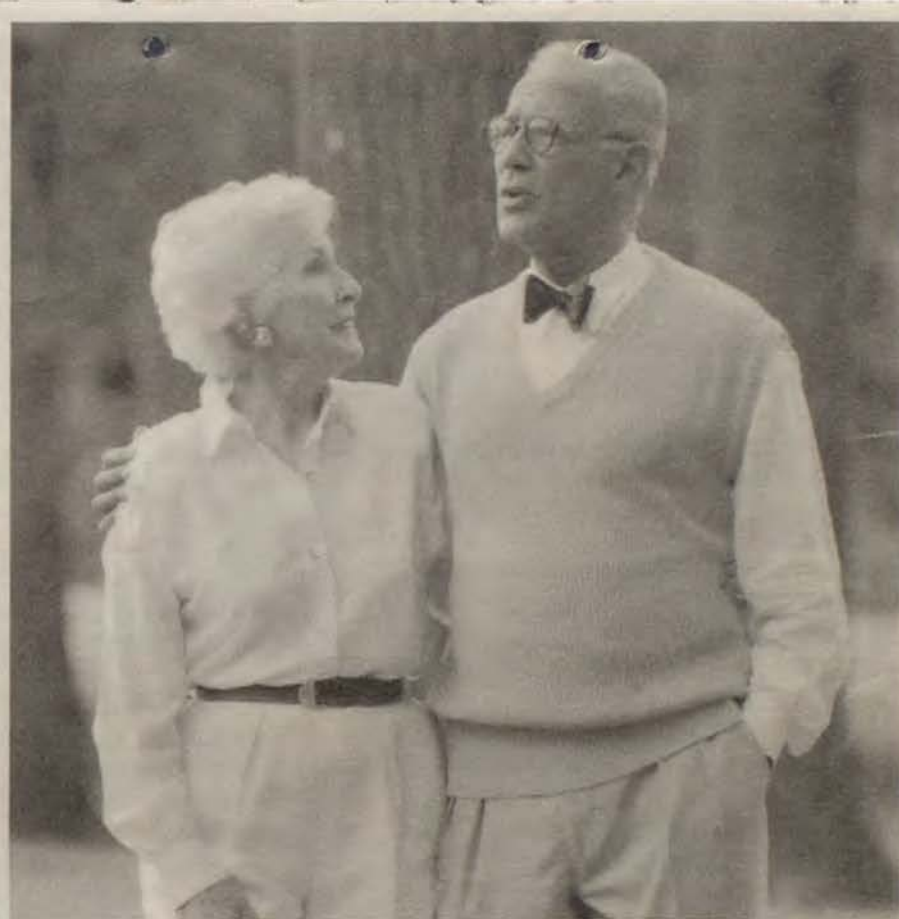
Tennessee River Folklife & Music Festival—Camden, Sept. 23. Folklife Festival includes arts & crafts, games, food vendors, live music, and wildlife exhibits. (901) 584-8395.

VIRGINIA—

Umoja Festival—Portsmouth, Sept. 15-17. An African-American cultural celebration featuring musical entertainment, African marketplace, children's activities, community forums, heritage trolley tours, and Afrocentric foods and exhibits. (757) 393-5111.

WEST VIRGINIA—

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Our Picks

Music

King of Nothing
Warren Brothers
BNA Records

The Warren Brothers combine some of the best of many musical genres—the tight harmonies of the Everly Brothers, the storytelling of Roger Miller, and the heartland's soul of John Mellencamp—in their latest release.

The brothers, who call themselves a "raw, rockin' country band," with leanings toward Waylon Jennings and Johnny Cash "in the old days," sing of lost love in *King of Nothing* and of commitment in *Waiting for the Light to Change*.

But there's a soft side to them, too, particularly in *That's the Beat of a Heart*, a beautiful ballad featuring Sara Evans that advises listening closely to your own heart because, "You may find all your dreams have come true."



Video

Jakob the Liar
Columbia Pictures
Rated: PG-13

In Nazi-occupied Poland during World War II, poor Jewish cafe owner Jakob Heym, portrayed by Academy Award-winner Robin Williams, accidentally overhears a forbidden radio news bulletin that Soviet military troops are successfully advancing on German forces.

To combat the overwhelming depression that pervades the ghetto, Jakob invents fictitious news bulletins about Allied advances against the Nazis. These lies keep hope and humor alive among the ghetto inhabitants, resulting in lifted spirits and reborn optimism.

But the Germans learn of the mythical broadcasts and begin searching for the resistance hero who dares operate it.

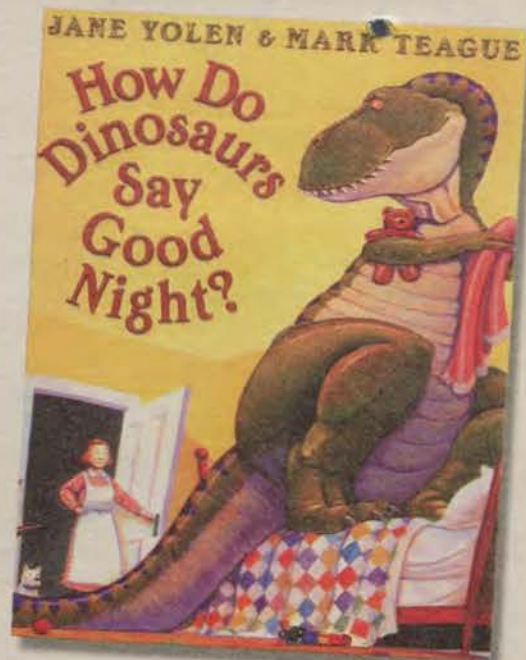
"The script had a certain power to it," Williams said of his decision to make this special movie. "It went back and forth between being very funny and very tragic and very brutal within moments. Most of the scenes were about everyday life — this interaction in the face of something quite horrific."

