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Study: Appalachia could run out of easy-to-mine coal

The Associated Press

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — A federal study warns that current rates of mining could deplete deposits of easily accessible coal in the Appalachian Basin in less than two decades. The U.S. Geological Survey study of five Appalachian coal beds released Thursday said min-

ing companies would have to dig deeper, would find less coal and would mine coal with higher sulfur content than that now being extracted.

But scientists and a mining group countered that the basin, one of the world's largest reserves, has plenty of coal left — 66 billion tons. The basin includes parts of Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

and Alabama.

They said the basin will continue to be the prime fuel source for eastern U.S. power plants.

"The resource is huge. But the coal is deeper, more expensive to mine and you have an issue with sulfur," said Leslie Ruppert, a federal geologist who led the study. "But I don't envision a time when (mining companies) will say 'We are going

to mine out West."

The West, particularly the Powder River Basin in Wyoming and Montana, is the nation's other important coal source.

In 2000, the most recent year for which figures are available, 420 million tons of coal were mined

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Court OKs bid for fieldhouse

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The first order of business after a special meeting of the Fiscal court was called to order involved bids for the construction of a fieldhouse for Prestonburg High School.

The session was a continuation from a meeting on Wednesday after commissioners delayed the selection due to the absence of Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson.

The construction of the fieldhouse will be paid through a loan obtained by the county.

The low bid for the construction of the building itself was awarded to Johnson's Commercial Contracting for \$218,000.

The fieldhouse is set to include a concession stand, restrooms, a weight room and dressing rooms for teams.

Johnson Commercial Contracting also submitted a bid for site preparation at \$58,000.

The bid for the site preparation has not been awarded.

No date has been set for the beginning of the project.

Road closing sparks heated discussion

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A special meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court on Friday concluded with the continuance of a road closure hearing. While two out of the three roads in question were passed to a later date, one sparked a heated discussion between the individuals involved in the hearing.

Joppa Church Road, which is located near the Melvin "Y" close to Route 122, was optioned to be discontinued and no longer included as a part of the Floyd County

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Sections of Jackson looked more like war-battered Afghanistan Monday morning after work began to clear room for a new justice center and jail. The demolition was not without its problems, however, as a wall from one building knocked out power and telephone lines, leaving many residents in the dark.

photo by Renee Snowden

Jail employees hold training

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Kentucky Department of Corrections held its annual deputy jailer training at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park on March 26-29.

Mike Ethridge, branch manager of corrections training, said the state

Corrections Cabinet has held the training seminars at the convention center for at least the 13 years he has been with the agency.

The division offered basic training on Tuesday and Wednesday for employees of three years or less, and advanced training for those who had been with corrections for four years or more.

Georgia B. Dunn, correctional train-

er, said this year's topics included suicide prevention, infectious diseases, proper restraint methods and drugs. Ethridge said the advanced training covered topics such as interpersonal communications, medical issues and women in jails.

"Every year there is something new talked about that can be beneficial to a

(See **TRAINING**, page six)

New trash disposal system fails test in Martin County

The Associated Press

INEZ — An elaborate process for turning household garbage into fuel didn't work as expected in a trial run on an Eastern Kentucky mountaintop.

The so-called waste-gasification plant was designed to turn garbage to powder while producing a gas that would generate electricity to operate nearby greenhouses.

Mark York, spokesman for the

Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, said the process didn't burn as cleanly as predicted. That means the plant, owned by Recycling Solutions Technology of Allen, won't be allowed to go into full operation — at least not yet.

In a letter to the company on Wednesday, Robert Logan, commissioner for the Department for Environmental Protection, said the company could make modifications to the plant and ask

for another trial run.

The \$1.5 million plant, set up on a mountain outside of Inez, discharged higher-than-allowed levels of furans and cadmium, both of which are carcinogens, into the air during a three-day test run in December. Tests also showed elevated levels of hydrogen chloride, one of the compounds that cause acid rain.

"The trial burn does not demonstrate that the facility would be protective of human health and the environment,"

York said.

John Burke, vice president of Recycling Solutions Technology, said the company will ask the state to allow another trial. He said the emission problems are easily correctable.

The plant is designed to turn garbage to gas by subjecting it to intense heat in an oxygen-starved chamber. Under the Allen company's plan, the gas would be

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Dr. Chandra Varia

Varia seeking to give babies a chance beyond delivery room

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Although this story focuses on issues relevant to the Floyd County Board of Education discussions this is not a story about the board. It is a story about issues that plague our community and need to be addressed by every person.

Dr. Chandra Varia has witnessed the birth of children into this community for over two decades and now she is on a

mission to do something to help change the environment that she once dreaded to see those children face.

Varia has been either caring for women, delivering babies or both in Floyd County since 1979. She said that it has saddened her to see children being born into an environment where, even though there were good, caring people, there was not enough focus on education to guide the children in a more prosperous direction. She did what she could to encourage her patients to educate them-

selves so that they in turn could show their offspring how to rise above the stigma that plagues Eastern Kentucky.

Last year Varia and her husband were visiting their native country, India, when a car accident nearly took both their lives. She said she believed that there was an angel with her because it was not time for her to die. While she was in the hospital, she was told that there was an opening on the Floyd County Board of Education.

"God gave me a second chance to do

something to make a difference," said Varia.

Varia said she had always wanted to do something to help the community that is now her home, and as she was lying in her hospital bed, she figured it was time. She realized that as a member of the board of education she would have the ability to reach children, so she signed the application and faxed it to the state board while still in the hospital.

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Odds and Ends

■ **LEXINGTON** — It appears Lexington has some competition for the title "Horse Capital of the World," even though it has spent about \$8,000 to post 40 signs proclaiming itself as such.

A horse-breeding community in central Florida said the name is legally theirs. The Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and

Owners' Association says it obtained a trademark on that title for Ocala and Marion County, Fla., and would mount a court challenge to stop others from using it, according to the organization's vice president, Richard Hancock.

"No one else can use that term. It belongs to the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders," said

Maria Hernandez, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Washington.

Hancock said he applied for the trademark three years ago after hearing that Lexington had proposed adopting the phrase and getting a trademark on it. It was granted in June.

"We beat them to the punch," Hancock said.

Kentucky produces nearly 30 percent of all U.S. thoroughbreds and has dozens of top stallions, including Storm Cat, one of the most valuable with a stud fee of \$500,000.

Florida is the country's second-biggest producer of thoroughbreds, with about 10 percent of U.S. foals.

■ **HONOLULU** — Auditors looking at the city's finances recently found that two sewer valve repair kits valued at \$290 each were mistakenly counted

nearly 10,000 times each over the past three years.

The discrepancy caused the sewer fund's inventory balance to be inflated by about \$5.8 million.

City officials said an antiquated inventory system was to blame for counting 19,998 kits instead of two, and a new accounting system is being installed.

Auditors had to go through some 1,800 sheets of entries to find the problem, said Tim Steinberger, city director of environmental services.

"We should not run into this problem again," he said.

PriceWaterhouseCoopers discovered the error during the annual audit for the city's federal financial assistance programs.

■ **COLUMBUS, Ohio** — A public library isn't trampling on a patron's constitutional rights by requiring him to wear shoes

inside the building, a judge has ruled.

The judge threw out Robert Neinst's freedom of expression lawsuit Wednesday, and agreed with the library that the barefoot ban protects patrons from exposure to broken glass, blood and other bodily fluids that have been found on its floors.

"We think the rules are reasonable and are for the good of all customers," said library Director Larry Black.

Neinst, who had been asked to leave the downtown library for being barefoot several times from 1997 to 2001, said he sued the Columbus Metropolitan Library for blocking his healthy lifestyle and First Amendment rights.

"If any bureaucrat can make a rule regarding health and safety, state parks could make everyone wear sunscreen," Neinst said.

The software writer, who

represented himself in the case, said he did not know if he would appeal.

■ **SALEM, Ore.** — A man suspected of robbing a bank gave himself away when he tipped a waiter \$100 in order to get a seat away from the window.

Chris Ronemus was thrilled to receive the large gratuity on a slow day at DaVinci Ristorante, but he wasn't allowed to keep the money.

Scott Michael Farrow, a 33-year-old unemployed painter from California, allegedly threatened a Wells Fargo teller and fled with an undisclosed amount of money Wednesday.

Police canvassing the neighborhood entered the restaurant and asked if anyone had seen someone matching suspect's description. An employee pointed out a man at a table inside, and mentioned the \$100 tip.

Victims of infertility want insurers to pay for treatment

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Victims of infertility say it is more than being unable to have children.

"It's like cancer; it's a disease," said Allison Williams, whose condition, an inability to ovulate, has defied treatments totaling \$5,000.

Infertility can lead to other serious health problems, yet treatments are not covered by health insurance, which strikes some as doubly unfair.

"If I needed 'chemo' for cancer, they would do it," Williams, of Versailles, said in an interview.

The National Center for Health Statistics estimates that at least 2 million married couples were affected by infertility in 1995, the most recent year for which figures were available from the center's National Survey of Family Growth. Some 9 million women had used infertility services, the sur-

vey showed. "I don't think people are aware it's that widespread, that it affects that many people, and it can be that specifically treated," another victim, Corinne Greenberg of Louisville, said in an interview.

Greenberg, Williams and their husbands are among many infertile couples who want the General Assembly to mandate insurance coverage for their treatments.

Fifteen other states have enacted some form of mandatory infertility coverage, including the neighboring states of Illinois, Ohio and West Virginia, according to RESOLVE, a national advocacy and support organization for infertility victims.

Others are Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, New

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Retired state police detective sentenced to sleep in jail

The Associated Press

WHITESBURG — A retired state police detective will be spending nights in jail for four months after pleading guilty to federal firearms charges.

Charles Frank Fleming, 52,

of Marshalls Branch, admitted that he didn't fill out federally required paperwork on all the guns sold in his Whitesburg pawn shop.

Fleming was sentenced March 15 to four months in the Pike County Detention Center, four months of home incarceration and two years of supervised probation.

His sentence allows him to leave the jail from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. to work. He must report to the jail April 1 to begin serving his sentence.

Fleming's son, Christopher A. Fleming, 27, a former Whitesburg police officer who was managing the pawn shop for his father, was sentenced to four months of home incarceration. He had pleaded guilty to selling a single firearm without

keeping the proper records.

Mark Wilson, resident agent in charge in the Ashland office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said that while the sentences for the two are lighter than usual for such offenses, he is satisfied given the Flemings' otherwise clean record and their past history in law enforcement.

Besides his work with the state police, Charles Frank Fleming is a former CSX Railroad detective, a former Whitesburg police chief and a former Whitesburg city councilman. Christopher Fleming also is a former prison guard.

Wilson told The Mountain Eagle of Whitesburg that his agency seized a total of 20 guns that were sold "off the books," and undercover agents pur-

chased 11 guns from the pawn shop without filling out the required paperwork.

Wilson said those accounted for were only a small percentage of the weapons that were actually sold without the proper paperwork and background checks.

The two were indicted last November after a raid on March 19, 2001 at Franks Gun and Pawn in Whitesburg. The shop has since been sold.

Most of the guns sold illegally from Frank's Gun and Pawn went to people who resold them at flea markets and gun shows, Wilson said.

At the time of the raid, Wilson said guns bought at the pawn shop were used in crimes in Detroit, Mich., and as far away as San Diego, Calif.



Adams Middle School forensics team members achieved semi-finalist and finalist positions in State Competition. The entire team received first place in the Horizon Award, and was recognized by the Floyd County Board at its March 25 meeting. The board also recognized the Floyd County Art Showcase top ten high school, the top six middle school winners, and first place school art winners. Also recognized were the Adams Middle School cheerleaders for achievement as first-place winners in county competition.

Grand jury indicts six on counterfeiting charges

The Associated Press

LONDON — A federal grand jury in London has returned indictments against members of two counterfeiting rings in Eastern Kentucky.

Six people are named Thursday in the indictments, which stem from investigations by the U.S. Secret Service of the two money-manufacturing outfits, one in Harlan with \$1,550 in fake bills and one in Manchester with more than \$200,000.

The investigation in Harlan began after one of the men who worked at a Save-A-Lot grocery store exchanged \$1,550 of the store's real currency for 31 fake \$50 bills from one of his associ-

ates, said Rich Ferretti, a Secret Service special agent in Lexington.

The associate had acquired the fake bills from a third man who worked at the Sears store in Harlan and used a company computer to produce them, Ferretti said.

The three were caught because they exchanged all the money on one day and the bank noticed it and called the Secret Service.

Agents then went to the Save-A-Lot and confronted the employee, Tommy Jordan, 28, of Mary Alice. "He confessed," Ferretti said. Both Jordan and the go-between, Michael Saylor, 27, of Harlan, were indicted on one count each of distribution of coun-

terfeit money, Ferretti said. He said the Sears employee, Juan Landa, 22, of Harlan, was indicted on a count of manufacturing counterfeit money.

The case in Manchester involved men who passed \$1,000 to \$2,000 in fake bills at local fast-food outlets and supermarkets, Ferretti said.

In July, agents seized more than \$200,000 at the home of Wade Rice, 71, of Manchester, he said.

Ferretti said Hubert Goins, 44, of Annville was indicted Thursday on one count each of manufacturing and distribution of counterfeit money; Rice was indicted on a count of passing and possession of counterfeit money and a count of distribution; and Clayton Napier, 35, of Manchester was indicted on a count of passing and possession of counterfeit money.

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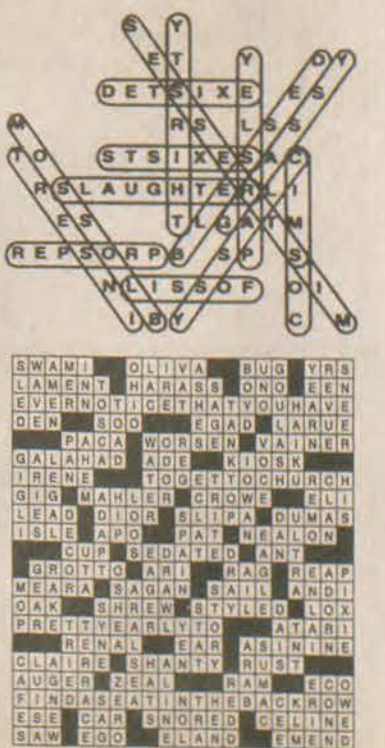
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Sen. Richie Sanders, R-Franklin, second from left, chair of the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee, discusses the state budget during a meeting of the conference committee formed to iron out differences between House and Senate versions of the state spending plan. Also photographed are, from right, Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, LRC Budget Director Jerry Bailey, and House Appropriations and Revenue chair Harry Moberly, D-Richmond.



House Majority Whip Joe Barrows, D-Versailles, right, reviews budget documentation during a meeting of the conference committee formed to iron out differences between House and Senate versions of the state budget. In the background, from right, are House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, Rep. Lonnie Napier, R-Lancaster, House Speaker Pro Tem Larry Clark, D-Louisville, and House Majority Floor Leader Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg.

Budget negotiators may be examining tax reform

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A state budget that appears tighter with each examination is apparently prompting legislative negotiators to take a closer look at some modest tax reform proposals.

House Democratic leader Greg Stumbo said House and Senate members are looking at some items that would add a bit of money to the coming two-year budget, but would also help straighten a tax system that has not kept up with economic growth.

considering doing a limited amount of much needed reform by closing some loopholes," Stumbo said Friday.

Most of the tax proposals have been floated in the last few weeks by Rep. Harry Moberly, the chairman of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

They include fairly obscure items, such as redefining when a company does business in Kentucky and is therefore subject to income tax, subjecting the new corporate identities of limited liability organizations to corporate license taxes and eliminating the deduction for the income taxes companies pay to foreign governments. A juggling of the way the state property tax rate is calculated to match the system used by local governments is also under consideration.

Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, has said such changes would not mean "tax increases," an important distinction among senators, many of whom have signed no-tax pledges.

Budget negotiations began Thursday, but were sidetracked by the wrenching debate over legislation on human cloning that opponents said would also end significant medical research in Kentucky.

The two-year spending plans crafted by the House and

Senate are identical in most respects, but a few of the differences are significant.

For example, House members applauded the Senate for appropriating money for a raise for non-teaching school personnel.

But the House took issue with where the Senate found a significant portion of that money — by eliminating the state's fledgling system of partial public financing of gubernatorial races.

"There's a major sticking point, I think, on the whole campaign finance issue," said Stumbo.

House Speaker Jody Richards called it a "deal killer."

Senate Republicans said public financing has not worked and could turn out to cost far more than the \$9 million appropriated.

In addition to spending money, the budget also includes some provisions that make important policy statements. A Senate section, for

example, would prohibit the attorney general from examining the records incentive programs administered by the Economic Development Cabinet.

Legislator urges attack on riverboats, subliminally speaking

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Rep. Tom Burch has a solution to the danger posed to Kentucky's horse industry from casino riverboats on the Ohio River: Sink 'em.

Burch, a Louisville Democrat and self-described "old Navy man," said he came up with the idea of a state submarine force to attack the riverboats so he could poke fun at opponents of slot machine casinos at Kentucky race tracks.

Burch said the "hypocrites who say they can save Kentuckians from gambling" by opposing slots at race tracks ignore the reality of the riverboat casinos in Indiana and Illinois.

To make his point, Burch offered a resolution to the House urging the creation of a Kentucky Navy to patrol the Ohio River and "engage and destroy any casino riverboats that the submarine may encounter."

The resolution also authorizes the notification of the "riverboat consulate" of the "impending whoopin' so that they may remove their casino vessels to friendlier waters."

Actually, Kentucky already has a submarine force of a sorts with the firepower to easily eliminate a riverboat, or a medium-size nation, for that matter.

The USS Louisville is a 360-foot fast attack submarine,

armed with torpedoes and cruise missiles designed to take out nuclear missile submarines and other opposition naval forces. The USS Kentucky is a Trident ballistic missile submarine whose nuclear warheads can level an entire country.

But their size would make

them difficult to hide in the Ohio River. The Louisville is 360-foot long and the Kentucky is more than three times that size.

The resolution has not been offered for a vote, though Burch had it read in the House this week.

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Guestview

Children need diet guidance

Children today tend to stuff their bellies with cookies, chips and nutritional junk.

Those bad eating habits, fostered in large part by poor judgment on the part of parents, have resulted in ballooning waistlines and wellness issues that increasingly weigh down the nation's health care system.

Visiting schools around the state, Lt. Gov. Steve Henry has seen the fat- and cholesterol-laden chow that children routinely cram into their mouths, seemingly caring more about taste than the toll on their bodies.

The state might not have much control over the menu in a child's home, but officials believe that schools can play key roles in getting them to think about proper diets.

A bill winding through the Kentucky General Assembly aims to limit student access to junk food by allowing, among other things, only snacks with 9 grams of fat or less to be sold in school vending machines. Why the government has to step in as a personal trainer to children and shape diets epitomizes America's hearty affair with food.

But because intervention is needed, the legislation should be passed. America has become a pudgy society, with obesity reaching epidemic proportions.

More and more kids develop diabetes. They battle high blood pressure. They fight high cholesterol. ...

So by the time those children are teens or adults themselves, they think that devouring a Kentucky Hot Brown (a baked dish containing bread, cheeses and cheese sauces, ham and topped with tomato and peach slices) satisfies their daily allowance from each of the food groups.

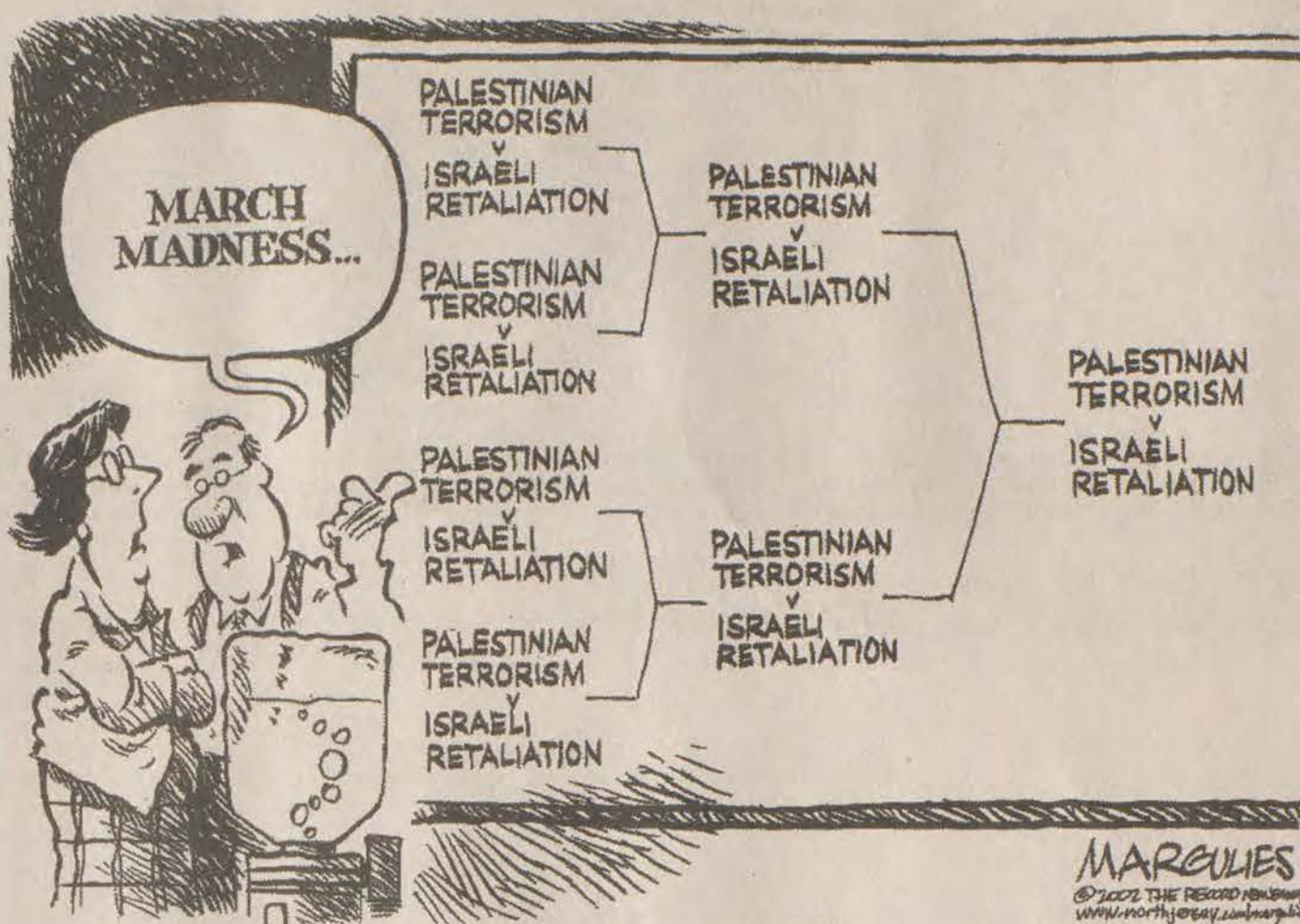
It's time to alter that mindset.

The bill would mandate that educators preach to children, beginning in elementary school, the importance of a balanced diet and exercise. Reaching kids before they've developed unhealthy eating habits can instill proper dietary practices that can last a lifetime and make them less of a burden on the health care system later on.

Henry's right. With the state's help, schools can take the lead in whipping children into shape, both mentally and physically. Then perhaps those children can teach the adults in their lives a thing or two about living healthier.

What a delicacy that would be.

— The News-Enterprise, Elizabethtown



— guest column

Save the news with Sam Donaldson

by JASON SALZMAN

Sam Donaldson wants us to call ABC News in support of embattled Nightline.

Okay, I will. But, why has it taken Donaldson so long to join the ranks of "media activists," a little-known phrase referring to citizens who agitate for improvements in the quality of news.

Don't get me wrong. We'll take Sam. After all, his cry to arms was quoted in the New York Times, while the usual band of media activists don't get much attention anywhere, except their own websites.

Given the near absence of discussion on national TV news about the problems facing journalism in America, it was mind boggling to see Sam Donaldson and other celebrity TV journalists lashing out at corporate executives for trying to lure David Letterman from CBS to ABC by offering him Nightline's time slot.

And when he told the New York Times, "[Nightline] is a program that all of us can point to as why we can proudly say that we're a serious news department serving the public," his corporate bosses, with their noses to the balance sheets, weren't listening. Unfortunately, they

don't care about Sam's sentimentalism or yours.

But Sam's own outburst was shallow. He can do better. Imagine if he had made the following statement, after ABC threatened Nightline with extinction:

"Today, I Sam Donaldson pledge to stand up for journalism in America, and I want you to join me. You've seen me screaming at presidents and wrestling with pundits before, but you will be surprised at how hard I'll sweat to rescue journalism from its free fall.

"First, you have to understand the real problem. It's not the predictable decision by Disney, which owns ABC, to try to make more money by dumping my friend Ted Koppel in favor of the smarmy Letterman. Media corporations will do this.

"The issue is, is there anything our government can do to regulate news media corporations, without censoring them, to preserve quality journalism?"

"Absolutely. We can pass laws to stop large corporations from owning multiple media outlets, thus helping to preserve a diversity of news sources for citizens — and making it less likely that the path to greater profit will conflict with quality journalism. We can, if we want, stop a giant company like Disney from owning an important news network like ABC. But now, I hate to tell you, we are heading in the opposite direction.

