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Dismissed teachers may be brought back

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — Following a due process hearing for two teachers who were terminated from their positions at Betsy Layne High School, it appears

that the husband-and-wife team may be reinstated next year following a suspension. Larry and Karen Wilson were terminated Jan. 22 by Supt. Paul Fanning for reasons that were undisclosed at the time. However, the couple utilized an

administrative act and asked for a due process hearing in which they were able to state their case and deny the allegations directed toward them. At that time, Karen Wilson said that she was innocent of any allegations made against her and she had hired a

lawyer to prove it. According to the couple's lawyer, Arthur Brooks of Lexington, the hearing was held last week but the results will not be officially available until next week due to spring break. However, Brooks said that he

believes the couple will be suspended for the rest of this year but would be back to work this fall. According to Brooks, the panel found most of the charges against the (See **TEACHERS**, page six)



photo by Jarrid Deaton

The demolition and replacement of the old Town Branch Bridge continues in Prestonsburg. Engineers brought down the span in January and have worked since to remove its concrete supports.

PSC: Martin County water problems are an emergency

Troubles could affect up to 3,200 customers

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The Public Service Commission on Friday ordered the Martin County Water District to take emergency steps to correct staffing and equipment problems that endanger service to 3,200 customers.

The commission said the district has only one certified water plant operator who has been working 16-hour days during the week and the entire weekend.

"From what I understand, she's practically living at the plant," PSC spokesman Andrew Melnykovich said.

The district has a contract with Kentucky-American Water Co. to

provide a certified operator for a single eight-hour shift during weekdays.

Commission inspectors found only one of the two main pumps at the water plant is operating and it has not been serviced for several years. Critical replacement parts are not on hand. Water purification equipment does not work properly and remote monitoring systems at storage tanks do not work, meaning they frequently overflow or run dry.

"It's an emergency situation," Melnykovich said.

The PSC ordered the water district to order parts, repair backup equipment and make adequate staffing arrangements by Monday. The PSC set a meeting for Tuesday to consider whether the water district needs an emergency rate increase to pay for "bringing the system back into an acceptable condition."

The district serves residential and commercial customers in the county, including Inez.

The PSC said failure to comply with the emergency order could mean fines and penalties against the district and its officers.

'Dead man' now wanted by police

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The story of Randall Gene Hollifield may be taking another bizarre turn.

It appears that criminal charges have been filed against the man who has an obituary and memorial cards with his name on them.

According to the Floyd

County attorney's office, police are searching for Hollifield to question him about bad checks he had allegedly written in Floyd County.

Prestonsburg City police officer George Tussey said there has been an arrest warrant issued for Hollifield with the charge of theft by deception stemming from bad checks written to Food City of Prestonsburg.

"Anyone who fakes their own death is going to be hard to find," Tussey said.

There is a possibility of additional charges that could be added to the theft by deception charge, according to the county attorney's office.

"The only charge that I'm working on right now is the theft by deception," Tussey said.

The location of Randall Gene

Hollifield has been in question since his supposed demise on March 24, which has been discounted by numerous members of his family.

The last visible contact with Hollifield supposedly took place at the residence of his grandfather on March 24, where he allegedly gave his

(See **WANTED**, page six)

Johnson, Floyd, Magoffin, Pike students win more than \$6,500 at East Ky. Regional Science Fair

Special to The Times

Young scientists around the region brought their discoveries to the East Kentucky Science Center's East Kentucky Regional Science Fair March 23 to compete for prizes. Their projects ranged from electroplating, material burning, and mood producers, to goldfish.

Citizens National Bank provided \$5,000 and Morehead State University's East Kentucky Regional GEAR-UP Project provided \$1,500 in funding for prizes. Winning students received

savings bonds and trophies.

Five first, five second and five third place winners were selected from the 32 entries. First place winners received \$500 savings bonds that will mature to a value of \$1,000. Second place winners received two \$100 savings bonds worth \$200 each at maturity, and third place was awarded \$100 savings bonds worth \$200 at maturity. First-place winning students also earned their schools \$500 to be used in the purchase of science equipment.

(See **SCIENCE**, page six)



Dwayne Davis, an associate editor with the Salyersville Independent, awarded first place to Shane Duncan of Prestonsburg in the 8th grade division of the East Kentucky Regional Science Fair competition. Duncan is a student at Wesley Christian Academy at Allen.

Slone pleads guilty to striking deputy

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County woman who was charged with fourth-degree assault of a police officer pleaded guilty on Thursday.

Karen K. Slone, 35, of Martin, was sentenced to 60-to-90 days of in-house treatment and one year of supervised probation for the March 25 assault of deputy jailer Brian Prater.

Prater was assisting a fellow deputy in putting Slone into detox when the incident occurred.

After the one year of supervised probation, Slone will be returned to jail to face the other charges that have been brought against her, including disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.



Karen K. Slone

Stop leads to drug arrest

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man was arrested March 25 and received a myriad of charges.

Carl J. Goble of Hippo was charged with possession of a controlled substance, prescription drug not in a proper container, carrying a concealed deadly

weapon and failure to wear a seat belt.

After receiving a complaint on the vehicle that Goble was driving, police stopped him and found the prescription drug OxyContin in an improper container, along with a firearm in the seat hidden underneath a hammer, knife and some papers.

A court date for Carl J. Goble has been set for April 24.

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Odds and Ends

■ **SANTA ANA, Calif.** — Exercise and disability checks apparently don't mix. A woman pleaded guilty to insurance fraud after she was caught on video participating in an aerobics class while receiv-

ing disability payments, authorities said Thursday.

Noel DeSota, 55, entered the plea last month and was sentenced to 60 days in jail and 120 hours of community service, according to the state

Department of Insurance. She was also ordered to pay \$70,000 in restitution and a \$200 fine.

DeSota slipped and fell in April 1998, apparently injuring her left hip, knee, back

and neck. She was treated by a doctor and put on temporary disability.

State investigators discovered DeSota joined a "Jazzercise" class in January 1999 while continuing to claim she was unable to work because of her injuries. After taping her workout, investigators showed the video to DeSota's doctors, who said she had misrepresented her ability to return to work.

Town officials aren't pleased.

The town's attorney said the crushed cars violate local law and create a health risk. The newly elected town supervisor said he just wants the feud over with, noting that the town has paid more than \$40,000 in legal expenses.

■ **PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla.** — A woman driving home ran over an alligator, which then bit through her car's bumper and lifted part of the vehicle off the ground.

Stephanie Feola, 43, said she first thought she hit an opossum Wednesday night but

she saw the tail of an almost 7-foot alligator under her car.

"The car started shaking and it was lifting the front end up," she said. "I thought it was going to come up through the floor."

Feola put the car into reverse to get away and called police on her cellular phone. The animal was caught and killed by a trapper, said Gary Morse, spokesman for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Morse said the animal's reaction is often to fight what it thinks is an attacker.

"The alligator doesn't know what's going on," Morse said. "He's got a brain the size of your thumb."

Loretta Lynn opens up more of her life in new book

by JIM PATTERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HURRICANE MILLS, Tenn. — Loretta Lynn is walking through her living room unbuttoning her shirt. Suddenly, she flashes her bra.

Laughing at the discombobulation of a reporter, photographer, hairdresser and personal assistant, she quickly opens and closes her shirt several more times.

Lynn has revealed herself in hundreds of songs and a best-selling autobiography, published in 1976. The 1980 movie based on that book, "Coal Miner's Daughter," starred Sissy Spacek as Lynn and Tommy Lee Jones as her husband, Mooney Lynn.

You'd think she would have about covered it by now. Wrong. In her new book, "Still Woman Enough," the Country Music Hall of Fame member writes about things passed over in the first book, such as a botched breast enhancement operation, and about the details of a harsh 12 years spent in Washington state before her singing career got going.

After getting a late start — she was a mother of four when she first sang in public — Lynn rose quickly to stardom, recording 16 No. 1 hits. Now, at 66, she looks much the same as always — long black hair, high cheekbones and a bright smile.

In her new book, she also reveals some bittersweet and brutal details of her 48-year marriage to Mooney. Lynn gives a sobering look at life with — and without — the man she called "Doo," who died at their Hurricane Mills home in 1996.

She writes of an alcoholic husband who beat her, spent her money and was repeatedly unfaithful. "I put up with it because of six kids," Lynn said. "And I loved him and he loved me."

The marriage proved grist for the writing of such hits as "Don't Come Home A'Drinkin' (With Lovin' on Your Mind)" and "Fist City."

"Every song that I wrote, he didn't know which lines were in there for him, but you can bet

that half of it was about him," Lynn said. "And I could sing it and think, 'I've told him that.' ... It helped my heart to know that I'd said it."

Born into poverty in Butcher Holler in Johnson County, Lynn married Mooney in 1948 when she was 13. He cast her aside for another woman when she was pregnant with their first child. After reconciling, the couple moved to Washington state so Mooney could find work.

There, Lynn was a neglected — and sometimes abused — housewife and mother for more than a decade. But it was Mooney who bought her a \$17 guitar and forced her to sing in public.

"I could never have done it on my own," she writes. "Whatever else our marriage was back in them days ... without Doo and his drive to get a better life, there would have been no Loretta Lynn, country singer.

"He pushed me every step of the way, starting with the time he bought me that Harmony guitar at Sears, Roebuck and told me to learn to play the guitar and sing. ... Shy isn't the word for what I felt onstage. Terrified is more like it."

Lynn said the happiest time in their marriage was when they toured the country together in 1960 to promote her first record, "I'm a Honky Tonk Girl." They had a common goal and were working together.

After she became a star, Lynn spent most of her time on the road while Mooney ran various unsuccessful businesses and then their family ranch. It was a lonely life for the singer, and when she was home she found it hard to fit into her family.

"I felt like a money tree that had been shook," she said. "I never felt like I was needed, wanted, or anything. They all had their own lives."

Now, six years after her husband's death, Lynn lives in the shadow of her own myth, running a dude ranch and tourism complex about an hour west of Nashville. She lives in a house behind the larger one that she shared with Mooney. The big

house is open to tourists during the summer.

She never felt comfortable there, Lynn said, because Mooney's girlfriends were in the house when she was on the road. "Tammy (Wynette) and me used to laugh about the fact that we had these images we never lived up — or down — to," Lynn writes. "Tammy was right in the middle of dumping her husband when she recorded 'Stand by Your Man.' ... And I was the one staying married and standing by Doo through God knows what."

These days, Lynn performs around the country on weekends, returning regularly to the ranch to do concerts.

"I go to bed when I want to. I get up when I want to, I eat when I want to," she said, then paused. "I miss Doo. I miss him a lot."

Last year she went home to Butcher Holler to decorate her parents' graves. The trees are so high there that you can barely see the sky when you look up, she said.

"I looked around and I thought, 'How did I get out of this place?' ... If it hadn't been for Doo, I'd still be back there."

■ **COPES CORNER, N.Y.** — Nearly a year and 3,000 miles later, Michael Lester got a response to a message he put in bottle and his teacher tossed out to sea.

The response was post-marked from Ireland.

The 14-year-old teen threw his message into the waters off Cape Cod last April. The 20-ounce Pepsi bottle, which was sealed with hot glue, washed up 3,000 miles away in Ireland.

Richard Barrett found it there on March 10 and sent a short letter back to Lester. The teen sees the letter as a link to his great-grandmother, who lived in Ireland.

■ **MENTZ, N.Y.** — Town officials wanted a fence, so junkyard owner Gene Crandall gave them one to remember — a quarter-mile long chain of junked cars, stacked three and four high.

Mad about a 3-year-old order to fence his auto junkyard and local officials' efforts to shut his business down, Crandall put up the chain of junked cars.

The fence features a colorful assortment of makes and models: pickups, convertibles, vans and sedans, most with-

Free National tree package

Ten free oak trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during the month of April. The free oaks are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign, and are being given in recognition of the oak's selection as the People's Choice for America's National Tree.

More than 440,000 people made their selection in the Vote for America's National Tree, hosted by the Arbor Day Foundation, between January 1 and National Arbor Day, 2001. The oak was the commanding favorite, winning with 101,000 votes, with the redwood earning second-place honors with nearly 81,000 votes.

"The American people chose well, and carefully, in selecting the oak," John Rosenow, president of the Arbor Day Foundation, said. "Oaks have long been prized for their shade, beauty, and lumber. Today, more than ever in our history, the oak's strength, longevity, and grace, make it a fitting national symbol. These are also the reasons we're proud to offer this special oak membership package."

The ten trees include two red oaks, two pin oaks, two bur oaks, two scarlet oaks, and two willow oaks.

The free trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in April or May, with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation, and receive the free National Tree package, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE OAK TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30.

Second communion machine is Kentucky man's latest invention

by LORI BURLING
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Clad in a denim apron with a measuring tape clipped to his side, Wilfred Greenlee set up an assembly line for the assistants who will be helping him build dozens of his latest invention.

"It's just the latest of many projects," Greenlee, 79, said, gesturing toward the Greenlee Communion Cup Dispenser and smiling proudly.

Last year, Greenlee invented, marketed and sold a communion dispensing machine, which allowed volunteers to fill communion cups with grape juice for 10,000 people in just 32 minutes — a task that formerly took 21 hours. The machine, marketed to churches with congregations in the thousands, has been sold in more than a dozen states.

But Greenlee's adventurous mind didn't begin with communion machines.

"He's been doing this for

years," said Melita Greenlee, 62, Wilfred Greenlee's wife and business partner.

Take a walk through the basement of the Greenlees' Jefferson County home and feel as if transported through time to

a helicopter camera mount and a vacuum blow dryer invented in the days before hand-held hair dryers. There's also the Lay-Down Bicycle, invented in the 1970s, in which the driver lies on his stomach while pedaling.

Greenlee's first church-related project. It's similarly built — of stainless steel and Plexiglas — but combined with Greenlee's first machine it allows the trays for Holy communion to be prepared in several easy steps.

First a person places cups into the machine, which holds up to 2000 cups. With the push of a lever, 40 cups drop into the cupholes of a communion tray. Then the tray is placed into the liquid dispensing machine. With a pull of a lever, the grape juice is distributed evenly into each communion cup.

"The best thing about this is that human hands never have to touch the communion cups," said Melita Greenlee. "You cut the top of the bag, dump the cups into the machine and pull the wrapper from the cups."

The disposable cups are key to the machine, its inventor said.

"I needed cups that could stack but not stick together," Greenlee said. "When you push the lever, the cups have to be able to fall into the tray without another one sticking to it."

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the workshop of Albert Einstein. A four-track railway hangs from the ceiling, on which model trains travel under a 16-foot replica of the Golden Gate Bridge — a project Wil Greenlee toyed with between versions of the two communion machines. Along the walls hang patents — for the communion machine, a tractor transmission,

"I've always had all of these ideas. It's fun for me," said Greenlee, a retired engineer from the former International Harvester plant in Louisville. "Especially knowing that I'm helping so many churches with my latest projects."

The new communion cup machine is built to accompany the liquid communion dispenser,



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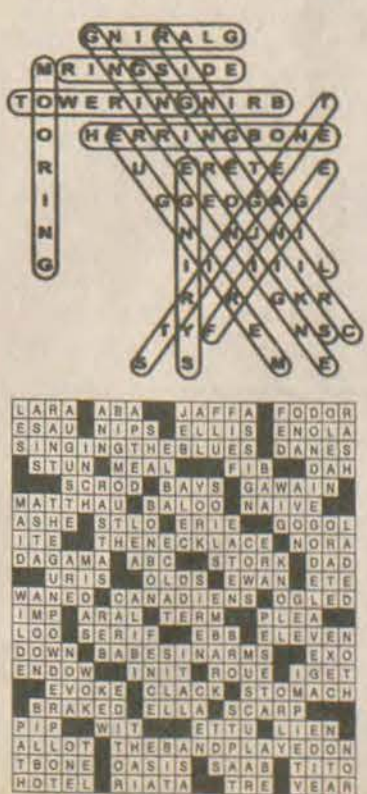
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Civil War books guide historic journeys, in person or imagination

by **ESTES THOMPSON**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH, N.C. — Stonewall Jackson died almost 139 years ago. No matter how much they study his life, there's no way students of the Civil War can ever fully know the Confederate general.