Indeed, the human spirit prevails even in the worst of circumstances.

Books

How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?
Jane Yolen and Mark Teague
The Blue Sky Press

You're wearily aware of all the good-night antics: "Mom, I need a drink of water," or the tantrums that erupt when it's time to put on the pajamas. The little ones will



recognize some of their shenanigans in this good-natured nighttime picture book that features nearly a dozen tyrannosaurus rexes, triceratopses, and stegosaurus.

"How does a dinosaur say good night when Papa comes in to turn off the light? Does a dinosaur slam his tail and pout? Does he throw his teddy bear all about? Does he mope, does he moan, does he sulk, does he sigh? Does he fall on the top of his covers and cry?"

Tucked into the humorous, colorful full-page illustrations are bits of education (the dinos' species are cleverly identified somewhere in their bedrooms, on headboards, or spelled out in wooden blocks) along with a gentle urging to give a big kiss, turn out the light, tuck in their tails, and whisper "good night."

How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight, whose co-writer, Jane Yolen, has won the prestigious Caldecott Medal, is a wonderful way to coax youngsters to bed while sharing a playful read-aloud. ☆



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Tim McGraw recorded live.

Q When is Tim McGraw going to record a live album? I can't wait for one to hit the stores!

— Brian B., Iowa

No immediate plans are set for Tim McGraw to release a live album, but he has been working on one. Last year while touring with George Strait, McGraw gave five impromptu concerts at local clubs. Christened the "Bread and Water" tour, all proceeds were donated to local children's charities. Several of these concerts were recorded with the idea that they eventually will be mixed into an album and released, McGraw's publicist says.

Q I recently "discovered" the music of Ray Price and would like to know if he's still performing and how many albums he's recorded over the years.

— Andy B., Florida

Ray Price has recorded at least 82 albums during his 50-year career, although there may be more from the early years, says Price's manager Jim Doran. Price, a Perryville, Texas, native, still performs to packed houses across the country. "He's doing about 120 dates this year all across the country," Doran says. "He's in great voice and puts on a show that is everything you'd expect from Ray Price." Price, a Grammy winner known for such hits as *Make the World Go Away*, *I'll Be There*, and *Crazy Arms*, has a new album, *Prisoner of Love*.



Ray Price, still performing live.

Q I watch *Adam-12* every chance I get and wonder what happened to its stars, Martin Milner, who played Officer Pete Malloy, and Kent McCord, who played Officer Jim Reed.

— Gayle K., Alabama

Kent McCord's three decades of acting have included television movies and guest spots on *Emergency!* in the '70s, *Battlestar Galactica* in the '80s, and *Seaquest DSV* in the '90s, according to TV-Land, which airs *Adam-12* reruns. His distinctive voice also can be heard in Saturn car commercials. McCord is active in Los Angeles Police Department charitable causes and often travels with his former *Adam-12* partner, Martin Milner, to various autograph shows. Milner, who acts on shows such as *Diagnosis Murder*, appears weekends on San Diego's 690 AM *Let's Talk Hookup* (a radio program for fishing enthusiasts) and often is found at collectors' shows signing autographs. Milner is actively involved in the LAPD's Charitable Memorial Fund.

Q What has poet Rod McKuen been doing lately?

— Bill G., Tennessee

Singer/author/poet Rod McKuen, author of more than 60 books in some 30 languages, writes a daily column, *Flight Plan*, on his website, www.mckuen.com. He is finishing a new book, and is in the studio working on several recording projects. McKuen has composed classical symphonies, chamber music, and concertos. One of his works, *The City*, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in Music.



Adam-12 partners Martin Milner, left, and Kent McCord, now active in police charities.

Q Does Jan Crouch, of the Trinity Broadcasting Network, have an entertainment background, or has most of her life been in the ministry?

— Ginger E., Louisiana

The former Janice Wendell grew up in rural southern Georgia and was born into a family of evangelists. Her father was a minister in the Assembly of God church, and it was at a religious camp meeting in 1956 in Rapid City, S.D., that she met her husband and TBN partner, Paul Crouch. In 1973, they founded what is now the world's largest Christian television network. TBN is now broadcast on more than 500 stations around the world. ✨

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Hometown Spotlight

by RON CHEPESIUKE
photos by C. GRANVILLE

Life has stood still for more than a century on Sandy Island, S.C. No police patrol the tightly knit coastal community of 120 descendants of freed slaves, and no bridge connects the island to the mainland. George Weathers and his fellow islanders use a boat to get to work and take their children to school.

"We like the quiet and the privacy," says Weathers, the community leader (and a private man who preferred not to be photographed for this story.)

But in 1993 it looked as though this rustic setting would disappear forever.

Sandy Island borders a region undergoing some of the country's most frenetic development, where pressure to build resorts and golf courses has been bulldozing other coastal commu-

nities into history for decades.