"I'm sorry I neglected to mention this to you before, but in a series of decisions by the Federal Communications Commission, more corporations like Disney will be able to buy more news

media outlets. Federal regulations that prevent large corporations from acquiring an unlimited number of media outlets are being scrapped.

"For example, last month a federal district court cleared the way for giant cable operators, like AOL Time Warner, to merge with broadcast networks, like NBC. The decision is unlikely to be reversed on appeal, and portends more actions by the Federal Communications Commission to eliminate rules prohibiting different types of media outlets to merge.

"There's a lot at stake here — like our democracy itself! We journalists like to think of ourselves as separated from political pressure, but we are not. The political interests (e.g., favorite political candidates and pet legislation) of the owners of news media corporations filter into news coverage — not all the time, but it happens. The fewer owners of media outlets, the greater risk that those who own the media companies will use the news to manipulate our political system.

"So today, I, Sam Donaldson, pledge to you to dog this story until I retire. And I will grab my celebrity journalist friends and shake them by their hair until they have the courage to report on this issue as well — and inspire citizens to take action."

Imagine what Sam could do, with his mouth in gear and his weird national allure backing him up.

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— Viola Miller

Welfare proposal gives reasons for concern

by VIOLA MILLER

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Prior to passage of the 1996 welfare reform act, the public was keenly aware that momentous change was in the works, and the nature and extent of that change were hotly debated. I hope the press and public will give similar close attention to President Bush's reauthorization proposal, which has troubling implications for Kentucky families.

The administration's plan contains some very positive aspects. The most significant of these is the maintenance of funding: Kentucky would continue to receive a \$181.2 million block grant each year, as it has for the past five years. An additional strength is the increased freedom the Bush plan would give states to streamline and make compatible the eligibility processes for welfare and related programs, including food stamps and housing assistance.

But, taken as a whole, the proposal would inflict unwarranted hardship on

participants in the Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program. The plan's most problematic aspects are its requirements that more welfare recipients hold jobs and that they work longer hours.

This heightened emphasis on work threatens to destroy the educational focus of Kentucky's welfare program. We take great pride in having 15 percent of our Kentucky Works participants enrolled full time in post-secondary education. Currently, federal law requires welfare recipients to participate 30 hours a week in work-related activities, but it allows them to meet that requirement through job-related education for up to 12 months. Thereafter, they can still count 10 hours of education toward the 30-hour requirement, and they can cover the remaining hours through on-campus student work programs.

Kentucky Works participants stick with this demanding schedule of work and study because they recognize, as we do, that education is the surest road to self-sufficiency.

The President's plan would effectively block that road for many of them. It requires people on welfare to work 40 hours a week, and it does away with the option of pursuing an education full-time for a year. Work program participants could count up to 16 hours of schooling toward the mandatory 40 hours, but they would still have to work at least 24 hours weekly.

In sum, the administration wants to deny welfare recipients the chance to get a running start toward a degree or job credential through full-time schooling, and it asks them to fit both more work and more schooling around the demands of caring for their families.

The President's plan also raises the percentage of welfare clients who must hold jobs from the current 50 percent to 70 percent, and it phases out the credits states receive for each person they move off the welfare rolls. A 70 percent work participation rate with no credit for caseload reductions will almost certainly result in penalties for Kentucky.

Further dramatic gains in moving people on welfare into jobs will require services that the administration's plan does not provide. Many welfare recipients in the state are already working, but the rest consist increasingly of people with major barriers to employability, including substance abuse, domestic violence and learning disabilities. Instead of offering states assistance in dismantling those barriers, the administration's language limits access to drug and alcohol treatment opportunities.

By forcing more welfare participants to work, and requiring those who work to spend more hours on the job, the



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Religion Briefs

Ten Commandments plaque is favorite backdrop for weddings in Tennessee county

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — The Ten Commandments plaque in the Hamilton County courthouse is serving as the backdrop for a makeshift wedding chapel.

There's no precise figure on the number of couples exchanging vows near the plaque since it was posted Dec. 18, but it has

become a popular location.

"It is the preferred spot for couples to exchange vows," said Mark Sandilands, pastor of the Power of Touch Church, who performs courthouse weddings.

Last fall, Hamilton County commissioners decided to display the commandments in the courthouse and two other county buildings. Their presence will be challenged in U.S. District Court April 29 by the American Civil Liberties Union, which considers them a violation of church-state separation.

Rutherford County recently

became the 10th Tennessee county to authorize Ten Commandments displays.

Greek Orthodox parishes given two weeks for input on long-pending governing charter

NEW YORK — A dispute in the United States' Greek Orthodox Archdiocese over the way it is governed was worsened when parishes were given

just two weeks to respond to a proposed, new charter.

The unusual process was reported by the Greek press and Orthodox Christian News Service, a Web site operated by Orthodox Christian Laity.

The lay group opposes the proposed charter and the process. It said last week the "standoff" on charter changes must be discussed by the Clergy-Laity Congress in Los Angeles June 30-July 4.

Parishes were required to respond to the proposed charter by Wednesday.

The touchiest issue is whether U.S. Greeks should gain more autonomy from the Ecumenical Patriarch in Istanbul, Turkey, especially in choosing bishops.

Under the proposed charter, the Istanbul patriarchate would continue to name all U.S. bishops. The U.S. bishops' synod and the Archdiocesan Council, which includes priests and lay delegates, would have an undefined advisory role in Istanbul's choice of the head archbishop. With other bishop appointments, the synod would consult the council and submit three nominees to Istanbul.

U.S. Greek negotiators want-

ed Istanbul to choose future archbishops from three nominees sent by the U.S. synod after consultation with the Archdiocesan Council. The U.S. synod would elect other bishops on its own. Istanbul rejected those proposals.

Orthodox Christian Laity's contention that the charter revision process is improper was disputed by Elenie Huszagh of Nehalem, Ore., a Greek-American attorney and current president of the National Council of Churches.

Though the Archdiocesan Council sent parishes the information in mid-March, it held a lengthy discussion on charter issues months earlier. Last June, the archdiocese announced agreement on the charter with Istanbul but released no text to parishes.

Mormon mini-epic has Hawaii premiere

LAIE, Hawaii — Oscar-winning director Kieth Merrill didn't film his spectacular mini-epic about Jesus Christ appearing in ancient America for commercial success, he said, but to present a distinc-

tive belief of his own Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Free showings of the 65-minute "The Testaments: Of One Fold and One Shepherd," shot mostly on Kauai, began at the church's Polynesian Cultural Center this week. It is already being shown at Mormon visitors centers in Salt Lake City and suburban Washington, D.C.

According to the faith's Book of Mormon, Jews migrated to the New World centuries before Jesus Christ and taught the same beliefs, then Jesus himself came to minister after his resurrection.

"Think of it as Star Wars. It's a very interesting premise," Merrill said at the Hawaii premiere. "What if people of ancient America had access to scripture that had actually come from the ancient world ... and then Christ actually showed up?"

Merrill said he believes those events are true, though he used invented characters and composites in the film version. Church President Gordon B. Hinckley had final approval of the script.

Even Easter eggs require attention to safety

FRANKFORT — With the arrival of Easter, the Cabinet for Health Services wants to help make sure every Kentucky family has a safe and happy holiday.

Many Kentucky families

enjoy the coloring and consumption of Easter eggs. Guy Delius, manager of the Food Safety Branch, said although eggs are typically a safe food product when cooked and handled properly, the following

tips should help our cooks reduce the risk of any food-related illness associated with the consumption of Easter eggs at home.

- Purchase and use commercially packaged refrigerated eggs from your local grocer, or ones sold pursuant to Kentucky's egg marketing law. Eggs are considered a potentially hazardous food in that they will spoil or allow the growth of harmful bacteria if not handled properly.

- Keep fresh eggs refrigerated until it's time to cook them.

- If the eggs will be boiled for decorating, be sure to boil the eggs thoroughly until the egg yolk and white is fully cooked and firm.

- After boiling of the eggs, the eggs should be "air cooled" and not cooled with cold water. If cold water is used to cool the boiled eggs, the negative pressure in the egg may draw in unwanted water and bacteria into the egg.

- Refrigerate boiled eggs soon after boiling in shallow containers so they will cool quickly.

- When coloring the eggs, be sure to only use approved food grade materials. No Magic Markers or common pens or inks should be used to color eggs.

- Be sure work surfaces and utensils are clean before use, and after use they should be cleaned with hot soapy water, rinsed and sanitized with approved sanitizing agent (1 tablespoon of unscented bleach per 2 gallons of water).

- Always be sure to wash your hands before and after handling eggs.

- Never leave eggs at room temperature for longer than 2 hours, even after they have been boiled.

Delius says you should also take care when hiding the eggs to avoid areas which may contaminate the eggs, such as around pets, wild animals, birds, reptiles, insects, very young children, and areas around chemicals or fertilizers for home or lawn. These areas should be avoided when hiding your eggs. Delius also says you should not eat broken or cracked eggs or eggs which have been out of refrigeration for longer than 2 hours.

Permits needed for work on stream banks or in floodplains

FRANKFORT — Following recent heavy rains and flooding in Eastern Kentucky, people are attempting to clean up flooded areas.

To approach cleanup and to rebuild appropriately, Kentuckians should be aware of necessary permits for some actions.

Removal of debris and cleanup of sediment from stream beds may be done without any permit. Disposal of materials must occur away from the floodplain.

For more extensive work, such as bank stabilization, culvert or bridge replacement or replacement of any structures in the floodplain, including mobile homes and storage buildings, contact the Kentucky Division of Water for the appropriate permits.

For any work in or along a stream, contact John Dovak. For replacement of culverts, bridges or other structures in a floodplain, contact Ali Daneshmand or Rich Hunsinger. All can be reached by telephone at (502) 564-3410.

People should also contact their local floodplain coordinator through the mayor's or county judge-executive's office for further guidance.

See these websites for additional information about required permits: <http://water.nr.state.ky.us/wr/dw/flood.htm> for floodplain construction and http://water.nr.state.ky.us/dow/wqc_ap.htm for streambank stabilization and other planned activities along the bank or in the bed of the creek or river.

More bones found at construction site

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Nearly 70 human skeletal remains have been found at the new state Transportation Cabinet complex construction site in Frankfort.

The Kentucky Heritage Council is overseeing the recovery and preservation of the bones discovered March 11. David Pollack, an archaeologist with the council and director of the Kentucky Archaeological Survey, said the body count is much higher than had been expected after the first week of digging.

Several more children's skeletal remains were found Wednesday, "which makes me think this may not be an old prison cemetery," Pollack said. "But we haven't discounted anything."

Archaeologists believe the people may have been buried between 1800 and 1850. Along with the human bones, archaeologists have found "a couple of rings, a couple of coins, buttons, pins associated with clothing, clasps, brass coffin handles, coffin nails and not much wood," Pollack told The State Journal. Every day a work crew of eight to 14 people is at the excavation area, about the size of a football field, he said.

After being removed from the ground, the bodies are being taken to an archaeological lab at the University of Kentucky. The bones will be cleaned and analyzed to determine gender and age.

"We'll look for pathologies, diseases and any evidence of trauma they may have had," Pollack said.

Most of the discovered bodies still haven't been removed from the construction site, he said. A construction worker first saw bones in a dump truck at a dumpsite where the old 21 Brands Distillery was located. Franklin County coroner Mike Harrod and the state medical examiner's office determined the fill was coming from the construction site.

Pollack said the best thing that can happen out of the situation now "is to get the graves moved and hopefully learn a little more about Frankfort's past."

It has not been determined where the bodies will be taken for reburial.

Group claiming new religion distribute literature

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A group claiming to be for the preservation of white people has been posting flyers and illegally distributing literature around Frankfort over the past two weeks.

The group, calling itself the "World Church of the Creator," professes to practice a new religion called "Creativity," founded by the Rev. Matt Hale, of East Peoria, Ill. According to the flyer, the only foundation to the religion is white preservation.

"We believe that what is good for the white race is the

highest virtue and what is bad for the white race is the ultimate sin," the flyer said.

The State Journal has offered a \$500 reward to anyone who can determine who has been inserting the group's material in the Buyer's Guide, putting stickers on newspaper racks and trespassing on The State Journal property late at night.

State Journal Publisher Ann Dix Maenza said she was upset that anyone would try to distribute this type of message through the newspaper.

"We totally and completely disavow this group, its thoughts, its ideas and what they stand for," she said. "They

are perfectly free to say what they want, but not in the manner they are doing it."

A complaint has been made to the Frankfort Police by the newspaper, Maenza said. She said the group is guilty of defacing property, trespassing and stealing. The newspaper also alleges that someone trespassed on The State Journal property and tried to insert material into the company's publications.

Frankfort Police was unavailable for comment on Sunday.

The World Church of the Creator uses negative language to describe blacks, Jews, Arabs and Mexicans in its flyers.

Five years after Heaven's Gate mass suicide, last member still keeping faith

by SETH HETTENA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — Rio DiAngelo walked away from the regimented life within the Heaven's Gate cult in 1997 after three years, but a message from cult members drew him back a month later to the group's rented hilltop mansion.

There, on March 26, 1997, he uncovered the worst mass suicide on U.S. soil. The 39 cult members killed themselves, believing they were shedding their earthly "containers" to catch a ride on a spaceship trailing the Hale-Bopp Comet.

Five years later, DiAngelo, or "Neody" as he was known in the group, still sees himself as its messenger.

"I'm really the only one left," the 48-year-old Los Angeles resident said.

Interviews with news organizations five years ago left DiAngelo angry at the media, but he agreed reluctantly to a phone interview with The Associated Press last week.

Little remains from the group whose androgynous-looking men and women downed a lethal concoction of pudding or applesauce spiked with vodka and barbiturates. They sealed their fate by placing plastic bags over their heads.

The group's possessions have been auctioned off. The 9,000-square-foot mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, one of San Diego's northern neighborhoods, was sold for a fraction of its value.

Now a free-lance designer who makes ergonomic items, DiAngelo is applying what he

learned from Heaven's Gate to his earthly life and cashing in on it. DiAngelo is auctioning off the cult's van on eBay to mark the Tuesday anniversary of the suicide.

He is asking a minimum of \$39,000 for the 1992 Ford van, which cult members once used for road trips to SeaWorld and Las Vegas.

Some victims, who ranged in age from 26 to 72, had traveled around the country with the group for decades. They included Jackie Leonard, a grandmother who was the eldest member of the group, and Thomas Nichols, 59, whose sister, Nichelle, played Lt. Uhura on TV's "Star Trek."

Clad in black outfits with "Away Team" patches and Nike tennis shoes with their trademark comet-like swoosh, each packed a small bag and carried identification, \$5 and some change for their journey toward what they believed was a "level beyond human."

Two other cultists later followed with similar suicides.

"They weren't trying to kill themselves because of a crazy idea, although some people saw it as a crazy idea," DiAngelo said. "It really is an advanced level of being."

DiAngelo said cult leader Marshall Applewhite, 66, known

as "Do," was from another planet and taught DiAngelo to be more aware, honest and sensitive to the world around him: in short, a better person.

"What I've gained from this group is phenomenal," he said. "If he is just a gay music teacher from Texas how he could teach all these advanced ways of being that really work?"

At the same time, DiAngelo is not sentimental about the past.

He signed a development deal to write a TV movie based on Heaven's Gate, but the project never got off the ground. A tabloid offered him \$1 million for exclusive rights to his story five years ago, but he refused, preferring to preserve the dignity of his departed friends. Today, he said he'd take the money.

His life today is far from his days in Heaven's Gate, when members watched selected TV programs in assigned seats and wrote the "Individual Needs Department" when they ran out of deodorant.

He has re-established contact with his 19-year-old son and earns his living working in the nation's second-biggest city, slogging his way through daily traffic jams.

"Here I am a slave to commerce like everybody else," he said.



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Students encouraged to 'Kick Butts'

FRANKFORT — Students across Kentucky will be participating in the seventh annual Kick Butts Day on April 3 to encourage other teens not to smoke.

Kick Butts Day will fall during spring break for most Kentucky students. Many areas have scheduled their activities before or after the weeklong school holiday.

Kick Butts Day is a national initiative to encourage teenagers to take an active role in choosing a healthier lifestyle. Some of the activities include mock trials of "Mr. Butts," creating directories of local smoke-free restaurants and businesses, and nonsmoking sports/skill demonstrations. These activities are funded through the local health departments by the Department for Public Health in an attempt to prevent the initiation of tobacco use among Kentucky's youth.

According to Amanda Brown, a tobacco coordinator with the Lincoln Trail District Health Department, activities are planned through April 12. The Lincoln Trail District has 11 schools, with approximately 500 students participating in Kick Butts events.

Students in Central Hardin High School, Elizabethtown Independent High School, West Hardin Middle School, North Hardin High School, and John Hardin High School will deliver the Kick Butts Day proclamation to the mayors of their communities. The proclamation designates Kick Butts Day as an annual national initiative sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids that makes elementary, middle and high school students leaders in the fight against youth tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke. It enlists the support

of the elected officials in their communities. Other Kick Butts Day activities slated for across the state include:

■ Merchandise Burn at North Hardin High School, students will collect pro-tobacco clothing and posters. Under the supervision of the Hardin County Fire Department, the merchandise will be burned.

■ Washington County Middle School is planning a Merchandise Dump; pro-tobacco clothing will be collected, taken to the local landfill and hosed down by the fire department.

■ Nelson County high school students will conduct Operation Store Front. With store manager's permission, the students will examine local stores for compliance with the Master Settlement Agreement on advertising and promotion of tobacco products.

They will conduct follow-up checks in six and twelve month intervals.

■ Fairview High School in Boyd County is educating student athletes about the serious addictive nature of nicotine and the health problems associated with smoking. Nearly 150 students attended a healthy lifestyle "pep rally" where they received T-shirts, sports bottles and mini-football.

■ Madison County fourth and fifth graders have been collecting shoes to "give the boot to smoking." During the weeklong event, new and slightly used shoes were collected and donated to Family Resource Centers, Goodwill, the Salvation Army, and Open Concern.

■ Six hundred Montgomery County elementary students will participate in a Kick Butts Day Relay at Easy Walker Park.

■ Martin County youths will distribute stickers and release balloons with the "I choose not to smoke" message to students at school on April 3.

■ On April 13 the Breathitt County Soccer League, along with Jackson City Parks and Recreation, is planning a day of sports demonstrations and games to illustrate the effects of smoking on athletic ability. Participants will receive "Kick Butts" t-shirts.

■ The Kentucky Cancer Program in Hopkins County will be working with local high school students to provide information about choosing a healthy lifestyle over smoking. Non-smoking students have been trained and will patrol the restrooms and mediate with smoking teens about their choices.

According to the 2000 Kentucky Youth Tobacco Survey completed by the Cabinet for Health Services, Department for Public Health, 37 percent of

Kentucky high school students are current cigarette smokers, and 13 percent of Kentucky high school students use smokeless and spit tobacco on a regular basis.

Kick Butts Day is sponsored by Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, a Washington D.C.-based youth advocacy group and supported by such non-profit agencies as the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, American Medical Association and many others.

For more information about Kick Butts Day activities, contact the tobacco coordinator at your local health department. Information can also be found at www.kickbuttsday.org.

Fire

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right place at the right time," said Adams.

Adams said he only did what he was sure the Branham's would have done for him.

"We started this business from scratch in 1975," said Tony Branham, store owner.

An Allen police officer, James Burke, said that the fire is still under investigation, but from his own experience he would say the fire was a probable act of arson.

Volunteer firefighters at the scene were Larry Castle, James Burke, Jason Hurd and Merlin Hurd, all of the Allen Fire Department.

Mountain Arts Center appointed new Executive Director - Pat Martin Bradley

Pat Martin Bradley was recently appointed as the new Executive Director of the Mountain Arts Center, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The MAC, as area residents fondly refer to the regional arts center, opened its doors in October of 1996 and has since brought a wide variety of arts and entertainment to eastern Kentucky. It is also home to the highly respected Kentucky Opry, a theatrical musical production staged by some of eastern Kentucky's most talented residents.

A lifelong resident of Whitesburg, Bradley has been involved in the music business

for nearly 25 years. She began her career in 1978 with June Appal Recordings, a part of Appalshop, Inc., which is a media arts collective based in Whitesburg. She later established Turquoise Records, Inc., an independent label through which she produced recordings of folk and bluegrass music. In 1993, she was hired as the Executive Director of AFIM (Association For Independent Music), an international trade association which represented all facets of the independent music industry and hosted an annual 5-day convention for its members. Pat has also served as Vice-

President of IBMA (International Bluegrass Music Association), as well as serving on the Board of Directors of RIAA's (Recording Industry Association of America) Sound Exchange Board and was a founding member and board member of WINGS (Women's Initiatives Networking Groups).

According to Bradley, she has been an ardent admirer and supporter of the Mountain Arts Center since its opening and is very excited about the opportunity to apply her skills and experiences to this outstanding regional arts facility. "I'm honored to be a part of the Mountain Arts Center, and am looking forward to working with everyone here in continuing to bring high quality entertainment and arts, as well as educational opportunities, to eastern Kentucky," she said.

With Bradley's background being in folk and bluegrass music, programming at the MAC will continue to include these musical styles, as well as country, rock, and oldies with plans to

expand programming to an even wider diversity of styles. Kentucky Opry performances will continue to be a key element of entertainment programming, along with children's shows and the already wide variety of events being offered at the MAC.

Bob Meyer, Chairman of the Management Commission for the Mountain Arts Center, said, "As the Mountain Arts Center enters its sixth year of operation, we are delighted to announce the appointment of Pat Bradley as our new Executive Director. Her years of experience in the entertainment industry, her organizational skills, and her obvious enthusiasm for promotion of the arts in eastern Kentucky will benefit not only the Mountain Arts Center but the entire region. We look forward to working with Pat as we continue to expand our arts and entertainment offerings, education programs, and an ever wider range of services to the communities of eastern Kentucky."



photo by Loretta Blackburn

The Kentucky Corrections Cabinet held its annual training seminar at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. About 165 jailers and deputy jailers came from 14 counties to receive training on various topics.

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used to generate electricity to power a series of greenhouses and a refrigerated warehouse that would be a part of the mountaintop complex.

"We won't have any trouble making these modifications to make this work exactly as it is supposed to," Burke said Friday.

Because the concept is new, the Martin County Fiscal Court and the Kentucky Division of Air Quality wanted to see a trial run of the plant before deciding whether to allow it to operate.

At peak operation, the plant could handle about 160 tons of

garbage a day, which would allow Martin County to save on the cost of hauling trash to landfills in northeastern Kentucky.

Martin County Judge-Executive Lon Lafferty said he won't decide whether he favors a second trial of the plant until after he has seen the emission results from the initial run.

"It'll have to show to me that a test burn is safe to our citizens," Lafferty said. "We were hopeful that this technology would be environmentally sensitive. In the absence of that, it's not something Martin County would be interested in."

Coal

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in Appalachia, Ruppert said. The Powder River Basin produced 368 million tons that year.

Carol Raulston, spokeswoman for the National Mining Association, told The Herald-Dispatch of Huntington that Thursday's findings don't worry the industry.

"What (federal geologists) said generally was that only a third of this reserve has been mined," she said. "I think it's more of an issue of whether technology will keep pace."

Sulfur content in coal is an important consideration for mining companies and utilities.

The federal Clean Air Act requires coal-burning plants to reduce the amount of sulfur dioxide and other harmful substances in smokestack emissions to better control haze and acid rain and curb respiratory illnesses in tens of thousands of Americans.

Western coal has sulfur content of less than 1 percent while Appalachian coal has amounts as high as 7 percent.

Ruppert said utilities still could use high-sulfur coal

extracted from Appalachia — as long as they install scrubbers and use other technology to clean their emissions.

Power companies say they are doing that already, though environmentalists argue that technology can't completely eliminate pollution from coal-fired plants.

Anna Aurilio, legislative director for the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, said the findings should prompt policymakers to encourage alternative fuel sources. Environmentalists frequently cite solar and wind power as viable options.

Carbon dioxide from burning coal and other fossil fuels is blamed for rising temperatures worldwide, what scientists call the greenhouse effect.

"I think the biggest reason that we ought to be thinking about shifting away from dirty fuels like coal is the public health and global warming problems," Aurilio said. "We have the technology today to generate energy cleanly and renewably and the cost of that technology has come down over time."

Varia

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Varia said that she wanted the community to know that those were her reasons for asking for the collaboration of the high schools in Floyd County. She saw this as an opportunity for schools to come together and share resources, not only to save money, but also to promote unity among the children. An example would be meeting at one central location for a foreign language course.

According to Varia, she attended a meeting in Louisville and learned that statistics said that every child can learn if they have a good effective teacher. She said that she believes every child is equal, whether rich, poor or has a single parent. "It is my goal to give each child what it needs to get on an equal level," said Varia.

Concerning the various

issues faced by the board of education at this time, Varia said that they are important but not her focus. She said she understands the necessity for a good learning environment created by new schools and supports any movement toward that as long as it is fair to all students.

As far as state management, Varia said she believes the school district should take care of itself, but it needs to be certain it can do that before moving away from the state's assistance. She stated that she would not get involved in those issues when there is so much to do to get children focused on academics.

"Let them argue," said Varia. "I will do my own work."

Victims

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York, Rhode Island and Texas.

Legislation was introduced in both chambers of the General Assembly this year but made no headway, which did not surprise the sponsors. The issue had never before been raised in Kentucky.