They can come close, traveling in person or by armchair to the places Jackson lived — places that he shaped and that shaped his life — led by a guidebook written by Clint Johnson.

"In the Footsteps of Stonewall Jackson," published in February, is both travel guide and history book, telling readers why certain sites

are relevant in Jackson's life, then describing how to get to them.

"The idea started coming out as you're never going to meet Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson or any other dead figures," Johnson said. "The closest is trying to see the same things they saw."

Johnson, who lives in Winston-Salem, tracks Jackson from his birth in Clarksburg, W. Va., through his student days at West Point, N.Y., and an early posting at Fort Hamilton in New York City's Brooklyn borough, then to the house outside Fredericksburg, Va., where he died during the war.

"I tried to go every place where he was stationed or served or had some significant part of his life," Johnson said.

The book, which follows last year's "In the Footsteps of Robert E. Lee," is written for armchair and mobile audiences.

"If you're in Washington state and can never go to the East Coast, I try to describe it so you can imagine it," he said. "If you're on the East Coast, I tell you how to get there."

Johnson wrote a 1996 book on touring Civil War sites in North and South Carolina, and one in 1999 on sites in Virginia and West Virginia. He also put out a book on tactical blunders by the war's military leaders in 1997.

He decided to write the books

on Lee and Jackson as "a way to expand the history traveler idea."

"There were other places these generals had served or lived that were not Civil War sites but were important to them," Johnson said. "In the Footsteps" was a way to go and see places that formed them, sites where they might have been 20 or 30 years before the Civil War started."

For Civil War buffs, there's no substitute for visiting a battlefield in person. Johnson himself is a regular visitor; he has participated in Civil War battle re-enactments for 25 years.

"It's an absolutely vital part of what we do to give firsthand experience," said Fred W. Kiger, a Chapel Hill-based writer and retired school teacher.

Kiger teaches Civil War history in public classes offered through the University of North Carolina General Alumni Association.

"I always recommend going at the time of year the battle was

fought so temperature, foliage and shadows are similar to when the battle was fought," Kiger said. "It is a necessary experience to really come face to face with the realities of the fighting man of the 1860s ... to sense the unbelievable drama that took place."

The Lee book takes readers to the general's birthplace at Stratford Hall, Va., as well as to the places where he rescued his dog and adopted a wartime pet chicken.

Both books feature Fort Hamilton, where both men served. "If there's one place in the United States you don't associate with Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, it's Brooklyn, N.Y.," he said. "One block away is an Episcopal church both attended. Lee was a vestryman there and Jackson was baptized there."

Johnson writes about how Jackson was accidentally shot by one of his own men at Chancellorsville — where his sev-

ered arm is buried — and was taken to a plantation office building, where he died eight days later, on May 10, 1863.

Travelers who want to find the spot, or any other where he served in the Army before the war, can get directions from boxes printed before each chapter.

One site Johnson enjoyed the most during his research was a spa that Jackson frequented when he taught at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va.

The spa was in Warm Springs, Va., and the same round, wooden building where Jackson once soaked away his aches and pains still is in use.

"The neatest thing that everybody can still do that Stonewall Jackson did is take a bath where he did," Johnson said.

"You are bathing in the same waters as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Stonewall Jackson, Robert E. Lee and about four or five presidents."

Voyeurism bill goes to governor

FRANKFORT - A bill making voyeurism a crime in Kentucky received final passage by the House of Representatives Monday.

HB 133, filed by Rep. Gippy Graham, D-Frankfort, was approved in the House by a vote of 93-0. It now goes to the governor for his signature.

Under the bill, a person would be guilty of voyeurism for secretly watching, videotaping or photographing another person who's naked or engaged in a sex act. The crime would apply in cases in which a person being observed is in a location

where he or she would not reasonably expect to be viewed or filmed.

A person who enters someone else's property to commit such acts would also be guilty under the law. The law would not apply to police or other law enforcement engaged in a criminal investigation, state and local corrections employees or employees of private prisons or juvenile justice facilities.

Those who violate the law would be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, which carries a fine of up to \$500 and can carry up to 12 months in jail.

Report shows plunging receipts in March

by **MARK R. CHELLGREN**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Revenue receipts plunged in March, offering a warning to legislators trying to put together a spending plan for the coming two years.

Figures released Friday by the state budget office showed receipts fell 11.6 percent in March compared with the same month a year ago. Through the first three quarters of the fiscal year, receipts are 0.8 percent less than the previous year.

Receipts must grow by 0.9 percent by the time the fiscal year ends June 30 to meet budget requirements. That means receipts must grow by 3.9 percent in the last three months of the fiscal year to meet projections. By comparison, receipts fell 5.5 percent in the third quarter.

Budget director James Ramsey said he is not yet ready to call together the group of economists who provide the state's official revenue forecasts because of uncertainty about receipts from income tax.

The Revenue Cabinet has paid out about 800,000 individual tax refunds so far this year, or about 65,000 more than the same time a year ago. That has depressed the amount of money the state gets to keep.

The state expects to pay about 1.2 million refunds this year.

At the same time, the average size of the refund — \$273 — is about \$20 more than usual.

On the other side, the average size of individual payments contained in income tax returns — \$350 — is up this year by about \$36. The state expects to receive 250,000 to 300,000 returns with additional payments and has only received about 50,000 such returns.

"On the individual income tax, there's still a lot to sort through," Ramsey said.

But other parts of the state revenue picture are also cloudy. Sales and use tax, the second-largest source of money, also declined in March. Corporate income taxes and property taxes also fell.

Only the coal severance tax, which is a relatively small piece of the revenue mix, grew in March.

Gov. Paul Patton's administration has already had to slash nearly \$500 million from this year's spending plans because of faltering receipts.

Legislators, who did not get a budget plan put together before their veto recess began Tuesday will now face an even more uncertainty as they try to figure out spending for the two fiscal years that begin July 1.

"It doesn't sound good," said Rep. Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, chairman of the House budget committee. "It would probably tend to make us more cautious about how we conclude our discussions and what we might do."

Moberly said the faltering receipts indicate another round of budget cuts could be in the offing this year. "And it does

not bode well obviously for what we thought was the beginning of a recovery," Moberly said.

In a backhanded way, Moberly said the depressed receipts could argue for changes in the tax system, which he said has not kept up with economic growth.

"I'm going to continue to argue for tax reform," he said.

Jackson says she's 'in it to win it' in race for governor

by **MARK R. CHELLGREN**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Jefferson County Judge-Executive Rebecca Jackson says she has ruled out taking a second spot on someone else's ticket and will make her own campaign for governor in 2003.

When Jackson formed an exploratory committee for governor in late February, she hedged on whether she might consider a spot as lieutenant governor on some else's slate.

Jackson said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press on Friday that she was only waiting for word from U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers about whether he would run for governor. Rogers said in mid-March he intends to stay in Washington.

"Now I'm willing to say I will not run for lieutenant governor. I am going to run for governor and I'm in it to win it and I'm going to stay," Jackson said.

Jackson said she already has a field narrowed to three potential running mates of her own, whom she declined to identify, except to say two were from western Kentucky and one from eastern Kentucky.

"There is a front-runner, but I will not tell you who," Jackson said.

One of the prospects is state Rep. Brian Crall of Owensboro, who has made little secret of his interest in a second spot on a gubernatorial ticket.

A Republican primary in 2003 is virtually assured. State Rep. Steve Nunn of Glasgow has also formed his exploratory committee. Sixth District U.S. Rep. Ernie Fletcher is pondering a race. State Sen. Virgil Moore of Leitchfield has an exploratory committee.

"I think primaries are very healthy," Jackson said. "They get issues and discussions on the

table early. They add to the clarification of who the candidates are. I do not shy away from a primary."

One of those primary issues could be public financing. Senate Republicans are holding out for elimination of the partial public financing system in budget negotiations, but a compromise they have put forward would leave it intact for the May 2003 primary.

Nunn has said public financing allows someone without great wealth to seek the governorship.

Jackson said she does not like public financing, but would participate. To go outside the system would allow opponents additional public financing to match privately raised contributions, Jackson said.

Fletcher, who said he opposes public financing as a policy matter, declined to say earlier this week whether he would participate.

The last seriously contested Republican primary was in 1991, when then-U.S. Rep. Larry Hopkins defeated Larry Forgy. That primary taught some Republicans about the dangers of divisiveness when one candidate appears to be hand-picked by the party hierarchy.

GOP Chairwoman Ellen Williams said the party central office will remain neutral in a primary, but that may not be the final word. U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, the godfather of the GOP in Kentucky, is believed to favor Fletcher.

Three Democratic slates are virtually certain and more are possible. Lt. Gov. Steve Henry, Attorney General Ben Chandler and House Speaker Jody Richards are the likely candidates. Louisville businessman Charlie Owen, who has long had an electoral itch, may try to scratch it again.

Machine

The Greenlees buy a tapered cup and sell it with the machine as the Greenlee Free-Fall Communion Cup. Three different models of the machine — one for each of three types of commercially produced communion trays (Artistic, Broadman and Sudbury)— are sold for \$2,995 each.

The Greenlees and one of Wilfred Greenlee's assistants, Reed Butler, are members of 15,000-plus-member Southeast Christian Church in Louisville — the first church to use both machines.

"Wil is near genius," Butler said as he stood along Greenlee's makeshift assembly line. "He's spent hundreds of hours developing these machines. They've helped the church so much."

Melita Greenlee has supported her husband's work through 12 years of marriage, but recently she has taken on a larger role.

"You could call me an editor," she said. "I have a checklist of what has to be checked on

every machine before they are mailed to our customers. I check for holes or dents, I test the liquid dispenser for leaks. You know, I watch for the minor details."

Melita Greenlee, who has a master's degree in home economics, also handles the money and paperwork for the business. She says although she's retired, she still works more than 40 hours a week.

Wilfred Greenlee says he's always had an eye for products that could sell.

Several years ago, Greenlee sold art sketches made from his "Geometrograph" — a machine designed prior to computer plotters to produce contrast of movement and contrast of light and dark. The machine, about 8 feet long, 5 feet wide and 3 feet high, produces a sketch of mathematically programmed geometric designs in various colors. At one time, it was featured at an engineering conference at the University of Louisville.

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"I used to live in this apartment years ago before I was married," Greenlee said with a laugh. "The machine took up the entire apartment, I even had to leave some doors open when I was operating it."

In the 70s, Greenlee was an advisor for the national Junior Achievement organization. His students produced and sold two of his inventions — a lamp with an attached meter to measure electrical use and a toothpick dispenser, which won a national product award.

But not all of Greenlee's inventions are made for monetary reasons. Hidden, underneath the "Geometrograph," sits an invention close to Greenlee's heart.


"My grandkids just love all of this stuff," he said pulling out the go-cart sized vehicle.

The mini-automobile runs about 10 mph and is designed to look like an antique car.


"I used steel bed rails for the frame," Greenlee says nonchalantly. "It fit just right."

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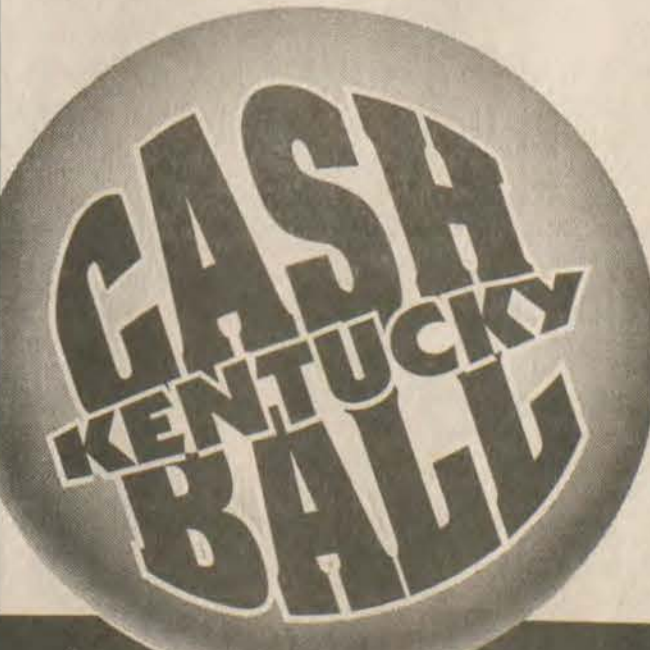
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Guestview

No one reason to blame for loss

The pique that Gov. Paul Patton directed at the Howlett family, after Hyundai Motor Co. chose Alabama over Kentucky as the place to build a big new car plant, came as no surprise. The Hardin County landowners had asked vastly more for their 111 acres than the state thought they were worth, and the negotiations muddled what should have been a clean effort to meet the automaker's property requirements.

But, in fact, it wasn't the Howletts who frustrated hopes for bringing almost 2,000 high-paying jobs to Kentucky and bolstering the state's claim as a major auto producer. A list of difficult issues was in tough negotiation until the last minute:

- At one point, state government faced the prospect of paying direct and consequential damages if Hyundai failed to get the permits and approvals it needed on time, even if it submitted only "substantially" complete applications for air, water, waste water discharge and other environmental permits.

- At another, there was discussion of a 10-mile exclusionary zone near Hyundai, from which the state would bar other "polluting industries," such as glass factories or coal processing plants. But the state lacked legal authority to bar them. Eventually, the state agreed not to offer incentives to such firms to locate within five miles.

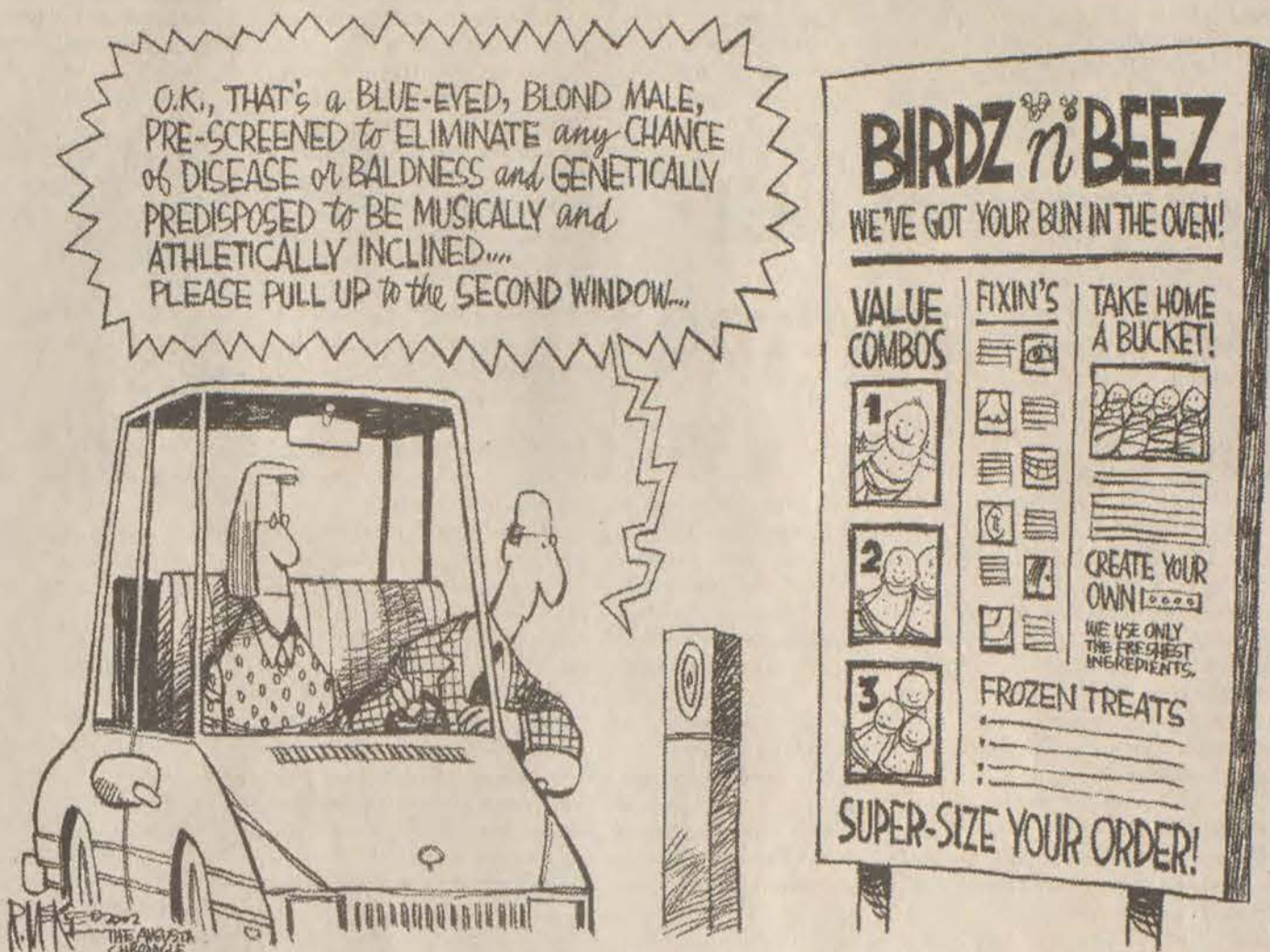
- Hyundai apparently wanted the state to "cause" utility suppliers (Louisville Gas & Electric, East Kentucky Power, CSX, Verizon) to meet Hyundai requirements in Hardin County. But the state had no such power to guarantee, and it didn't want liability for non-performance damages.