Now, two of South Carolina's biggest developers, who owned most of Sandy Island, wanted to build a bridge to the mainland. In a short time, the community would be crawling with construction workers and flooded with tourists.

"We didn't know what to do, but we knew we were up against some powerful people," Weathers recalls.

But local residents had a powerful ally—their environment. Sandy Island's fragile ecosystem features stunning long-leaf pines, cypress trees, and marine

"It sounds incredible, but everybody won. Now a way of life and an entire ecosystem are protected from commercial development."—Dana Beach

forests draped in Spanish moss. It's also inhabited by endangered wildlife. The islanders knew if they could attract attention to all that would be lost if development occurred, they might have a fighting chance.

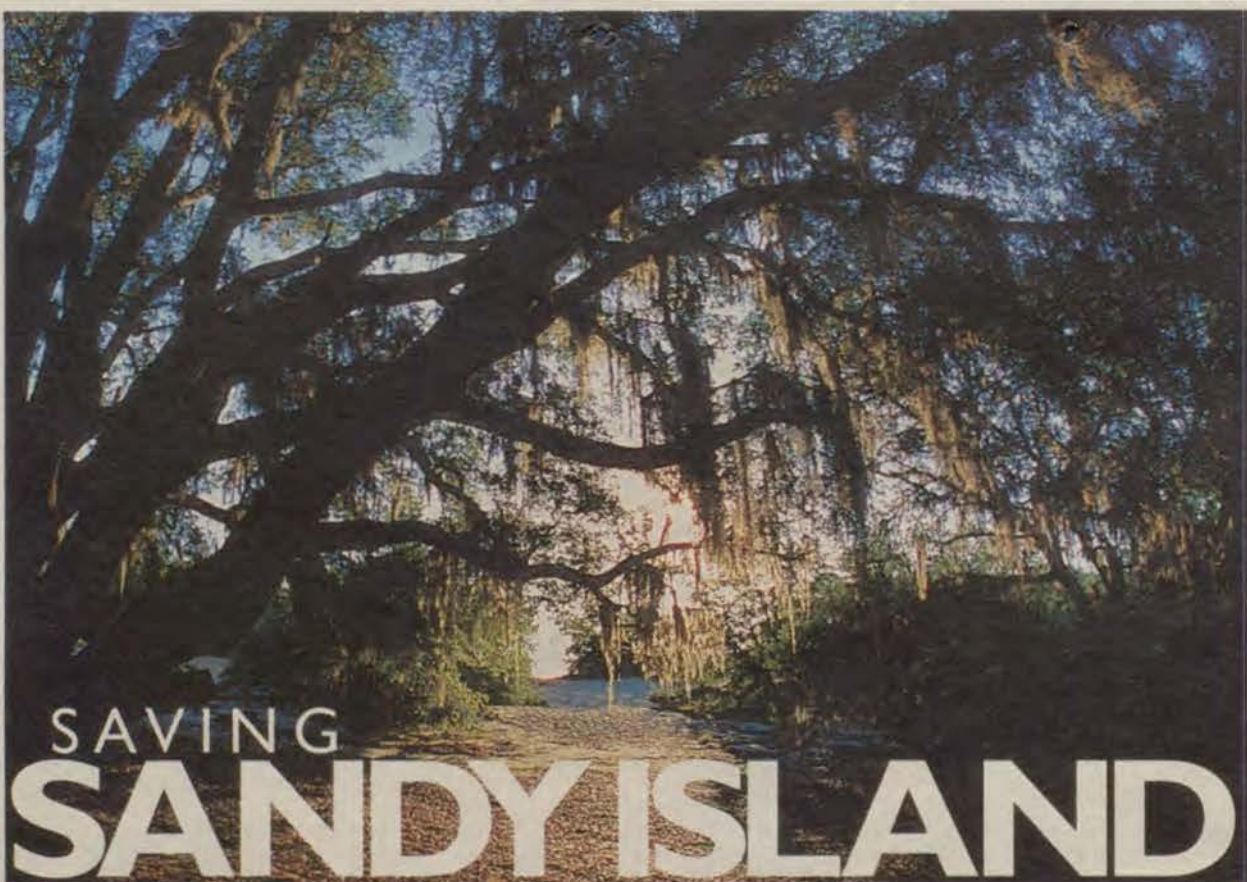
Enter Dana Beach, an environmentalist and founder of the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, who got wind of the development plan and jumped into action.

"I thought building a bridge would be a disaster," Beach says.

The issue was a bridge that might have hastened development.



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SAVING SANDY ISLAND

He suggested the islanders work together on a defense strategy. They agreed to meet with the environmentalist at the landing where they docked their boats on the mainland. That meeting broke the ice, and an alliance was forged. The league would lead the defense and keep the islanders informed along the way.

As happens with many environmental disputes, the struggle over Sandy Island turned ugly. Developers insisted the bridge would be used only to carry timber off the island, and there would be no further development. The islanders and their allies

successful Charleston businessman who was also chairman of the South Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT), and made his case. "The DOT can save Sandy Island while allowing South Carolina to obey the law," Beach reasoned.

Limehouse, it turned out, was not a typical businessman. He is committed to the environment and appreciates the beauty of the South Carolina coast. "The developers didn't want anything to do with the other side, but I had their business background and could speak their language," Limehouse recalls. "I knew I could convince them to do the right thing."