"It takes a while for folks to become educated about it," said Rep. Joe Barrows, sponsor of the House bill. "It's still a relatively new issue. Because it's such a personal issue, it's not the kind of thing people talk about very often."

But, "it's a very traumatic event in a couple's life," and the treatment "ought not just be for those well-off enough to afford it," Barrows said.

Greenberg, a geographer who works as an industry consultant, has had three miscarriages. An attempted adoption fell through. But she and her husband, Jason, now have two children — daughter Edie, 3, and son Paul, born this year on Valentine's Day — after treatments by an endocrinologist to promote ovulation.

Treatment was about \$3,000 for each of the successful preg-

nancies, Greenberg said. But having children was not her sole objective, she said. Her condition, polycystic ovary syndrome, puts her at higher risk for diabetes and heart disease.

"This is a health condition, too. It has serious implications," Greenberg said.

Williams, who has been laid off from an equipment distributorship in Versailles, said she found out three years ago that she had an infertility problem. When endometriosis was suspected, insurance covered the cost of exploratory surgery.

But drug treatments to stimulate ovulation were not covered, and they did not work. Williams said her husband, Scotty, since has been found to have his own fertility problem — a low sperm count. A urologist has told them that surgery could cost \$20,000, and there were no guarantees, she said.

The House Banking and Insurance Committee gave Barrows' bill a hearing in February. Williams, his constituent, was there. She learned that many legislators think Kentucky already has too many

coverage mandates.

"It's an issue that's kind of hard to oppose and kind of hard to support, too," said Rep. Sheldon Baugh, R-Russellville. "There's a lot of other, everyday folks really struggling to pay for their insurance now. ... I personally think it would be inappropriate to pass another mandate."

Rep. Brian Crall said he and his wife tried for 16 years to overcome her infertility. Like Corinne Greenberg, Cyndi Crall had polycystic ovaries. Unlike Greenberg, surgery and drug treatment had an adverse effect and she eventually contracted cancer.

Crall said the couple spent thousands of dollars out-of-pocket. They eventually adopted daughters Alea, 4 1/2, and Gabrielle, 2 1/2.

"I really am empathetic to what people are going through," Crall said. But "insurance was never meant to cover all diseases."

If infertility treatment is solely for pregnancy, "it raises a lot of questions, and I'm not convinced that having children is a fundamental right," he said.

Clarification

The Chris Lawson who appeared in The Floyd County Times March 24 after being found guilty of wanton endangerment is not the same person as Kris Lawson of Stephen's Branch (Cliff Road) who is the son of Sharon Lawson.

Road

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Pauline Hall, who lives in the area located behind the church, has been using the creek as a means of entrance and exit because of gates that were locked on the church road.

According to Hall, the church would not allow her to use the road.

Spokesmen for the church, including Ronnie Hall and Herschell Slone, said the road is too narrow for frequent travel.

According to the statements from members of the church, both the church building and a

gas meter have been hit by automobiles.

The court decided the best course of action would be to make a motion for the construction of a small bridge to allow for travel except in the event of heavy flooding.

A motion was also made to close the road between the gates to prohibit public use.

It was also suggested that the church should present one of the residents with a key in the case of an emergency.

Members of the church who were present said they could not ensure that a key would be given to the resident until the church voted on the proposal.

Also covered at the meeting were resolutions for transfers, the supplemental claims list, and payment to the Floyd County Community Center in the amount of \$82,170.

All of the proposed resolutions for these items were passed.

Training

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jailer," said Joey Griffith, deputy jailer at the Floyd County Detention Center.

According to Dunn, the correctional instructors had trained 165 people from 14 counties all over the region. There were jailers or deputy jailers from Floyd, Letcher, Wolfe, Clay, Perry, Johnson, Pike, Magoffin, Knott, Martin, Lawrence, Boyd, Powell and Lewis counties.

Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Billy Gene Adkins, 54, of Harold, died Wednesday, March 27, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Ann Bryant Adkins. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 30, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Donald B. Ball, 77, of Lexington, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, March 23, at the V.A. Hospital in Lexington, after an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 25, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

William Andres "Boo" Cecil, 75, of Stanville, died Sunday, March 17, at the Greenbrier Health Center, Wheelersburg, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 21, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Betty Gibson, 60, of Martin, died Thursday, March 21, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Elder Johnny Grimm, 87, of the Abbott Creek Road, Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, March 27, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 29, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Virginia D. Hines, 81, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, March 26, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bill H. Hutchison, 61, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, March 28, at his residence, after an illness of four years. He is survived by his wife, Ruby (Johnson) Hutchison. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 30, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Eliza J. Johnson, 86, of Rittman, Ohio, died Saturday, March 23, at the Apostolic Christian Home. Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, March 26, at 3 p.m., at Buckingham Cemetery in Floyd County. Gillman Funeral Home, Rittman, was

in charge of arrangements.

Frank Mayo Leslie, 81, of Cow Creek, Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, March 27, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Hester Woods Leslie. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mary Blanche Martin, 85, of Bedford, died Monday, March 25, in Hanover, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 28, under the direction of Ransdell Funeral Home.

Adith Morris, 83, of Hippo, died Friday, March 22. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Rofolo Newsome, 66, of Harold, died Monday, March 25, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Mavis Patrick, 89, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, March 19, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 22, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

George Roger Reffett, of Norfolk, Virginia, native of Floyd County, died Friday, March 15. He is survived by his wife, Cornelia Reffett. Private services were conducted Monday, March 18, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Chalmer C. (Jack) Roberts, 75, of Banner, died Wednesday, March 20, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Beulah Scott, 85, of Albion, Michigan, died Tuesday, March 19, at the home of her daughter in Battle Creek. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 21, at 11 a.m., at the Grace Freewill Baptist Church, Albion, under the direction of J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home.

Evelyn Faye Slone, 84, of Martin, died Thursday, March 28, at the Riverview Health Care Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were con-

ducted Saturday, March 30, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Daniel Slone, 69, of Mousie, died Sunday, March 24, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mollie M. Tackett, 86, of Minford, Ohio, formerly of Weeksbury, died Saturday, March 16, at the Elbrooke Pavilion, Minford, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 19, under the direction of Hall-Jones Funeral Home.

Elder Buck Tuttle, 61, of Abbott Creek, Prestonsburg, died Thursday, March 21, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Birdie Sue Tackett Tuttle. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Knott County

Cush Adkins, 80, of Lake City, Tennessee, died Tuesday, March 19. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 22, under the direction of Holley-Gamble Funeral Home.

Beatrice "Bea" Amburgey Bates, of Portsmouth, Ohio, died Tuesday, February 26, at Southern Ohio Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Danville Bates. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 1, under the direction of Roger W. Davis Funeral Home.

Shirley Ann Fields, 65, of Kingscreek, died Tuesday, March 19, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Healthcare Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 22, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Linda Darlene Jacobs, 55, of Topmost, died Friday, March 15, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Tammy Lynn Ritchie, 26, of Hazard, March 23, at the Hazard Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 26, under the direction of Engle-Walker Funeral Home.

Chalmer C. (Jack) Roberts, 75, of Banner, died Wednesday, March 20, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Leona Potter McAuley Weller, 93, of Stamping Ground, died Thursday, March 21, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 25, under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Nevil C. "Nell" Blair, 79, died Wednesday, March 20, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 23, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Alice Belle Conley, 67, died Sunday, March 24, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 30, under the direction of Gate City Funeral Home.

David Eugene Cook, 39, of Meally, died Friday, March 22, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 24, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Joe Clayton Daniels, 38, of Paintsville, died Friday, March 15. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 18, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Gail W. Gillem, 66, died Monday, March 25, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Gillem. Arrangements were under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Larry Jeff Moles, 59, died Friday, March 22. He is survived by his wife, Janet Hensler Moles. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 27, under the direction of Miller Funeral Home.

Ray E. Preston, 74, of Paintsville, died March 23, after an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Jane Siler Preston. Preston Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Melvin Saylor, 63, died Monday, March 18. He is survived by his wife, Martha Jane Blair Saylor. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 21, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Fannie Wells, 94, Johnson County native, died Thursday, March 21, at Boone Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 24, under the direction of Preston Funeral Chapel.

Willis Cecil Williams, 91, died Friday, March 22, at Mt. Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Avalee Williams. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 24, under the direction of

Paintsville Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

Lizzie B. Hall, 93, of Louisa, died Sunday, March 17, at Three Rivers Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 21, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Telia Hensley, 87, Lawrence County native, died Wednesday, March 20, at Three Rivers Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 23, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Martin County

Glen Meade, 46, of Chestnut, died March 18, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Terecia Castle Meade. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 21, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Pike County

Otta Adkins, 85, died Thursday, March 28, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Sally Joyce Bowling, 73, of Bowling Fork, died Sunday, March 24, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 26, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Keith Leon Casey, 33, of Raccoon, died Friday, March 22. He is survived by his wife, Kim May Casey. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 26, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Margaret Louise Clark, 88, of Turkey Creek, died Tuesday, March 26, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 28, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Henry Harris, 44, of Raccoon, died Sunday, March 24, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Gladys Harris. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 27, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Gladys Holt, 69, of Charleston, W. Va., died Monday, March 25, the result of an apparent heart attack. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 29, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Sally Varney Johnson, 75, of Turkey Creek, died Saturday, March 23, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 25, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

James Randy Honaker, 52, of Pikeville, died Sunday, March 24, in Pikeville. Memorial services were conducted Tuesday, March 26, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Earl Lawson Justice, 82, of Bristol, Virginia, died Sunday, March 24, at the Bristol Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 27, under the direction of Blevins Funeral Home.

Mary Johnson Mullins, 99, of Wise, Virginia, native of Pike County, died Saturday, March 23, at Norton Community Hospital, Norton, Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 26, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

Colleen Varney Phillips, 73, of McAndrews, died Wednesday, March 27, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 30, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Bernice Ratliff Potter, 80, of Elkhorn City, died Monday, March 25, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 28, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Willa Jo Robinson, 58, of Caney Creek, died Monday, March 25, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 28, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Nancy Jane "Janie" Fields Mullins Spence, 93, of Albemarle, North Carolina, formerly of Belfry, died Saturday, March 23, at Stanly Memorial Hospital, Albemarle. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 27, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Jay D. Bond Sr., 93, of DeLand, Florida, native of Virgie, died Saturday, February 23, at the Halifax Medical Center, Daytona Beach, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Jennie Bond. Arrangements were under the direction of Lankford Funeral Home.

Virginia Gardner Whitt, 99, of Hardy, died Saturday, March 23, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 26, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Miller

Bush plan would greatly expand the need for affordable child care. Yet the President proposes no increase in child-care funding. The child-care subsidy program in Kentucky is already strained to the limit, and we may well be forced within the next two years to reduce the eligibility threshold from the current 165 percent of poverty. If the administration's plan becomes law, Kentucky may have to

choose between denying affordable child care to some Kentucky Works participants and diverting money from supportive service programs to pay for additional child care. Either choice harms low-income working families.

The Cabinet for Families and Children and many other advocates for low-income Kentucky families had high hopes that the President and Congress would

refashion welfare reform to focus on the real issue, poverty, and particularly on alleviating the effects of poverty on children. The adults in most families who live in poverty hold jobs, and many of them work full-time. They are doing all they can to lift their children out of poverty. Whatever else government might try to accomplish through welfare reform, it should help them in that effort.

The Bush reauthorization plan offers these families too little help. Congress can do better by giving states the challenge, and the means, to alleviate poverty's blighting effect on children.

Kentucky and other states have shown they are up to the challenge. They have done a good job with welfare reform, and have earned the right to continue the level of flexibility in their use of welfare dollars that has characterized the past five years. The administration's plan would diminish that flexibility. Congress should restore it.

I have addressed only a few of the issues of concern to Kentuckians as we look ahead to the second generation of welfare reform. The last five years have shown that well-conceived welfare reform can broaden horizons for our neediest citizens. Reauthorization, if done right, can broaden them further and for more families. The press and public can help make that happen by giving the 2002 bill the same close attention and vigorous debate they gave the 1996.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application No. 880-0124, Amendment #3

(1) In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, H.C. 64, Box 915, Deborn, Ky., 41214, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.82 mile northwest of Thomas, Kentucky, in Martin County. The amendment will add 123.56 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 13.69 acres and delete 23.50 acres, making a total area of 942.61 acres within the amended permit boundary.

(2) The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.84 mile northwest from KY Route 194's junction with Wolf Branch Road, and located 0.09 mile northeast of Wolf Branch.

(3) The proposed operation is located on the Thomas U.S.G.S. 71/2 minute quadrangle

map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation. The operation will use a combination of contour, auger and area methods of mining. The amendment also includes a proposed land use change from Forestland premining land use to a Fish and Wildlife post-mining land use.

(4) The amendment has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections and/or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

Card of Thanks

The family of Leonard Hobson wishes to thank everyone, friends and family alike, who visited, called, sent food, flowers, or helped in any way during our father's illness and his funeral. Special thanks to the McDowell Hospital staff, Dr. Vicher, the I.C.U. nurses, the Old Regular Baptist ministers, and the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, for their kind and personal services.

The Family of Leonard Hobson



The Day God Called You Home

God looked around his garden
and found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
and lifted you to rest,
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.
He knew you were suffering
He knew you were in pain
He knew you would never
get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting
rough and the hills
were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
and whispered "Peace Be Thine."

It breaks our hearts to lose you
but you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

Mommy, we love you, and miss you.
Forever in our hearts,
Jim, Lilla, and Anthony,
Fran, Bobby, and baby Caleb

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House votes to abolish farmland committee over Hyundai concerns

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — An obscure farmland advisory committee that Gov. Paul Patton feared might complicate negotiations with Hyundai Motor Co. would be abolished under legislation the Kentucky House passed Friday.

Kentucky is competing with Alabama to get the automaker's U.S. assembly plant. Kentucky's proposed site for the \$1 billion project is 1,600 acres in Hardin

County, and state officials are pursuing options to buy the site's various parcels.

At issue is the Interagency Farmland Advisory Committee, which the General Assembly created in 1984 to advise governors on state activities that would use up 50 or more acres of farmland.

The committee last met in 1989 but last fall became the subject of a lawsuit by the Sierra Club over a different project — a proposed airport and industrial park outside Bowling Green.

The Sierra Club claimed that

Patton broke the law by not convening the advisory committee to review the project. Patton responded by abolishing the committee through an executive order. The legislation passed Friday confirmed that order. The Senate passed it on Tuesday.

Crit Luallen, secretary of Patton's Executive Cabinet, said the nearly forgotten committee "had the potential of becoming a complicating legal factor" that Alabama could use against Kentucky.

"We're literally in the final

days of negotiation," Luallen said in an interview. "Both states are watching each other very closely. Hyundai is watching both states very closely... Alabama would love to generate that kind of controversy."

House Majority Whip Joe Barrows tried to persuade the House to defeat the bill confirming Patton's order. Barrows, who like Patton is a Democrat, argued that a governor has no right to abolish by executive order what the General Assembly has created by statute.

Barrows also said it was "a stretch, to say the least" to claim the Hyundai deal depended on it, since the committee has no veto authority.

But Barrows was drowned out by boosters of the Hyundai project, especially those from counties around Hardin County, who suddenly see spinoff benefits and the prospect of hundreds of well-paying jobs.

"This is once in a lifetime for us, probably," said Rep. Dottie Sims of Horse Cave in Hart County, on Hardin County's

southern border. "In my area, we need it desperately."

In the end, the House concurred in the Senate's action and passed the bill 90-2.

Healthy eating and food safety tips for warm months

FRANKFORT — As warm weather approaches, Kentuckians anticipate the activities that come along with spring and summer.

Barbecues, picnics and pool parties are just some of what we look forward to. Unfortunately, the foods that typically come along with these activities are tempting and often not very good for us.

As part of National Nutrition Month in March, the Cabinet for Health Services is offering tips on healthy eating.

These tips primarily focus on alternative food choices but also offer suggestions on food safety, which is especially important during warmer weather.

As more people eat outside, the risk for foodborne illness increases as well. Perishable foods are harder to keep at the recommended temperature and for this reason precautions must be taken.

At family get-togethers it is especially important to be careful since small children, older adults or those with compromised immune systems could experience a life threatening condition from foodborne illness.

Healthy alternatives for barbecues, picnics and other parties:

- Grilled chicken or steak
- Fruits or fruit salad
- Veggies or a green salad
- Baked or "Wow" chips
- Low-fat hot dogs and burgers (you might need to bring your own)
- Turkey, garden or soy burgers are also good ideas.
- Avoid mayo-based salads, they are high in calories and fat.

Food safety tips

- Keep your cooler out of direct sunlight.
- Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold.
- Wash hands and surfaces often.
- Do not cut vegetables on the same cutting board where you prepared your raw meat. Doing this can lead to cross contamination and foodborne illness.
- When eating, leave food out just for the length of the meal and then store appropriately.
- Toss any food that has been out for more than two hours.
- When in doubt, throw it out!

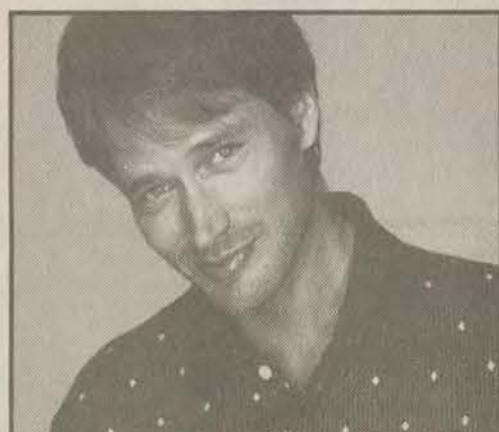
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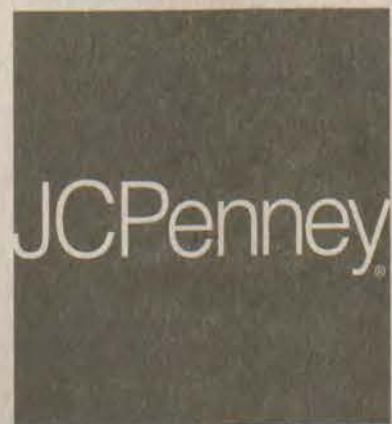
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND SCHOOL

Checkout Wednesday & Friday LIFESTYLES for weekly school updates and schedules.



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■ COMMENTARY

Baseball starts on time; will it end that way?

by JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

When the umpire shouts "Play ball!" to start the season today, the temptation will be to shout back "for how long?"

Because while we know the baseball season will start on time, it remains anyone's guess whether it will end that way.

Earlier this week, commissioner Bud Selig vowed that the owners wouldn't lock out players during the

"Our fans deserve to know that the 2002 season will be played to completion without interruption and they deserve to know that now before we begin the new season,"

— said Selig

Don Fehr heard: The moment the World Series is over, the lockout begins. That or the owners will try to negotiate an impasse, then change the work rules any way they please.

"He thinks what we do not, that the fans can be more easily fooled, fooled into thinking this 'pledge' is a concession of sorts on his part," Fehr said.

(See **BASEBALL**, page four)

■ BASEBALL

Reds are the Junior & Joey show

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Junior and Joey, All-Century outfielder and injury-plagued pitcher.

An odd couple? Not really. They go together like small market and superstar.

When the Cincinnati Reds got Ken Griffey Jr. in 2000, they grabbed headlines and crimped their budget. With one season left before they move into a

new ballpark, they're cutting corners and bidding time.

The result is Junior in center and Joey Hamilton on the mound.

The Reds have assembled a bargain-basement starting rotation for their final season at Cinergy Field,

(See **REDS**, page four)



photo by Steve LeMaster

The No. 28 machine of Chuckie May will once again keep up a busy racing schedule this season. One of May's new sponsors this season is the Willard Kinzer-owned Lonesome Pine International Raceway.

C&S SIGNS

finishes work of May Late Model

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — For the third consecutive year, C&S Signs, Prestonsburg, has Floyd County dirt track driver Chuckie May's No. 28 car covered in graphics. May, of Allen, races throughout Eastern Kentucky, and plans on keeping a busy schedule again this season.

Doing the graphics on May's car were Donald Blackburn and Tim VanDyne.

Blackburn has been with C&S the longest of the two, over three years. VanDyne has been at C&S for 15 months. Getting May's car finished was a nice accomplish-

ment for the duo and the entire C&S Signs staff.

"We worked on Chuckie's car for three weeks," said VanDyne. "We're all real pleased with the way it turned out, and so is Chuckie. I think out of all the times we've done his car, this one is the best yet."

VanDyne said C&S averages putting graphics on May's car four times per year. Prior to this year, C&S last put graphics and lettering on May's car last fall. May then raced just a couple of races on the car with the new graphics. The Allen driver has two cars.

Sponsors on May's car include C&S Signs, May Truck Parts, May

Block, Miller Brothers Coal, Honda of Prestonsburg, D.J.'s Lawn Service, B&C Trucking, Corona Cigarettes, TEM Equipment, Eastco Supply, Star Welding, Wham Steam Cleaning, Nova Incorporated, Kenny's Florist, Draines Unlimited, Reynolds Truck Equipment, Lonesome Pine International Raceway and Glenn David May for Floyd County PVA.

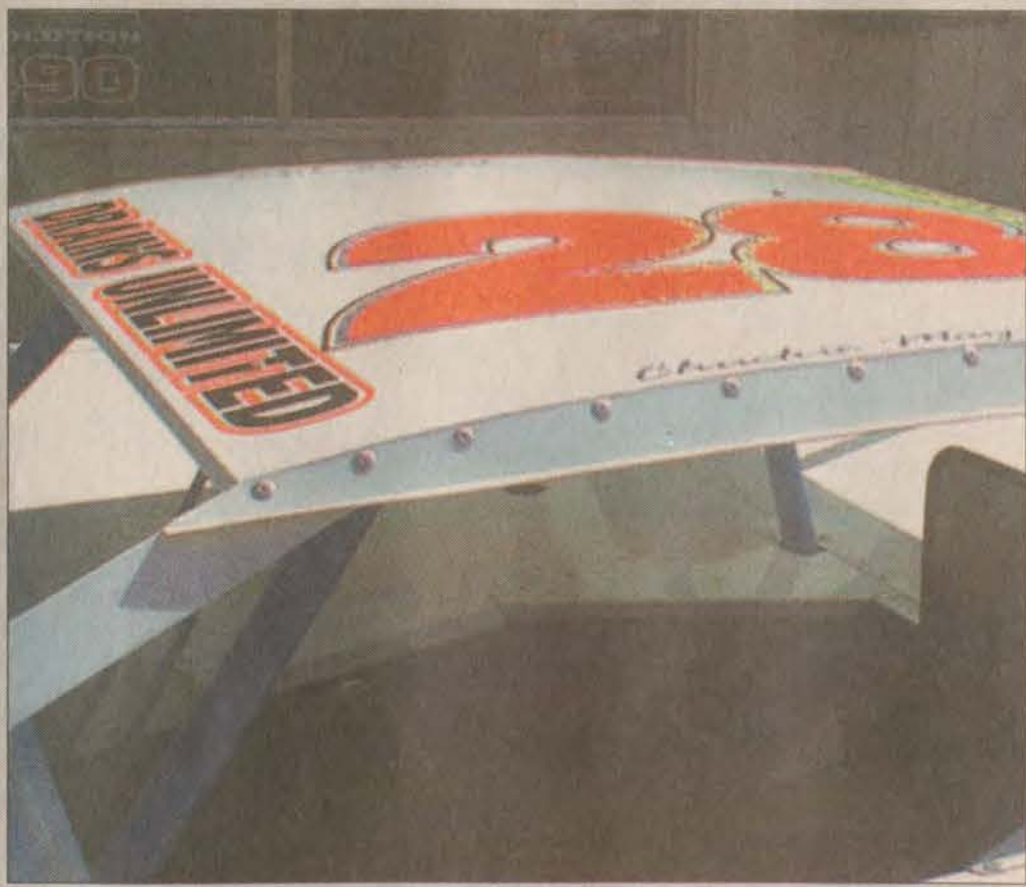
C&S made all of the graphics on May's car.

"March 8 marked the three-year anniversary of us doing Chuckie's car," said Blackburn.

(See **MAY**, page five)

photo by Steve LeMaster

Graphics design work on the Late Model of Allen racer Chuckie May spanned over a three-week period at C&S Signs.



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(See **REDS**, page four)



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg head coach John DeRossett and his staff completed spring football practice with a scrimmage game on Thursday night.

Blackcat spring game gives glimpse of upcoming season

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The 2002 edition of the Prestonsburg Blackcats was unveiled on Thursday evening as the team took part in an intrasquad scrimmage. Most area fans believe that it will be a tough challenge for the Blackcats to make it back to the carpet in Louisville this year with the loss of several starters

from last year's state runner-up team. Thursday's scrimmage showcased some young talent who will be called on if the cats hope to make the return trip in 2002. Some of the players making a return for Prestonsburg this year are Mikeal Fannin, Joey Willis, John Hunt and Matt Setser, all of whom started on last year's team.

(See **SPRING**, page four)



photo submitted

A Johnson County baller dribbled around a Floyd County defender during second half action in an AAU game this past week. The Johnson County girls' 11 and under AAU team defeated Floyd County 36-19 Tuesday at Highland Elementary.

KHSBCA releases preseason all state team

Paintsville's Slone touted as one of state's top outfielders

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Kentucky High School Baseball Coaches Association has released its first preseason all state team. The team, as voted on by coaches, is comprised of 10 pitchers, 10 infielders, and eight outfielders.