- In the event the General Assembly changed relevant tax laws in the future, the state was supposed to agree, by contract, to exempt Hyundai from the impact of the changes or promise the automaker dollar-for-dollar reimbursement of any money lost.

Gov. Patton was right to negotiate hard on such issues. Having lost, he can look at the bright side. Nobody wishes Hyundai anything but good luck in Alabama, but this is the same company that built a plant in Quebec in 1989, only to close it five years later.

States never know how these things are going to develop. Kentucky didn't land the big Saturn plant that went to Tennessee but ended up winning the really big prize, the Toyota complex at Georgetown. So, despite Hyundai's loss, this General Assembly should put enough money in the budget to pull the Hardin County site together. There are other prospects out there.

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HUMAN REPRODUCTION in the NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE

— guest column

Campaign finance: Now it's up to us

by ROBERT LINNELL

The Senate and the House have passed McCain-Feingold-Shays-Meehan campaign finance reform and President Bush has signed it. It has been 25 years since any meaningful campaign finance legislation has made it through Congress. The die-hard opposition is bringing court challenges expected to rapidly reach the Supreme Court; the challenge is led by no other than Kenneth Starr of Whitewater fame. The National Rifle Association is also filing suit.

The numbers are damning: In the last election cycle, some 800 donors (individuals, companies, labor groups, others) gave about \$296 million, two-thirds of all soft money and one quarter of the total \$1.2 billion from all sources. Big

donors get special access to politicians, they help write legislation favorable to themselves, and they prevent passage of legislation they don't like.

The new law won't solve all the problems but national parties will be prohibited from raising soft money and individuals can give up to \$2,000 per candidate per primary or general election (up from \$1,000); the total amount a donor can contribute to all candidates increases from \$50,000 to \$95,000. There are restrictions on donor advertising in the 60 days prior to an election (30 days) for a primary, disclosure provisions on who is paying for political advertising and the statute of limitations for criminal violations is extended from three to five years.

Candidates who have a large database of donors willing to give \$2,000 will gain the most. President Bush successfully used such a data base but most Americans don't have the resources to contribute \$2,000. The 26 million taxpayers in the top 20 percent income bracket (\$75,000 a year and greater) provide a large group most likely to make political contributions. This group also benefits the most from the Bush tax cuts, changes in retirement savings plans, educational savings plans, allowing Social Security funds to be invested in stocks, etc. This group is also the most likely to register and vote.

That leaves 105 million taxpayers in the lowest 80 percent, with incomes less than \$75,000 (20 percent less than \$15,000), who need to speak up. This

majority group is less likely to be politically active.

Only 50 percent of eligible voters actually vote. If we want our democracy to be successful and campaign finance legislation to solve the "special interest" problems, the answers are simple.

First, we must find ways to get all eligible voters to register and to get out and vote; Secondly, the 80 percent of us who don't have incomes of over \$75,000 need to make political donations; if just one in four of those taxpayers gave \$10 they would raise over \$260 million, almost equaling what those 800 gave. Those that file a 1040 tax form should check the "yes" box at the top of the first page, giving \$3 to the Presidential election campaign. Keep in mind that the group representing 80 percent of all taxpayers derives the greater benefit from strong government programs in education, infrastructure, protecting the environment, health care, etc. All of these government programs are now under pressure to reduce benefits so we can finance the increasing tax breaks for the top income earners and the war on terrorism.

Campaign finance reform is a great opportunity for all Americans to make this country a stronger and better democracy. The ball is now in our court. Register, vote and make affordable donations to your favorite political candidates. Every \$10. supports a more vital nation.

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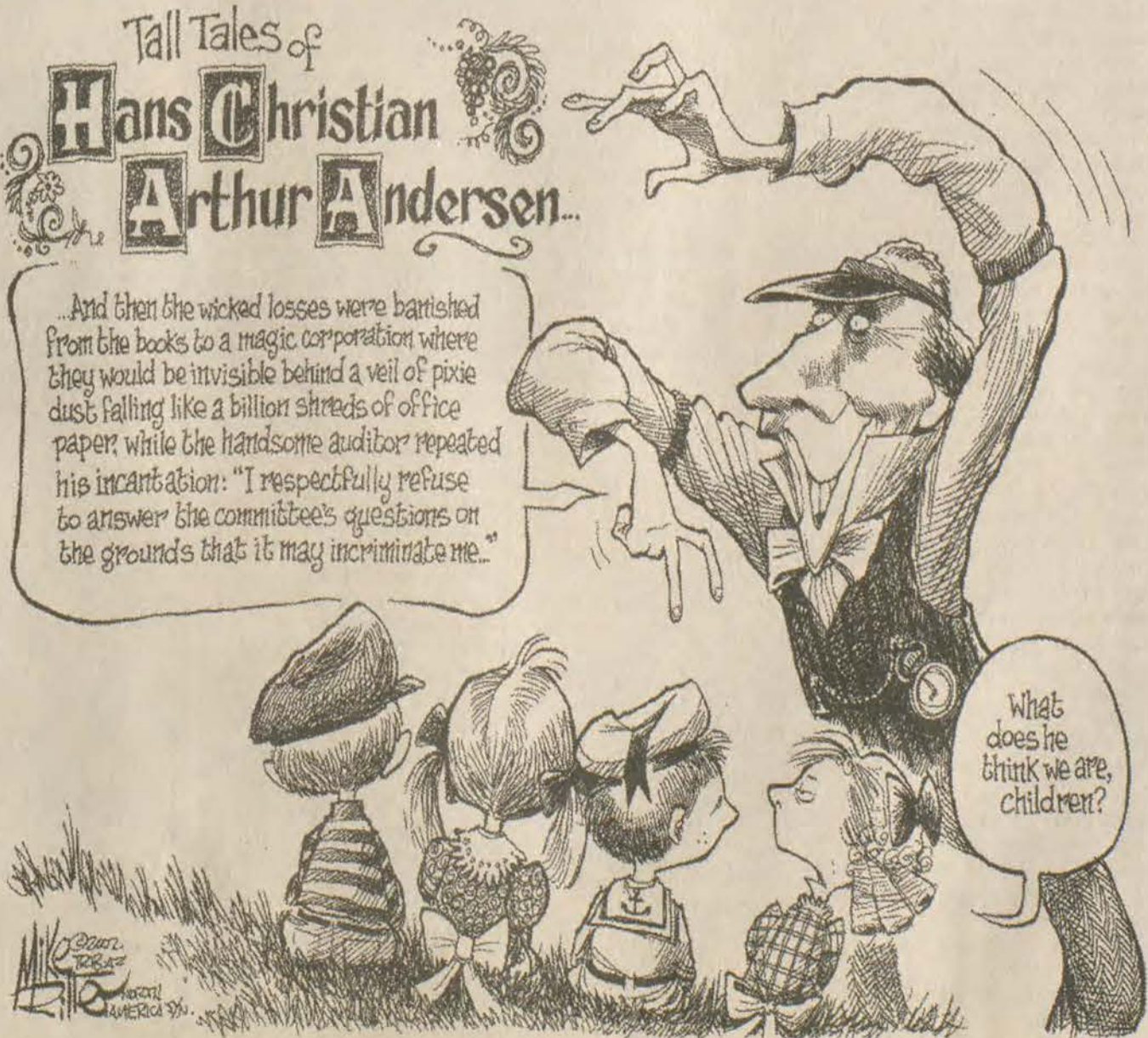
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Religion Briefs

Egyptian Christian actress granted divorce under Islamic law after 10-year court battle

CAIRO, Egypt — In an unprecedented court verdict, Christian actress Hala Sidqi has won a 10-year court battle to divorce her husband, an outcome previously obtained in Egypt only by Muslims.

She is the first Christian woman granted divorce under a law, known as Khula'a, which has made it easier for a Muslim woman in Egypt to get a divorce without her husband's consent.

The law allows immediate divorce if three months of attempted reconciliation fails to bring the couple back together, or six months if the woman has children. Under Islamic law, men may divorce wives promptly, without court authority.

When the new law took effect, Christian clergy said that if a Christian woman changed her denomination from that of her husband she could be granted a divorce. Sidqi changed her affiliation from Coptic Orthodox, the church of her husband, to the Syriac Church.

Egyptian Christians are mostly Coptic Orthodox, and that church does not allow divorce except in extreme cases such as adultery. Pope Shenouda

III, the Coptic leader, recently approved of believers separating if reconciliation is impossible, but not their right to remarry.

Christians comprise about 10 percent of Egypt's 67 million population.

Egypt's controversial Islamic jurist retires

CAIRO, Egypt — A top Muslim authority, whose rulings sometimes embarrassed the

government and fellow theologians, has retired.

Grand Mufti Nasser Farid Wassel, 65, held one of the most important seats in the Islamic world's foremost institute, al-Azhar.

Many of his edicts were overturned by his superior, Al-Azhar's Grand Sheikh Mohammed Sayed Tantawi. Both men are appointed by the government to issue fatwas (religious edicts) applying Islamic sharia law to real-life situations. Wassel had succeeded Tantawi, who was grand mufti for 10 years before the promotion to grand sheik.

Wassel's fatwas banned smoking, TV quiz shows and beauty pageants.

In politics, he said it was forbidden to provide defense for a man charged with espionage, and he called for a boycott of American products because of U.S. support for Israel. He also said businessmen who trade with Israel were traitors and that visiting Israel was a crime.

He urged the Taliban to turn over Osama bin Laden for trial

as a "religious duty."

Sudan's leading Islamic ideologue, under house arrest, is hospitalized

KHARTOUM, Sudan — The former speaker of the Sudanese parliament — Muslim opposition leader Hassan Turabi — has been hospitalized for dehydration, his wife said.

Turabi has been under house arrest since early last year, after he forged a political alliance with the People's Liberation Army, the rebel southern force that opposes Muslim-dominated rule in Sudan.

Turabi was regarded as the government's chief Islamic ideologue and mastermind of the 1989 military coup that brought President Omar el-Bashir to power. He was also the speaker of parliament, but fell out with el-Bashir in a 2000 power struggle.

More than 2 million people have died in fighting and related famines since the Sudanese civil war began in 1983.

U.S. Protestants face sex abuse scandals, too, but there are differences with Catholics

by RICHARD N. OSTLING
AP RELIGION WRITER

The flood of sex abuse allegations against priests this year has focused attention on the Roman Catholic Church, but Protestant denominations have also faced sex scandals involving clergy over the years.

In fact, while data are sketchy, at least one expert believes the incidence of clergy molesting young children may be about as frequent — or infrequent — in Protestantism as it is in Catholicism.

Others have found Protestant scandals have a tendency to surface in cases where male ministers are counseling women or teen-age girls, while the allegations against priests have frequently involved underage males.

Penn State historian Philip Jenkins argued in his 1996 book, "Pedophiles and Priests," that both secular and Catholic media exaggerate the extent of Catholic cases involving minors, while downplaying Protestant abuse.

For instance, the Rev. Robert Eckert of Grand Rapids, Mich., a minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, was sent to prison in 2000 for sexual involvement with a 15-year-old girl who worked as his baby sitter — but the case received relatively little attention.

Jenkins, an Episcopalian, thinks a 1992 survey from the Chicago Archdiocese is more representative of the true picture in Catholicism.

Among 2,252 priests serving over four decades, 39 priests (1.7 percent) apparently abused minors. Only one abuser could be termed a pedophile under the strict, clinical definition of the word — meaning the victim was prepubescent.

"I am prepared to be convinced the Catholics have a bigger problem" than Protestants, Jenkins said, but nobody has good data, partly because Protestant groups are too numerous. "I certainly haven't seen anything, and I'm looking hard."

Minneapolis psychologist Gary Schoener agreed.

"There are no real scientific data" on Protestants, he said. Since 1974, his Walk-In Counseling Center has been consulted on more than 2,000 cases of clergy sexual misconduct of all types, two-thirds of them with Protestants.

He finds that sex with adult women or teen-age girls is the most frequent Protestant problem.

In a typical Protestant case, a jury awarded \$10 million in February to relatives of the late Deborah Yardley of Columbus, Ohio.

The suit charged that the Rev. Steven Colliflower, a United Methodist, had an affair with Yardley when she sought his help with alcohol and emotional problems. He left the ministry shortly after she made the allegation. She later died of liver disease.

The conservative World magazine says Protestantism faces a "severe problem" of clergy involvement with people the ministers are counseling, calling this "an egregious abuse of power."

Schoener said that clergy having sex with prepubescent victims is "very rare" in all denominations.

A study of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), covering eight states over six years, found 17 cases filed against clergy with

31 victims, all female, with one case involving a minor.

There are also differences between Catholicism and the many Protestant faiths in the way sex abuse allegations are investigated.

The U.S. Catholic bishops adopted a set of principles in 1992 calling for rapid response to allegations, openness with parishioners, care for victims and compliance with secular laws on reporting criminal conduct. But some Catholic bishops have admitted they didn't always follow those guidelines.

The Catholic principles also

say a priest should be "promptly" suspended and referred for medical evaluation upon "sufficient evidence" of misconduct. The matter of reassignment is left open for a decision later.

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, at least, events occur more rapidly.

Bishop Donald McCoid of Pittsburgh, chair of the Conference of Bishops for the 5.1-million-member denomination, said when colleagues receive allegations against clergy "anything else on our agenda is dropped." If a pastor admits the charge, he said, the bishop

defrocks him within a day and refers charges involving minors to civil authorities.

Another difference: Protestant lay officers — most of them mothers and fathers — exercise pivotal powers in supervising clergy. Catholic power is held almost completely by ordained bishops or religious superiors.

Lutheran — as well as Methodist or Presbyterian clergy who claim innocence — are put on leave but can defend themselves through church trials and appeals.

During debates over homosexual behavior, those three denominations have defined clergy standards that limit sexual conduct to heterosexual marriage and require chastity for singles.

It's difficult to assess the response to abuse accusations in Baptist and other denominations, where each local congregation handles cases.

The most important example is the Southern Baptist Convention, the largest Protestant group in the United States with 101,000 clergy, double the total of U.S. Catholic priests and brothers. In the past

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Baptists drop Howard Johnson over planned 'hotel sex bash'

by JIM SUHR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — The Southern Baptist Convention said Thursday it has scrapped its reservations with the Howard Johnson hotel chain for its yearly meeting, offended by one hotel's plans to host what the group considers "a private sex bash."

The Nashville, Tenn.-based Baptist group also said it will urge members attending its two-day convention here in June to stay anywhere but at a Howard Johnson hotel. That includes a hotel near Lambert Airport soon to feature the yearly, three-day "Beat Me in St. Louis" seminar by an outfit called St. Louis Leather & Lace.

Leather & Lace's Web site said the group endorses and educates about "free expression of alternative lifestyles and forms of loving," including bondage, domination and sadomasochism, regardless of sexual orientation.