Limehouse was an effective lobbyist. The deal he brokered turned out to be one of the country's most creative examples of how to forge a private-public environmental partnership.

The DOT bought most of Sandy Island for \$10 million (not including the village or several private residences). The Nature Conservancy, a private conservation group in Washington, D.C., donated an additional \$1 million toward the purchase. Remarkably, the owners agreed to lower the price of their land \$1 million below the appraised value. In all, the money bought 17,000 acres, which are now in a special trust.

"It sounds incredible, but everybody won," Beach says. "Now a way of life and an entire ecosystem are protected from commercial development."

Today, all is quiet on Sandy Island. No bridge. No asphalt highways. No golf courses. No tourists by the busloads. The islanders continue to take their boats to the mainland.

"We wanted our life to stay the way it is," Weathers says. "Now it's going to stay that way forever." ☆

Ron Chespiuk is a Rock Hill, S.C.-based freelance writer and author of seven books on South Carolina history.

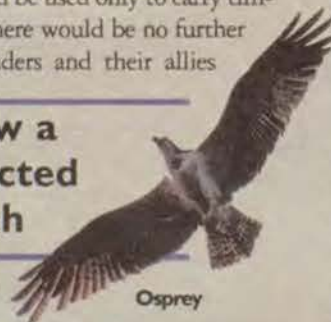
scoffed, and the dispute ended up in court.

The case dragged on for nearly three years, until Beach learned that South Carolina had approved a new highway to run through acres of pristine coastal wetlands. He knew that federal law requires states to compensate for wetlands destroyed by new highway construction by creating or acquiring new wetlands, and much of Sandy Island is wetland.

Why not get the developers to sell the island to South Carolina?

"It looked like a long shot at the time, but it was worth a try," Beach recalls.

The environmentalist met with Buck Limehouse, a



Osprey

NOT A DESTINATION

As with some Amish communities and other towns in America, the village of Sandy Island chose a road less traveled, preferring its independence and solitude to the lure of tourist dollars. We respect their privacy—The editors

Did You Know...

ALABAMA—DAVID FARRAGUT ISSUED THE COMMAND, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead," on Aug. 5, 1864, during the Battle of Mobile Bay while leading ships through a dangerous torpedo-mined area. In 1866, he became the first person in the Navy to be awarded the rank of admiral.

ARKANSAS—THE BUFFALO NATIONAL RIVER IN THE Arkansas Ozarks is one of the few remaining free-flowing, unpolluted rivers in the contiguous 48 states, according to the National Park Service. In an effort to preserve the river, Congress designated the body of water a national river in 1972—the first to receive the distinction.

FLORIDA—FLORIDA'S STATE SONG IS *THE SWANEE RIVER (Old Folks at Home)* by Stephen Foster. It became the official state song in 1935.

GEORGIA—ELBERTON PRODUCES MORE GRANITE monuments than any other city in the world, and is the self-proclaimed "Granite Capital of the World." About 45 granite quarries exist in this part of north-east Georgia.

KENTUCKY—THE WORLD PEACE BELL, THE LARGEST free-swinging bell in the world, is on permanent display in Newport. It weighs 66,000 pounds and is 12 feet tall. The bell, a symbol of freedom and peace, was installed in 1999 at the Millennium Monument.

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MISSISSIPPI—THE MISSISSIPPI PETRIFIED FOREST IN Flora is 36 million years old. In 1966, the National Park Service declared the forest—the only petrified forest in the eastern United States—a Registered National Natural Landmark.

NORTH CAROLINA—DOLLEY MADISON, ONE OF America's most famous First Ladies, was born in Piedmont. The wife of President James Madison, she is known for originating the annual Easter Egg Roll on the White House lawn.

SOUTH CAROLINA—CHARLESTON WAS THE FIRST city in the nation to have a chamber of commerce. It was established in 1775.

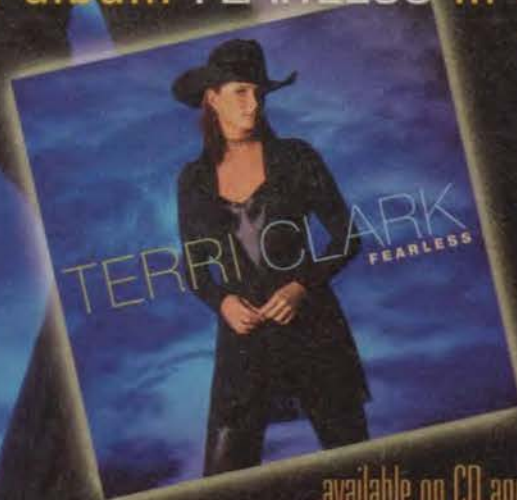
TENNESSEE—THE GRAND OLE OPRY RADIO SHOW began broadcasting from Nashville in 1925, and originally was called *WSM Barn Dance*. It got its current name in 1927 when its announcer, George Hay, poked fun at the preceding opera radio program by referring to his show as the *Grand Ole Opry*. The Opry is the world's longest-running live radio show.

VIRGINIA—SO-CALLED BLUE LAWS, WHICH PROHIBIT certain activities on Sunday such as liquor sales in some communities, originated in Virginia in the 1600s. The laws reportedly were printed on blue paper.