Among the honorees is Paintsville senior outfielder Jeremy Slone. Fresh off a solid season on the hardwood for Paintsville High basketball coach Bill Mike Runyon, Slone is joined on the list of outfielders by Boyd County player Casey Wells, among others.

Pitchers on the list include Pleasure Ridge Park hurler Bard Curley, Male thrower Adam Banks and Lexington Catholic standout Adam Revellette.

Mississippi State University signee Casey Hamilton returns for his senior season as the Lions try and defend their state title. Hamilton leads the list of infielders along with Middlesboro's Brian Powell and Corbin's B.J. Foley.

Teams throughout the state are still waiting to get their first game of the season in the books. Several teams will head south next week for play in tournaments involving teams from other parts of the country. Paintsville

(See **SLONE**, page four)

R. Gordon in, Stewart out for Memorial Day double

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Robby Gordon will attempt the Charlotte-Indy double for the third time in his career, sponsor Cingular Wireless announced Thursday. However, unlike last year, one Winston Cup driver will not pull double-duty.

Cingular Wireless will sponsor both Gordon's Winston Cup and open wheel race teams for car owners Richard Childress and John Menard.

The news wasn't so positive for Tony Stewart on Thursday.

Sources at Joe Gibbs Racing said Thursday that they were uncertain as to whether or not Tony Stewart would attempt double-duty in the Indianapolis 500 and Coca-Cola 600 on May 26, but thought the deal had been nixed.

Neither Stewart nor Chip Ganassi, the car owner for which he had hoped to drive, were available for comment Thursday. Sources at Chip Ganassi Racing said Ganassi was out of town and wouldn't comment until Monday.

(See **GORDON**, page three)

SPORTSBOARD

Briefs

BASEBALL
NEW YORK—To remember the tragic events of Sept. 11, there will be a minute of silence at 9:11 p.m. at every major league team's first night game this season.
 In addition, "God Bless America" will continue to be sung during the seventh-inning stretch of all games until further notice.
 The patriotic displays and tributes planned by major league baseball include a ceremonial first pitch ball with a stars-and-stripes design and a special logo for the Memorial Day weekend and July 4 holiday.

BASKETBALL
WASHINGTON—Michael Jordan said he plans to play next season. He also said he probably won't play unless his injured knee improves.
NEW ORLEANS—At the close of business, the Hornets were 696 season tickets short of the mark set by the NBA as a benchmark for moving the team from Charlotte.
 NBA commissioner David Stern said the Hornets must sell 2,400 club seats, find three more corporate sponsors, complete a television deal and wrap up the paper work on the sales of 55 suites before the close of business April 3.

FOOTBALL
ASHBURN, Va.—Defensive end Renaldo Wynn signed a six-year, \$21 million contract with the Washington Redskins after leaving Jacksonville in a salary-cap purge.
NEW ORLEANS—Linebacker Bryan Cox signed a one-year contract with the New Orleans Saints after spending last season with the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots.
LAURINBURG, N.C.—Carolina Panthers wide receiver Mulsin Muhammad received probation after pleading guilty to weapon and drug charges from a traffic stop this year.

GOLF
RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif.—The LPGA Tour's long winter break worked wonders for Liselotte Neumann, who played 10 practice rounds at Mission Hills and turned in a brilliant round when it counted in the Kraft Nabisco Championship.
 Playing through whipping wind, Neumann played bogey-free on the Dinah Shore tournament course and posted a 3-under-par 69 to take a one-stroke lead in the LPGA's first major of the year.
 Defending champion Annika Sorenstam was among those at 70.
THE WOODLANDS, Texas—Jim Carter, with one PGA Tour victory since turning pro in 1985, shot a bogey-free 7-under 65 to take a one-stroke lead in the Shell Houston Open.
 Esteban Toledo of Mexico, looking for his first tour victory, was second after a 66 on the TPC at The Woodlands. Vijay Singh was two strokes back along with Chris Riley, J.P. Hayes, Scott Verplank, Brian Bateman and Jay Haas.

HOCKEY
CHICAGO—Christopher Cicco, a 42-year-old man, was released from a hospital after being hit in the head with a puck during a game between the Chicago Blackhawks and

Nashville Predators on Wednesday.
NEW YORK—Defenseman Eric Cairns of the New York Islanders was suspended for two games without pay by the NHL after punching Ottawa's Bradak Bonk in a game on Wednesday.
DENVER—Peter Forsberg bolstered the Colorado Avalanche's hopes of repeating as Stanley Cup champions when he returned to the ice ahead of schedule, skating at the team's practice facility for 16 minutes.
 Forsberg was expected to be out for four months after surgery to repair tendons in his left foot on Jan. 10.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.—After a 30-win season and whirlwind ride through the NCAA tournament, Stan Heath was named as the successor to Nolan Richardson as the coach at Arkansas.
ALBUQUERQUE—Oregon State coach Ritchie McKay was hired as the new basketball coach at New Mexico.

WRESTLING
CHEYENNE, Wyo.—Olympic wrestling champion Rulon Gardner's frostbite-damaged toe was amputated, six weeks after he was stranded overnight in the Wyoming backcountry.
 Doctors at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls said they removed the middle toe from Gardner's right foot and are optimistic he will not lose any more toes.

SOCCER
BOLTON, England—Jeff Cassar became the third American goalkeeper in England's Premier League when he signed with Bolton for the rest of the season.
 He has played in Major League Soccer with the Miami Fusion and Dallas Burn, as well as the U.S. under-23 team.

SKIING
STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo.—Alan Alborn survived a touchdown with one hand on his second jump and won the large hill title at the U.S. Ski Jumping Championships.
 High school freshman Jessica Jerome of Park City, Utah, won the women's event with jumps of 99.5 and 99 meters.

OLYMPICS
SALT LAKE CITY—Attorneys for the French judge at the center of the Olympic figure skating scandal said that the International Skating Union's interviews of witnesses were biased.
 The attorneys demanded new interviews and asked for a postponement of next month's hearing. The ISU turned down the request and said it will conduct the hearing as planned April 29-30 at its headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland.
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—Weightlifter Jamie Mason of Milford, Ohio, has been suspended for six months after testing positive at the National 23 & Under/Collegiate Championships for the banned substance ephedrine found in over-the-counter supplements, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency said.

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 NY Yankees vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
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 Chicago Cubs at Arizona, 9:05 p.m.
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Friday's Games
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Saturday's games
 Minnesota vs. Atlanta at Atlanta Florida vs. Montreal at Jupiter, Fla. Pittsburgh vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla. Tampa Bay at Durham, N.C. Kansas City vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla. Cleveland at Los Angeles, 1:10 p.m. Philadelphia vs. NY Yankees at Tampa, Fla. Boston at Houston N.Y. Mets at Texas Baltimore vs. Cincinnati at Louisville Chicago White Sox at Milwaukee Chicago Cubs at Arizona San Diego at Seattle Colorado at Anaheim San Francisco at Oakland

Sunday's games
 Texas vs. Oklahoma at Oklahoma City, 1:05 p.m. Los Angeles at Seattle, 1:05 p.m. Tampa Bay at Charleston, S.C., 1:05 p.m. Florida vs. Milwaukee at Huntsville, Ala., 1:30 p.m. San Diego at Oakland, 4:05 p.m. Chicago White Sox at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m. End of Exhibition Season

Reds' offense will have AL resemblance
 by JOE KAY ASSOCIATED PRESS
SARASOTA, Fla.—When the Cincinnati Reds narrowly missed the NL playoffs in 1999, they were a running team, stealing an average of more than one base per game.
 Now, they're more content to stand on base and wait for a homer—more like an American League team.
 The artificial turf is gone at Cinergy Field, and so is the Reds' propensity to run. No one in their 2002 starting lineup stole as many as 10 bases last season.
 Instead, they're relying on the power of Ken Griffey Jr. and Adam Dunn to produce the runs.
 "To a certain extent, a stolen base is overrated, especially with this team we have," leadoff hitter Todd Walker said. "Everybody in this lineup can hit 20 or more homers, easy. Based on that, the main concern is to get on base."
 The Reds stole 103 bases last season, fourth-most in the NL. The three top stealers have been traded away—Pokey Reese, who had a team-leading 25, and Alex Ochoa and Michael Tucker.
 "I don't think of us as a base-stealing team, but we're going to be pretty aggressive," manager Bob Boone said. "If you don't take care of us, we can steal a base. We'd like to be unpredictable, but we've got to mash. We've got a lineup set to hit (homers)."
 It starts at the top.
 The Reds have been trying to find a leadoff hitter for years. Reese had speed, but couldn't hit—a .224 average and .284 on-base percentage last season.
 They tried Dion Sanders, who never got the hang of getting on base. During a 32-game stint beginning May 1 last season, the former two-sport athlete hit only .173 and had a .235 on-base percentage.
 Walker got the job when he came over in a July 19 trade for Ochoa. He did the best of all—a .295 average and .361 on-base percentage. He tried to steal five times and was caught all five times.
 No one else on the roster fits the role, so Walker gets to keep it. The idea is for him to get on base, then wait for Barry Larkin, Griffey, Dunn or Sean Casey to get a hit and drive him in.
 "I can steal 20 bases, but I'm not going to steal 50," said Walker, who stole a career-high 19 in Minnesota in 1998. "For the most part, my focus is to get on base."
 Larkin has the speed to steal but missed most of last season with torn groin muscles. He also had surgery for a hernia in August, and it caused him some discomfort this spring. Boone will go easy with him at the outset of the season, when the weather is cold and the footing is unpredictable.
 "I don't expect him to run a whole lot," Boone said.
 He'll also be careful with Griffey, who's more valuable as a home run hitter than a base stealer and is coming off that torn hamstring.
 For now, the best chance to run is at the bottom of the lineup.
 Encarnacion had only nine steals last season, but had 33 in 1999. Third baseman Aaron Boone is back to speed after reconstructive knee surgery in 2000 and led the regulars in steals this spring.
 "The thing I've noticed is I have my explosive-ness and quickness back," he said. "That's something that hopefully I'll get back to doing. While my knee wasn't a problem last year, I didn't have my speed back to where it normally is."
 The idea is to get the top of the lineup on base, get some run-producing hits from the middle of the lineup, then squeeze some runs out of the bottom spots.
 "We've got a few guys that can run a little bit," Aaron Boone said. "We probably won't have that extreme base stealer, but hopefully we'll have a lot of guys on base and a lot of guys scoring."

Reds 16, Yankees 4
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
TAMPA, Fla.—Orlando Hernandez allowed five runs and six hits over five innings and closer Mariano Rivera also was pounded in the New York Yankees' 16-4 loss to Cincinnati on Thursday night.
 Hernandez, who had discomfort in his right elbow last weekend, struggled early before finishing with three scoreless innings.
 "I believe so," said Hernandez, when asked if he was ready to start the season. "I feel fine. I had fatigue. I felt a tired feeling."
 Hernandez underwent an MRI exam Monday. Results were negative.
 "I think he's fine," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "That's all I care about. I don't care about the numbers. He threw all his pitches."
 Hernandez is expected to make his regular-season debut April 6 or 7 against Tampa Bay.
 Aaron Boone hit a three-run homer during a four-run first inning for the Reds, who won for just the third time in the past 15 games.
 Rivera allowed six runs in a third of an inning in the ninth.
 "I threw all my pitches in one-third of an inning," Rivera said. "I'm feeling great. It's been a good spring."
 Hernandez struck out three, walked one and hit two batters. He threw 53 of 60 pitches for strikes.
 "Yes, I felt a little frustrated," Hernandez said. "You have to accept it as it comes—'I overcome it.'"
 "El Duque" started the game by striking out Todd Walker and Brady Clark in the first.
 Ken Griffey Jr. followed with a bloop single.

After Sean Casey singled, Boone hit a three-run homer.
 After walking Adam Dunn and hitting Juan Encarnacion, Hernandez allowed an RBI double to Jason LaRue.
 Griffey made it 5-0 with a run-scoring single in the second.
 Hernandez allowed only one base runner—when he hit LaRue in the third—over his final three innings.
 Dunn had a two-run single in a five-run, seventh-inning rally that put the Reds up 10-3.
 Enrique Wilson and Derek Jeter hit third-inning solo homers for the Yankees.
 New York lost for the second time in 16 games.
 Reds starter Elmer Dessens gave up three runs and four hits in four innings.
 Notes: © Yankees RHP Ramiro Mendoza (sore neck), who will remain in Florida when camp breaks, could rejoin the team around April 8. ... The Reds acquired OF Reggie Taylor from Philadelphia for a player to be named later. Taylor wore a uniform without a number. ... Cincinnati designated IF/OF Robin Jennings for assignment.

Basketball
Wagner's departure only a question of when
 by RICK FREEMAN ASSOCIATED PRESS
NEW YORK—John Calipari knows it will happen eventually. Dajuan Wagner, his best player, will be an NBA player whenever he wants.
 He could enter the draft in a heartbeat. Or he could wait a year. All he has to do is decide. And Memphis' star freshman hasn't done that yet.
 Wagner scored 16 points and was named the tournament MVP as the Tigers won the NIT on Thursday night, beating South Carolina 72-62 in the championship game.
 Temple beat Syracuse 65-54 for third place on the strength of David Hawkins' 20 points, 18 in the second half. It was the first time in his 20 seasons as Owls coach that John Chaney won a season finale at Temple.
 Thursday could have been Wagner's only collegiate season finale.
 "If he decides to stay, I'm going to be so happy, because I've got him for another year," Calipari said. "Every day I walk in, he puts a smile on my face."
 "If he decides to leave, I'm going to be happy for him. But if he does decide to come back, I'm going to be happy for us at Memphis."
 Earl Barron, who played last summer in China for the United States in the World University Games, scored 19 of his career-high 25 points in the first half to lead Memphis.
 Calipari said he can see pro potential in Barron. But Wagner's potential is obvious.
 "Oh yeah, he'll be a lottery pick," Calipari said. "Everybody knows and he knows if he comes back, he'll be (drafted) one or two."
 So what's Wagner going to do?
 "I don't worry about that," Wagner said. "This is real special. We won a national championship. We worked hard all year and we just tried to come out here and get one for coach."
 The blue-and-white-clad contingent of Memphis fans stood and chanted "One more year! One more year!" when Wagner came out of the game with 47.3 seconds left, bumping chests and clapping hands with all of his teammates.
 For Calipari, the championship accomplished something he wanted to get out of the way at this time last season. The Tigers lost in the NIT semifinals last year, and Calipari was hoping they would make the NCAA tournament this year. But the Tigers lost five of their last seven, including a first-round loss to Houston in the Conference USA tournament.
 Calipari said earlier this week he felt snubbed by the NCAA tournament. Before Tuesday's semifinals, he said advancing would be "validation."
 "They had a coach that vented all week," Calipari said of his players. "And next week, I'm really going to vent."
 First-year South Carolina coach Dave Odom was bidding for his second NIT title in three years. He won with Wake Forest in 2000.
 Roland Howell had 20 points and 15 rebounds for the Gamecocks, who shot just 8-of-18 from the free-throw line.
 The Gamecocks (22-15) stayed close in the first half, but didn't score in the second until Aaron Lucas sank a free throw with 15:50 to play.
 Lucas scored South Carolina's first field goal of the half with 13:25 left. But by then, Memphis (27-9) was running away with it.
 "I think pure and simple, we had to be a better basketball team," Odom said. "I'm proud of them at the way we played."
 Calipari thinks playing in the NIT prepared his team for next season, when the Tigers hope to make the NCAA tournament.
 With Wagner or not.
 "I think he'd be successful" in the NBA, Barron said. "But if he does decide to come back, he can help us build a dynasty."

Transactions
BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Optioned LHP Eric Badard to Bowie of the Eastern League.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Optioned LHP Jim Parque to Charlotte of the International League. Placed LHP Kelly Wunsch on the 15-day disabled list.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Traded OF Donzell McDonald to Kansas City for a player to be named. Released RHP J.D. Bramer.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Optioned RHP Matt Kinney and C Matthew LeCroy to Edmonton of the PCL. Placed LHP Mike Duvall on the 60-day disabled list. Reassigned INF David Lamb to their minor league camp.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Reassigned RHP Mike Thurman and C Chris Widger to their minor league camp.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Reassigned INF Ron Wright to their minor league camp.
TEXAS RANGERS—Purchased the contract of RHP Hideo Nambu from Oklahoma of the PCL. Placed RHP Darryl Korb on the 60-day disabled list. Assigned LHP Jesus Pena to their minor league camp.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Placed RHP Tom Gordon and 3B Bill Mueller on the 15-day disabled list. Assigned INF Angel Echevarria and RHP Joe Borowski to their minor league camp.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Reassigned OF Mark Smith, INF Derek Wathan, C Brian Barnes and C Charlie Greene to Calgary of the PCL. Optioned RHP Gary Knotts to Calgary.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with LHP C.J. Nitkowski on a minor league contract.
MONTREAL EXPOS—Signed OF Troy O'Leary and OF Henry Rodriguez to minor league contracts. Released OF Lance Johnson. Named John Adams coordinator of rehabilitation and assistant trainer.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Traded OF Reggie Taylor to Cincinnati for a player to be named.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Placed LHP Rick Ankiel on the 15-day disabled list.

Baseball
 March 28
 Allen Central 6Fleming-Neon 4
 Atherton 17Kentucky Country Day 3
 Belfry 8Pike County Central 0
 Caldwell County 14Providence 0
 Carroll County 7Owen County 1
 Caverna 10Fort Knox 7
 Corbin 7Pulaski County 4
 Cumberland County 5Russell County 4
 8 innings
 Eastman 6Fem Creek 4
 Elizabethtown 5Butler 4
 Estill County 4Model 0
 Fulton County 10Fulton City 5
 Harrison County 13Campbell County 6
 6 innings
 Hopkinsville 10Todd County Central 2
 Knox Central 7North Laurel 4
 7 innings
 Male 16Waggener 0
 5 innings
 McLean County 4Butler County 2
 Millard 15Feds Creek 1
 Muhlenberg South 10University Heights 6
 Somerset 4Danville 2
 South Floyd 13Shelby Valley 3
 Southern 3Bishop Brossart 2
 (Southern Invitational)
 Warren Central 3Muhlenberg North 2

Tennis
GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS REGIONS
REGION 1 - Ballard Memorial, Caldwell County, Calloway County, Christian County, Fort Campbell, Fulton City, Graves County, Heath, Hopkinsville, Lone Oak, Lyon County, Marshall County, Mayfield, Murray, Paducah Tighman, Reidland, St. Mary, Trigg County, University Heights.
REGION 2 - Allen County-Scottsville, Barrer County, Bowling Green, Butler County, Caverna, Clinton County, Cumberland County, Franklin-Simpson, Grayson County, Greenwood, Glasgow, Hart County, Logan County, Metcalfe County, Monroe County, Russellville, Warren Central, Warren East.
REGION 3 - Apollo, Daviess County, Hancock County, Henderson County, Hopkins County Central, McLean County, Madisonville-North Hopkins, Muhlenberg North, Muhlenberg South, Ohio County, Owensboro, Owensboro Catholic, Providence, Union County, Webster County.
REGION 4 - Adair County, Bardstow, Bethlehem, Campbellville, Central Hardin, Elizabethtown, Fort Knox, Frederick Fraize, Green County, LaRue County, Marion County, Meade County, Nelson County, North Hardin, Taylor County, Washington County.
REGION 5 - Assumption, Ballard, Christian Academy-Louisville, Eastern, Fern Creek, Jeffersonton, Kentucky Country Day, Oldham County, Sacred Heart, Seneca, South Oldham, Trimble County, Waggener, Walden.
REGION 6 - Atherton, Central, DuPont Manual, Highview Baptist, Louisville Collegiate, Male, Mercy Academy, Moore, Presentation, Shawsnee, St. Francis.
REGION 7 - Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, Butler, Doss, Evangel, Fairdale, Holy Cross, Holy Rosary, Iroquois, North Bullitt, Pleasure Ridge Park, Southern, Spencer County, Valley, Western.
REGION 8 - Anderson County, Bryan Station, East Jessamine, Frankfort, Franklin County, Henry Clay, Lafayette, Lexington Catholic, Lexington Christian, Paul Dunbar, Sayre, Shelby County, Tates Creek, West Jessamine, Western Hills, Woodford County.
REGION 9 - Berea, Boyle County, Breathitt County, Casey County, Danville, Estill County, Garrard County, George Rogers Clark, Harrodsburg, Jackson City, Lee County, Lincoln County, Madison Central, Madison Southern, McCreary Central, Mercer County, Model, Pulaski County, Pulaski Southwestern, Russell County, Somerset.
REGION 10 - All Saints, Barbourville, Bell County, Buckhorn, Clay County, Corbin, Cumberland, Fleming-Neon, Harlan, Hazard, Jenkins, June Buchanan, Knox County Central, Knox Central, Letcher, Lynn Camp, Middleboro, North Laurel, Oneida Baptist, Perry County, Central, Pineville, South Laurel, Whitesburg, Whitley County.
REGION 11 - Allen Central, Ashland Blazer, Bath County, Betsy Layne, Boyd County, East Carter, Greenup County, Lawrence County, Lewis County, Magoffin County, Morgan County, Paintsville, Pikeville, Pike County Central, Prestonsburg, Raceland, Rose Hill, Rowan County, Russell, Sheldon Clark.
REGION 12 - Beechwood, Bellevue, Boone County, Bracken County, Campbell County, Carroll County, Corrier, Covington Latin, Dayton, Dixie Heights, Gallatin County, Highlands, Holmes, Holy Cross, Loyd Memorial, Newport Central Catholic, Ryle, St. Henry, Scott, Simon Kenton, Villa Madonna.
REGION 13 - Augusta, Bourbon County, Deming, Fleming County, Harrison County, Lewis County, Mason County, Millersburg Military Academy, Montgomery County, Nicholas County, Paris, Pendleton County, St. Patrick, Scott County, Williamstown.

Softball
 March 28
 Bowling Green 12Barren County 10
 Campbellville 9Washington County 4
 Elkhorn City 8Millard 0
 Fleming-Neon 8Knott County Central 3
 Franklin County 10Anderson County 2
 Glasgow 14Russell County 2
 Muhlenberg South 19McLean County 0
 North Laurel 1Dixie Heights 0
 Owen County 10Carroll County 1
 Pulaski Southwestern 15Monticello 0
 Walton-Verona 8Holmes 0
 Webster County 12University Heights 2
 Whitesburg 8Jenkins 3 5 innings

Tennis
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REGION 1 - Ballard Memorial, Caldwell County, Calloway County, Christian County, Fort Campbell, Fulton City, Graves County, Heath, Hopkinsville, Lone Oak, Lyon County, Marshall County, Mayfield, Murray, Paducah Tighman, Reidland, St. Mary, Trigg County, University Heights.
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REGION 5 - Assumption, Ballard, Christian Academy-Louisville, Eastern, Fern Creek, Jeffersonton, Kentucky Country Day, Oldham County, Sacred Heart, Seneca, South Oldham, Trimble County, Waggener, Walden.
REGION 6 - Atherton, Central, DuPont Manual, Highview Baptist, Louisville Collegiate, Male, Mercy Academy, Moore, Presentation, Shawsnee, St. Francis.
REGION 7 - Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, Butler, Doss, Evangel, Fairdale, Holy Cross, Holy Rosary, Iroquois, North Bullitt, Pleasure Ridge Park, Southern, Spencer County, Valley, Western.
REGION 8 - Anderson County, Bryan Station, East Jessamine, Frankfort, Franklin County, Henry Clay, Lafayette, Lexington Catholic, Lexington Christian, Paul Dunbar, Sayre, Shelby County, Tates Creek, West Jessamine, Western Hills, Woodford County.
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REGION 13 - Augusta, Bourbon County, Deming, Fleming County, Harrison County, Mason County, Montgomery County, Nicholas County, Paris, Pendleton County, St. Patrick, Scott County, Williamstown.

Football

NFL season begins Thursday, Sept. 5

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
NEW YORK—A new-look NFL will start its season with a Thursday night game for the first time and end its opening weekend with a Monday night appearance by the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots.
 The 256-game schedule released Thursday includes a Sept. 5 game with the San Francisco 49ers playing at the New York Giants. The Thursday night opener will be shown on ESPN.
 With the addition of an expansion team in Houston, the league has realigned into eight divisions of four teams each. Following the 49ers-Giants opener, the expansion Houston Texans open their first season on Sunday night in their new stadium against the Dallas Cowboys, one of 14 games that day.
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 There had been some sentiment for leaving ABC's Monday night late season schedule flexible so that more attractive games could be moved, but that plan was dismissed when CBS and Fox networks complained.
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 Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 2:15 p.m.
 San Diego at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
 Colorado at St. Louis, 4:10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
 San Francisco at Los Angeles, 4:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Houston, 5:05 p.m.
 Florida at Montreal, 7:05 p.m.
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Football

NFL season begins Thursday, Sept. 5

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NEW YORK—A new-look NFL will start its season with a Thursday night game for the first time and end its opening weekend with a Monday night appearance by the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots.
 The 256-game schedule released Thursday includes a Sept. 5 game with the San Francisco 49ers playing at the New York Giants. The Thursday night opener will be shown on ESPN.
 With the addition of an expansion team in Houston, the league has realigned into eight divisions of four teams each. Following the 49ers-Giants opener, the expansion Houston Texans open their first season on Sunday night in their new stadium against the Dallas Cowboys, one of 14 games that day.
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Researchers hope monitoring yields clue to puzzling foal deaths

by STEVE BAILEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIDWAY — Researchers hope a new environmental monitoring program will give them the clues to solve the most devastating mystery that the state's \$1 billion thoroughbred industry has ever faced.