According to the Baptist Convention, on April 26-28 the hotel's 4,500-square-foot conference center will be home to "Dungeon Parties," complete with medieval torture devices, demonstrations and workshops covering caning and whipping. The convention cited a "Beat Me in St. Louis" page on Leather & Lace's Web site, though links to that page were not working Thursday.

The Baptist Convention — the nation's largest Protestant group, with 101,000 clergy — canceled its Howard Johnson reservations in a letter Thursday, calling "Beat Me in St. Louis" a "direct attack on the fabric of traditional family values and the Biblical heritage of our denomination and its churches."

"It is extremely unfortunate that your hotel and parent corporation has chosen this departure," Jack Wilkerson, vice president of business and finance with the Baptist Convention's executive com-

mittee, wrote.

With all Howard Johnson hotels franchised and individually owned, New Jersey-based Cendant Corp. — HJ International Inc.'s parent — does not interfere with guest-related decisions by individual hotels as long as the site remains law-abiding, Cendant spokeswoman Liz Ryan Sax said.

"In respect to the event in St. Louis," she said, "it's our understanding the owner and general manager has met with local police and this group (Leather & Lace) to ensure they will be abiding by state, federal and local laws."

Messages left for the manager of the Howard Johnson hotel near Lambert Airport were not immediately returned Thursday.

E-mail interview requests to Leather & Lace representatives got no response.

Wilkerson said more than 4,000 hotel rooms have been blocked for those attending the Baptist Convention conference. It was unclear how many rooms at the questioned Howard Johnson Baptists had set aside, or that convention's expected turnout. Last year's Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans drew about 9,100 people.

"Any Southern Baptist impacted by this will be relocated to another hotel," Wilkerson said in a statement Thursday.

"Beat Me in St. Louis" also has drawn outrage from Concerned Women for America, which urged Howard Johnson and other hotel chains to "stop hosting these sex-torture conventions which are morally wrong and medically unsound."

"Most Americans can't understand how a perverted mind works, and they find these behaviors repulsive," said Joey Davis, CWA of Missouri's director. "The bigger problem is that in an 'anything goes' society, a distorted tolerance has replaced common sense and decency. As long as this behavior is allowed, we hold wide open the doors to perversion."

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Floyd County

Miriam Josephine Auxier, 88, of Irvine, native of Floyd County, died Friday, March 29, after an extended illness. Funeral services were held Easter Sunday, under the direction of Lewis Funeral Home, Irvine.

Clara L. Basham, 66, of Clarksville, Indiana, formerly of Toler Creek, Harold, died Friday, March 29, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Offie Jean Boyd, 62, of Dana, died Friday, March 29, in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Billy Joe Click, 72, of Betsy Layne, died Friday, March 29. He is survived by his wife, Jean Goble Click. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Virgil Combs, 81, of Wayland, died Tuesday, April 2, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Beatrice Castle Combs. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 5, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Carmel Gene Conn, 60, of David, died Friday, March 29, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Betty Thornsby Conn. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 31, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Phillip Dean Damron, 54, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, March 28, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Marthan A. Damron. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 30, at 2 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, Prestonsburg. Interment was in the Archer Family Cemetery, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Myrtle Hill Davis, 92, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, March 29, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 3, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Robert John Holbrook, 54, of Auxier, died Friday, March 29, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Brenda T.

Holbrook. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 1, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

James Stephen Ison, 58, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, March 29, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Carol Coleman Ison. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 1 under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Buril Johnson, 77, of Weeksbury, native of Knott County, died Saturday, March 30. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lu Rannie Ousley, 76, of Pierceton, Indiana, died Thursday, February 21, in Whitley Memorial Hospital, Columbia City. She is survived by her husband, Homer Ousley. Services were conducted Saturday, February 23, under the direction of Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw.

Relix (Fid) Prater, 77, of Hueysville, died Monday, April 1, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Reda E. Crace Prater. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Rebecca Moore Rasnick, 94, of Lexington, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, March 28, at the Christian Health Center, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 2, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Eulavene Ratliff, 78, of Vinton, Ohio, native of Dana, died Sunday morning, March 31, in the Holzer Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Jack A. Ratliff. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 3, under the direction of McCoy-Moore Funeral Home.

Olvie Vanderpool Reed, 78, of Hueysville, died Tuesday, April 2, in St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Roger Reed Sr. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 6, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Cleo (Gray) Sammons Rowe, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, April 1, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home in Prestonsburg, after an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 4, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Jay D. Bond Sr., 93, died Saturday, February 23, in the Halifax Medical Center, Daytona Beach, Florida. A memorial service was held in the Powell Chapel at First Baptist Church, DeLand, Fla., on Saturday, March 23, at 2 p.m. Lankford Funeral Home was in charge of the service.

Sue Harr Barnett Triplett, 63, of Franklin, Ohio, native of Lackey, died Wednesday, March 20, at Middletown Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 25, under the direction of Eaton-Anderson Funeral Home.

Wince O. Walters, 64, of Drift, died Monday, April 1, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Helen Bray Walters. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Otta C. Adkins, 85, of Wolfpit Branch, died Thursday, March 28, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Morgan Adkins. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 31, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Judy Stanley Bartley, 48, of Pikeville, died Sunday, March 31, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Gary Dale Bartley Sr.

Pike County

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 4, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Earl G. Bellamy, 78, of Pikeville, died Monday, April 1, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Cuddy Bellamy. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 4, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Crit Blackburn, 66, of Brushy, died Saturday, March 30, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Bertha McCoy Blackburn. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 2, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Leo Blackburn, 70, of Lookout, died Monday, April 1, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Jackie Blackburn. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 4, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Annette Casey, 61, of Phelps, died Monday, April 1, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 4, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Randall "Hot Rod" Lee Coleman, 50, of Marrowbone, died Tuesday, April 2, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 5, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Sydney Louise Smallwood Dalton, 83, of Pikeville, died Sunday, March 31, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 4, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Steve Darnell, 49, of Belcher, died Saturday, March 30, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Wada Mae Chaney Darnell. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 3, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Paris Dotson, 72, of Daytona Beach, Florida, formerly of Phelps, died Monday, April 1, in the Halifax Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Juanita Dotson.

Virgil Ferrell, 65, of Phelps, died Friday, March 29, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Dotson Ferrell. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 2, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Oakie Greer, 82, of Jenkins, died Friday, March 29, at Norton Community Hospital, Norton, Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Mildred Sanders Greer. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 1, under the direction of Polly & Craft Funeral Home.

Ada Hawkins, 80, of Ashcamp, died Wednesday, March 27, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 31, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Jolene Causey Justice, 42, of Pikeville, died Friday, March 29, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 1, under the direction of Thacker-Memorial Funeral Home.

Dena Younce Chaney May, 39, of Lower Pompey, died Sunday, March 31, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Richard May. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 4, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Magdalene Marcum Maynard, 76, died Saturday, March 30. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 2, at 11 a.m., in the Canaan Land Baptist Church, Grove City, Ohio and burial followed in the Fernwood Cemetery.

Helen S. Maynard, 73, of Pikeville, died Thursday, March 28. She is survived by her husband, Henry J. Maynard. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 31, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Cheryl Ann Martin Porter, 46, died Friday, March 29, the result of leukemia. Memorials may be made to the Leukemia Society or to the church of your choice.

Eulavene Ratliff, 78, of Vinton, Ohio, died Sunday, March 31, at the Holzer Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Jack A. Ratliff. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 3, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Jeffery Hassell Slone, 37, of Waverly, Florida, died Friday, March 29, in Winter Haven, Florida. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 3, under the direction of Dundee-Haines City Funeral Home of Dundee, Florida.

Patricia Ann Elkins Slone, 46, of Mouchard, died Thursday, April 4, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Donald Slone. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 6, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Thomas Lloyd "T.L." Johnson Sr., 88, of Phyllis, died Wednesday, April 3, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Mary Elizabeth Deskins Johnson. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 7, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Steve Stapleton, 54, of Ivel, died Wednesday, April 3, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Jan Layne Stapleton. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 6, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Ira Wilson Street, 98, of Grundy, Virginia, died Monday, April 1, at Buchanan General Hospital, Grundy. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 4, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home Chapel.

Major Gobel N. Strickland, USMC Ret. 62, of Jacksonville, North Carolina, died Saturday, March 30, at Pitt Memorial Hospital, Greenville, North Carolina. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 2, under the direction of Jones Funeral Home.

Hester Webb Williamson, 78, of Phyllis, died Saturday, March 30, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Garnet Williamson. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 3, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Wesley Wright, 88, of Dorton, died Friday, March 29, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Robinson Creek. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 1, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Rufus Ray Davis, 71, died Wednesday, March 27, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 29, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Ruby Webb Martin, 84, died Monday, March 25, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted

ed Friday, March 29, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Maj. Gobel N. Strickland, 62, of Jacksonville, died Saturday, March 30, at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, April 2, under the direction of Jones Funeral Home.

Knott County

Jack Randall Adams, 62, of Isom, died Wednesday, March 27, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie Jeaneate Sans Adams. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 30, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Stanley Back, 67, of Jeremiah, died Thursday, March 28, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 31, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Alpha Hall Hatton, 82, of Whitesburg, died Thursday, March 29, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 30, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Atha Riter Ison, 74, of Kingdom Come, died Wednesday, March 17, at

Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 31, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

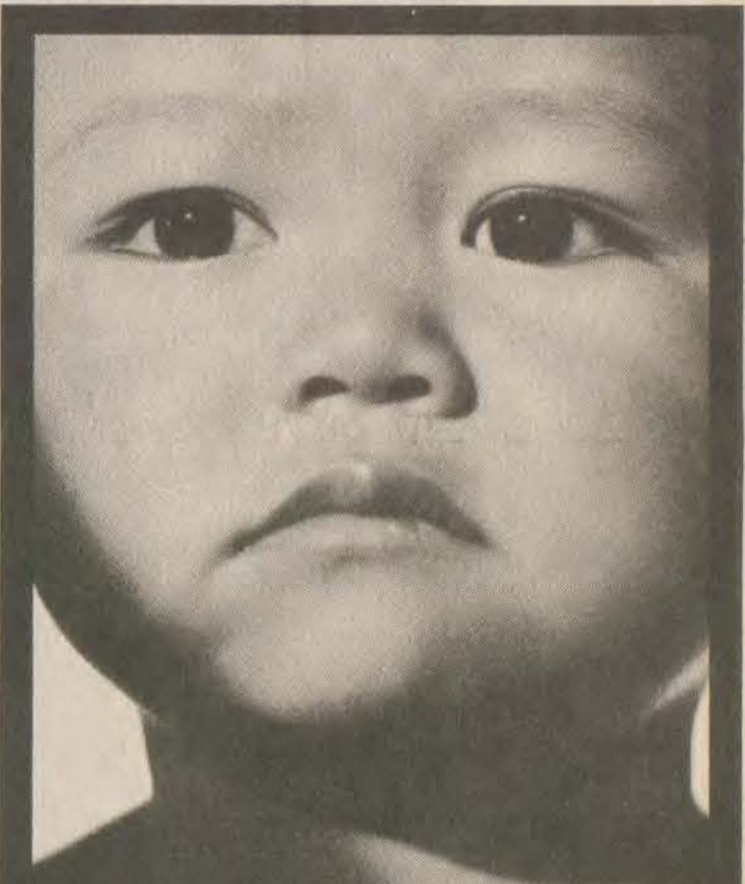
Buril Johnson, 77, of Weeksbury, died Saturday, March 30. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Fred J. Newman, 86, died Saturday, March 23, in the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Amarillo. He is survived by his wife, Frances Taylor Newman. Services were conducted Tuesday, March 26, under the direction of Brown Funeral Directors of Borger.

Estill Newsome, 74, of Beaver, died Friday, March 29, following an extended illness.

Ruth Ritchie, 85, of Dry Ridge, formerly of Knott County, died Thursday, March 28. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 30, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Stephen Michael Seals, 40, of Busy, formerly of Knott County, died Tuesday, March 26, at Jeff. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Ann Seals. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 29, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.



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Susan Conley Akers

Susan Conley Akers, age 86, of Louisville, formerly of Banner, Ky., died Thursday, in Louisville.

A native of Prestonsburg, Ky. area, she was a retiree from the Anderson (Indiana) City Schools, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and of the Hurstbourne Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Aaron J. Akers.

She is survived by a daughter, Sara Akers Brady; two sons, Larry and Ed Akers; two sisters, Maxine Osborne of Wheelwright, Ky., and Estelle Ruth Fletcher of Tuscon, Arizona; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Also surviving are 11 nieces and three nephews.

Funeral services will be Monday, 10 a.m., at Pearson-Ratterman Bros. Funeral Home, 12900 Shelbyville Rd., Louisville, Ky., with visitation Sunday, 2-8 p.m.

Burial will be 4 p.m. Monday in Davidson Memorial Park, Ivel, Ky.

Memorial gifts: Alzheimer's Association and Hurstbourne Baptist Church Library Fund, 8800 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, Ky. 40222.

(Paid obituary)

Titans visit 101st Airborne hoping to boost morale

by TERESA M. WALKER
AP SPORTS WRITER

FORT CAMPBELL — Pfc. Jai Friend of Sacramento, Calif., usually spends her time teaching her fellow soldiers in the 101st Airborne how to protect themselves against chemi-

cal attacks. She took a break Friday morning with approximately 600 of her fellow Screaming Eagles for a visit from the NFL's Tennessee Titans. "It's just a time to relax and have a good time and let our hair down rather than be locked

up all the time," said Friend, 20. The Titans are not strangers to Fort Campbell, located about 50 miles northwest of Nashville, but they didn't come Friday just to sign autographs at the local PX. Coach Jeff Fisher brought

running back Eddie George, kicker Joe Nedney, left tackle Brad Hopkins and quarterback Billy Volek along with the Titans' cheerleaders and dance troupe for a two-hour visit at the base's Wilson Theater.

They answered questions and gave away tickets to their first exhibition game and while the cheerleaders and dance troupe performed several numbers for the enthusiastic soldiers. They capped their performance by leading the soldiers in "God Bless the U.S.A."

The Titans concluded by signing autographs and taking photos with the soldiers who came prepared with T-shirts, hats, footballs, cameras and camcorders.

Friend has been at Fort Campbell approximately a year. Not a big football fan, she can't recognize many of the players even though she couldn't take her eyes off George.

"It makes the soldiers feel good to have the football players take out of their time. Yes, we do a whole lot for the country, and they entertain us. But for them to come and show us some appreciation makes us feel good," she said.

The Titans used the stop to kick off their annual 13-day caravan for fans where they are used to being seen as heroes. Fisher said he had the date circled on his calendar for weeks in anticipation.

"It's nice that we can kind of scratch each other's backs in this situation," he said.

Base officials started the Titans' visit by briefing them on how the 101st Airborne trains and deploys in air assault operations. Fisher said their attention to detail and disci-

pline impressed him the most. "I really did not know how sophisticated this operation was, the Operation Enduring Freedom, and that 98 percent came out of this base. That in itself our country needs to

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school. "They put their lives on the line for our country and what we believe in. It definitely puts it into perspective when you come up close and personal and see how young these guys are," George said.

"What they're doing is unbelievable. I don't mind coming out here and letting them know we appreciate all they're doing for us." The cheerleaders and dancers drew the biggest cheers from the mostly male audience. Spec. Daniel Johnson, 20, of Roland, Iowa, said the dancers offered a nice boost to their morale.

Fisher noted the cheerleaders had a better season last year than the Titans, who went 7-9.

The Titans all agreed the soldiers have performed better than they ever can on the football field.

"For them to be excited about us being here, that's the icing on the cake because I know guys here really know how important their jobs are," Hopkins said.

"They're fans of ours and want to see us do well. We really want to see them do well."

City opens new extreme sports facility

by JOSHUA HAMMANN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — When Bryce Armstrong was 6 years old, he wanted a skateboard, but his father wasn't about to go shopping for one.

"I thought I could build him one," Louisville Mayor Dave Armstrong said.

But Armstrong soon realized his son — now a political science major at the University of Kentucky — needed something more than roller-skates nailed to a plank of wood.