WEST VIRGINIA—RUSH D. HOLT OF WESTON WAS elected to the U.S. Senate in 1934 at the age of 29. The Constitution requires senators to be at least 30, so he had to wait almost six months until June 21, 1935, (two days after his 30th birthday) to take his seat. ☆

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The children in this case were students of Samuel

"Sambo" Mockbee, an architecture professor at Auburn University, and the Bryants' Hay Bale house was the first of many built by students enrolled in Mockbee's Rural Studio program in Newbern, Ala.—a unique, highly successful program to provide housing for the area's poor using salvaged and inexpensive materials.

Stacked and stuccoed, the 24-inch-wide bales of hay provide strong, naturally insulated walls requiring only a wood-burning stove to heat the three-room house in winter (see sidebar). Acrylic panels cover the long front porch and, for about \$40, the students also built a stone storage house in the front yard with a roof made of discarded road signs and mini windows fashioned from bottles.

Mockbee founded the Rural Studio in 1993 to provide houses for residents of Hale County, in west Alabama about 150 miles from the Auburn University campus. He wanted to teach his students in the School of Architecture's Design and Construction department that designing buildings is more than drawing lines on paper.

"Architecture should be about giving people places to live, instead of creating monuments to yourself," Mockbee says. "Kids who want to be architects should be out there learning about the people they'll be working for."

In the five-year architecture program, second-year students spend a term in the non-traditional classroom constructing and repairing homes and community buildings. Fifth-year students spend the entire academic year implementing their own designs. All live on location, foregoing the comforts of college life.

SIMPLE AND DURABLE

Hay, or straw bale construction as it is widely known, is a variation on an ancient building method that is once again gaining popularity for its strength, low cost, ease of assembly, and high insulation value. In its simplest form, bales of straw are stacked and coated in waterproof stucco and reinforced with some sort of framing. State and local building codes vary widely in their requirements.

For more information, check out books on the subject at your local library or bookstore, or visit one of the many websites devoted to straw bale construction.

The road to Newbern, a crazy quilt of patchwork asphalt, is a ramshackle preview of the houses many in the area call home. Among them are disheveled pre-Civil War houses, rusty trailers, and simple structures.

Mockbee was first attracted to the region as a student traveling from his home in Meridian, Miss., to Auburn University in the 1960s.

Mockbee commutes weekly between Auburn and his home in Canton, Miss., where he is still a partner of Mockbee/Coker Architects, a firm that also operates a branch in Memphis, Tenn. It was during one of

these drives that the Rural Studio idea formed.

Working with D.K. Ruth, formerly head of the department, he created the hands-on classroom with funding from the Alabama Power Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the state's largest electric utility. The program requires students to seek clients, design for their needs, and locate affordable building materials.

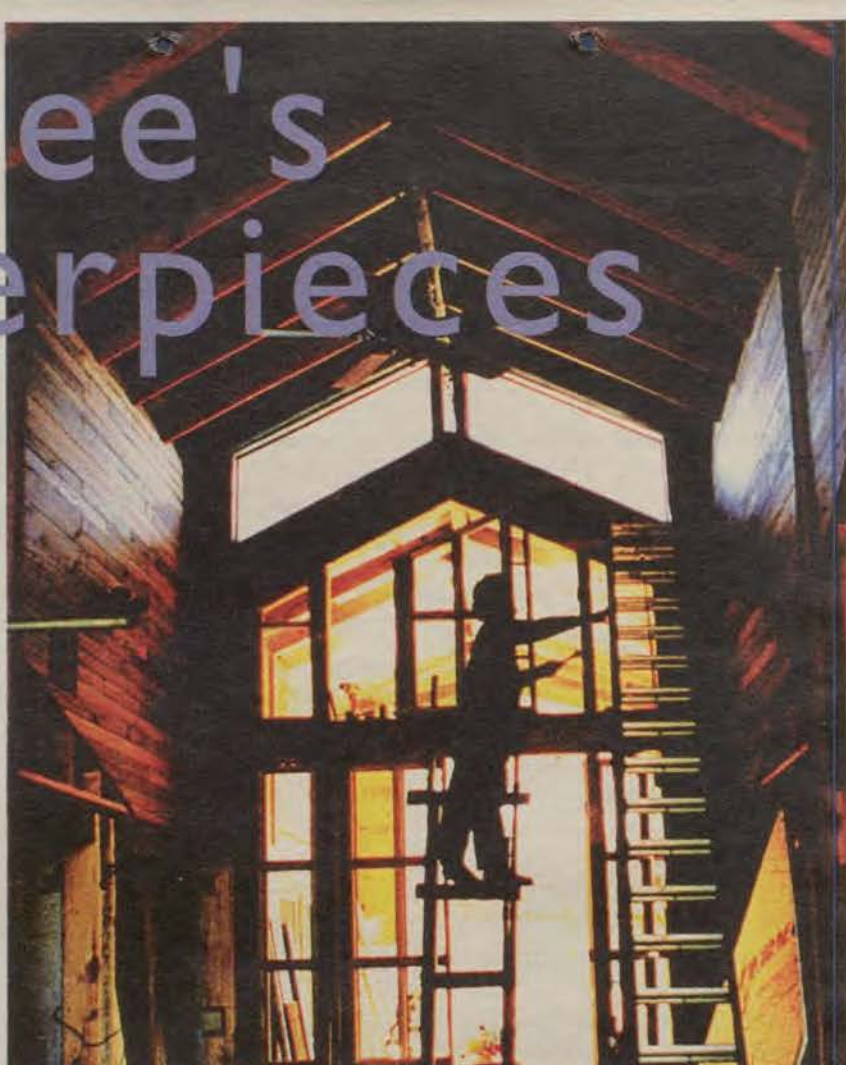
In the hands of Rural Studio students, beams from a railroad trestle, scraps of tin and corrugated metal, car windows, salvaged lumber, fragments of concrete, curbstones, tiles, used tires, cases of beer bottles, and sometimes entire houses become valuable building materials.