They still do not know after nearly a full year of searching exactly what caused more than 500 foals to die and thousands of pregnancies to be terminated on central Kentucky horse farms.

As a pre-emptive measure, a dozen farms are being closely monitored by researchers this

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year for abnormal molds, bacteria and fungi, mineral levels in soil and grasses, cyanide sources such as clover and weather patterns similar to those that occurred last year.

Blood and urine samples also will be taken periodically from mares, analyzed and stored for later comparisons.

Fayette County extension agent Wayne Long and University of Kentucky graduate student Andrea Reinowski spent much of Thursday afternoon at Three Chimneys Farm, clipping clover and other pasture grasses and digging up small soil samples to be bagged, marked and sent out for composition analysis.

"We want to be ready — on farms and on sites on a continuing basis — to have some ongoing data in hand," Henning said. "That way if we start to see a change, we'll be able to say, 'OK, this is how it was before we had the problem and this is how it was during and after problem.'"

"We didn't have that infor-

mation last year. This should allow us to make better conclusions about what, if anything, is going on."

Last year as thoroughbred racing's premier showcase — the Kentucky Derby — approached May 5, pregnant mares began delivering sickly foals that needed days of medical treatment to survive if they lived at all. By the time the deaths subsided, about 3.8 percent of the state's 2001 foal crop and a staggering 15 percent of the foals that would have been born on Kentucky farms this spring were lost.

Economists from the University of Louisville's Department of Equine Management have estimated the economic loss at approximately \$336 million.

So far, there have been no indications that MRLS will again appear out of nowhere to stun the industry.

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According to the university's Livestock Disease Diagnostic Center, 328 equine abortions from horses of all breeds were delivered for examination between Dec. 30, 2001 and March 16, 2002.

During the same time period in 2001, 344 equine abortions were submitted. The annual mean during the same period from 1996-2000 was 320.6.

"We're seeing nothing out of the ordinary yet," said Nancy Cox, the College of Agriculture's new associate dean for research. "But everything seemed normal at this time last year before the trouble started."

Cox said efforts to pinpoint the cause of last year's mysterious outbreak are not limited to the environmental monitoring project.

Researchers also are working on projects to determine the extent to which suspected causal agents like cyanide, Eastern tent caterpillars and mycotoxins — fungus-based poisons in pasture grasses — were involved.

"These projects are designed to give us some definitive

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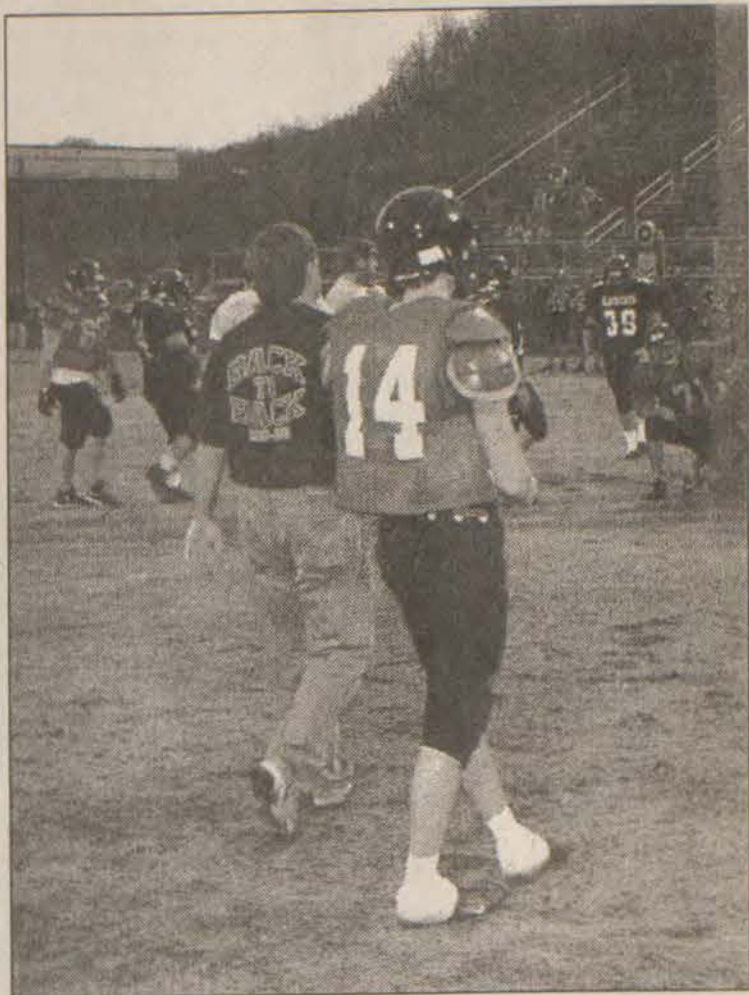


photo by Jamie Howell

A huge task at hand for next year's Prestonsburg football team is replacing rusher Matt Slone. The Blackcats took to the ground last season, and aired it out as junior quarterback Joey Willis threw for over 1,000 yards.

Sports Calendar

Fishing

TVBA

The Tug Valley Bass Anglers are signing up new members for their 2002 tournament season. The club meets the first Thursday of each month at the Johns Creek School at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 606/237-5907, 606/631-5786, 606/478-9676 or 606/237-7223.

Gymnastics

Pikeville Area Family YMCA

The Pikeville Area Family YMCA will hold gymnastics classes every Thursday for ages 3-12 and all skill levels. For more information, call Greg Boggs at 606/433-9622.

Golf

Hillbilly Shootout III

The Hillbilly Shootout III golf scramble is scheduled for a shotgun start at 9 a.m. April 19 at Mountain Pub-Links. The tournament is a four-man scramble with cash prizes for the first-through third-place teams. Proximity, hole-in-one and longest-drive will also be awarded. The Pikeville High School Boosters will provide lunch. Registration is \$50 per person. For more information, contact Jason Howell at 606/432-0185.

T-Ball

Paintsville Stars

The Paintsville Starz T-Ball team, a select team for players ages 7-8, is currently accepting donations for the 2002 season. The Starz will be in competition at this year's Bluegrass State Games in July. For more information on the team, call 606/789-1403. To make a donation, make check payable to Paintsville Starz and send to: Paintsville Starz, 137 Right Fork of Lick Branch, Boons Camp, Ky. All businesses or individuals who donate money or services will have names listed on a banners and included in a thank you ad to appear in The Floyd County Times.

Running

Tour de Pikeville

Registration is under way for the Tour de Pikeville, an annual 5k run/walk scheduled April 20 in conjunction with the Hillbilly days festival. Students from Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine's Class of 2005 are organizing this year's event. Proceeds will benefit Safe Place, Pike County's domestic violence shelter. Preregistration fees are \$1 by April 17 and \$20 the day of the race. Registration is set for 6:30 a.m. at the bottom of the 99 steps at Pikeville College. The race begins at 8 a.m. T-shirts will be provided to all participants. For more information or to reregister, call Tiffany Adams at 606/432-6650.

SOFTBALL

SFHS softball wins in opener

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK — Wanna talk about a good way to get a season started? If so, how about a 26 runs in one inning and a mercy-rule win. The South Floyd Lady Raiders got their first ever mercy Monday night on the road with a 27-11 win over the Pike Central Lady Hawks, a team which has had

some success on the diamond over the years.

Rain-outs on Tuesday in a game scheduled against Fleming-Neon and another scheduled for Wednesday against Knott County Central, both of which were slated to be home contests, were not played. The Lady Raiders are 1-0 on the season heading in Spring Break.

Susan Damron is the head coach of the South Floyd High

School girls' softball program. Lisa Tackett assists Damron. Following Spring Break, the Lady Raiders will be back at home in action against the Jenkins Lady Cavaliers on April 8 and district rival Betsy Layne the next day on April 9.

Pitchers on the South Floyd roster this season include Candice Hall, Monica Hobson and Alice Wright. Tabatha Tackett and Natausha Osborne will catch for South Floyd. Other leading contributors include Brandy Anderson (CF), Sharee Hopkins (2B), Megan Ousley (SS), Tabitha Trammell (OF) and Jessica Paige (LF), among others.

Suspensions for Klesko, Spiezio, Bowa reduced

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Baseball reduced suspensions by one game for San Diego's Ryan Klesko and Anaheim's Scott Spiezio for their roles in a spring-training brawl, and rescinded Philadelphia manager Larry Bowa's one-game suspension for arguing with an umpire.

Bob DuPuy, baseball's new chief operating officer, let stand Padres pitcher Bobby Jones' seven-game suspension and Angels third baseman Troy Glaus' two-game ban in his ruling Friday.

Klesko will have to sit out the first four games of the season and Spiezio will miss the first five for the Angels. Jones' suspension also begins on opening day, while Glaus' won't start until April 7.

The original punishments were imposed by Bob Watson, baseball's new disciplinarian, for the players' role in a pair of brawls March 9.

The first fight began when Anaheim's Aaron Sele hit Klesko in the back with a pitch with two outs in the top of the first, apparently the continuation of a feud

that started last June 17 when Sele pitched for Seattle.

Klesko charged the mound, knocked Sele down and punched him, and was ejected.

In the bottom of the first, Jones threw a pitch near Glaus' chin. The All-Star third baseman charged the mound and was tackled from behind by Padres catcher Adan Amezcua. Both benches emptied.

Klesko was in his street clothes when he jumped into the second brawl.

Bowa had been suspended one game and fined for "his inappropriate conduct toward the umpires before and after his ejection" during a spring training game March 9. DuPuy rescinded the suspension but increased Bowa's fine. The amounts were not disclosed.

In the split-squad game against Cleveland, Bowa charged out of the dugout, was ejected within seconds and continued shouting for another 90 seconds in a face-to-face confrontation with first-base umpire Marty Foster.

Later, Bowa admitted being upset umpires didn't call strikes on a pair of checked swings on pitches by David Coggin.

Jordan: knee needs to improve for him to return

by JOSEPH WHITE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Michael Jordan said Thursday he probably won't play next season unless his injured knee improves.

"I would be surprised if I'm back playing next year if I'm going through the same situation that I'm going through right now," Jordan said after the Washington Wizards practice.

Jordan was responding to comments made by coach Doug Collins, who said on ESPN on Wednesday that he'd be surprised if Jordan plays next season.

"Doug gave his opinion. ... I've been saying all season long that physically if I'm going through the same situation that I'm going through, surgery on my knee, I wouldn't play," Jordan said. "It wouldn't be wise for me to play."

The 39-year-old Jordan said he would play for two years when he came out of his second retirement last fall, but he has been bothered nearly all season by a sore right knee.

He had surgery Feb. 27 on his knee and missed 12 games. He returned last week, earlier than expected, but has played sparingly and has not started.

Gordon

Stewart spent last weekend at Bristol Motor Speedway, and by the time the Food City 500 was over, he was in extreme pain after his back suffered a severe jolt in a wreck a week earlier in Darlington, S.C.

For Gordon, however, the expectations are high for Memorial Day weekend "double." Gordon had high hopes for the weekend feat in 2000 and 1997 but never enjoyed a true double due to weather delays both years.

A rain delay in the 2000 Indianapolis 500 caused Gordon to miss the start of the Coca-Cola 600, while rain postponed the 1997 Indianapolis 500 until the following Monday.

"I'm really pumped up about the chance to run the double again and hopefully win both races with Cingular Wireless," Gordon said.

"I've been competitive in the Indy 500 every year and have come within a lap of winning it. We've just let a few slip away from us. With John Menard's experience at Indy and Richard Childress' winning experience in Winston Cup, I think the Cingular Wireless car is going to have a good shot at winning both races."

Although he has not enjoyed the full "double" experience, Gordon has logged four top-six finishes in seven Indianapolis 500 starts and was leading on the next-to-last lap of the 1999 race before running out of fuel (he finished fourth).

Gordon initially became acquainted with Childress at the 2001 Indianapolis 500 when he drove a car co-owned by Childress and A.J. Foyt. Gordon qualified third and led 22 laps. Other than 1996 and 1999, Gordon has competed in the Indianapolis 500 each year

DIRT TRACK RACING

Schrader to compete with UDTRA racing

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WOODSTOCK, Ga. — Officials at the Dakota State Fair Speedway in Huron, SD have announced that Winston Cup star Ken Schrader of Fenton, MO will compete in the United Dirt Track Racing Association Pro DirtCar Series event there on May 20.

Track officials also announced that the Lode Star Casino will sponsor the event, highlighted by a 50-lap \$10,000-to-win feature race. Wendell Wallace of Batesville, AR will be looking for his third straight UDTRA Pro DirtCar Series win on the 1/2-mile dirt oval.

"Running with UDTRA is as big a challenge as running a Winston Cup race," Schrader said. "When I race at Huron, those guys won't care who I am. Just getting our Federated Auto Parts Grand Prix qualified against Scott Bloomquist, Wendell Wallace, Rick Eckert,

Steve Francis, Dale McDowell, and all those other guys will be hard. I know nobody is going to cut me any slack."

"Driving a late model on dirt is the most fun I have racing," Schrader said. "I don't play golf, I don't hunt, I don't fish. I race. When I want to have fun racing, I run dirt. It's what I started out doing and I've never lost my love for it."

The Lode Star Casino 50 will be Schrader's second appearance with the UDTRA Pro DirtCar Series. Last year, Schrader competed in the UDTRA event at Texas Motor Speedway and finished sixth.

"Ken Schrader is not only a Winston Cup star, but also a very accomplished dirt track racer," UDTRA President Mike Swims said. "We always enjoy having drivers like Kenny run with the UDTRA Pro DirtCar Series. Kenny has run with us in the past, as well as Tony Stewart and Jimmie Johnson, and P.J. Jones."

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since 1993.

"I've been wanting to get Robby back in the Indy 500 since last year when we first teamed up," said Childress, president and CEO of Richard Childress Racing Enterprises, Inc. "I didn't know much about him at the time but got to know him and realized how talented he is. He did a fantastic job in that race and has done nothing less for Cingular Wireless and RCR ever since. He got his first Winston Cup win with us and we're hoping he also gets his first Indy 500 win with us this year."

This year's "Greatest Spectacle in Racing" will not be Gordon's first venture with Menard, either. Menard co-owned Gordon's 1999 and 2000 Indy 500 teams, as well as his 2000 NASCAR Winston Cup Series team. Team Menard will build and crew the

Menard/Childress/Cingular Wireless Dallara/Chevrolet. Gordon is also reuniting with his former crew chief Dave Forbes for the 500-mile race. Forbes was Gordon's crew chief during the 1999 CART Series and in the 1999 Indy 500.

"I couldn't be more excited to team up with Cingular Wireless, Richard Childress and Robby Gordon for this year's Indy 500," said Menard, owner of Team Menard.

"It's good to have Robby back in the Team Menard stable. We have a strong history together at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, after coming close to winning in 1999 and 2000. I'd like to put that win to bed and now with both Jaques (Lazier) and Robby, we stand a great chance to come out on the other side of the coin and celebrate in Victory Lane."

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Union baseball team ranked No. 11 in NAIA

BARBOURVILLE — The NAIA released its baseball rankings Wednesday, and it has Union College just outside the Top 10. Receiving 300 votes, the Bulldogs registered their highest ranking ever as they came in at No. 11.

Union is 22-7 overall and 9-2 in the Mid-South Conference. Oklahoma City is ranked first with Embury-Riddle (Fla.), Lewis-Clark State (Idaho), Auburn Montgomery (Ala.) and St. Thomas (Fla.) rounding out the Top 5. The second five is made up of

Houston Baptist (Texas), Dallas Baptist (Texas), Union (Tenn.), Bellevue (Neb.) and Faulkner (Ala.).

Last season, the Bulldogs cracked the Top 25 but only got as high as No. 20 during what turned out to be a record-setting year as the team finished with a program-high 41 wins.

Union was scheduled to return to action on Friday, hosting Pikeville College in Mid-South Conference action at 1 p.m. The same two teams will meet up again on Saturday at noon.

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Since the rest of us get bleary-eyed trying to read between the lines all the time, rather than look at what both sides are saying, it's better to look at what they're doing.

"You can observe a lot by watching," baseball's grand sage, Yogi Berra, once said.

Watching what's been going on since the collective bargaining agreement expired at the

end of last season should make the rest of us nervous.

Begin with Selig's cold-hearted promise to eliminate two teams in the warm afterglow of last year's World Series without even consulting the players. Then keep in mind that Paul Beeston, formerly baseball's chief operating officer and one of the few management types the players trusted,

resigned recently and was succeeded by Bob Dupuy, Selig's longtime lawyer.

Now keep in mind that Fehr spent much of spring training making the rounds of ballclubs and urging players to put aside more than the loose change they've been dumping into piggy banks on their dressers.

The union has already held back something in the neigh-

borhood of \$100 million in licensing money to bolster a strike fund, meaning that Fehr's warnings to the players to put away some real money for their own use probably portends a long and bitter labor war. Especially if what he told the Tampa Bay Devil Rays behind closed doors was part of his standard pitch:

"There are times like in '94,

in which the owners say it's this way or the highway, and your choice is to say, 'Yes, boss' or consider going on strike."

The players response in 1994 was to strike. Anticipating a change in work rules, the players walked out on Aug. 12 and the owners said little beyond, "Don't let the gate hit you on the way out." It was baseball's eighth work stoppage since 1972. The World Series wasn't played for the first time since 1904.

That December, the owners went ahead and changed the work rules, including the addition of a salary cap. But the following March, not long after the teams began working out replacement players who looked like John Kruk, but hit and fielded like Jonathan Winters, a federal judge ordered owners to restore the old work rules. Soon enough, the players called off their strike, a new contract was hammered out, and the 232-day

walkout ended.

Plenty people will argue that baseball has never recovered. For all the excitement generated by the Mark McGwire-Sammy Sosa home run chase of 1998 ... for all the goodwill engendered by the Yankees' postseason serenade of their shattered hometown and the last at-bat upset by the Diamondbacks ... for all Selig's talk about a renaissance, support for the former national pastime is perilously thin.

Shortly after the 1994 strike was settled, Berra ran into Selig and the two discussed the fact that fans seemed reluctant to return and invest their emotions once more.

"If people don't want to come to the ballpark," Berra said, "how are you going to stop them?"

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Reds

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leaving them with much the same outlook as last season, when they lost 96 games.

The bullpen is deep and dependable. The starting lineup is formidable but fragile. The rotation is led by Hamilton, one of two non-roster pitchers to make the staff out of spring training.

After three years of shoulder problems, the right-hander came to camp merely trying to prove he can still pitch in the majors. He wound up with the opening day start.

"The thought really never crossed my mind," he said. "I was just concerned about securing a spot in the rotation, no matter where it was."

Every spot was up for grabs, which pretty much sums up the state of the Reds.

They had all sorts of problems last season, when they lost 96 for only the fifth time in their 133 years. Shortstop Barry Larkin tore his groin during spring training and Griffey tore his hamstring, making a mess of the lineup.

As their season quickly imploded, the Reds called up their young pitchers to get some experience. It showed in the loss column.

They've got different names, but the same problem this time around. Non-roster pitchers Jimmy Haynes and Hamilton won spots in the rotation, joining Elmer Dessens as the top three starters. Youngsters Jose Acevedo and Chris Reitsma fill it out.

The five of them will make \$3.3 million combined. Closer Danny Graves makes more than that by himself (\$3.5 million), anchoring a bullpen that led the NL in earned run average and innings last season.

The bullpen mound at Cinergy Field will get a workout again.

If Larkin and Griffey can stay healthy, the lineup will score enough runs to make things interesting. Adam Dunn set an NL rookie record by hitting 12 homers in a month after his promotion last season, and will form a powerful nucleus with Larkin, Griffey and Sean Casey.

There's not a lot of speed, but there could be a lot of homers.

"We've got to mash," manager Bob Boone said. "We've got a lineup that's set up to hit."

Which brings it back to Joey, Jimmy and Elmer.

Since his first shoulder operation in 1999, Hamilton has gone 15-19 with a 5.85 ERA. Haynes was 8-17 for Milwaukee last season. Dessens went 10-14 as the Reds' top starter last year and is 23-27 career.

"If we stay healthy and get the pitching, we'll be competitive," Larkin said. "If we don't stay healthy and don't get the pitching, we'll scramble as we did last year."

The Reds have scrambled to stay within budget since they got Griffey in 2000 for \$116.5 million over nine years and gave Larkin a three-year, \$27 million extension through 2003.

Owner Carl Lindner has refused to increase the payroll until the team moves into Great American Ball Park next year, forcing general manager Jim Bowden to cut costs by dumping bench players, starting pitchers and even some of his everyday lineup.

Second baseman Pokey Reese, whom Bowden refused to include in the Griffey trade, and versatile outfielder/first baseman Dmitri Young were traded in the offseason to keep down costs.

The Reds estimate they'll have an additional \$10 million to \$15 million to spend next year. Much of it will get invested in the rotation.

"Because of the way we've tied up our position players, we're in position to put most of any increase in dollars toward starting pitching," Bowden said. "If you took our club and gave us, say, the payroll of Atlanta, Arizona or New York right now and we put those dollars into starting pitching, you'd find a team that could have a chance to win the league."

They don't have Arizona's payroll. They don't have Curt and Randy. They don't have an NL pennant in sight.

Instead, they've got their fingers crossed that they can avoid another depressing season.

"We're excited to get going and hopefully go out and beat up some teams this year," third baseman Aaron Boone said. "Last year wasn't a lot of fun for us."

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A good crowd was on hand to watch the spirited scrimmage and all were treated to some good football. Both Fannin and Hunt broke long runs from scrimmage in the contest, and quarterbacks Joey Willis and Trevor Compton looked good throwing the football.

The return of the Pennington twins, Josh and Rudy, as well as Evan McNutt will anchor a solid line for the Blackcats and with Fannin returning in the backfield and players such as Hunt and Setser the loss of Matt Slone will be a bit easier to swallow.

Prestonsburg will face a difficult schedule this upcoming year with teams like Boyle County on tap. Once again the expectations will be high for this group of Cats and one can rest assured that the group will be up for the challenge. Some of the youngsters expected to battle for playing time include Jesse Chaffin and Michael Morrison as well as Compton who recorded the hardest hit in the scrimmage. All three are expected to contribute for coach John DeRossett this season.

"Over all I think we got in good work in the weightroom, because we couldn't practice much due to the rain over the past two weeks," stated DeRossett. The young Cats seemed to be a bit tired at the games conclusion, but that can be expected after a long winter without pads. The 2002 team has big shoes to fill, but with heart and determination they look to step up big this fall.

Slone

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will play in South Carolina. The Tigers come into the season with high hopes after receiving votes in the preseason top-25 poll. A complete list of the preseason all state team follows:

Pitchers - Wes Harris, Lone Oak; Brian Halford, Eastern; Kalen Gibson, Webster Co.; Jon Kirby, Estill Co.; Nick Delaney, Woodford Co.; Brad Curley, Pleasure Ridge Park; Adam Banks, Male; Brian Beltz, Ballard; Adam Revellette, Lexington Catholic; Robby Harmon, Covington Catholic. Infielders - Casey Hamilton, Boyd Co.; Jacob

Tamme, Boyle Co.; Drew Reynolds, Pulaski Co.; Aaron Hauser, Henderson Co.; Nick Haley, Pleasure Ridge Park; Adam Bowling, Boyd Co.; Jason Payton, Pleasure Ridge Park; Matt Jones, Lloyd Memorial; Brian Powell, Middlesboro; B.J. Foley, Corbin. Outfielders - Casey Wells, Boyd Co.; Brandon Hammonds, Lee Co.; Marcus Taylor, Henry Clay; Tim Grogan, Covington Catholic; Jeremy Slone, Paintsville; Matt Turner, Pendleton Co.; Patrick Gray, Tates Creek; Tyler Enlow, Boyle Co.

Deaths

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answers," Cox said. "Does cyanide play a role in MRLS? Do caterpillars really contribute to the problem in some way? That's what we're hoping to discover."

One innovative project will thrust the caterpillars - at first thought to be at the heart of the problem - back into the forefront and into living quarters with pregnant mares.

Scientists originally thought the caterpillars, who feed on cyanide-laced wild cherry tree leaves, somehow transmitted the cyanide to the pregnant mares through their droppings. They have since backed off from that theory.

Beginning in mid-April, researchers will place pregnant mares into small stalls and pasture spaces infested with about twice the density of caterpillars found on farms throughout the region last spring.

By mid-summer, they hope to know if there really is a strong correlation between caterpillars and foal deaths, Cox said.

"Since most farms would obviously be hesitant to be involved in this type of project,

we're doing it on our own research farm," she said.

"The leased mares will be at about the same stage of pregnancy as those that had problems last year. Although all of the conditions will not be replicated exactly, we should be able to get some kind of indication if caterpillars are really involved or not."

Cox said all of the research done this spring, including the environmental monitoring, will give the industry a treasure-trove of information that was sorely lacking when the syndrome hit last year.

"What we want to do is create a baseline of information on the plant and animal life and the environmental conditions present on the farms as the spring moves forward," she said. "Whether or not MRLS occurs, we will have a wealth of data that should allow us to make some conclusions and be more prepared for a similar outbreak in the future."