Almost 20 years later, skateboarders, bike riders and rollerbladers have Armstrong and other city officials to thank for the \$2.5 million Louisville Extreme Park, a 40,000-square-foot park with a full-size vertical ramp and a 24-foot full pipe.

More than 4,000 people turned out for the grand opening Friday, with professional skateboarders and other extreme athletes christening the Shotcrete — an ultra-smooth, ultra-hard version of concrete — ramps, hips and bowls before the legions of locals took to their new home.

Designed by Zachary Wormhoudt, whose Santa Cruz, Calif., firm has designed dozens of parks across the country, the park, which will be open 24 hours a day, provides obstacles most parks can't afford.

"It's great as far as skateboarding goes, but it's chaos," said Dave Probus, 28, of the hundreds of kids swerving around the park.

Probus owns two skateboard companies, Stuntwood Skateboards and Banana Boards, and plans to open the Dave Probus Skate Shop one block from the new park.

"It pretty much has everything," he said. "If it's not the best, then it's one of the best."

Local professional skater Chaney Given echoed that sentiment. "It's definitely one of the best I've ever been to," the 26-year-old Given said.

And it's not even complete yet. Armstrong said plans call for the construction of a two-story, indoor park with even more ramps and rails next year.

Given skates for local company Anthem Boy and Home Skate Shop, whose owner, Sean Fawbush, served on Armstrong's

task force to advise him what the park should include.

Fawbush has been working with the city for years to get a skate park built. The momentum picked up in 1999 when the city sponsored a contest in Waterfront Park and kept building when ESPN brought the Bikes, Boards and Blades contest to the Kentucky Derby Festival in 2000 and 2001.

ESPN spokesman Josh Krulewitz said the B3 Tour no longer exists, but that the network was in Louisville for the park groundbreaking, and could see future events come to the city.

"We are aware of the facilities that they offer and have a great relationship with them," Krulewitz said. "We haven't had specific discussions with them about hosting future X-Games, but if they wanted to, we would certainly be open to discussing with them."

That was the idea Armstrong and the Board of Alderman had when they set out in 1999 to give skateboarders, bikers and rollerbladers a place to ply their trade. Long confined to the cramped space and rickety ramps of Breslin Park, Armstrong says these extreme athletes are not just kids flinging themselves through the air with reckless abandon, and that they needed a home of their own.

"Their vocation is extreme athletics and the ranks of those people are growing every day," Armstrong said.

Armstrong said that it isn't just about giving them a place free of complaining business owners and police, but also catering to a new generation of Louisvillians, whom the city needs to thrive.

"There is no question to me that if we build this here, more people in information technology and other young fields will want to live here and stay here," he said.

Sharon Maley's 13-year-old grandson, Thomas McMullen, of Elizabethtown, was one of the hundreds rollerblading and skating across the concrete paradise Friday.

"This place is unreal," Maley said.

Maley's family used run a skate park in Virginia Beach, Va., 30 years ago and she said the size and amount of obstacles of Louisville's facility shows how far the sport has come.

"There's just no comparison," she said.

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Child abuse and neglect threat grows during recessions making prevention even more critical

In 2001, more than 74,000 children were reported to child protective agencies as alleged victims of child abuse or neglect in Kentucky. This equates to 203 children reported as abused or neglected everyday in the Commonwealth.

During economic downturns, the potential for child abuse and neglect can rise as parents wrestle with the mounting frustrations of financial uncertainty. In the midst of one of this country's worst economic slumps in years, the need to prevent child abuse and neglect becomes even more critical.

Most people think preventing child abuse and neglect means reporting it, but it doesn't. Prevention means stopping abuse before it starts. Many of us, however, are unsure about what we can do to make this happen.

Fortunately, there is hope. Prevent Child Abuse America and its nationwide chapter network, including Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, is launching a national public service advertising (PSA) campaign aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect before it begins. This campaign educates the public about the simple steps each of us can take to prevent the abuse and neglect of our most vulnerable citizens. For example, donating used clothing, furniture and toys can help alleviate financial pressures that too often lead to abuse or neglect. Offering to baby-sit or run errands for a stressed-out parent also helps ease the everyday pressures felt by parents everywhere. In short, anything you can do to support children and parents helps to reduce the stress that often leads to abuse.

Another simple action we can take is to write to our legislators asking them to support increased funding for prevention programs. It is critical that lawmakers remember that the best way to protect our nation's children from abuse and neglect is by increasing funding for prevention programs. This month, our nation observes Child Abuse Prevention Month. This

observation provides a great opportunity to remind our policymakers about the importance of prevention.

Prevention programs are proven to be an effective tool in reducing the incidence of child maltreatment—but these programs don't just happen. We need adequate funding for them. The cost of child abuse and neglect causes a staggering financial drain—estimated at \$94 billion annually in the U.S.—on social, medical and judicial services. Victims are less likely to succeed in school and more likely to exhibit behavior disorders. They are more likely to engage in criminal behavior, have problems with substance abuse, and develop chronic ill-

ness.

Unfortunately, current federal spending on programs aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect averages only about \$1.06 per family each year. In sum, the direct costs incurred as a result of child maltreatment dwarf those spent on prevention by 400 to 1. We encourage your readers to write their legislators and urge them to increase funding to stop child abuse and neglect before it starts.

Prevention is possible, but in order to successfully stop child abuse and neglect each of us needs to play a role in protecting our nation's children. Call 1-800-CHILDREN or visit www.pcaky.org for more information on how you can help.

Militia members won't meet at farm this year

The Associated Press

CLARKSON — Hundreds of militia members who attended a meeting on a farm in Grayson County last April won't be back this year.

Last year's meeting — which included appearances by two state legislators and firing range exercises — attracted too many people, said landowner Norman Davis.

It had been held on Davis' land since 1998, but the gathering was getting too big, he said. Davis, who said he is not a Kentucky State Militia member, said only about 200 people at last year's meeting were actually members of a militia.

"It was just too crowded," Davis told The Associated Press on Friday. "It just kept getting bigger each year. First it was 300, then 500, then 600 and like I said, about 900 last year." He said 912 people were counted

on a sign-in sheet.

Davis said his only role was permitting visitors to use his land. One of the organizers of the four-day event last year, former Kentucky State Militia commander Charlie Puckett, turned himself on Thursday after three weeks in hiding. Puckett, 55, had been indicted on nearly a dozen weapons charges. He left the state militia in March.

Puckett's arrest didn't doom the meeting, said Davis, a former fruit farmer. He said the appearance of Rep. Perry Clark and state Sen. Virgil Moore brought much publicity — and too many people — to his farm. "Last year brought a lot of extra people," he said.

Barry Bright, who runs a website called Free Kentucky that features the Kentucky State Militia, wouldn't comment on where another meeting may be held.



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Earnhardt Jr.: No ill-will towards R. Gordon

FT. WORTH, Texas — Dale Earnhardt Jr. tried to clear up some lingering Bristol hostilities with Robby Gordon before heading to Texas. Robby Gordon slammed into Dale Earnhardt Jr. on pit road at Bristol.

"I have no ill will toward Robby," Earnhardt said Tuesday. "My comments were right after I jumped out of the car, and it was mainly just to get a laugh from the audience. Robby and I are similar in a lot of

ways, and we have been friends for a while. "I'm sure he doesn't take what I said to heart, although it was a low blow, wasn't it? I'll remember to be more sensitive toward him next time we trade paint."

Earnhardt and Gordon tangled repeatedly in the March 24 race, banging cars on the track and intentionally running into each other on the cool-down lap. Earnhardt then sideswiped Gordon in a nationally televised interview.

"He was a moving chicane," Earnhardt said. "He wouldn't get out of the way. A lap down, racing the leader with 10 laps to go. That's why it takes three or four times to get into the Winston Cup Series because he doesn't pay attention and don't

know what he's doing." Both drivers were penalized by NASCAR for "actions deemed detrimental to stock car racing." Gordon was fined \$10,000 and placed on probation. (See GORDON, page four)

FOOTBALL
Kentucky Football Blue/White game set for April 20th at 7:00 pm

Times Staff Report

The annual Blue/White spring football game will kick off Saturday, April 20, at 7pm in Commonwealth Stadium. Admission is 5.00 for adults and only \$1.00 for age 18 and under. UK students will be admitted free with UK ID. Tickets are available in the UK ticket office in Memorial Coliseum. There will be free parking in the stadium lots. For the sixth consecutive year, the Blue/White spring game will begin with one quarter of touch football played by UK alumni. The varsity will take the field in the second quarter.

Spring practices

- April 9th at 2:20 pm
- April 10th at 2:20 pm
- April 12th at 2:20 pm
- April 13th at TBA
- April 16th at 2:20 pm
- April 19th at 2:20 pm

BOWLING
Pikeville bowlers win sectional, advance to nationals

TIMES STAFF REPORT

For most teams in their first year, simply completing the season is an accomplishment. But the 2002 women's bowling team isn't just any other team.

The club will represent Pikeville College in the College Bowling USA national tournament after winning the East Sectional tournament, held in Downingtown, Penn., just outside of Philadelphia, on March 24. The team rallied from a 216-pin deficit after the first day of action to edge Shippensburg (Penn.) College by a mere 51 pins over the 64-game tournament.

"These young ladies refuse to quit," said Ron Damron, who coaches the bowling teams in addition to his duties as vice president of enrollment and student services and director of athletics. "The top four teams from each section qualified for the national tournament, but that wasn't enough for them. They wanted to win it, and they did."



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BASKETBALL DOCUMENTARY

Basketball in KENTUCKY

TIMES STAFF REPORT

In March 2002, basketball fans in Kentucky got one more thing to get fired up about. In addition to March Madness and the state high school tournaments, they enjoyed the premiere of an ambitious KET series chronicling the game that for so many years haas inspired dreams, dedication, and fierce loyalty in Kentuckians of all ages. While not intended to be a comprehensive history, Basketball in

Kentucky- Great Balls of Fire travels back to the first games played in Louisville's YMCA gym in 1895 and moves through more than a century of people and places to tell the remarkable story of the state's rich basketball heritage. Among the primary questions the series addresses are why and how it is that one game has managed to transcend the lines between races, genders, classes, and economic levels to become nothing less than a way of life. The four-part series

draws on a vast library of archival game footage, photographs, and even home movies for materials that will be interspersed with original interviews with coaches, players, and fans. From the lone child playing on a dirt court to the teams greeted every week by thousands of cheering fans, Basketball in Kentucky- Great Balls of Fire captures the essence of the game that holds a special place in the heart and mind of nearly every Kentuckian.

COLLEGE
Pelphrey hires former UCF assistant

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOBILE, ALA- Newly appointed University of South Alabama men's basketball coach John Pelphrey announced Tuesday the hiring of Jorge Fernandez to his coaching staff. "I'm very excited about Jorge (Fernandez) joining our staff," said Pelphrey. " He is someone I've known for quite a while. He comes highly recommended from people who I have a lot of respect for. Jaguar basketball is getting a tireless worker who understands what it takes to build a program." Fernandez has spent the last seven years as an assistant coach at the University of Central Florida where he worked under coach Kirk Speraw. "I'm excit



■ Pelphrey

(See PELPHREY, page three)



Allen Central Queen selected to compete in statewide pageant

Johnna Brianne Ison, Allen Central High School's Basketball Homecoming Queen has been selected as a state finalist to compete in Kentucky's 22nd Annual Homecoming Queen State Pageant on April 20 and 21, at the Executive Inn in Louisville. Johnna is the 18 year old daughter of Johnny and Regina Ison of Martin.

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Jon Andrew named chief of the Wildlife Refuge System

Press Release

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces that Jon Andrew has been selected as the new Chief of the National Wildlife Refuge System for the Southeast Region. Andrew, a 20-year veteran of the agency, has worked on national wildlife refuges throughout the country.

Most recently, he served as the Chief of the Division of Migratory Bird Management in Arlington, Virginia. "I am thrilled to welcome Jon Andrew back to the Southeast to lead the National Wildlife Refuge program," said Sam D. Hamilton, Southeast Regional Director. "Jon is a great addition to the region. This is an especially important time for refuges in the Southeast as

we enter the final countdown to the centennial celebration of the National Wildlife Refuge System on March 14, 2003. Jon's leadership will be essential to the success of the centennial, since the first refuge, Pelican Island, is in the Southeast." Before serving in the Division of Migratory Bird Management, Andrew also served as Chief of the Branch of Planning and

Policy for the National Wildlife Refuge program in Washington D.C. He has worked on refuges throughout the country, and served as refuge manager at several, including Lower Rio Grande Valley/ Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge Complex in Alamo, Texas; Balcones

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Bonds doesn't homer, but Giants complete sweep of Dodgers

Barry Bonds failed to homer for the first time this season, but rookie Ryan Jensen didn't need his help — thanks to the punchless Los Angeles Dodgers.

Jensen (1-0) allowed three hits in seven innings, got two hits himself and scored the decisive run after singling to start a three-run sixth as the San Francisco Giants won 3-0 on Thursday night to sweep the season-opening series at Dodger Stadium.

"It's a great thrill," said Jensen, a 26-year-old right-hander. "I started everybody with a strike. It's a lot easier when you're up 0-1 on everybody."

Bonds went 1-for-2 with a double, was hit by a pitch and walked after homering a record-tying four times in the first two games of the series. He's batting .750 and has driven in nine runs — seven more than the Dodgers have scored in a season that began with 9-2 and 12-0 losses.

The sweep was the first for San Francisco in a three-game series in Los Angeles since Sept. 24-26, 1992.

"That was an unbelievable start, a great three days," said Giants manager Dusty Baker, an outfielder for the Dodgers in 1982.

Rich Aurilia hit a one-out single before Bonds was hit by Odalis Perez's first pitch to load the bases. Reggie Sanders' sacrifice fly scored Jensen to put the Giants ahead, and after J.T. Snow was hit by a pitch, David Bell singled in Aurilia and Bonds.

"We had great pitching and great defense, and that's the reason we won," Aurilia said.

Elsewhere, it was Pittsburgh 3, the New York Mets 2, Colorado 6, St. Louis 1, Houston 6, Milwaukee 3, Florida 1, Montreal 0, Cincinnati 3, Chicago Cubs 1, and Atlanta 11, Philadelphia 2.

The Dodgers threatened in the third, putting two runners aboard with nobody out. But after a sacrifice, Cesar Izturis grounded to Jensen, who trapped Mark Grudzielanek off third, and Izturis eventually was thrown out trying to take second for an inning-ending double play.

In addition to outscoring the Dodgers 24-2 in the series, the Giants took their 32-12.

"You can't make any excuses, they just whipped us, bottom line," Dodgers catcher Paul Lo Duca said.

Jensen struck out four and walked none. Perez (1-0), who entered the sixth with a two-hit shutout, allowed five hits and three runs in 5 2/3 innings. He walked none and struck out six.

Felix Rodriguez worked the eighth for the Giants, and Robb Nen the ninth for his first save.

Pirates 3, Mets 2

Kevin Young hit a two-run homer, and Pittsburgh moved over .500 for the first time since 1999 as Jimmy Anderson allowed three hits over 6 2/3 innings.

At 2-1, the Pirates have a winning record for the first time since Aug. 15, 1999. Mike Williams saved both victories in the season-opening series in New York.

Anderson (1-0) surrendered a leadoff homer to Joe McEwing in the first, then walked Roberto Alomar and hit Mo Vaughn with a pitch. But Anderson got Mike Piazza to hit into a double play and retired Edgar Alfonzo on a grounder.

Rockies 6, Cardinals 1

John Thomson worked seven strong innings and Colorado roughed up Andy Benes, unused in the final month last year and left off the playoff roster because of a 7.38 ERA.

Benes (0-1), slowed by a knee problem, made his first start since Aug. 3 and first appearance since Aug. 30. He lasted four innings, giving up five runs — four earned — on four hits.

Juan Uribe and Benny Agbayani homered for the Rockies, who took two of the three in the season-opening series in St. Louis. Last year, the Rockies swept the Cardinals in Denver to start the year.

Thomson (1-0) allowed a run on seven hits, striking out three and walking none.