"You always answer when opportunity knocks," says Mockbee, explaining why donations are never refused, but cataloged and stored for later use.

The students have repaired several existing homes and structures, and built six new homes as well as a chapel, community pavilion, children's center, and playground. All are approved by the Hale County Department of Human Resources in nearby Greensboro.

They also build housing pods—small, two-person houses in which they live—on the grounds of the Morrisette House, the Rural Studio headquarters.

Steve Hoffman, a program graduate, serves as Mockbee's on-site assis-



Mockbee's students design homes and community buildings for the region's poor.

tant. He found the program allowed him to see reality, meeting and learning from the people who benefit from it. He says money isn't the driving force in his career.

"Whatever I do as an architect will have to have social responsibility," Hoffman says. "The Rural Studio has taught me that."

Ever the humble teacher, Mockbee credits his students with the Rural Studio's success. "It's the kids who make this work," he says, though he's quick to roll up his sleeves and join students wielding hammers.

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But he couldn't escape anonymity when he recently was awarded one of 25 national \$500,000 grants from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, which awards unsolicited "genius grants" to scholars, artists, activists, and scientists who are pioneers in their fields. Shrouded in secrecy, nominations are made anonymously and grants are distributed over a five-year period. Mockbee plans to use most of his to take the Rural Studio farther into Hale County.

"I'm no genius," Mockbee says, "but I'm smart enough to take the money." ☆

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Read more about the Rural Studio at auburn.edu/academic/architecture/arch/rural/.

Architect Mockbee, left, and student.

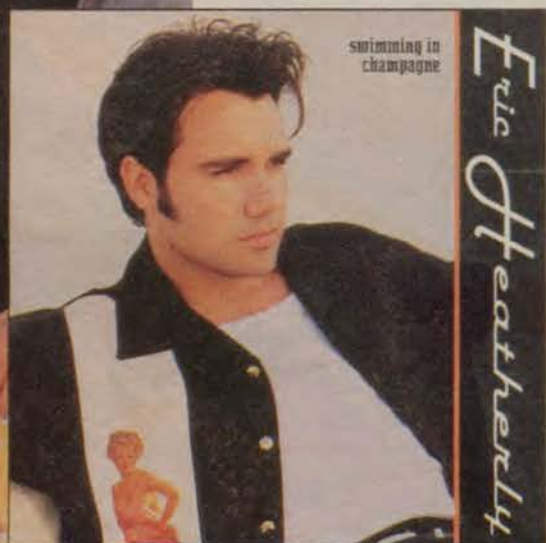


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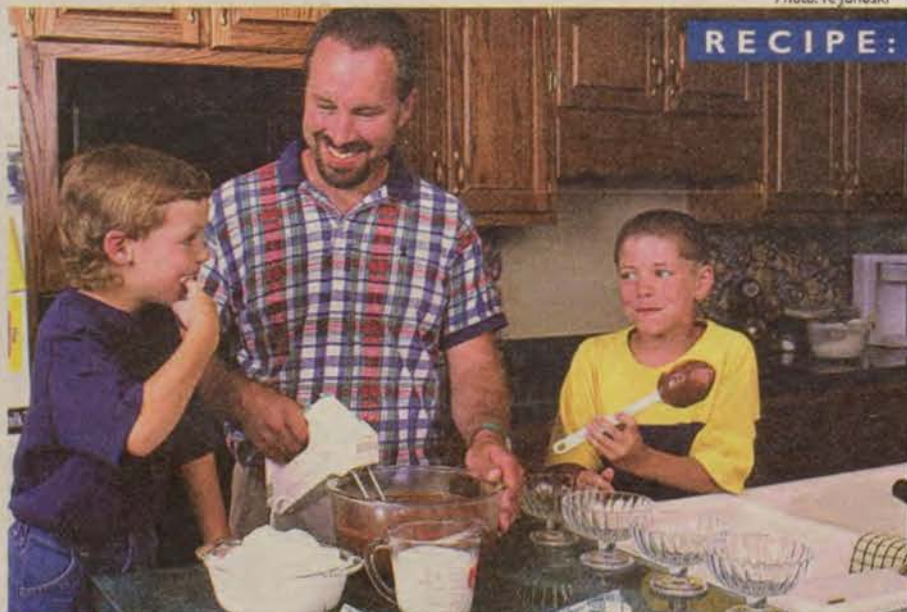
Mom and Dad, why not start the school year with a pat-yourself-on-the-back, homemade chocolate pudding?

This is the real thing; much better than that boxed, chocolate powder or dessert out of a plastic cup. And it's so easy to make, Dad and the kids can do it. All the ingredients you need are probably right in the kitchen.