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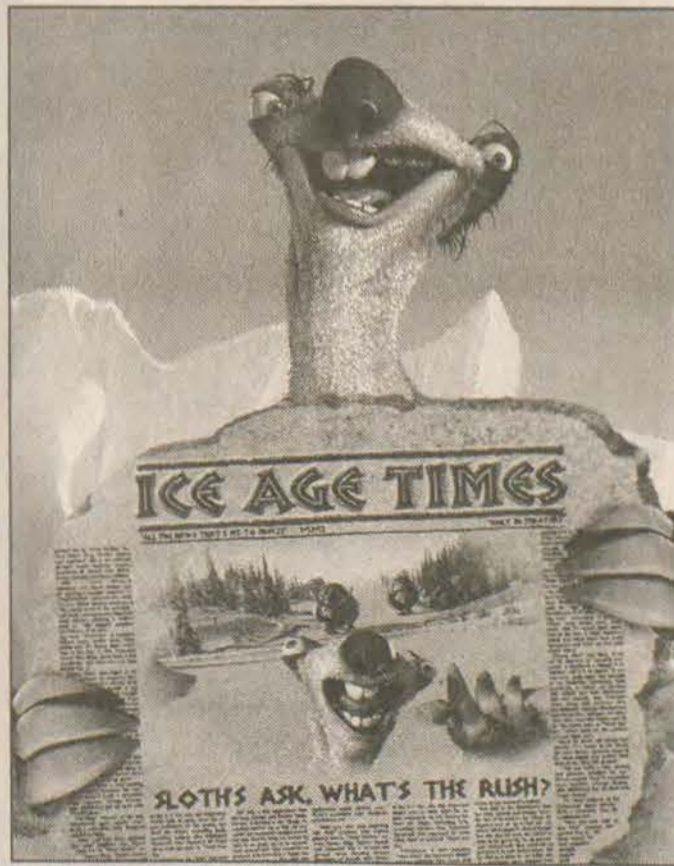
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Sideline Shots: Bristol is special, to say the least

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BRISTOL, Tenn. — I had the very fortunate opportunity of going to my first-ever NASCAR Winston Cup race Sunday morning. I had been to Bristol Motor Speedway before, and had been to a NASCAR Busch Series race before, but never a Cup race. After Sunday, I can say I've been to a Cup race. I can say I've been in the pits and talked with drivers and crew members, all of whom are athletes just as much as any one else. Don't believe me? Well, if not, I'd ask you to watch a pitstop up close, and you'll find out exactly what I'm talking about.

Winston Cup crews consist of several athletes. Former Division I football players dot the rosters of many crews.

Where else but a Winston Cup race, could one go and run into Kid Rock and Pamela Anderson? Such was the case Sunday.

When I started my journey

Sunday morning at 5 a.m. I was excited. When I arrived after a few stops in between at around 8:15 a.m., I was even more excited. Once I got my credentials and headed to the pits, I was more than happy to be there.

The folks at Food City and Bristol Motor Speedway should be commended on putting together such a great race. And for Food City, the run isn't over.

K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc., the parent company of Food City, and Bristol Motor Speedway announced today a new agreement that will see the supermarket chain sponsor the spring NASCAR Winston Cup Series Food City 500 through 2007. The agreement makes Food City one of NASCAR's longest standing event title sponsors.

"It pleases us greatly to know that our relationship with Bristol Motor Speedway and the thousands of race fans who attend its events will continue for the next five years," said Steve Smith,

Food City CEO. "Our partnership with Bristol Motor Speedway benefits our company, our associates, our vendors and most importantly, our dedicated shoppers."

The Food City sponsorship extension comes as the company celebrates its 10th Anniversary of backing events at "The World's Fastest Half-Mile." Food City began sponsoring the spring NASCAR Winston Cup Series Food City 500 and the NASCAR Busch Series Food City 250 in 1992.

Prior to 1992, Food City's racing involvement included associate sponsorships on a variety of NASCAR Winston Cup and Busch Series teams at BMS. Food City also served as an associate sponsor of the Richard Childress-owned No. 3 GM Goodwrench Service Chevrolet driven by the late Dale Earnhardt during the 1995-98 seasons.

"We're tremendously excited and gratified that Food City is continuing its relationship with Bristol Motor Speedway," said Jeff Byrd, BMS general manager. "Food City is an outstanding company made up of many individuals who are terrific to work with because they understand the sport of NASCAR racing so well."

Drivers I met and talked with at BMS included Dale Jarrett, Ward Burton, Ricky Craven, Elliott Sadler, Brett Bodine, Ryan Newman, Kyle Petty, Matt Kenseth and Jeff Gordon. All were kind and willing to take

time out of their more-than-busy schedules to talk with fans and media members. The next Winston Cup race at Bristol Motor Speedway is in August. The hot weather will be well, hot, but if things go as planned, it won't stop me from returning back to 'The World's Fastest Half-Mile.' Note: This article ran in Wednesday's edition, but did not run in its entirety.



photo by Steve LeMaster

Chuckie May posed in front of one of his two Late Models.

FOOTBALL

Bengals, Reinard Wilson agree on contract

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals and defensive end Reinard Wilson agreed to a three-year contract Thursday. The terms were not spelled out.

Wilson, an unrestricted free agent, was the Bengals' first-round draft pick in 1997. His nine sacks last season were the most by a Cincinnati player since 1995.

"We are very pleased to bring Reinard back," said coach Dick LeBeau. "We think we have a good nucleus of pass rushers, but nine of our sacks were in

Reinard's column last year and had we lost him, it would have been a significant thing to replace."

The Bengals had a team record 48 sacks last season.

Tampa Bay, New Orleans on Bengals' schedule

Games against Tampa Bay and New Orleans as well as division contests against Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Baltimore highlight the Cincinnati Bengals' 2002 schedule, the team announced Thursday.

The Bengals will open the season at Paul Brown Stadium against San Diego on Sept. 8 followed by a Sept. 15 contest at Cleveland and a Sept. 22 game at Atlanta.

The Sunday night Atlanta game will be carried nationally by ESPN but will also be televised in the Bengals' home market for non-cable viewers. It will be the first national prime-time game for the Bengals since they played at Baltimore on Sept. 27, 1998.

The 2002 season will be the Bengals' first in the new AFC North Division with Baltimore, Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

May

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Another Late Model the guys at C&S just got finished graphics designs on was the No. 17 of Shannon Thornsberry, another Floyd County driver. The Prestonsburg signs and graphics shop is also in the process of beginning work on the Modifieds of Jim Allen and Chris Click, also both Floyd Countians. Another Late Model just recently completed along with Thornsberry's was the No. 27 of Inez native and Mountain Motorsports driver Rodney Hamilton.

The No. 28 May car will be on display when C&S has its

Open House this spring, along with the machines of other drivers who have left the design work to the Prestonsburg business. The date of the event has yet to be announced.

As for May himself, he plans on keeping a busy race schedule this season, driving for the top spot wherever he goes.

"We'll keep busy this year, that's for sure," said May. Early stops for May will include Eldora Speedway in Ohio as well as an in-state stop in Isom, Hamilton.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Blood center seeks champion donors to join Triple Crown Club

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Signups for the Triple Crown Club of champion blood donors is April 1 - May 13 at Prestonsburg Donor Center. The Center launched the Club initiative last year as part of Central Kentucky Blood Center's effort to ensure the availability of blood this summer — especially during holidays. Triple Crown Club donors will be asked to give blood at three specific donation opportunities over the summer. Donors who give blood April 1 - May are eligible for membership.

"This program was highly successful last year, channeling triple the amount of donors into the Prestonsburg Donor Center on days that were crucial to the summer supply," said Marsha Berry, CKBC spokeswoman. "We commend donors in the Prestonsburg area for taking their commitment

seriously and elevating their donation activity."

The three donate dates for the 2002 Triple Crown Club are 1. April 1 - May 13 to give blood and sign up for the Club; 2. Monday, July 8; and 3. Tuesday, Sept. 3. The donation dates are set specifically at times when attracting donors is extremely difficult — the 4th of July and Labor day holiday periods.

Donors who sign up will receive a CKBC T-shirt and a reminder magnet to display their Club membership card. On the July 8 donation, members will receive a Triple Crown Club travel mug, and on the September 3 donation a long-sleeved T-shirt with the Triple Crown Club logo. These items are designed exclusively for the Triple Crown donors. For more information, call Marsha Berry, 859/276-2534 or 1-800-775-2522, or Dawn Wheeler, 432-4979.

HONORS

High schools receive library grants thanks to athletes

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — Libraries at 16 Kentucky high schools are receiving cash grants from Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Companies as part of the Farm Bureau's sponsorship of the Farm Bureau's Player of the Game for the Boys' and Girls' Kentucky High School Basketball State Tournaments. Athletes chosen as Player of the Game receive a certificate of recognition while their school library receives a \$100 check to purchase books.

Boys' State Tournament Champion Lexington Catholic High School will receive \$400 with tourney runner-up Paducah Tilghman High School receiving \$300. Girls' State Tournament champion Sacred Heart Catholic High School will receive \$400 with runner-up Jackson County

High School getting \$300. A Player of the Games was selected in each of the 30 tournament games.

This year four player, Orlando Hill of Paducah Tilghman, Harrison Morton of Lexington Catholic, Carly Ormerod of Sacred Heart and Jade Perry of Muhlenberg North were chosen more than once as the Player of the Game for their performance.

"It is an honor to recognize the outstanding athletic achievements and hard work of these young people," said a representative from Kentucky Farm Bureau. "Kentucky Farm Bureau is proud to make a contribution to education it its name."

Whitesburg standout Bryan Howard was a winner out of the 14th Region. Polly Sebastian, a Perry County Central standout, was a winner out of the 14th Region, as wel for the girls.

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HUH?!

I BET THE EASTER BUNNY'S THE ONE WHO REALLY PUTS ALL THE EGGS IN HERE!

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BOWL-A-RAMA

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| Blossom | Fossil | Parsley | Stresses |
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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Mailbag is black. 2. Apron is different. 3. Door has small window. 4. Woman has headband. 5. House is missing. 6. Mailman's arm patch is gone.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A2

Super Crossword RIGHT ON PEW

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| 1 Guru | 59 "New Look" designer | 95 Part 3 of remark | 6 '70 Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young hit | 39 Sanctioned | 92 ER exclamation |
| 6 Outfielder Tony | 60 — cog (blunder) | 99 Game name | 7 Fond du —, WI | 42 Dubuque denizen | 93 Emcee's site |
| 11 Bother | 61 Swash-buckling novelist | 101 Kidney-related | 8 Fury | 45 Renown | 96 Took a shot at |
| 14 Cen. segments | 63 Man, for one | 102 Corn portion | 9 Large tub | 46 Overused | 97 O'Hara's "From the —" |
| 17 Regret | 64 GI's address | 103 Ridiculous | 10 McCourt's "Angela's —" | 47 San —, Italy | 98 Itch |
| 19 Bother | 65 Exactly | 108 Hut | 11 "Hopalong Cassidy" star | 48 Tribe | 100 Big bang letters |
| 21 Lennon's widow | 66 Kevin of "SNL" | 112 Boring tool | 12 Important numero | 49 — nibs | 103 — League |
| 22 Velvet finish | 68 Service member? | 113 Zest | 13 Type of stew | 52 Roll with the punches | 104 Poisonous plant |
| 23 Start of a remark | 70 Admin-istered anesthesia | 114 38 Down's symbol | 14 Long for | 53 With it | 105 Java joints setting |
| 27 Cozy room | 74 Pangolin's morsel | 115 Author Umberto | 15 Variety show | 54 "Gigi" author | 106 Verdi's "Miller" |
| 28 — Canals | 75 Cavern | 118 End of remark | 16 Villain's look | 58 Furnishings | 107 Ford's predecessor |
| 29 "Heavens to Betsy!" | 78 White House spokesman | 125 Compass pt. | 18 Puccini heroine | 60 "Don Giovanni" | 108 "Off to Larry" ('61 tune) |
| 30 Cowboy star Lash | 79 "Doll" ('64 hit) | 126 Subway unit | 20 Aromatic plant | 61 Rowan or Rather | 109 " — to Perry's victory site |
| 31 Spotted rodent | 81 Harvest | 127 Disturbed the peace? | 24 Warty one | 62 Marine leader? | 110 Skirt shape |
| 33 Deteriorate | 85 Stiller's partner | 128 Singer Dion | 25 Summer wear | 67 Bald bird | 111 Cipher |
| 36 More like a peacock | 86 Carl of "Cosmos" | 129 Shorten a slat | 26 Terse verse | 69 Actress Hagen | 113 Texas talk |
| 37 Lancelot's son | 88 Cruise | 130 Conceit | 31 Word form for "all" | 71 — beaver | 114 Funnyman Foxx |
| 40 Fruity beverage | 89 "The Egg —" ('47 film) | 131 African antelope | 32 "Excuse me" | 72 Texas talk | 115 Perry's victory site |
| 41 Newsstand | 90 Symbol of sturdiness | 132 Improve | 33 Moisten the marigolds | 73 Cart | 116 Neighbor of Mass. |
| 43 Castle or Dunne | 91 Tiny insectivore | DOWN | 34 Fragrance | 75 Equipment | 117 Had bills |
| 44 Part 2 of remark | 92 Cut and dried? | 1 Runners carry it | 35 Mill. unit | 76 Autumn implement | 119 Droop |
| 50 Rock band's stint | | 2 Breaker | 36 Viva — | 77 Actor Milo | 120 Cambodia's Lon — |
| 51 Composer Gustav | | 3 Sherman Hemsley sitcom | 37 Tenor Beniamino | 78 Actor Milo | 121 La-la lead-in |
| 55 Russell of "A Beautiful Mind" | | 4 "Mal de —" | | 79 80 | 122 Coop critter |
| 56 Cohen or Wallach | | | | 81 82 83 84 | 123 Middling mark |
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Mayo students excel in competition

Paintsville-Eleven members of Mayo Technical College HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) Nursing participated in the Kentucky State HOSA competition in Louisville March 14-15 with 9 students advancing to the National HOSA competition which will be held in

Anaheim, CA this June. Participants were: Mika Blevins, 1st place-Pathophysiology; Eula Lawson, 3rd place-Extemporaneous Poster; Lessie Fannin, 2nd place-Health Care Concepts; Trish Hinkle, 3rd place-Pharmacology; Tammie Mollette, 3rd place-Practical

Nursing Skills; LaCherry Moyers, 3rd place-Prepared Speaking; Amy Owens-3rd place-Human Growth and Development; Edna Preston, 3rd place-Medical Terminology; Valerie Rodriguez, 2nd place-Nutrition; Kimberly Martin, Treasurer and Christy Moore, Vice President also compet-

ed. Three members are planning to compete at the National HOSA competition in June. Any donations made to help send our students to this competition will be greatly appreciated. Contact Instructor Vanessa Sammons if you wish to make a donation.

College Calendar

Great American Read Aloud

Prestonsburg Community College will host the 11th annual Great American Read Aloud to April 17 in the Magoffin Building Gallery located on the Prestonsburg Campus.

The Great American Read Aloud is a daylong event celebrating and enjoying literary works. This event will be held in conjunction with National Library Week. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and last until 2:30 p.m. with a reception to follow at 3 p.m.

For more information, contact Judy Bowen, at 886-3863, or toll free at 888-641-4132, ext. 216.

Folk Art Exhibit

The Prestonsburg Community College Art Gallery will host a folk art exhibit presented by the Kentucky Folk Art Center. The KFAC has been providing traveling exhibitions since 1990 with the goal to attract national attention for the creative work of self-taught Kentucky artists.

The exhibit will be on display in the Magoffin Building Art Gallery on the Prestonsburg Campus, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. until April 16. This exhibit is worthy and educational for all ages to view.

The PCC Art Gallery invites and encourages all to stop by for this exhibit. For more information or to schedule group tours call, 606-886-3863, or toll free at 888-641-4132, ext. 342.

Beatles Tribute at HCC

The Greater Hazard Area Performing Arts Series will present "REVOLUTION: The Beatles Tribute" Friday, May 3, with a 5:30 p.m. dinner and 7:30 p.m. concert/dance at the Hazard Community College First Federal Center.

Dinner/Concert Admission is \$30 for adults, \$20 for students (18 and under).

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Submitted photo

The Phi Theta Kappa organization at Hazard Community College gave 30 Easter items to Hospice for distribution to cancer patients. Above, club members Judy Adams and Mary Boggs view the many baskets and gifts compiled by Phi Theta Kappa members.



HCC's PTK focuses on cancer

HAZARD — The Alpha Beta Epsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Hazard Community College just kicked off its first Honors Study Topic Workshop and service project for the new project year.

On March 21, Becky Simpson of the Kentucky Cancer Program presented an informative workshop on cancer in this area. Members were surprised to learn that cases of lung cancer were very high in women in this region.

The workshop was the first in a series of workshops that will focus

on "Directions and Dimensions of Health: Choices in the Maze," which is the new Honors Study Topic chosen by International Headquarters for chapters to study for the next two years.

The International Service Program for Phi Theta Kappa for the next two years is Conquering Cancer: A Prevention and Awareness Program with the American Cancer Society.

As the first service project for the year, members of the chapter donated items for Easter baskets and gifts for adults that are being

distributed to people with cancer. Members gave names of recipients for some of the items, while others went to Hospice to be distributed to cancer patients. Easter gifts for 30 people were distributed.

The chapter is currently selling shoes for the March of Dimes and has plans to get involved in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, noted Judy Adams of PTK.

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society for two-year colleges.

MSU enrollment sets record

MOREHEAD — The final tally is in and Morehead State University has set a new spring enrollment record.

This semester, 8,700 students were enrolled at MSU, shattering the previous spring enrollment of 8,613 set in 1993. The number marks a nearly 11 percent jump from the 7,845 students enrolled in Spring 2001.

"This is an outstanding achievement for our university," said Dr. Michael Moore, MSU provost. "Last semester was our second highest fall enrollment ever at 9,027. We had expected a drop in numbers for the spring, but this record is evidence of the growing popularity of our academic programs and the success of our student retention efforts."

The figures show the number of full-time students this spring topped the 6,000 mark for the first time in more than a decade. Also, the graduate student population is more than 1,800, its highest spring peak in more than 22 years.

MSU's highest enrollment ever stands at 9,169 students, recorded in the fall semester of 1992.

Morehead offering early registration

Submitted article

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University students may register for Summer I, Summer II, Post Session or Fall term during the Advance Registration period, Monday through Thursday, April 8-11.

Registering early allows students more classes from which to choose and a better chance of getting the schedule that they want.

Graduate students and current seniors and juniors will register on Monday, April 8; all classifications may register Tuesday through Thursday, April 9-11. Department offices are open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day.

The courses listed online at www.moreheadstate.edu/units/registrar/classes.htm includes the schedule for Summer I, May

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Following the Purpose Road

Submitted article

I am a life long resident of McDowell, Kentucky, and a graduate of McDowell High School, Berea College, and the University of Louisville. I have been an employee of Alice Lloyd College since 1974. My job involves many roles including, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Dean of Women and International Student Advisor.

However, my history with Alice Lloyd College began when I entered as a freshmen college student. I loved my experiences at the College and made many friends, but decided to transfer to Berea College during my sophomore year to be with my sister who was a student there. The impression and impact ALC had on me brought me back to Pippa Passes years later. I have developed a strong commitment to the institution and believe firmly in its philosophy and mission. The experiences and education pro-

vided for students can compete with any college or university in the nation.

I am fortunate to work with some of the most talented faculty and staff in our

90 percent of the faculty/staff live on campus, there is ample opportunity for interaction with students outside the classroom.

country. They are not only very competent in their field but also have a deep interest in our students and in eastern Kentucky. The ratio of faculty and students is small and since

90 percent of the faculty/staff live on campus, there is ample opportunity for interaction with students outside the classroom. It is common to see ALC faculty members working individually with students outside of class.

Character education and leadership skills are important to us at Alice Lloyd College. We teach our students the importance of a good work ethic and give them opportunities to improve their leadership abilities. We teach students about the "Purpose Road" of life as conceived by Alice Lloyd.

Many of our graduates are doctors, lawyers, pharmacists, social workers, teachers, administrators, physical therapists, etc. Four of these graduates include my nephew, Dr. Anthony Stumbo, my niece-in-law, Kathy Stumbo, my niece Karla Dean and nephew-in-law, Caleb Dean. I am proud of all of our

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Christine Stumbo, seated, ALC employee, pictured with a few Resident Advisor students whom she mentors.

Foes of ban on federal college aid for thousands of students with drug records

by ARLENE LEVINSON
AP NATIONAL WRITER

Opponents of a 1998 law that denies federal aid to thousands of college students with criminal drug records are trying to work around the law by offering financial help to those affected.

A coalition of drug-law reform groups plans Tuesday to inaugurate a scholarship for those denied aid because of drug records. The John W. Perry Fund scholarships honor a New York police officer who died saving people in the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.

"He felt that adults should be able to do with their bodies whatever they wish, as long as they don't hurt anybody," said Perry's mother, Patricia Perry, of Seaford, N.Y.

"To punish students who are financially unable to get to college without this assistance is a

travesty," she said. "John would very definitely be in favor of students like that."

In the same vein, two colleges — Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass., and Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania — are offering loans or grants to such students.

Critics have assailed the law since its inception.

The higher education lobby — student activists to college presidents — says the ban unfairly hits some of the people who need aid most, noting that affluent students with drug records don't need federal aid.

Even the law's author, Rep. Mark Souder, R-Ind., says it's misinterpreted. He meant to bar aid only from students already getting federal aid when convicted, and last month proposed amending the law to make that clear.

The application for federal student aid asks applicants,

among other things, "Have you ever been convicted of possessing or selling illegal drugs?"

Those with one drug-possession offense are ineligible for federal college aid for one year after conviction. A second drug-possession or first drug-sale conviction means ineligibility for two years. More convictions bar aid indefinitely, unless the offender undergoes drug rehabilitation.

By early March, 47,063 of the 10.5 million federal aid applicants for this school year face possible denial of aid for all or part of the year, or risk automatic rejection for not answering the conviction question, the U.S. Education Department says.

Among the first 2 million aid applicants for next school year, 9,448 are at risk.

Students opposed to the ban include Michele Butcher, a 21-year-old junior majoring in

mining engineering at Southern Illinois University. She's already borrowed \$10,000 in federal college loans and will need \$8,000 more next year.

Butcher put her education in jeopardy when police last year found marijuana in her sorority house bedroom, and again in her pocket during a traffic stop. Each time, she said, she persuaded the judge not to convict her and was instead placed on supervision.

"I got by very closely," Butcher acknowledged. Now cautious and fearful, she also feels the ban is wrong. "It's not the government's business what I do," she said.

Hampshire College, after a campus-wide vote, three years ago created a loan for any student there denied federal aid because of a drug record. No one has tapped it yet, a spokeswoman said.

Hampshire President

Gregory Prince does not condone drugs but calls the ban "part of a larger pattern of the discriminatory impact, intended or not intended, that the drug policy has had on different communities, particularly minority communities."

Last month, the governing board at Swarthmore College voted to make up the difference if any of its students can't get federal aid because of a drug conviction. The action hews to a school policy ensuring students' financial needs are met, a spokesman said. Few, if any, at Swarthmore are expected to need such help, he said.

A fund-raiser is planned Tuesday in New York to launch the Perry scholarships. The organizer is David Borden, founder of the Drug Reform Coordination Network in Washington, which favors social control and regulation over punitive laws and is one of

several groups involved in the effort.

Borden hopes to raise \$100,000 for scholarships of up to \$2,000 each. While modest, for some it could mean whether they stay in school.

Perry had subscribed to the e-mail list for Borden's group, which for a year had been planning the scholarships, Borden said. After Perry's death, his friends in the drug-law reform movement suggested naming the scholarship in tribute to him, he said.

Perry, 38 when he died, was a lawyer before he joined the NYPD in the early 1990s. He pounded a beat before his assignment to the legal department going after crooked cops.

He planned to return to law practice and was filing retirement papers at police headquarters when, on hearing of the attacks, he rushed to the World Trade Center.



Students gain experience through law club activities

Amy Tufts, an Alice Lloyd College junior from Melvin, participates in the ALC Law Society Club and is actively engaged in many of its activities. The ALC Law Society was established as a support to those students contemplating a career in law or paralegal services. Jerry Stone, attorney and ALC business professor, sponsors the group.

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graduates and I believe they chose the best college possible.

I would recommend Alice Lloyd College to anyone who is interested in a quality, service-oriented education. ALC really does provide leadership education for mountain students.

Christine Stumbo
McDowell, Kentucky

Morehead

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20-June 14; Summer II, June 17-July 12; Post-session, July 15-Aug. 3; and the 2002 Fall Semester classes that begin Aug. 19.

Graduate students and currently enrolled students, who have a checksheet on file, may register online at www.moreheadstate.edu, through the MSUsers option.

Before beginning the registration process, undergraduate students will need approval from their adviser.

Additional information on registration is available from the Office of the Registrar at (606) 783-2008.

Students also may register at the

Julie Stewart named to the Dean's List

Julie Stewart, daughter of Susan Stewart of Martin, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2001 term at Berea college.

To be eligible, a student must achieve a 3.2 or higher regular term average for a minimum of

four full courses, the equivalent of 16 credit hours.

Berea is a non-denominational, liberal arts college that offers bachelor of arts degrees in 22 fields, and bachelor of science degrees in agriculture and natural resources, business administration, technology and industrial arts, and nursing. Every student receives the equivalent of a full-tuition scholarship, and works at least 10 hours a week to pay living expenses.