Astros 6, Brewers 3

Lance Berkman tied a Houston club record for home runs at the start of a season with his third in three days, and Shane Reynolds (1-0) allowed two runs on seven hits in six innings.

Chris Truby homered in three straight to open last year for the Astros. Berkman went 2-for-4, raising his average to .462 while driving in three runs.

The game at Astros Field drew 21,528, the smallest crowd in three seasons at the park formerly called Enron Field. That broke the mark set Wednesday night, when 23,381 fans showed up.

Braves 11, Phillies 2

Gary Sheffield homered for the third straight game, and Andruw Jones and Chipper Jones connected during Atlanta's seven-run sixth.

Sheffield, acquired from Los Angeles in an offseason trade, hit a three-run homer in the first. Sheffield has seven RBIs and is batting .462 (6-for-13).

Sheffield hit the first pitch from Terry Adams (0-1) over the left-center field fence in Atlanta. Jason Marquis (1-0) allowed a homer to Scott Rolen.

Sosa 3, Cubs 1

Sammy Sosa hit his second homer, but Fred McGriff's error set up two Cincinnati runs. Sosa's 452nd career homer moved him into tie with Carl Yastrzemski for 24th place. Ken Griffey Jr. is next with 460.

The Reds took two of three in the opening series, a turnaround for the majors' worst home team of 2001. The Reds lost two of their first three and 54 overall at Coney Field last season.

Griffey, who hit an RBI single, had a pitch by Juan Cruz (0-1) glance off his batting helmet in the third — the sixth batter plunked in the series.

Jose Acevedo (1-0) limited the Cubs to five hits in six innings. Darryl Graves pitched out of threats in the eighth and ninth for his first save in two chances.

Marlins 1, Expos 0

Brad Peltz (1-0) pitched a four-hitter, and Derek Lee homered for the third straight game for Florida before just 4,551 in Montreal. Penny, who went 4-0 with a 0.30 ERA against the Expos last season, struck out three and walked two in his second career shutout.

Lee homered in the fourth off Carl Pavano (0-1).

Surprise! Devil Rays do it again, defeat Detroit for 3-0 start

by BEN WALKER

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Tampa Bay Devil Rays went to enjoy their feeling as long as they can.

The team with the lowest-paid and youngest roster in the majors can boast of something else: a 3-0 record.

Coming off an AL-leading 100 losses last year, the surprising Devil Rays completed a season-opening sweep by defeating Detroit 9-2 on Thursday. Pinch-hitter Randy Winn had a grand slam, and Ben Grieve, Brent Abernathy and Chris Gomez also homered at Tropicana Field.

"It's early, but we're playing good," manager Hal McRae said. "We need to continue to come out and play the way we played in the first three ball-games."

"It's a long haul and you have to play consistent baseball in order to sustain the momentum that we seem to be gathering. But it takes more than three games to really feel like you're playing well and you have momentum," he said.

In other AL games, New York beat Baltimore 4-1, Texas stopped Oakland 7-5 and Toronto dined Minnesota 7-2.

The Devil Rays moved three games over .500 for the first time since April 24, 1999 — 19 games into their second season. This marks the first time they've been in first place in the AL East after opening day.

Tampa Bay became only the seventh team to ever start 3-0 after losing 100 games the previous season. The others to do it were the 1905 Philadelphia Phillies, 1906 Brooklyn Dodgers, 1929 Boston Braves, 1952 St. Louis Browns, 1971 Chicago White Sox and 1994 New York Mets.

"I don't know what we can do. I'm just happy we're playing well now," McRae said.

Winning pitcher Ryan Ruyter held the Tigers to three hits in seven shutout innings.

On Friday, the Devil Rays were to play at New York in the Yankees' home opener.

"No, I don't think they're stressing," Rupe said of the AL champions.

Rangers 7, Athletics 5

Texas ended Oakland's 20-game home winning streak, holding on in the ninth behind struggling John Rocker.

The Athletics had not lost at the Coliseum in the regular season since last Aug. 24 against Detroit, though the Yankees beat them there in the playoffs. Oakland's streak was the fifth-longest in the majors since 1901.

The Rangers averted a four-game sweep to start the season. Rocker made his first appearance for Texas, giving up a three-run homer to rookie Carlos Pena in the ninth and later retiring David Justice and Miguel Tejada with two runners on base and to end it.

Alex Rodriguez was hit by a pair of pitches and got into a staredown with As starter Cory Lidle. The benches emptied, but there were no punches and no ejections.

Yankees 4, Orioles 1

Mike Mussina pitched seven scoreless innings, and Robin Ventura hit another homer to help New York win.

Mussina gave up four hits and improved to 4-1 against his former team.

Ventura, whose homer beat Baltimore 1-0 the previous night, connected for a three-run shot off Sidney Ponson. Rookie Nick Johnson also homered for the Yankees, who won twice at Camden Yards after losing the season opener.

Blue Jays 7, Twins 2

Roy Halladay stayed in control for eight innings, and rookie Eric Hinske hit three doubles as Toronto won its home opener.

A crowd of 47,469 at SkyDome saw Raul Mondesi get four hits, including a homer, and drive in three runs.

Toronto's Carlos Delgado reached base in his first 10 plate appearances of the season before popping out.

Golf

Elkington leads Mickelson by one stroke at BellSouth

by PAUL NEWBERRY

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DULUTH, Ga. — Phil Mickelson is getting in one last tuneup before the Masters. Steve Elkington wants to show he was worthy of an invitation, too. Elkington, who hasn't won on the PGA Tour since 1999, opened the BellSouth Classic with an 8-under-par 64 — a score that was even more impressive considering he had a double-bogey.

another thing to stop it."

Team officials only blamed the theft when they got the playbooks back. Police and FBI officials are involved in the case but have no suspects, Sgt. Ed Hudak said Thursday.

"We haven't ruled out anybody," Hudak said. "The focus of our investigation is twofold: how it got stolen and how it got disseminated through the Internet."

According to a police report, two manila envelopes arrived by mail at the university's Hecht Athletic Center on March 28. Each envelope was postmarked Tampa on March 22 and had no return address.

One was addressed to "Ken Dorsey c/o LB Coach" and "Ken Dorsey c/o GB Coach." Dorsey is the Hurricanes quarterback and a Heisman Trophy finalist last season.

The playbooks were taken from the office of linebackers coach Vernon Hargreaves, the pages were removed from the binders but the binders were left in the office, according to the report.

"It's a concern," coach Larry Coker said. "It's like something getting stolen from your house — you feel violated. It bothers you that it happens, but it's really not much of a concern. It does have some drawings in it, but it's all fluff."

"The ones we hand out, they pretty much don't have a lot of meat and potatoes. They do have some basic things in them that are important, but nothing they can't get off video."

Playbooks have ended up in enemy hands before.

Indiana Pacers forward Malik Sealy hit his playbook at Kennedy International Airport in 1993. The book was basically a scouting report on Indiana's playoff opponent, the New York Knicks, and detailed strengths and weaknesses of each player.

The contents were read on a national radio show just hours before the teams began a first-round playoff series, and Sealy was fired.

Former Florida coach Steve Spurrier closed practice in 1996 to the media after some of his "ball plays" ended up on a Web site.

And last fall, three central Texas coaches agreed to pay \$3,000 each to former Dallas Cowboys offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese, former Philadelphia Eagles coach Buddy Ryan and his two of his sons to settle a lawsuit.

Zampese, Ryan and his sons sued the coaches after learning their NFL playbooks had been posted for sale on the Internet.

The Hurricanes are trying to track the thief using the Internet.

They found some playbooks pages scanned on the Web site "Sandman's 4-3 Defense On-Line." The site is named after a popular defense in which four linemen are backed by three linebackers.

The Web site, which was not accessible Thursday, asked for submissions of playbooks that detail the 4-3 defense and requests that people e-mail the site to exchange addresses.

Team officials told police they didn't know how the playbooks were removed. Jeff Merk, Miami's director of football operations, told police that "occasionally unauthorized person(s) find their way into the area of the coaches' offices and occasionally doors are left unlocked."

Changes in security already have been discussed and implemented, athletic director Paul Dee said.

"Whenever you lose something, you can't always close the barn door," Dee said, "but you can sure take a look around the barn and make sure that anything you can do to prevent any kind of losses that you do that in the future."

Horse racing

Top 10 Derby prospects

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT

ASSOCIATED PRESS

In the weeks leading up to the May 4 Kentucky Derby, the world's biggest horse race, dozens of prepis will be run worldwide to determine who will and who won't compete in the first leg of the Triple Crown.

Here's this week's Top 10 Derby prospects list:

■ Came Home (Paco Gonzalez, trainer; Chris McCarron, jockey): Last worked Thursday at Santa Anita, covering six furlongs in moderate 1:13.40 with McCarron aboard ... Galloped Sunday ... Dominant West Coast 3-year-old expected to work Tuesday or Wednesday before Saturday's Santa Anita Derby, where he should be favored ... Derby pool odds: 12-1.

■ Harian's Holiday (Ken McPeak, trainer; Edgar Prado, jockey): Worked Wednesday at Gulfstream Park in slow 1:03.40 for five furlongs ... Florida Derby winner arrived at Churchill Downs on Sunday ... Next start, Blue Grass Stakes (April 13) ... Derby pool odds: 6-1.

■ Johannesburg (Aidan O'Brien, trainer; Mick Kinane, jockey): Taking unique route to Derby by running in mile race on dirt in Lingfield, England (April 6) as only 3-year-old prep ... Training in Ireland, but went for mile career at Lingfield on March 20 ... Won all seven starts in 2001, including Breeders' Cup Juvenile (Oct. 27) ... Derby pool odds: 7-1.

■ Mayakovskiy (Patrick Biancone, trainer; Patrick Valenzuela, jockey): Change in plans with next start Santa Anita Derby on Saturday instead of Wood Memorial on April 13 ... Plans to work a half-mile Tuesday ... Valenzuela replaces regular rider Edgar Prado, who is committed to riding Bowman's Band in Saturday's Oaklawn Handicap ... Derby pool odds: 21-1.

■ Repent (Ken McPeak, trainer; Jerry Bailey, jockey): Worked Saturday at Gulfstream Park, going five furlongs in 1:00.40 with Bailey aboard ... Shipped to Churchill Downs on Sunday ... Winner of Louisiana Derby (March 10) now switching leads better, according to McPeak ... Next start, Illinois Derby (Saturday) ... Derby pool odds: 9-1.

■ Saarland (Shug McGaughey, trainer; John Velazquez, jockey): Covered four furlongs in 50.10 in recent work at Belmont Park ... Solid second in Gotham (March 17) in 3-year-old debut shows he's up to Derby distance of 1 1/4 miles ... Next start, Wood Memorial (April 13) ... Owned by Cynthia Phipps, daughter of Ogden Phipps ... Derby pool odds: 10-1.

■ Essence of Dubai (Eoin Harty, trainer; Frankie Dettori, jockey): Went from last-to-first in winning 1 1/4-mile UAE Derby on March 23 against 13 challengers ... Showed he can go distance and will ship to Churchill Downs shortly ... Next start, Kentucky Derby (May 4) ... Derby pool odds: 48-1.

■ Medaglio d'Oro (Bobby Frankel, trainer; Laffit Pincay, jockey): Worked five furlongs in 1:00.40 Sunday at Santa Anita ... The San Felipe winner has two wins in three starts ... Next start, Wood Memorial (April 13) ... Derby pool odds: 5-1 (as part of mutual field).

■ Easyfromthegitgo (Steve Assmusen, trainer; Donnie Meche, jockey): Assmusen's best Derby prospect after strong second in Louisiana Derby (March 10) ... Next start looking like Blue Grass (April 13) ... Derby pool odds: 33-1.

■ Blue Burner (Bill Mott, trainer; Jerry Bailey, jockey): Second behind Harian's Holiday in Florida Derby (March 17) ... Could be Derby sleeper with strong showing in Wood Memorial (April 13) ... Training at Payson Park in Florida, with a three-furlong work in 39.20 on March 26 ... Owned by George Steinbrenner's Kinship Farm ... Derby pool odds: 21-1.

Keep in mind: Booklet, Danthebluegrassman, Perfect Drift, Sunday Break.

Next major prepis: Santa Anita Derby (Saturday), Illinois Derby (Saturday), Lafayette Stakes (Sunday).

Football

Quite an interception: National champs' playbook on Internet

by MARK LONG

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — The Miami Hurricanes police their playbooks.

They carry the little green binders almost everywhere: to meeting rooms, classrooms, home and back — always keeping tight control on the team's formations, plays and terminology.

If a player shows up without his, he knows the penalty: running laps after practice. That rarely happens, though, because players guard the 150-page playbooks as if they were the football equivalent of atomic secrets.

Confidential. Covert. Clandestine. Not anymore.

The national champions' two playbooks, one offensive and one defensive, were stolen last month and parts of them were posted on the Internet. Coral Gables police said someone took the playbooks and returned them March 28 in manila envelopes.

But the Hurricanes downplayed the theft, saying they aren't worried that their Xs and Os reached cyberspace — and possible their opponents.

"It doesn't even matter," running back Jarrett Payton said. "Even if you know what's coming, it's

Hockey

EASTERN CONFERENCE

East Division

Hockey table for Eastern Conference East Division with columns for W, L, T, OTL, Pts, GF, GA and team names like x-Bridgeport, x-Hartford, x-Providence, Springfield, Albany.

North Division

Hockey table for Eastern Conference North Division with columns for W, L, T, OTL, Pts, GF, GA and team names like y-Lowell, x-Manchester, x-Worcester, Portland.

Canadian Division

Hockey table for Eastern Conference Canadian Division with columns for W, L, T, OTL, Pts, GF, GA and team names like x-Quebec, x-Manitoba, x-Hamilton, x-St. John's, Saint John.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

West Division

Hockey table for Western Conference West Division with columns for W, L, T, OTL, Pts, GF, GA and team names like x-Utah, x-G. Rapids, x-Houston, x-Chicago, Milwaukee.

Central Division

Hockey table for Western Conference Central Division with columns for W, L, T, OTL, Pts, GF, GA and team names like y-Syracuse, x-Rochester, x-Cincinnati, Cleveland.

South Division

Hockey table for Western Conference South Division with columns for W, L, T, OTL, Pts, GF, GA and team names like x-Norfolk, x-Hershey, x-Philadelphia, Wilkes-Barre.

x-clinched playoff spot

y-clinched division title

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory, one point for ties and overtime losses.

Thursday's Game

Portland 4, Albany 3, OT

Friday's Games

Quebec at St. John's, 8 p.m. Lowell at Saint John, 6:30 p.m. Hartford at Providence, 7:05 p.m. Philadelphia at Wilkes-Barre, 7:05 p.m. Manitoba at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m. Hershey at Norfolk, 7:30 p.m. Syracuse at Rochester, 7:35 p.m. Manchester at Worcester, 7:35 p.m. Cleveland at Cincinnati, 7:35 p.m. Springfield at Bridgeport, 8:05 p.m. Milwaukee at Houston, 8:30 p.m. Grand Rapids at Utah, 9 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Quebec at St. John's, 6 p.m. Wilkes-Barre at Hershey, 7 p.m. Bridgeport at Hartford, 7:05 p.m. Norfolk at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m. Worcester at Portland, 7:05 p.m. Manitoba at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m. Providence at Springfield, 7:30 p.m. Albany at Syracuse, 7:30 p.m. Cleveland at Cincinnati, 7:35 p.m. Lowell at Manchester, 7:35 p.m. Grand Rapids at Chicago, 8 p.m. Houston at Utah, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Hartford at Bridgeport, 4:05 p.m. Portland at Worcester, 4:05 p.m. Rochester at Cleveland, 4:05 p.m. Providence at Lowell, 5 p.m. Syracuse at Albany, 5 p.m. Philadelphia at Hershey, 6 p.m. Utah at Milwaukee, 6 p.m. Houston at Chicago, 7 p.m. Grand Rapids at Manitoba, 8 p.m.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baseball table for American League with columns for W, L, Pct, GB and team names like Detroit, Tampa Bay, Lins, Pearson, Miller, Farnsworth, MAnderson, MRivera, Rupe, Kent, JoSosa, Hall, W-Rupe, Lima, HRs, Detroit, JaCruz, MRivera, Tampa Bay, Abernathy, Grieve, Winn, Gomez.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Baseball table for National League with columns for W, L, Pct, GB and team names like Texas, Oakland, DDavis, Seanez, Rocker, Haselem, Lidie, Venafro, Tam, Magnanie, Holtz, HRs, Texas, Haselman, Oakland, CPena.