Although chocolate pudding is as simple as it is delicious, you can mix things up a bit. Pudding tastes great warm—spooned right out of the saucepan, or chilled and right out of the fridge as an after-school snack (for you *or* them). Or, fancy it up with whipped cream and toasted nuts for an elegant late-night dessert. ☆

Mindy Merrell is a Nashville, Tenn.-based food writer and the author of two cookbooks.

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RECIPE:

School Night Chocolate Pudding

- 5 tablespoons cornstarch
- 3/4 cup sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 3 cups whole milk, divided
- 4 ounces unsweetened chocolate, finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- Whipped cream, if desired
- Toasted almonds, pecans, or walnuts, if desired

Combine cornstarch, sugar, and salt with 1/2 cup milk in a small bowl; whisk to blend well. Heat remaining 2 1/2 cups milk in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a simmer. Remove from heat; stir in chocolate and let sit 5 minutes or until chocolate is melted. Whisk until smooth. Whisk in cornstarch mixture. Return to heat and cook over medium heat until mixture begins to thicken and boil, stirring constantly. Reduce heat and simmer

about 8 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla. Pour into a medium bowl or six to eight 6-ounce custard cups. Cover with plastic wrap so that the plastic touches the surface of the pudding to prevent a skin from forming. Refrigerate. Serve with a dollop of whipped cream and a sprinkling of nuts, if desired. Serves 6 to 8.

Whipped Cream



- 1 cup cold, heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon sugar, optional
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract, optional

Chill a large mixing bowl and beaters in the freezer for about 5 minutes. Pour cream into chilled bowl. Whip with electric mixer until slightly thickened. Sprinkle sugar and vanilla over cream, if desired. Continue to beat just until soft peaks form, being careful not to overwhip. The cream should be smooth and thickened.

a Sense of Place

by PETER FOSSEL

The priceless legacy of hometown architecture



America's architecture first grew out of the land: It grew out of the weather, the rivers, the trees, the stone, and those who came to settle. It grew out of a need for both utility and beauty. The classic homes and buildings which long have characterized America's hometowns were architectural versions of the classic milk bottle: they look good, and they worked.

Necessity dictated steep roofs in Vermont to shed snow, flat roofs in Florida to collect rain. It meant wooden buildings where forests were plentiful, and clay bricks and stone where they were not. It dictated streetlamps, porches, benches, and other welcome items of utility. A need for beauty added a layer of detail, proportion, and pleasantry to Main Street.

Every building, every town or village, was unique — each defined by its builders, with its own architectural legacy, its own sense of place. Only one of these was Mayberry, and none of them were Disney World.

All this changed after World War II, with the advent of interstate highways, suburbia, and shopping centers. The same story played itself out in town after town, year after year: businesses closed or moved to the mall where parking was free and abundant. Discount chains drew business away from family owned stores on Main Street. One building after another grew vacant, replaced by box-like superstores on roads outside of town that looked the same from Portland, Ore. to Portland, Maine. This didn't happen overnight, mind you, and fortunately hasn't happened everywhere. Not yet.

More and more people are seeing that every place in America looks like every place else. And that means every place looks like no place.

Richard Moe, president,
The National Trust for Historic Preservation

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Throughout much of America, the remains of our indigenous hometown buildings never fell to a wrecker's ball. Some towns were small enough, or located too inconveniently, for the mall-makers. Others saved the character of their Main Street through sheer will power and imagination, learning how to adapt and compete, for example, with free parking, pedestrian walks, and by re-investing in a downtown economy. Behind many an aluminum façade or oversized sign was a hidden building of great architectural beauty, and these are being restored, one by one, in communities across the country.

The real places, the places with a sense of self, are holding their own against a tide of malls and franchises—often deliberately, often by fortune.

Alna, Maine (pop. 600), escaped decay because it has no downtown. It's too small. What it has is The Alna Store, where a nice overhang protects patrons from rain and snow. This overhang wasn't there originally, but then neither was the store. It used to be in a part of town called Puddledock, down by the Sheepscot River, but when they moved it up on Roland Bragg's flatbed trailer 35 years ago the store wouldn't fit over the bridge, so they cut off part of the front.

It took historic Franklin, Tenn., (pop. 25,648) more than a century to recover from the economic devastation of the Civil War, but tough times actually helped save its downtown architecture. During boom years of the 20th Century, many cities and towns tore down the old and built anew. Prosperity and preservation aren't always good friends.

In 1978, Franklin began a determined effort to reverse the physical decay and economic decline of its historic downtown—using tax credits, volunteer labor, street festivals, parking improvements, and other strategies to save what is now one of the handsomest towns in America (cover photo), and a popular tourist destination.

The work was so successful that in 1995, Franklin received one of five "Great American Main Street" awards in the first annual national competition co-sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The Ivory Bake Shoppe in downtown Fort Madison, Iowa, (pop. 11,618) is still being

run by Susan Welch Saunders and Martha Wolfe—as it has been for years—no doubt because of their sinfully delicious blackberry scones and other offerings.

Fort Madison's other ally is a curious bed-fellow in Washington, D.C.—The National Trust for Historic Preservation—which helps a growing number of towns preserve their vitality and architectural heritage through its Main Street program. More than 1,500 towns in the last 20 years—including Franklin, Tenn.—have looked to the trust's years of know-how in renovation, business loans, and niche marketing to help protect or restore a sense of place, of values, and community life in their towns.