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ages of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale and with at least a score of 26 on the American College Test will be given priority. Other students demonstrating the potential for

outstanding academic performance also will be considered.

For more information about the program, contact Dr. Bonnie Gray, director, at 859-622-1403.

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The band that goes beyond Beatlemania is the leading worldwide tour show that captures the Beatles with authentic instruments, costumes, a visual impact, sound and excitement.

For information about group rates for these performances, contact Tammy Duff, performing arts series coordinator, at 436-5721, ext. 8067 or 800-246-7521, ext. 8067 or Sandy Campbell at ext. 8003.

International Luncheon at HCC

The Spanish department at Hazard Community College will be hosting an International Luncheon on Saturday, April 20 in the grill at the First Federal Center on the Hazard Campus. The doors open at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be from noon until 2 p.m.

Participants are asked to either bring an ethnic dish from a foreign country or a favorite family dish. If possible, please bring the recipe. Those participants who don't bring a dish will be asked to donate \$3 per person over the age of 12. Children between the ages of 6-11 are asked to pay \$1.50 and those under 5 years of age are free.

Children will have the opportunity to break a piñata and sing. The grill will be decorated with items from other countries.

For further information, contact Scott May at 606-436-2528 or toll-free at 1-800-246-7521, ext. 8029.

Tax Help

"Reference copies of federal tax forms and instructions" is a two-volume publication of the Internal Revenue Service that contains a sample copy of many different types of IRS tax forms to be used in preparing your current federal income tax. Many other tax-related documents are also available. Look for these and many other federal documents at the Stephens Library, Hazard Community College.

Library hours are Monday to Thursday, 7:45 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Call 606-436-5721, ext 349 for more information.



Greta Smith, Prestonsburg



Joe Snyder, Langley



Brenda Settles, Prestonsburg



Dwayne Crager, Prestonsburg



Bobby Baldrige, Eastern

Social Work core classes to be offered at MSU Big Sandy campus Fall 2002

Morehead State University is once again bringing its core social work classes to the Big Sandy area for the Fall 2002 semester. MSU will offer these classes at their Prestonsburg campus, located at 719 University Drive.

Classes to be offered include: SWK 320 Human Behavior and the Social Environment - Conception to Young Adulthood; and SWK 324 Social Work Research. Classes will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

To be eligible, students must have completed 61 hours of required MSU classes, 61 hours of Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) classes that transfer as equivalents of the MSU classes, or an associate degree from a community college that includes SWK 210 Orientation to Social Work and SWK 230 Social Welfare, History and Ethics.

KCTCS social work classes, which substitute for the MSU's SWK 210 and SWK 230, are HS 101 Introduction to Human Services and SWK 222 Development of Social Welfare. Students are encouraged to contact the program's site facilitator, Gwen Hall, to determine eligibility.

The research class will be taught via interactive television (ITV). The number of students that can be accommodated at the distance learning labs will limit enrollment.

Social work electives and other courses required for the Bachelor of Social Work degree have been taught in the area for several years. Before the Fall 2001 semester, social work students had to commute or move to the main campus to take the core classes. That changed last fall when the University offered two classes locally through distance learning/interactive televi-

sion.

Three core courses are currently being taught on the Prestonsburg campus and only

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Additional information is available from Hall by calling (606) 886-2405, or by e-mail to g.hall@morehead-state.edu.

one course is being taught via ITV. Two professors commute from the main campus to teach the other two classes.

Enrollment in the Fall 2002 classes should allow students to graduate with a Bachelor of Social Work degree from

Morehead State University in May 2004. The classes to be offered are determined on a semester-by-semester basis, based on enrollment and academic success.

Social work majors must earn at least a "C" grade in the core classes and qualify for advanced status to be eligible for a second semester of core classes.

"Given the success and near-success rates of our first students, I'm confident that there will be sufficient interest and success," said Hall. We need to have a full class to maximize the learning experience and meet the expectations of the Council on Social Work Education."

"We encourage MSU students to pre-register and transfer students to enroll on the first day of registration," she continued. "When we first offered these classes last fall, we had 28

students enrolled and 17 more on a waiting list. We expect the classes to fill quickly."

Currently pursuing a social work degree are: Bobby Baldrige, of Eastern; Emily Bowen, of Inez; Dwayne Crager, of Prestonsburg; Melanie Davis, of River; Derrick Fannin, of Van Lear; Marie Moore, of Thelma; Brenda Settles, of Prestonsburg; Greta Smith, of Prestonsburg; Joe Snyder, of Langley; and Sharon Welch, of Whitehouse.

Students interested in the program may contact Hall, a local social worker who facilitates the program and teaches some of the classes. Her office, located in Room 2E at the MSU Big Sandy campus, is open Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

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BUSINESS**Medicaid seeks to collect old debts**

FRANKFORT — The Department for Medicaid Services has begun clearing up thousands of accounts that amount to \$26 million owed to the state by health care providers.

These accounts range from being nine months to several years old and occurred when providers failed to pay back money owed to the Medicaid

program. These overpayments occurred for various reasons. Some came about as a result of changes in payments systems and others occurred because end of year cost settlements showed providers had been overpaid and other miscellaneous accounts.

These cases do not involve any existing appeals by providers and are not considered criminal matters. Many of them

involve amounts of less than \$1,000.

The department's Program Integrity Division has established guidelines for how these cases will be handled:

■ Cases in which the provider has gone bankrupt or out of business will be written off. This allows the state to collect 70 percent of the amount written off from the federal gov-

ernment. (Medicaid is a state-federal program and in Kentucky about 70 percent of the program is funded by the federal government). The providers whose debts are being written off are currently not active in the Medicaid program.

If the provider is also in the Medicare system, the case will be referred to the federal government for collection.

■ When appropriate, cases will be referred to other agencies - such as the Revenue Cabinet for the purpose of conducting a tax intercept. Other legal steps can be taken such as garnishment to collect the debt owed.

This initiative will help address the Medicaid budget shortfall since any money collected can be used in the Medicaid program and is eligible

for matching funds.

"This is another way management strategies improve the way we administer the Medicaid program," said Health Services Secretary Marcia Morgan.

"These kinds of management improvements will help us make sure there is adequate funding to provide health services to the truly needy citizens of Kentucky."

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Q Are there items or services that are not covered by Medicare home health?

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- Help with shopping, cleaning, and laundry
- Prescription drugs

Q How long can I receive Medicare Home Health?

A As long as there is a skilled medical need, Medicare pays for home health services. There are limits on the number of hours and days of care you can receive in any week. Home health care is there to help you after an illness or injury until you can care for yourself.

Q Can I live with a family member and receive Medicare home health care?

A Yes. Medicare rules say your home can be a house or apartment, the home of a family member, or even a home for the aged. A hospital or other facility that mainly provides skilled nursing services does not qualify as a home. If you are receiving skilled care in a facility, instead of your home, other parts of Medicare can help pay.

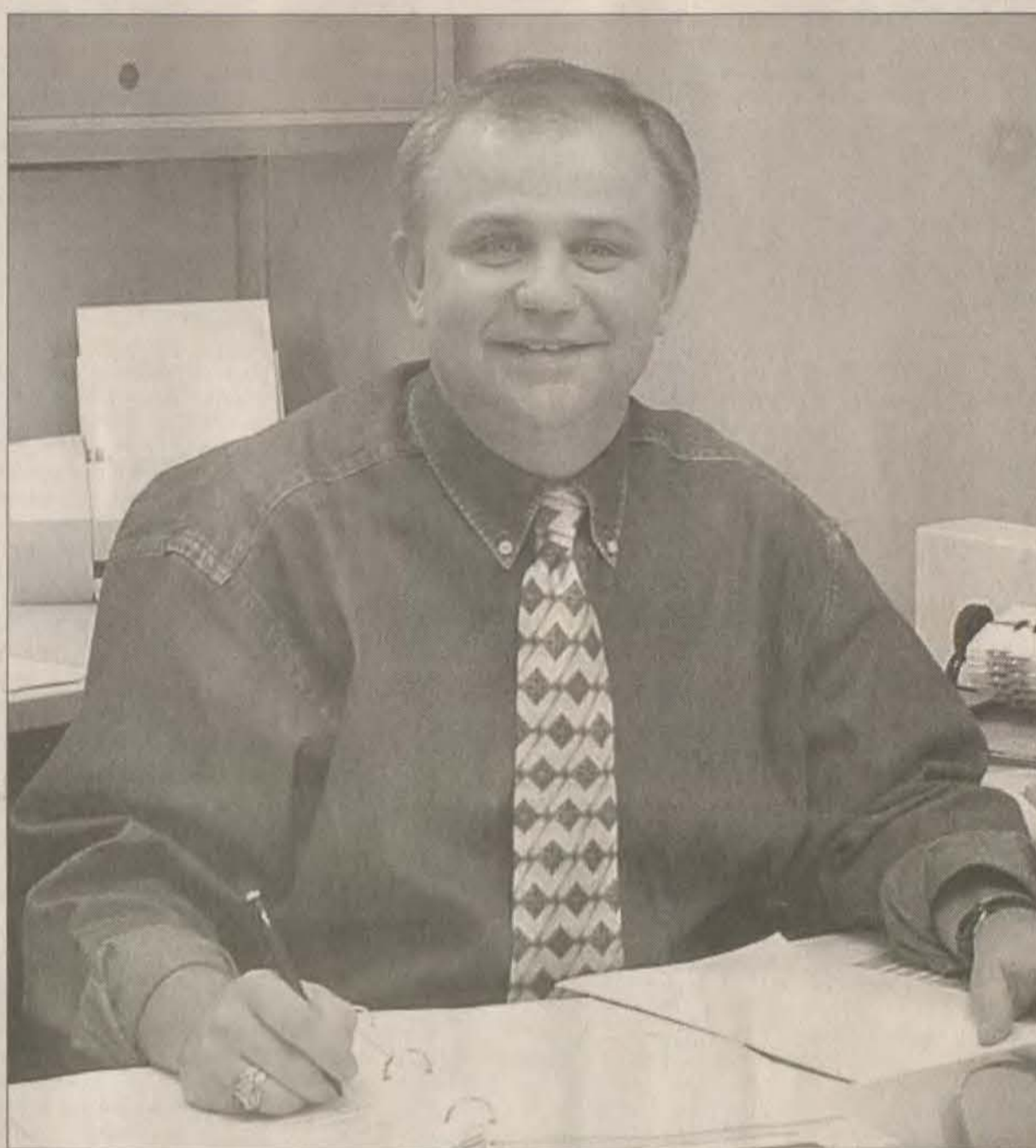
Q I want to protect Medicare dollars. What should I watch for that might be a sign of fraud or abuse by a home health agency?

A You should be on the alert for:

- Visits made by home health care staff that you do not need
- Billing Medicare for care or equipment you did not receive
- A home health agency that offers you free goods or services for your Medicare number

Have questions about Medicare? Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), TTY/TDD 1-877-486-2048 (toll free for the hearing impaired), or visit www.medicare.gov on the internet.

New director at PCC

**Pelphrey hired to coordinate economic and workforce efforts**

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg Community College has named David Pelphrey as the new director of economic and workforce development. His duties are serving as an economic development information-clearing house for the counties that comprise the Big Sandy District and enhancing their economic development efforts.

Pelphrey will actively recruit new businesses to the area as well

as assist in marketing commercial real estate. He will assist businesses in expansion plans, identify training opportunities, and work with other existing agencies to coordinate all economic development efforts. Lastly, he will act as the coordinator of the Kentucky Workforce Investment Network System for the Big Sandy District.

Pelphrey is a native of Johnson County and a graduate of Johnson Central High School. He obtained

both a bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Kentucky. His background includes teaching, employment with the Kentucky Department of Education, and agriculture sales.

Pelphrey understands the importance of economic growth in the Big Sandy Area and aims to focus on sustainable businesses rather than short-term extractive

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AEI executives will get bonuses to 'stay on board'

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — A bankruptcy judge has approved a plan to pay 41 key employees of AEI Resources Holding Inc. a total of \$4.1 million in bonuses if they remain with the Ashland coal producer until its financial restructuring is complete.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge William S. Howard said the plan would provide bonuses for executives "to stay on board during troubling times."

AEI attorney Ron Gold said the payments would keep employees with crucial knowledge and skills from deserting AEI during the nine months beginning April 12 when AEI's restructuring plan is expected to be confirmed by the court.

(See AEI, page four)

Center offers help to entrepreneurs

MOREHEAD — Are you interested in starting your own business?

Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center is offering a new workshop to provide the needed information to become an entrepreneur.

A workshop for "Starting and Financing Your Business" will be held on Wednesday, April 3, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in 210 Combs Building on campus. There will be a \$5 fee per person and pre-registration is necessary because of limited seating.

This session outlines a variety of topics including financial considerations, business selection and planning, permits and licenses, sources for loans and advertising/marketing issues.

In addition, participants will learn about various financing opportunities for a business with emphasis on the Small Business Administration.

Training programs sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed, or national origin. Special arrangements for those with disabilities will be made if requested in advance.

Additional information and registration are available by calling (606) 783-2895.

Bargain-basement gas a thing of the past as higher demand, production cuts push up pricesby MICHELLE MORGANTE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — Caps on oil production and the traditional spring rise in gasoline demand have pushed up prices at the pump 23 cents per gallon over the last month — the most dramatic change in more than a decade.

The jump also is attributed to the bargain gas prices that prevailed in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks, which hampered travel and slowed the economy. In some areas, gas was selling for less than \$1 a gallon after the attacks.

"Now that the economy has started to recover, and we're starting to head into the summer driving season, the industry is really having to come from behind a little bit," AAA spokesman Geoff Sundstrom said in Orlando, Fla.

The average price for unleaded gas on Thursday was \$1.35, according to a AAA national survey.

"It's crazy," Lisa Alcantara said. "I just have to get in my car and go and not think about it. ... There is not a whole lot you can do. We all need gas."

Crude oil prices have risen to about \$25 a gallon since December, when OPEC decided the \$20-a-barrel price

they were earning then was too low, said Douglas MacIntyre, senior oil market analyst with the Energy Information Administration.

Every \$1 increase in the price of a barrel of crude oil translates into a per-gallon hike of about 2.5 cents, he said. Based on current trends, motorists should expect to see per-gallon prices rise another 5 cents to 15 cents over the next several weeks, he said.

"It hits the pocket book," 36-year-old Cindy Trujillo said as she pumped gas Thursday in Denver, adding she recently switched from a pickup truck to a fuel-friendly Geo Metro. "\$20 to \$10 makes a big difference."

The four-week leap in gas prices is the sharpest seen by the Energy Information Administration, the statistical branch of the Department of Energy,

since it began keeping records in 1990.

Prices still are below the average of March 2001, when it was \$1.43 due largely to the then-strong economy.

"It went down so low, we had a bonus there for awhile," said Vesper Gibbs Barnes, a Boston attorney who dropped her car off at a Mobile station. "I guess I'll keep driving everywhere. I have to deal with it."

Californians, who shoulder the added costs of reformulated gasoline mandated by pollution restrictions, are facing the highest prices in the continental United States. Bay Area motorists have seen average prices rise to \$1.68 from \$1.42 a month ago.

Lisa Alcantara of Pacifica pumped \$1.89-per-gallon premium gas into her

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Even with a slew of store closing, analysts say America is still overstocked

by ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK — Even with the liquidation of such big names as Montgomery Ward and a rash of store closings from the likes of Kmart, America is still overstocked with retailers, particularly department and apparel stores that are turning consumers off with uninspiring merchandise.

In fact, even as consumer spending begins to recover from the recession, people are still choosy about where they shop, sticking to savvy discounters like Wal-Mart, and are not likely to return to the carefree buying that defined the mid-to-late 1990s and fueled a frenzied store expansion. That will mean a continued retail shakeout that's expected to accelerate this year and in 2003 before tapering off.

"We are still significantly overstocked," said Burt Flickinger, III, managing director of Reach Marketing in Westport, Conn., who believes there is at least 15 percent to 20 percent more retail square-footage in this country than consumer demand requires.

"There is no question that the consumer is different from today than she was a decade ago," said Kurt Barnard, president of Barnard's Retail Trend Report, based in Montclair, N.J. "The consumer is smarter and more sophisticated, and understands value better than ever."

Given changing consumer spending habits, Barnard noted, "The entire retailing industry is undergoing a profound transformation with market share shifting from one segment to another."

Wal-Mart, Target and moderate-priced chains like Kohl's, with their low prices and exciting merchandise, all continue to outperform the retail industry, generating strong sales gains. Wal-Mart plans to expand its square footage by 9 percent this year, following an 8 percent increase last year.

The big exception, of course, is Kmart, the nation's third-largest discounter, which has long struggled with cluttered stores, inefficient operations and a fuzzy identity. It's now struggling to restructure in bankruptcy and will be shuttering 284 stores in what some analysts believe will be just the first round of store closings.

The increasing clout of the discount sector has pulled business away from department stores and apparel retailers, which are trying to figure out a magic merchandising formula to entice consumers.

The big problem, Barnard said, is shoppers are now "less enamored with famous designer names and big brands"—a business that fueled sales at department stores in the mid-to-late 1990s. Now, these stores are aiming to differentiate themselves by fortifying their own store brands, but their efforts may be not enough.

Lower-priced competitors are moving along with exclusive merchandise that have proven to be big traffic drivers. Cheap chic retailer Target is now turning to a roster of designers, like Mossimo Giannulli, whose dresses sell for \$22.

As department stores industry are increasingly under pressure from discounters, rumors about consolidation in the sector have only increased. There has been even talk about the possibility of a merger between Federated Department Stores and May Department Stores, although some analysts like Barnard view the scenario as unlikely.

The consolidation of large retailers could drive down costs for shoppers and improve profits by allowing the merged company to negotiate lower prices from its suppliers.

The death of the founder of Dillard's Department Store Inc., William T. Dillard Sr., has prompted some talk on Wall Street that management might be ready to sell the chain.

Already this year, Jacobson Stores Inc., a 20-store department store chain in Jackson, Miss., filed for Chapter 11 in January — and its fate is uncertain.

"Jacobson's was no longer relevant in the marketplace, as Target and Kohl's took over," said Frank Badillo of Retail Forward, a retail consulting firm.

Meanwhile, Badillo and other industry analysts are closely watching specialty apparel stores, particularly Gap Inc., which just reported its second consecutive quarterly loss and has been struggling for two years. The chain operates 4,176 stores, and has reduced its expansion pace, but Badillo expects that may not be enough. He believes there will be store closings by yearend, particularly at Old Navy and Gap.

Bankruptcy Filings

The following is a list of bankruptcy cases filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky in Lexington from March 22 to 28.

Pikeville Division

Chapter 7
Under Chapter 7 bankruptcy, a court-appointed trustee sells assets and the debtor is discharged of debts.

- Beverly Ann Cross and Larry Eugene Cross Jr., Prestonsburg.
- Andrea Michelle Webb and John David Webb, Turkey Creek.
- Richard Archard Reed and Yvonne Reed, Inez.
- Clarence James Carmody, Hindman.
- Joann Stewart, Virgie.
- John C. Tackett and Margret M. Tackett, Printer.
- Christopher Daniel, West Van Lear.
- Doug Holbrook, Blue River.
- Donald Riddle and Kyle

- Riddle, Paintsville.
- Garfield Maynard, Inez.
- Gary Hunter, Honaker.
- Norma Salisbury and Raymond Salisbury, Minnie.
- Norma Hampton, Prestonsburg.
- Anita S. Burson, Salyersville.
- Harry Patrick Cullum Jr., Gays Creek.
- Carla Wyatt, Shelbiana.
- Carl Phillips Jr. and Martha Phillips, Pikeville.
- Michael Kevin Jones, Pikeville.
- Christina Renae Totten and Kenneth Totten, Sidney.
- Larry Adkins and Son Contracting Inc., Pikeville.
- Henry Morgan, Premium.
- Sonya D. Hunt, Burnwell.
- Edith White and Novel White, Deane.
- Patricia Bolling, Jenkins.
- Anna Lou Combs, Whitesburg.
- Linda L. Jenkins, Jenkins.
- Amanda Jean Helton and

- Kerry Dale Helton, Salyersville.
 - Latesha Renee Lovely, Prestonsburg.
 - Virginia Taylor, Pikeville.
 - Felicia R. Wilson, Pikeville.
 - Joyce Darlene West and Samuel Fonso West, Mouthcard.
 - Alberto N. Pascarella and Lena J. Pascarella, Betsy Layne.
 - Arthur Long, Pikeville.
 - Cora Justice Johnson and Frank Johnson, Pikeville.
 - Eddie Dean Branham and Jacqueline Branham, Robinson Creek.
 - Josephine Robinson Austin, Shelbiana.
 - Jeffery Prater, Stopover.
 - Tammy Cook and Thomas D. Cook, Jenkins.
- Chapter 13**
Under Chapter 13 bankruptcy, the debtor arranges to repay debt.
- Ernie Davis and Linda Davis, Salyersville.
 - Lisa Ann Stumbo, Drift.

Gas

Lexus SUV in San Francisco. "It's crazy," she said. "I just have to get in my car and go and not think about it. ... There is not a whole lot you can do. We all need gas."

David Underwood, an Atlanta electrician who puts about 24,000 miles on his pickup truck each year, passes the added costs on to his customers. "It seems like it was less than a dollar a gallon not that long ago," he said. "It seems like it's gone up real fast."

But cab drivers in many areas are unable to pass on the costs due to government control of their rates. "It's very difficult

for us," Yellow Cab General Manager Rebecca Escobar said in El Paso. Rising prices "cut directly into their gross profit." Said one San Diego taxi driver who gave only his last name, Contreras: "\$5 less for me is five less hamburgers for my kids."

Exactly how far prices will climb is uncertain, said Carol Thorp, spokeswoman for the Auto Club of Southern California. Perhaps Americans who canceled travel plans last year due to high gas prices or Sept. 11 will feel the urge to hit the highways this year, she noted.

"This summer is a question mark at the moment," Thorp said. "Anyone who tells you they can predict that is not correct."

John Young of St. Louis grumbled about the climbing prices as he filled up his minivan in Chicago after a family

vacation.

"It's outrageous," Young said. "If you look at the price of wholesale gas, it's pretty much stayed the same. It's all obviously to take advantage of spring break."

The price hike had commuters in warm locales looking to more fuel-efficient alternatives.

Antonio Solares, 26, has to fill up his 1995 Ford Escort every other day for the commute between his home in Tijuana, Mexico, and his job in northern San Diego.

"I'm thinking of getting a motorcycle — seriously," Solares said at a gas station near the border.

In Miami, William Morales was unfazed as his pumped \$1 of gas into his scooter.

"They can raise the price 200 times, and it doesn't matter to me," he said. "This doesn't bother me at all."

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Pelphrey

industries. He feels that by providing opportunities and training, our workforce will obtain transferable skills that will make us more competitive in the twenty-first century.

"We're primed for development for many reasons," Pelphrey said, "namely because of our strong workforce, our roads, and because we are rapidly developing the infrastructure that's necessary to recruit business."

Pelphrey feels the Appalachian stereotype has hindered the region's efforts in economic

development in the Big Sandy but believes it can be overcome by an increased emphasis on the quality and quantity of education.

Demonstrating that, Pelphrey went on to say, "Economic development is anything that improves the quality of lives for the citizens of our district, and as long as it's environmentally responsible, we need to examine and aggressively recruit these businesses. We can increase the quality of life and raise income through economic opportunity, training, and education."

AEI

AEI's top 14 executives will receive 75 percent of their annual base pay in three equal payments during the nine months. They include Don Brown, chairman and CEO, whose 2001 base pay was \$379,808; Stephen Addington, president, \$400,000; and Michael Nemser, chief financial officer, \$320,000.

Brown also received a bonus of \$500,000 and Nemser a bonus of \$475,000 in 2001, but bonuses were not counted in calculating the retention bonuses approved Tuesday.

Larry Addington, the company's founder and former CEO, received no salary or bonus last year, but got \$126,706 in other compensation. The company has cut most of its ties to Addington and is negotiating with him on a settlement that Howard will consider on April 12.

The retention plan gives bonuses equal to 50 percent of base pay to 27 lower-ranking executives.

The plan also calls for the top 14 executives to receive a lump sum equal to their base pay if they are terminated as part of the restructuring, unless they have an employment contract that requires a larger payment.

Stephen Addington, for example, would receive two times his base pay, according to documents filed with the court.

The 27 lower-ranking executives will receive two weeks' pay for every year of service if they are terminated.

Howard also approved an agreement with Bankers Trust Co. of New York to provide up to \$250 million in so-called exit financing to help AEI continue normal operations after it emerges from bankruptcy.

AEI — the nation's fourth-largest coal producer — and 74 of its subsidiary companies filed a "prepackaged" Chapter 11 bankruptcy on Feb. 27. AEI's major creditors approved the plan in advance.

The goal is to restructure \$2.8 billion in debt, including \$1.3 billion in long-term debt largely accumulated during a coal-company buying spree by Larry Addington during the late 1990s.

The company's 44 mines in Kentucky and four other states are continuing to operate while AEI restructures. The company has 4,000 employees, including 1,300 in Kentucky.