Wildlife

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Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge in Austin, Texas (which he helped establish); and National Key Deer Refuge in the Florida Keys. He also worked in research and land acquisition planning for the

refuge system in Alaska and North Dakota. Andrew also has served in a senior staff position in the Atlanta regional office. His love of refuges and his background working in wildlife biology and management, along

with the policy experience he gained in Washington D.C., will bring many assets to one of the most important jobs in the service.

"I am truly honored to be returning to the Southeast to be

in a position to support and lead the refuge system during the Centennial celebration," said Andrew. "The National Wildlife Refuge System is where my heart is, and I'm looking forward to continuing to build strong relationships with the States to protect our natural heritage.

I can think of no better place to be when the system turns 100 than in the Southeast, where it all started," Andrew, a native of Framingham, Massachusetts, earned his bachelor's degree in Environmental Science from Unity College in Unity, Maine. He received a master's degree in Wildlife Management from Frostburg State in Frostburg, Maryland.

He and his wife Alison look forward to living again in Atlanta, and will return with

their three-month old Labrador retriever, Gillie. Jon is an avid duck hunter, fly fisherman, bird watcher and book collector. Coincidentally, he is also a Theodore Roosevelt aficionado and collects TR memorabilia. How fitting since Theodore Roosevelt established the first 54 national wildlife refuges in the country almost 100 years ago. Andrew replaces Steve Thompson who left the Southeast to become Manager of the California/Nevada Operations Office of the Fish and Wildlife Service in Sacramento, California.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The service manages the 95-

million acre National Wildlife Refuge System that encompasses more than 538 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 70 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resource offices and 78 ecological services field stations.

The agency enforces Federal Wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

HORSE RACING

Keeneland kicks off spring race meet

by STEVE BAILEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — The air is losing some of its brisk winter chill, the grass is beginning to turn green and the warm, rich aroma of steaming burgeo overcomes anyone who ventures within its reach.

It must be time for racing at Keeneland.

The picturesque central Kentucky track will open its 16-day spring meet on Friday with the first of 19 stakes races worth more than \$3.6 million.

The program will include many of the nation's top 3-year-old thoroughbreds competing in three significant Kentucky Derby-weekend prep races.

Booklet and Harlan's Holiday are expected to renew their intense rivalry on April 13 in the \$750,000 Grade I Blue Grass Stakes, long considered a 1 1/8-mile steppingstone to the Kentucky Derby.

John Oxley's Booklet, trained by John T. Ward, captured the Grade I Fountain of Youth and Grade III Holy Bull Stakes, beating Harlan's Holiday by less than a length each time.

Harlan's Holiday, trained by Ken McPeck, rebounded with a

gate-to-wire victory in the \$1 million Grade I Florida Derby last month while Booklet faded to finish a disappointing fourth.

One of the final Derby preps of the season will take place the following weekend with the running of the \$325,000-added Grade II Lexington Stakes.

Charismatic won the 1 1/16-mile Lexington in 1999 en route to a stunning victory in the Kentucky Derby only two weeks later.

The first major prep race of the meeting will take place Saturday as a host of talented 3-year-old fillies compete in the \$500,000 Grade I Ashland Stakes, a 1 1/16-mile tuneup for the Kentucky Oaks.

East Coast favorites Take Charge Lady and Belterra are expected to top the eight-horse field for the Ashland, which was named for the Lexington home-stead and breeding farm of Kentucky statesman Henry Clay.

Take Charge Lady, also trained by McPeck, easily won the Fair Grounds Oaks earlier this year and beat Never Out by a length on the Keeneland dirt last year to claim the \$400,000 Alcibiades.

Golden Rod winner Belterra, trained by Carl Nafzger, was

undefeated as a 2-year-old but fell in her 3-year-old debut to Dust Me Off in the Miss Bonnie Stakes.

The Ashland field from the rail out will be Colonial Glitter, First Again, Take the Cake, Whiletheiron'shot, Take Charge Lady, Bronze Autumn, Cordoba and Belterra.

The \$100,000 Grade III Lafayette Stakes, a 7-furlong race for 3-year-olds, will be run Sunday.

At least one stakes race with a purse of \$100,000 or more will be run on each day of the meet. Twelve of the stakes are graded and nine will be run on the turf.

"While the Keeneland spring meeting is an ideal path to the Kentucky Derby and the triple crown for 3-year-olds, it also provides a variety of stakes opportunities for all divisions — on the dirt and the turf," said Rogers Beasley, Keeneland's director of racing.

Keeneland offers live racing Wednesday through Sunday through April 26 with post time each day at 1:15 p.m.

Pelphrey

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ed to be here," said Fernandez. "It's an opportunity to work at a university that has a lot of tradition.

I'm obviously looking forward to the opportunity of working for John Pephrey." Fernandez joined the UCF staff in November 1995 and helped the Golden Knights to 93 victories and an appearance in the 1996 NCAA tournament.

He earned his undergraduate degree in financing from Stetson University in 1985 and played four seasons for long-time Hatters coach Glenn Wilkes. Fernandez

was the Hatters' most valuable player his senior year. In 1988, Fernandez began his coaching career as an assistant at Barry University in Miami, Fla.

A year later, he moved to the University of Miami where he worked two seasons as a graduate assistant under Bill Foster and Leonard Hamilton. After earning his master's degree in sports administration at Miami in 1991, he accepted his first head coaching job at Miami's Coral Park High School, where he turned the pro-

gram into a winner in just three short years. Following his stint at Coral Park, he moved to Miami's Southridge Senior High where he spent the 1994-95 season. In his only year at Southridge, he led the program to a 17-11 overall record. A Miami Fla., native, Fernandez was born in New York but moved to the Miami area as a youth. He attended Miami's Killian High where he was an all-state selection and a two-time team MVP. Fernandez is married to the former Sol Maritza Casiano.

NATIONAL LEAGUE BASEBALL

Reds rotation struggling

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The least-productive rotation in the major leagues is at it already.

Two games into the season, the Cincinnati Reds' biggest concern is front-and-center. Starters Joey Hamilton and Elmer Dessens were disappointing as the Reds split their first two games with the Chicago Cubs.

Hamilton allowed at least two runners in each of his five innings, giving up seven hits and five walks. He also threw two wild pitches in the Reds' opening 5-4 win.

Two days later, Dessens lasted only 3 2-3 innings in a 10-3 loss, giving up five hits and four walks. He also threw a wild pitch.

The rotation's two-game total: 8 2-3 innings, 12 hits, nine walks, three wild pitches. The starters threw 181 pitches in all, only 101 of them strikes.

Hamilton got lucky. The Cubs scored only two runs because they wound up hitting balls at fielders with runners aboard. Dessens wasn't so lucky, giving up four runs in less than four innings.

Dessens was the Reds' top returning starter from last season, but struggled with his control during spring training and lost the opening day start. The right-hander walked five and gave up 27 hits in 20 spring innings, finishing with a 6.30 ERA.

Dessens fell into a habit of falling behind in the count this spring, and did the same thing in his first start of the season.

"He's got to throw it down the middle of the plate," manager Bob Boone said Thursday. "He can't get behind. His forte is his control. He can't pitch from behind or he'll get the same results."

The rotation was the biggest problem during the Reds' 96-loss season last year. Their starters pitched the fewest innings in the majors, straining the bullpen. After two games, the starters had gone 8 2-3 innings and the bullpen had pitched 9 1-3.

Watson is serious about speeding up games this season, he needs to visit Cincinnati — fast.

The Reds and the Cubs opened the season with two marathon nine-inning games. The Reds won the opener in 3 hours, 23 minutes, and the Cubs needed 3 hours, 40 minutes to finish off their 10-3 win on Wednesday night.

The problem: the starting pitchers couldn't throw strikes.

Not even a bone-chilling cold could speed things up. Playing on a raw 40-degree evening, Kerry Wood threw 55 pitches in the first two innings Wednesday and Dessens threw 42.

As a result, those two innings lasted an hour and 58 minutes.

"With as many pitches as those guys were throwing, it's a 2-1 game and it's already an hour and a half long," Boone said. "It's ridiculous."

Watson, in charge of trying to shorten games this season, visited teams during spring training and reminded them about a crackdown on delays. Major league games lasted an average of 2 hours, 54 minutes last season.

■ **STAYING WARM:** The most popular spot in the Reds' bullpen? The one right next to that big, yellow heater.

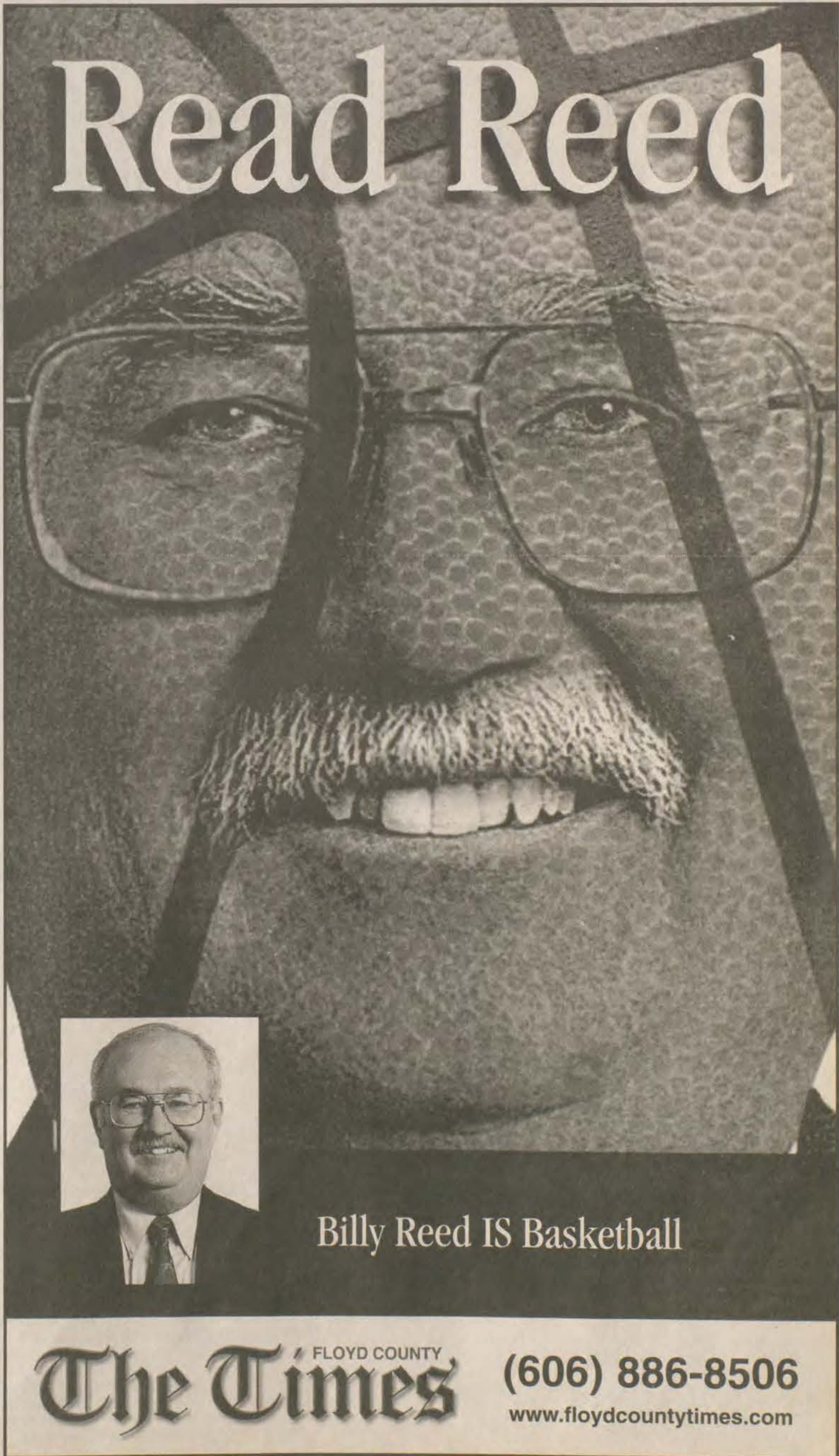
With temperatures falling toward the 30s, relievers spent most of the two night games this week huddled around the heaters, waiting for the call to warm up.

"We were comfortable," closer Danny Graves said Thursday. "The heater in our little tree house kept us warm. It got so hot that a couple of times we had to turn it off."


There were heaters at the ends of the benches in the dugouts to keep the backups warm on unseasonably cold nights.

"Just as long as you get the win, it's easier to deal with," Cubs third baseman Chris Stynes said. "It's like playing a long, extra-inning game. You get an adrenaline rush when you win."

Most of the 19,745 fans at Cinergy left well before the end of Wednesday night's game, heading for the heaters in their cars to warm up.



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■ **NOT SO FAST:** If Bob

Sharks closing in on prey: Pacific Division title

Associated Press

The San Jose Sharks are closing in on something special, their first division title.

Mike Ricci had a goal and two assists, and Teemu Selanne scored the go-ahead goal Thursday night as the Sharks beat Phoenix 5-2, giving them a four-point lead in the Pacific Division with five games left.

Mike Rathje had a goal and an assist for the Sharks, who rallied from an early deficit for a critical victory over the Coyotes, who are an NHL-best 12-3-1-2 since the Olympic break.

Although Phoenix and Los Angeles are only four points behind San Jose, there are just five games remaining for each team.

"You've just got to wake up in the morning and look at the standings again," Sharks assistant coach Rich Preston said. "If you're in first place, you feel good, but you don't change anything. You can't take anything for granted for the division race or for the playoffs."

The Sharks also are one point behind Colorado for second overall in the Western Conference. San

Jose needs just three points in its final five games to improve its point total for the sixth consecutive season.

The loss slowed the Coyotes, but goalie Sean Burke didn't believe their performance warranted a victory.

"We've been winning games, but let's be honest — we've won games where we haven't played great hockey for 60 minutes for a long time," he said. "Tonight, we probably got what we deserved."

Elsewhere, it was Los Angeles 3, Detroit 0; Montreal 3, Philadelphia 1; the New York Islanders 2, Boston 1 in overtime; Calgary 4, Minnesota 3; the New York Rangers 4, Toronto 2; Tampa Bay 4, Pittsburgh 2; and Columbus 2, Nashville 1.

KINGS 3, RED WINGS 0

Felix Potvin stopped 31 shots against the NHL's highest-scoring team for his 24th career shutout.

The shutout was the fifth this season for Potvin, who was given a vote of confidence by coach Andy Murray in a private meeting Wednesday morning. Potvin had surrendered 15 goals in a four-game span, blowing a two-goal

lead in the final 2 1/2 minutes of Tuesday's 4-4 tie with Vancouver.

Aaron Miller and Jason Allison scored less than five minutes apart in the second period. Kelly Buchberger also scored and Cliff Ronning had two assists, helping the Kings end a five-game winless streak and extend their home unbeaten streak to eight.

"I know what I have to do," Potvin said. "I didn't feel like I was playing poorly before that. But tonight we competed much harder as a team, and that showed in the game."

CANADIENS 3, FLYERS 1

Montreal moved into the final Eastern Conference playoff position, two points in front of idle Washington.

The Canadiens won their fourth straight as Andrei Markov had a goal and an assist and Jose Theodore stopped 23 shots. Richard Zednik and Bill Lindsay also scored for the visitors.

Mark Recchi scored for the Atlantic Division-leading Flyers, who matched their longest losing streak since 1999 at five games.

ISLANDERS 2, BRUINS 1, OT

Oleg Kvasha scored at 3:29 of overtime, further enhancing New York's playoff status. A victory Saturday vs. Washington will give the Islanders their first postseason berth in eight years.