The Main Street program relies on local initiative and funding for such restoration projects, but offers wide technical expertise—from publications and audiovisual materials to computer software to help guide local efforts. The idea is to rehabilitate historic buildings, recruit new businesses, expand parking, and rekindle a sense of entrepreneurship and civic pride. Making, in effect, the center of hometown America a beautiful and fun place to be.

Another client town for the program was Port Gibson, Miss. (pop. 1,800). The town was torn apart by racial strife in the 1960s, causing economic deterioration that didn't end when tensions eased. In 1990, the community joined the Main Street program with an ethnically diverse board of directors and a let's-get-to-work attitude. The program convinced Claiborne County to rehabilitate an 1830s Greek Revival building for use as the county library and stimulated 217 other building improvement projects. They launched an aggressive marketing campaign, helped businesses expand or open, and most importantly restored a new sense of community enthusiasm.

"At one time, walking down Market Street, one would see a downcase mouth and droopy shoulders," wrote long time resident Mary Taylor recently. "Now one sees smiles and straight shoulders. Main Street has brought a new spirit to Port Gibson."

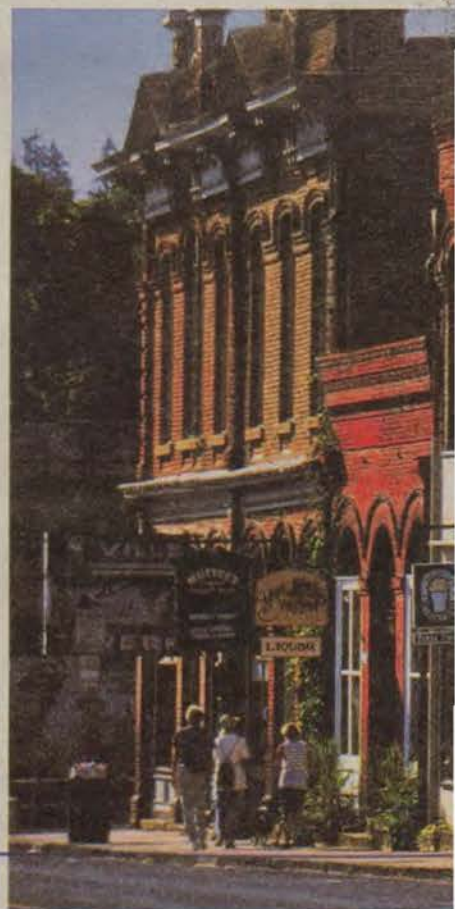
And the spirit is elsewhere. One can't help but think it always will be. ✨

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For more information on the National Trust's Main Street program, visit its website at nthp.org, write to The National Main Street Center of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C., or call (202) 588-6219.

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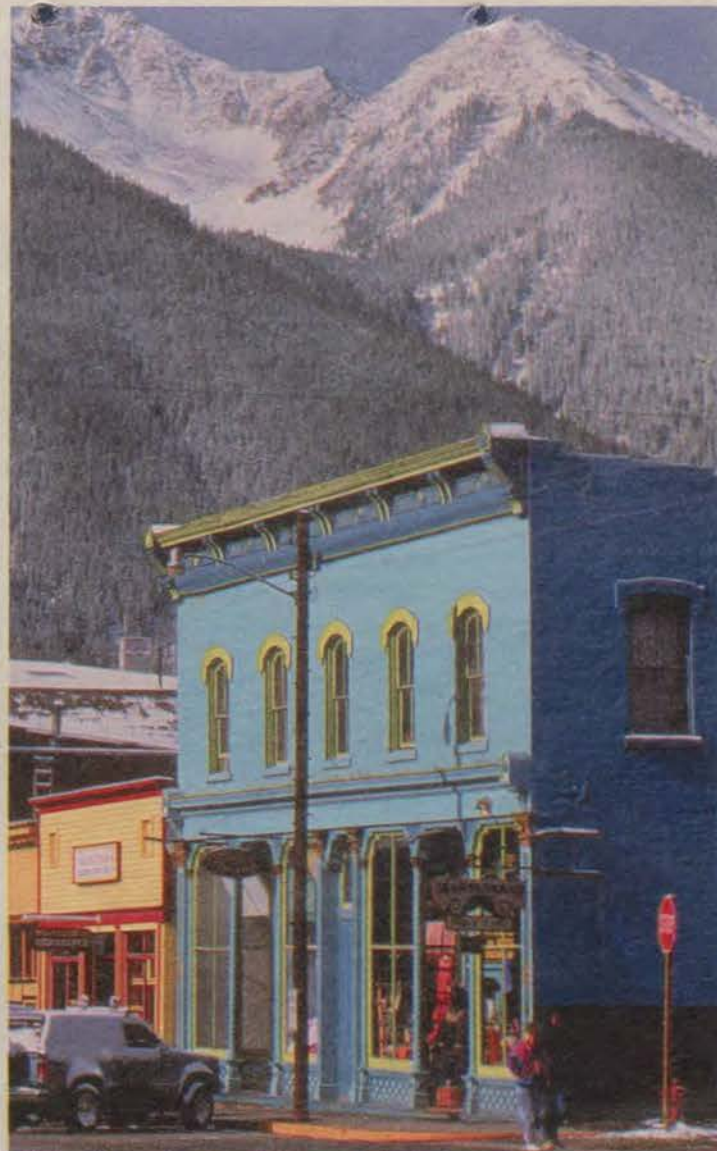


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