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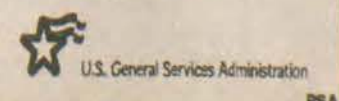
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Donna's
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family fun

by Donna Erickson

Watch it grow
in a saucer

When you think about gardening and preschoolers, a spindly bean sprout emerging from a half-pint cardboard milk carton comes to mind. Every child deserves to be initiated into a "green thumb society" with this classic gardening activity. But there's another favorite my kids enjoyed even before they could say "rutabaga." We call it a saucer garden. It also uses throw-aways, offers life lessons about care and responsibility, and, like the bean seed, this simple garden will grow to maturity before the kids go off to college!

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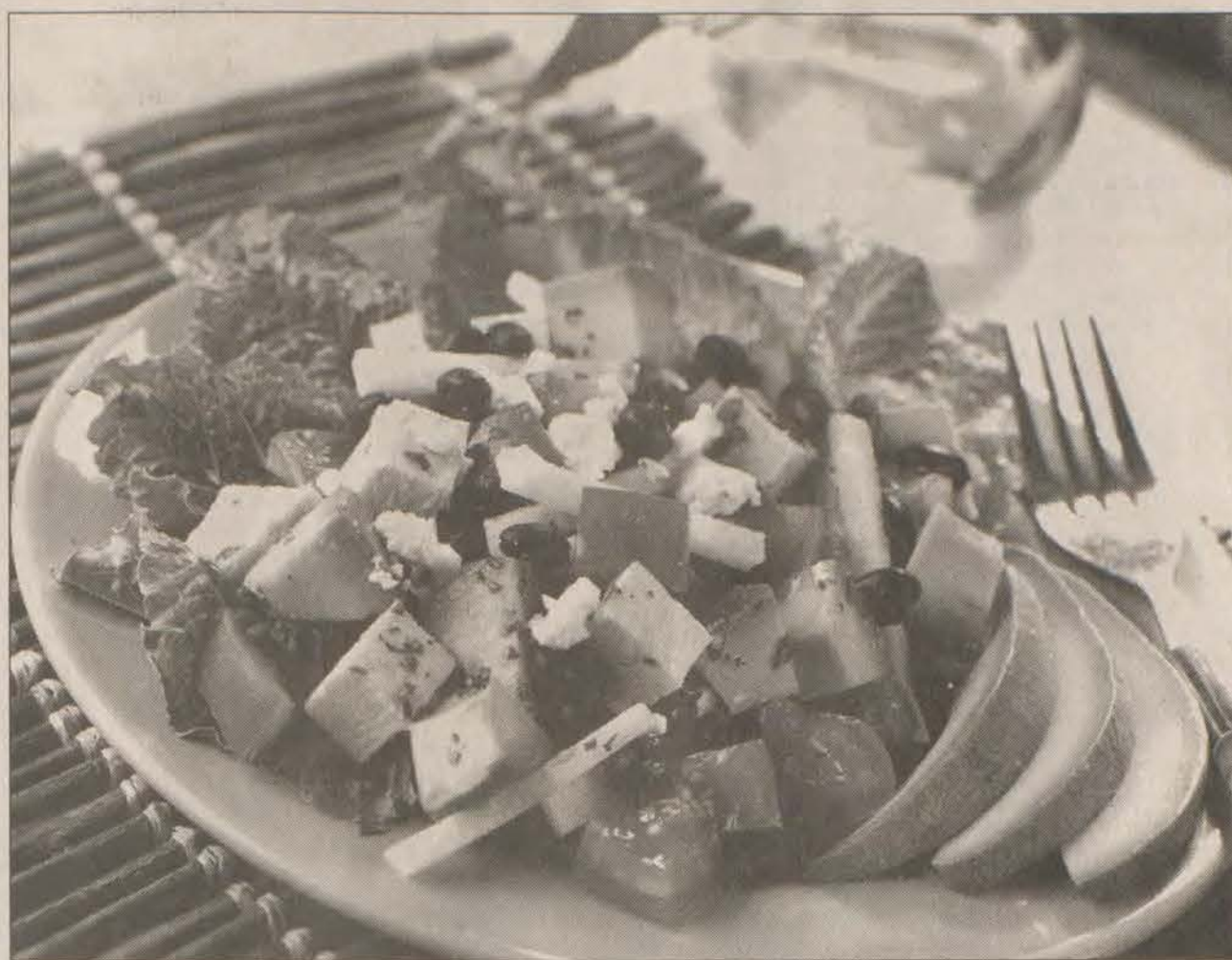
PREPARATION:

Use an aluminum or glass pie pan or a 10-to-12-inch plastic drainage saucer from a flower-pot. Sprinkle clean pebbles you have collected together into the dish to cover the bottom. Pour water in the saucer to barely cover the pebbles. Keep a plastic cup or pitcher with a spout nearby so your child can be responsible for keeping fresh water in the saucer at all times.

GROWING: Most carrots are sold with their "tops" already cut off. Now you'll grow them back again! While preparing dinner vegetables, slice off the top 1/2-inch of several carrots. Beets are also a good choice. Set them outside-down on the pebbles, making sure they touch the water. Feathery green should appear within two weeks.

To add "grass" to the garden, cut a new kitchen sponge with scissors into a fun shape, such as an alphabet letter for your child's name. Soak it in water, then set it in your saucer garden. Generously sprinkle the sponge with grass seeds or sproutable lentils, wheat or chives (purchase in small quantities at health-food stores). Gently lay plastic wrap over the sponge until the seeds germinate. Or, turn a clear plastic container that cherry tomatoes or blueberries come in upside down over the sponge for an instant greenhouse. Remove when sprouts appear, and place near a sunny window. They grow so quickly, if you turn your back on them for a second, they seem to grow an inch!

For extra whimsy, place plastic miniature animals in the saucer to create a jungle, or a few marbles, colorful clear beads and sparkling gems for a platter of jewels.

Avocados aren't
just for guacamole

In terms of time, guacamole is a newcomer to tables north of the Mexican border. But the avocado, the very essence of guacamole, goes back centuries, before Hernando Cortez set foot in Mexico. I wouldn't be surprised if Montezuma, the Aztec chief, and his enemies, the Mayans, were sitting around munching on the velvety flesh fruit when Cortez arrived in the early 1500s.

Fortunately, Mexico is still growing avocados, and this year they will be plentiful until May. Avocados for the American market are grown only in certified orchards, and for export to the United States, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has set strict standards for growing, harvesting, grading and packing. They are inspected not only in the packinghouses but also in ports of entry into the United States. Even distributors must be approved.

You'll recognize Mexican Hass avocados by their dark, pebbly skin, and when you cut into them you'll find their typical pale green, creamy smooth flesh. Avocados are rich in nutrients, including potassium, folic acid, other B vitamins and vitamin E.

Now, there's more to the avocado than guacamole. Make a salad meal with pork, black beans and cheese. Omit the meat if it's to be a meatless Lenten meal.

And try Avocado and Tropical Fruit Salsa that can be a dip or spread, or a topping or accompaniment for meat, fish or shrimp.

by Philomena
Corradeno

PORK, AVOCADO AND BEAN SALAD

2 fully ripened Mexican avocados, halved, pitted and peeled
1 ripe tomato, diced
1 (15-ounce) can black beans, drained and rinsed
1 cup peeled jicama or celery cut in strips
1/3 cup crumbled queso fresco or mild feta cheese
1/4 cup chopped cilantro
1/2 cup prepared Italian or red-wine salad dressing, divided
12 ounces cooked, sliced pork or chicken

Dice one avocado and slice one in thin wedges; set aside. In a medium bowl, combine diced avocado, tomato, beans, jicama, cheese, cilantro and 2 tablespoons of the dressing. Spoon onto four plates, lined with lettuce, if desired. Serve with avocado wedges and pork slices. Drizzle with remaining dressing. Makes 4 portions.

AVOCADO AND TROPICAL
FRUIT SALSA

1 fully ripened Mexican avocado, halved, pitted and peeled
1 large mango, peeled and pitted
1 (20-ounce) can crushed pineapple drained, juice

(See AVOCADOS, page six)

Microwave dessert magic

This quick dessert tastes like you're basking in the sun in the Hawaiian Islands. So if you have family or friends flying off to the Big Island and you're left behind to fend off the cold and snow, this dish may comfort you — I said may!

PINEAPPLE CREAM PUDDING
1 (4-serving) package sugar-free vanilla cook-and-serve pudding mix
2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder
1 1/2 cups water

1 (8-ounce) can crushed pineapple, packed in fruit juice, undrained
1/2 teaspoon coconut extract
3 tablespoons purchased graham cracker crumbs
1 tablespoon chopped pecans
1 tablespoon flaked coconut

In an 8-cup glass measuring bowl, combine dry pudding mix, dry milk powder, water and undrained pineapple.

(See COMFORT, page six)



by JoAnna M. Lund



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

To sleep ...
perchance, to dream

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I am a fair sleeper, but I dream a lot. They are not nightmares. Most of the time I have no idea who the people are in my dreams. I am active in my dreams. Do these dreams affect the rest that comes with sleep? My age is 81. — R.K.

ANSWER: Every night, everyone dreams.

Many can't recall their dreams, but that doesn't matter. They have dreamt.

Humans sleep in cycles of five stages. Dreams occur in any of those stages, but the most active dreaming stage is the stage called REM (rapid eye movement) sleep. During the REM stage, which occurs every 90 minutes or so, the brain is at its most active. Dreams during REM sleep have a story plot. Dreams during NREM (non-REM) sleep are more amorphous, with little or no plot.

Why we dream is a question to which mankind has sought an answer since the dawn of history. Dreaming might help process memories. Or dreams might be buried thoughts that the mind keeps from consciousness during waking hours. Who knows?

Dreams do not routinely interfere with the

(See HEALTH, page six)

You can teach an old dog new tricks

Howard J. Fuerst M.D.

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As a graduate of one of the top 10 medical schools, and after four years of residency at a New York teaching hospital, I was well-trained in the science of medicine. I was kind and compassionate; most of my patients loved me, as I them. Yet, I adhered to my training — if it "ain't" in the medical literature and if it hasn't undergone rigid double-blind crossover studies, it must be quackery. And so it went for 40 years.

Three months before my 69th birthday, my daughter in California sent me a copy of "Quantum Healing" by Deepak Chopra, M.D., which explores the field of mind-body medicine.

Also for my 69th birthday, even



though I felt great, I had a complete medical checkup. I received a definite diagnosis of far-advanced prostate cancer. The professor at the medical school again confirmed the diagnosis. He told me there's no cure, but he could slow down the progress of the disease with hormone therapy, and I could live 18 to 24 months.

At this time of diagnosis, I went into

shock and depression, in spite of heroic support from my wife and children. My two daughters in California entered the picture. Immediately, I started reading books and listening to tapes on healing, started a macrobiotic diet, scheduled a course on meditation, had an appointment with a "cancer psychologist" and started visualizing my cancer's destruction. Not one of these modalities was accepted standard medical therapy, and although I performed them with a huge dose of skepticism, I couldn't stand up to my family's forceful persuasion. I was determined to be a good patient and did all of the above regularly and with an attempt at an open mind.

It is now 51 months later. I am well but not the same person. I have made a 180-degree change in my attitude toward the practice of medicine. From a narrow-minded, tunnel-visioned physician, I am now open to all possibilities.

I run cancer support groups and espouse diet, meditation, visualization and psychological support. I receive several telephone calls from cancer patients each week who have heard my story and want to know what they can do to help themselves.

Prayer was added about one year ago. Although I had heard about the power of prayer and although my family had me on multiple prayer lines, I was skeptical until I heard Dr. Larry Dossey speak and after reading his book "Healing Words." I now watch for numerous articles on prayer and stories on TV. In my own informal way, I speak to God daily.

My days start with 30 minutes of meditation, prayer and visualization. Shopping and cooking are part of my routine. I eliminated all animal products and fats from my diet and increased the amounts of grains, fresh

vegetables and other foods consistent with a macrobiotic diet. I still see a macrobiotic counselor twice a year. Listening to tapes by Dr. Bernie Siegel, Dr. Deepak Chopra, Louise Hay and others intimately involved in the mind-body connection are also part of my daily routine. In my reading, I found many "medical miracles" occurring because of "alternate therapies."

Many of my colleagues still look at me as a "nut case" who happened to be lucky and go into remission from my cancer. Why? They don't know. But I do — I had mountains of love and moral support, and I chose to change. It saved my life!

Look for our latest books, "Chicken Soup for the Soul of America" and "Chicken Soup for the Traveler's Soul."

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Review: 'Stupid White Men'

I'm a big fan of Michael Moore and have been since he released his documentary "Roger & Me" back in the 1980s. I also have loved his TV shows "The Awful Truth" and "TV Nation," and I found his last book, "Downsize This!" informative, funny and enlightening.

What's great about Michael Moore is that often times the story surrounding his stories are just as compelling and entertaining. Such is the case with his latest book, "Stupid White Men."

for an October 2001 release, but when four planes went down on Sept. 11, the print-run of his book was halted and the 50,000 copies that had been printed were locked in a warehouse.

The publisher told Moore that given the new attitude of nation, he should consider rewriting the major portions of "Stupid White Men" that were critical of President Bush. Moore refused. His publishers then told him in no uncertain terms that his book would probably never see the light of day.

Thankfully, a group of very vocal librarians began a letter-

writing campaign to have Moore's book released. The librarians' campaign, combined with a story about Moore's plight on salon.com, forced the publisher to release "Stupid White Men" in late February 2002.

It is at times a very funny book. It is also a scathing indictment of the Bush administration and of the empty suit that sits in the Big Chair in the Oval Office. Moore also takes potshots at the previous administration, and hits a bull's-eye every time.

Where you sit on the political spectrum will determine how



"Stupid White Men" by Michael Moore (Regan Books, \$24.95) Reviewed by David Smith

much you will like, love or loathe this book. The further to the left you are, the more you'll enjoy it.

Books reviewed in this column are available from your local bookstore.

Exercise to energize



Some of the main reasons people exercise on a regular basis are to feel better, increase their energy level and be more alert and productive throughout their event-filled days. But these results don't always happen. Sometimes people who work out in the morning feel fatigued by late afternoon, and people who work out in the evening feel like their workouts suffer due to lack of energy. If your exercise routine isn't delivering that pick-me-up feeling, here are some things to consider:

■ When you exercise, your muscles use energy in the form of carbohydrates. If you use up this energy, you may feel fatigued. Your body is just like your car. Your car's fuel is gasoline, and your body's fuel is food. When you run low on carbohydrates, the result is low performance. After a workout, refuel your body with a carbohydrate-rich food (such as a bagel) and refuel frequently with small amounts of food so your gas tank (stomach) never goes empty.

■ Make sure your body is getting sufficient recovery time. Sleep is the most important type of recovery for your body. This is when your muscles rebuild and repair. A good night's sleep can make the difference in your next exercise session. If you don't recover fully, your muscles continue to break down and

you defeat the purpose of exercise. If it's not possible to get a good eight hours at night, try taking a nap when possible.

■ Drink plenty of water throughout the day. You might be drinking water while you're working out, but that won't be enough for the day. Start your day off with a glass, sip water throughout your workout and always have a bottle of water with you. Water acts as a flushing system and will help to keep your muscles contracting properly. Staying hydrated will help to rid you of that sinking feeling.

■ Progress slowly with your workout routine. Remember that improvements take time, and being patient can keep you exercising for the rest of your life. Overuse can cause fatigue, leaving you tired and worn out. If you are sore, tired, drained or just plain exhausted after your workout, you are probably doing too much. Back off from your routine and be aware of how you are feeling during your workout. You'll notice that results will actually come quicker if you don't overdo it.

Itching to date

DEAR SAM & DAVE:

In the past year, I've become very close to a group of friends who've known each other since they were kids. A few months ago, one of the guys in the group, "Dan," introduced me to his brother, and we dated for about six weeks before I broke it off. No harm, no foul, right?

Well, last week I asked "Jim," another guy in the group, if he'd like to go out sometime. He said that he'd like to, but Dan asked him not to date me. As it turns out, he's had private conversations with every male I hang out with. He's asking them not to go out with me because it would be devastating to his brother.

They're very loyal to each other, but this is going too far. How can I get past Dan's possessiveness on behalf of his brother? — ITCHING TO DATE IN DENVER

SAM SAYS:

Brotherly love is great, but it's carrying it a little far for a guy to ask his friends not to date an eligible female. It sounds like Dan's not just possessive on his brother's behalf — it sounds like he's interested in you for himself. Maybe he's afraid that his interest in you will upset his brother — after all, dating a sibling's ex can cause all sorts of hard feelings. Or maybe he's just afraid to ask you out. Either way, the whole if-I-can't-have-her-nobody-can attitude is childish.

Of course, his reasons for behaving this way are irrelevant. If he sticks to his claim that he's only concerned about his brother, you'll have to decide what to do about the situation as it exists. I'd take Dan out for lunch and ask him what's going on — there's so much he-said-she-said going on that you should deal with him

directly. Be nice. Tell him that his brother probably didn't imagine that you wouldn't ever date again. Offer to wait another month or so to start dating if he thinks that would make his brother feel better. Going dateless for another few weeks is a small price to pay to keep peace among friends.

DAVE SAYS:

Sounds like you've got a nice little male harem going on there, Missy. If these guys have been buddies since they were kids, they've got a pretty great relationship going. Why would you want to cause a rift in the group? If you respect their friendship, you'll go looking for dates somewhere else.

Sure, Dan may be too protective of his brother, but that's their business and they'll need to work those issues out between them-

Sam & Dave explain it all to you

by Samantha Weaver and Dave Smith

selves. But if you've been told that dating Jim will cause great distress to Dan's brother, why would you want pursue a course of action that would hurt the brother?

I have a gut feeling that your motives may not be exactly noble here. Maybe you should just move on and forget these guys.

Send letters to Sam & Dave c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Or e-mail them at asksamanddave@mindspring.com.

A night to remember

For the most part, sightseeing and vacationing are about getting out of your hotel and seeing the sights, not lazing around the room. But sometimes, you can combine overnights with vacationing and stay someplace really special. Such is the case with the following four hotels. They all offer an unusual overnight experience, making them vacation destinations unto themselves:

3,800 square-foot home with three bedrooms and a Jacuzzi. Your weeklong rental includes the use of a boat, so you can island hop if you like, and it is surprisingly affordable, a party of six pays only about \$125 per night each. For your own island, that's cheap. (Call Vladi Private Islands at 011-49-40-33-00-00 or log on to www.vladi-private-islands.com.)

hour class to be dive certified. Rates range from \$200 to \$350 per night per guest, but it's certainly worth it for the novelty of sleeping underwater. (Contact 305-451-2353 or www.jul.com.)

Cedar Creek Treehouse, Washington
Mount Rainer National Park, in Washington state, is home to some mighty big trees. And if you've ever dreamed of having a really big treehouse, then this is your chance. Fifty feet up in a giant cedar rests a cabin with electricity, running water and accommodations for five. What a sight it is, and the sights that can be seen from the little nest are amazing. Two people are looking at \$200 per night, with only \$25 more for additional guests. (Open during the spring and summer, so book early. Call 360-569-2991 or log on to www.cedarcreektreehouse.com for more information.)

Emerald Key, Florida
Island living is, by its very nature, relaxing. The sun shining down, glistening beaches, rolling surf and the salt in the air — all these things combine to help any hint of stress seep away. But what might intrude on that de-stressing? Other people. So why not rent your very own island. Emerald Key is 25 miles from Key West on the Overseas Highway. It is only accessible by boat, and it is graced with a

Jules' Undersea Lodge, Florida
Up the coast a bit, and 20 feet below the surface of the ocean, you'll find the world's first and only underwater hotel off Key Largo, Fla. You must dive to the hotel, there is no entrance above ground. But once there, you'll enjoy all the comforts of home: hot showers, delicious food, television and phone, and — something you won't find at home — spectacular underwater views. Novices can take a three-



Kokopelli's Cave Bed and Breakfast, New Mexico
If you are more of a desert person, swing on down to Farmington, N.M., for an overnight stay in a "privately owned luxury cliff dwelling" located 70 feet below the surface, with an entrance located on the cliff face. Originally created as an unusual office for consulting geologist Bruce Black, it is now used as a bed and breakfast, which can be rented for as little as \$260 per night, for four people traveling together. The cave is fully equipped with TV/VCR, Jacuzzi, waterfall shower, gas grill and kitchen. (Contact 505-325-7855 or www.bbonline.com/nm/kokopelli.)

The observation deck

April is the cruellest month, breeding
Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing
Memory and desire, stirring
Dull roots with spring rain.

T. S. Eliot, 1888-1965
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Comfort

Microwave on HIGH (100 percent power) for 5 to 6 minutes or until mixture starts to bubble, stirring after 4 minutes. Stir in coconut extract. Evenly spoon hot mixture into 4 dessert dishes. In a small bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs, pecans and coconut. Evenly sprinkle a full

tablespoon of crumb mixture over top of each. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Serves four.

■ Each serving equals: 142 Calories, 2 g Fat, 5 g Protein, 26 g Carb., 214 mg Sodium, 1 g Fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1/2 Skim Milk, 1/2 Fruit.

Avocados

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- 1/2 cup sliced green onions (scallions)
- 1/4 cup toasted pumpkin or sunflower seeds
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 to 2 teaspoons minced jalapeño
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice.

Dice avocado and mango. Combine avocado, mango, pineapple and 2 tablespoons of reserved juice, green onion, pumpkin seeds, cilantro, jalapeño and lime juice. Sprinkle with raisins or currants, if desired. Serve with chicken, fish or shrimp. Makes about 4 cups.

Early promise didn't pan out for prodigy

■ In high school, country singer Garth Brooks lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track.

■ It was Lillian Day who observed, "A lady is one who never shows her underwear by accident."

■ Think you love your morning cup of java? You're not alone — Bach loved it so much he wrote a "Coffee Cantata."

■ In the 19th century, a Russian woman, Mrs. Fyodor Vassilet, gave birth to 69 children — and in only (!) 27 preg-

Strange BUT TRUE

nancies. She gave birth to four sets of quadruplets, seven sets of triplets and 16 pairs of twins. And she is not the only woman to have reproduced so prodigiously; in the 19th and early 20th centuries, Mrs. Bernard Scheinberg of Austria also gave birth to 69 children. The truly amazing thing is that she, too, had four sets of quadruplets, seven sets of triplets and 16

pairs of twins!

■ The word "mafia" came into the Italian language (and, after that, many other languages) from the Arabic word "mahyah," which means "boasting."

■ A humpback whale's heart is more than 6 feet wide.

■ A remarkable boy, William J. Sidis, Jr., was born in 1898. By the age of 6 months, he knew the alphabet; he could read and write by the time he was 2; and by 8 years of age he had finished grammar and high school. He

entered Harvard University the next year, and graduated with honors at the age of 16. Three years later he was made a full professor of mathematics. He never fulfilled his early academic promise, though; at the age of 26, he was working at a New York store operating an adding machine.

■ Comedians, too, have a patron saint: St. Vitus.

Thought for the Day: "There are two kinds of statistics: the kind you look up and the kind you make up." — Rex Stout

The economics of music downloads

Who gets blamed when CD sales slump? The economy, stupid? No, it's the computer nerds who take the fall.

Recently, the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) fingered what it believes to be illegal music downloads for a 10 percent drop in CD sales, from 1.08 billion to 968.58 million in 2001.

Hilary Rosen, RIAA president and CEO, said, "A large factor contributing to the decrease in overall shipments last year is online piracy and CD burning."

Didn't she take any economics courses when she learned how to money-grub?

In a grand display of ignorance, the RIAA seeks to blank out the worldwide recession — and the fact that CD sales are extremely sensitive to lowered discretionary income. Furthermore, Americans spent more of what discretionary income they did have on other



things, like home improvement.

Not surprisingly, the decrease in dollar value of music shipments was smaller — only 4 percent — a reflection of how CD's are becoming more expensive while costing pennies to produce.

Is it any wonder that teens, who don't have the money to plop down \$18 a pop, are the ones who are downloading?

The RIAA would like music fans to believe that downloading music is stealing, not from the RIAA, but from the artists, while its own labor practices amount to what used to be called indentured servitude.

NewsBytes recently told a story about

blues man Lester Chambers. In 1965, when records cost \$6, he signed a contract with the recording industry agreeing to a 2-cent royalty for every record. Chambers says the contract expired a decade ago, but he still gets the 2-cent royalty, even as consumers pay three times as much.

Today's musicians don't make squat from CD royalties unless they sell 2 million of them. What they do make money from is from the public appearances, the concerts, the endorsements that result from the interest in the artist. The public wants to see stars perform live, and you can't duplicate an experience, bootlegging notwithstanding.

The RIAA believes everyone is a thief just waiting to happen, and if people can get away with it, they will. I say this to Hilary Rosen: Before you accuse me, take a look at yourself.

Health

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rest that comes from a night's sleep. Not knowing the cast of characters who appear in a dream is not unusual. It is not a sign that the brain is playing tricks on you. Rest soundly, R.K., and sweet dreams.

Sleeplessness plagues a large number of people. The sleep report offers some insights into insomnia and how best to restore normal sleep. Readers who would like a copy can obtain one by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 30W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 along with the recipient's name and mailing address, printed clearly. Allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

Ever since, I have had a moderately bad headache. Could it be from the fall? — R.T.

ANSWER:
Yes, the headache could be related to your fall. You might have a subdural hematoma. That's a blood clot that forms under the outermost brain cover, the dura. Pressure on the brain from the clot can cause headaches. The initial brain scan might not have shown a clot.

Don't waste any more time. Those clots have to be drained. If they are left alone, they can cause permanent brain damage. See a doctor soon.

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

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