Kvasha put the puck between defenseman Hal Gill's skates near the Boston blue line, then cut past Sean O'Donnell, who knocked him to the ice. But as he was falling, Kvasha shot the puck between goalie Byron Dafoe's legs.

The visiting Islanders, outshot 40-16, nearly won in regulation, but Glen Murray scored with 2:16 left.

The Bruins gained one point from the overtime loss and are five points ahead of Philadelphia in the East standings.

FLAMES 4, WILD 3

Jarome Iginla scored his 48th goal and added two assists. Iginla tied it 2-2 in the first, just 28 seconds after visiting Minnesota had taken the lead.

With five games remaining, Iginla is nine goals ahead of Washington's Peter Bondra in the race for the Rocket Richard Trophy as the NHL's top goal scorer. Iginla also tightened his grasp on the Art Ross Trophy for leading the points race. Iginla has 91, 12 more than Vancouver's Markus Naslund.

RANGERS 4, MAPLE LEAFS 2

Pavel Bure scored twice, including the go-ahead goal mid-

way through the third period. Bure was standing alone at the side of the net as linemate Eric Lindros fed him a loose puck. The Russian sniper easily put in the winner.

Matthew Barnaby added a goal as visiting New York, badly outplayed most of the game, got its third consecutive win thanks to the solid goaltending of 18-year-old rookie Dan Blackburn.

LIGHTNING 4, PENGUINS 2

At Tampa, Dave Andreychuk scored twice to reach 20 goals for the 17th time in his career, tying him for third all-time with Wayne Gretzky, Marcel Dionne, Mike

Gartner and Mark Messier.

Gordie Howe scored at least 20 goals in 22 seasons, while Ron Francis has accomplished it 19 times.

The Lightning snapped a six-game losing streak and Pittsburgh was eliminated from the playoff race.

BLUE JACKETS 2, PREDATORS 1

Deron Quint scored his first goal in 19 games and Espen Knutsen had two assists. The victory ended the host Blue Jackets' seven-game winless streak (0-5-0-2).

June Buchanan School names new basketball coach

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES- Gary Stepp, of Inez, Kentucky, has been named head basketball coach of the June Buchanan School boy's basketball program by headmaster Yvon Allen. Stepp, who comes from a family of a long basketball winning tradition, left a teaching career in Martin County and accepted the position this week to succeed Jimmy Cox at JBS.

Gary Stepp played for Alice Lloyd College from 1983-1987 and was assistant coach for the Eagles for 10 years. Named Defensive Player of the Year for two consecutive years, Stepp was a member of ALC's first winning basketball team as a senior college. During his coaching career, the Eagles made four appearances in the national tournament. "Gary is an outstanding choice for boy's basketball coach at the June Buchanan School.

He brings years of experience and commitment and has demonstrated the ability to build a highly successful program. We are looking forward to being a competitive part of the 14th region basketball community for many years to come," commented Headmaster Allen.



May Valley Dance team captures title

The May Valley Elementary Dance Team participated in the Kentucky State Open Cheer and Dance Competition in Frankfort March 9th. The team brought home first place in the Pom Division and first place in the Jazz Division. The team has done very well this year with a total of seven first place, one second place, one best overall, and one best choreography trophies.

INFORMATION

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 tion until Aug. 28, and Earnhardt was fined \$5,000.

Earnhardt finished fourth in Bristol, his fourth straight top-four finish as he heads to one of his favorite tracks.

The Chevy driver has started from the pole the last two seasons at Texas Motor Speedway, racing to his first Winston Cup victory in 2000 and finishing eighth last year. The 1.5-mile track also was the site of his first Busch Series victory in 1997.

"It's a really, really fast track, which I love, and it'll be even faster with the new surface," Earnhardt said. "But the new pavement will make passing more difficult, so you need to be near the front all day."

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Bowling

In the college bowling post-season, the Baker format is used. In that, each school uses five bowlers to bowl a game. One will bowl frames one and six, another two and seven, etc. Substitutions can be made at any time, and that offers a strength to the Pikeville team.

"You need seven bowlers to really compete," Damron said. "On the second day, you can really tell the ones who are going with only five. They start to drop off. But for us, we have good substitutes, and it works to our advantage. They are a big reason we were able to make up ground in the sectional tournament."

Pikeville is led by April Ellis, a native of Jackson, Tenn., who averaged 196.4 this season and finished in the top 25 in seven of her 11 tournaments this season. That average has her 36th in the nation.

All of the bowlers are freshmen, with the exception of sophomore Lindsey Durham. A transfer from Central Missouri State University, she was the only bowler with college experience entering this season. She has participated in the Kentucky-Indiana series for four seasons.

Ellis and Durham are joined by Stacey Wyatt of Louisville, who won the Kentucky-Indiana All-Star Match a year ago. Angela Gatzke of Vine Grove in Hardin County, another four-year member of the Kentucky team that bowls against the

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Indiana stars. She also won the Coca-Cola Kentucky Bowling Classic last year.

Teresa Sanderson of Garfield, Ohio, a Cleveland suburb, has participated in the National Junior Olympic Gold Tournament. Patricia Trusty of Louisville won the individual crown in the 1997 Kentucky-Indiana competition. Dana Compton of Prestonsburg has won the Kentucky doubles title and also been a member of a state championship team.

Obviously, the young ladies are exceptional bowlers. But Damron is just as proud of their attitudes. Only two tournaments this season gave sportsmanship trophies, but Pikeville College was the winner both times.

"It says a lot about the quality of person we're dealing with," he said.

The bowlers now have their sites set on Williamsville, N.Y., a suburb of Buffalo, where the top 16 teams in the country will come together beginning April 17 to decide the championship. Pikeville will enter ranked seventh nationally, but don't be surprised if they don't finish higher than that.

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Law Enforcement Yard Sale

The Prestonsburg Community College Law Enforcement Club will be sponsoring a yard sale on Saturday, April 13, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the Prestonsburg campus.

For more information, contact Mike Dixon at (888) 641-4132, ext. 282.

Mountain Writing Project Summer Institute

The Mountain Writing Project, a collaborative effort of Eastern Kentucky University, Hazard Community College and the Kentucky Department of Education, announces its 2002-2003 institute. The Mountain Writing Project is designed to provide professional development for public schools teachers, grades K-14, in the area of writing, with special emphasis on how to help students develop portfolio-appropriate writing. The project, directed by Dr. Charles Whitaker from Eastern Kentucky University, is appropriate for writing teachers and content area teachers alike. The 2002-2003 institute will begin with a four-week-long class which begins July 1 and ends on July 25. Selected fellows will meet each day from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, at Hazard Community College.

Additionally, five day-long follow-up sessions will be scheduled throughout the academic year.

Teachers who are accepted for the Mountain Writing Project will receive six graduate hours, free of charge, from Eastern Kentucky University, along with an \$800 stipend. Additionally, the Mountain Writing Project will reimburse the cost of substitute teachers for the follow-up school year sessions. The application deadline is April 15.

Only teachers who are under contract with a Kentucky public school for the 2002-03 school year are eligible to apply. For a copy of the application materials, interested teachers should call Lisa Maggard at 436-5721, ext. 238.

Criminal Justice Info Meeting

Are you interested in a baccalaureate degree in Criminal Justice? An information and registration session will be held on Wednesday, April 10 in the First Federal Center at Hazard Community College, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in room 207.

Representatives from Eastern Kentucky University and Hazard Community College will be available to answer questions about the criminal justice program, review transcripts, and advise and register students for fall classes.

For more information, contact Jeannie Trumbo at 439-3544 or stop by her office in room 207-C of the First Federal Center.

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SPORTS MEDICINE CLUB



submitted photo

Melissa Osborne, Bambi Lucas, and Kim Campbell, students in the Sports Medicine Club at Pikeville College, recently sent supplies to U.S. troops stationed in Afghanistan. The club began collecting items after hearing a local television station's interview with the family of a soldier serving in Operation Enduring Freedom. The students said sending care packages gave them an opportunity to show their appreciation for the sacrifices of the men and women who risk their lives defending the country. Items sent to troops included soap, shampoo, toothpaste, stationery, cookies and other snacks, paperback books and magazines, shaving items, band-aids, and plastic freezer bags used to keep sand out of soldiers' personal belongings.

One of the nation's largest college honor societies finds itself under fire

"We're talking with our campus advisers to get them into compliance. We do send back applications that we think fall below the GPA for the top 15 percent," said Kali Boatright, assistant executive director of Golden Key

by KRISTEN WYATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ATLANTA — The nation's largest college honor society is under fire from critics who say it acts like a profit-hungry business, opening its doors to anyone who pays — includ-

ing underqualified students.

Golden Key has been snubbed by other honor societies, which complain that aggressive marketing has helped it grow from a single chapter at a commuter school 25 years ago into a million-member behemoth. Opponents also take issue with

Golden Key's ritzy headquarters — a \$2.5 million mansion with marble floors in one of Atlanta's most exclusive neighborhoods. Board meetings were held at fancy hotels in Aspen, Colo., and Cancun, Mexico, but board members said changes were made after some grew uncomfortable with the practice.

Guidestar, an auditing group for nonprofits, put Golden Key's worth at \$9.8 million in 2000. Membership

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Pikeville College will present "An Evening of Jazz," a spirited repertoire of swing classics and contemporary favorites. Set for Thursday, the performance is part of Pikeville Concert Association's 2002 season. The evening features the Pikeville College jazz band ensembles, highlighting the talents of students, faculty and musicians from the community. The concert, which is free to the public, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Booth Auditorium located on the Pikeville College campus. For more information, contact the Office of Public Affairs at 218-5271.



Week-long conference to focus on at-risk kids

Submitted article

RICHMOND — A weeklong conference at Eastern Kentucky University this summer will focus on how best to educate at-risk youth in the Commonwealth.

"Educating Kentucky's At-Risk Kids: Best Practices for Alternative and Non-Traditional Settings" will be held July 8-12 at the Perkins Building.

More than 30 speakers will address issues related to the topic, including two internationally known experts, Robert Barr and Gary Phillips. Sponsors are the Kentucky Educational Collaborative for State Agency Children (KECSAC), ECU College of Education, Southeast/South Central Educational Cooperative, the Kentucky Department of Education, Kentucky Center for School Safety, AmeriCorps

and ECU's Center for Renewal of Schools and the Education Professions. The conference is expected to draw a statewide audience of educators and administrators who work in alternative school settings and others who work with at-risk youth. Those who attend the entire conference are eligible for three hours of graduate credit from ECU.

The cost to attend the entire week is

\$495. The cost for those who attend only Tuesday-Thursday is \$75, and state instructional leadership credit is available. To register, or for more information, call Cassie Green, 859-622-6552 or e-mail cassie.green@eku.edu.

"At-risk youth is a population that has historically been underserved and overlooked," said Dr. Norman Powell, director of KECSAC. "It's hard to

attract qualified people to work in the area. Hopefully, we can create greater interest and incentive to get involved in this area of work and raise awareness of the needs of this population."

According to Dr. Billy Thames, director of field services and professional development with ECU's College of Education, said the week

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EKU's alumni weekend April 26-27

Submitted article

RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky University graduates from Floyd County are invited to visit their alma mater April 26-27 when ECU hosts its annual Alumni Weekend.

This year's event features special reunions for the graduation classes of 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972 and 1977.

Invitations also have been sent to alumni who graduated one year before or after the special reunion classes.

One of the highlights is the annual Alumni Awards and Recognition Banquet Saturday, April 27 at 7 p.m. in the Keen Johnson Ballroom. Tickets for the awards banquet are \$20 each.

"Graduates from any year are welcome to attend any or all of the festivities," said Terry Collis, Florence, president of the ECU National Alumni Association. "Alumni Weekend is a celebration to be enjoyed with friends and family. We hope graduates will make a special effort to join us for this special time."

The April 26 schedule at the Arlington House includes a 6 p.m. faculty/alumni reception, alumni dinner at 7 and a "Casino Night" from 8:30 to 10 p.m.

Each Casino Night guest is given "Colonel Money," and winnings can be used to bid at an auction for ECU paraphernalia. The cost for the dinner is \$20

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MSU preparing for summer Advanced Placement Program

MOREHEAD — Applications are now being accepted for classes in the Advanced Placement Program being offered at Morehead State University this summer.

Through a partnership with The College Board, MSU will offer a weeklong Advanced Placement Summer Institute, July 8-12, which will include classes, workshops and conferences for middle and high school teachers and supervisors.

The cost to participants will be \$350 per person, per course for classes in Biology, Calculus AB, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, Spanish Language, Statistics, US Government and Politics and US History. Kentucky participants may be eligible for scholarships through the Kentucky Department of Education.

The registration fee will cover the cost of instruction. College

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Time to renew your student financial aid

If you applied for student financial aid last year (the 2001-02 academic year), regardless of whether you enrolled in school or not, you will need to re-apply for

financial aid for 2002-03. Whether used or not, a financial aid award is only good for one academic year (August-July); therefore, you must re-apply for

federal student aid every year to determine your eligibility for assistance for the upcoming academic year.

There are three (3) ways to

renew your student financial aid: (1) complete an entirely new Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, (2) file the paper Renewal FAFSA, or (3) complete your Renewal FAFSA on the Internet.

Using either the paper 2002-03 FAFSA form (obtained from a Commonwealth Educational Opportunity Center counselor or your school's financial aid office) or the Internet version (found at www.fafsa.ed.gov), you must provide all the information for the required fields on the form, just as you did the first time you filed in 2001-02.

There are benefits to filing a Renewal FAFSA over completing an entirely new FAFSA. Because the Renewal FAFSA is based on the information you supplied

when you filed in 2001-02, you will have fewer questions to answer. With the Renewal FAFSA, you simply update existing information for charges (such as changes in your income level, family size, or your address) and add any necessary new information.

■ The Paper Renewal: If you used the paper FAFSA when you filed in 2001-02, a Renewal FAFSA should have been mailed to you in late November or December 2001.

■ Renewal on the Web: Renewal FAFSAs are also available on the FAFSA on the Web Internet site at: www.fafsa.ed.gov. If you filed a FAFSA during 2001-02, you should have received a PIN (personal identification number) in the mail.

By using your PIN, you can file your Renewal FAFSA over the Internet and sign your form. Once your actual signature is on file (as a result of filing the 2001-02 FAFSA), your PIN becomes your "electronic signature." So, be sure not to share it with others. Not only will your PIN allow you to sign your renewal electronically, but you can use it to access and review your student account information on the Internet.

Last Your PIN? If you don't have your PIN number or have forgotten in what "safe place" you have tucked it away, you can request a duplicate PIN on-line at www.pin.ed.gov. You will want to do this in advance of preparing to file your Renewal FAFSA, as it can take three to five days to receive a copy.

MSU

Board Advanced Placement packets and other training materials. There is an additional \$25 lab fee for the biology and environmental science workshop. Courses are suitable for those who are new to the AP teaching experience or who have been involved for several years.

To register, applicants must complete the application form

and mail it to MSU's Office of Continuing Education, 312 Allie Young Hall, Morehead, KY 40351. Payment may be made by credit card, personal check, school district check, or MSU will bill your district for the registration fee.

The College Board, a national non-profit membership association dedicated to preparing,

inspiring and connecting students to college, provides educators with information, tools and strategies needed to build and strengthen their professional skills and techniques. More than half of the nation's high schools now take part in the Advanced Placement Program, which allows students to study subjects of interest, while motivating and challenging them to a more rigorous performance.

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Beatles Meal

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

Friday, April 26, is the deadline to make dinner reservations. Dinner/concert admission is \$30 for adults, \$20 for students (18 and under).

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

EKU-HCC RN to BSN

If you are a registered nurse interested in the RN to bachelor's program, you are invited to an advising and registration session for new students on Thursday, April 18, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the ARH Psychiatric Hospital cafeteria and from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Room 207 of the First Federal Center at Hazard Community College.

A session for continuing students will be held in the First Federal Center from 5 p.m. to 6

p.m. in Room 207 at the First Federal Center. The session is being held by Eastern Kentucky University and Hazard Community College.

Representatives will be available to answer questions, advise students, and assist them in registering for fall 2002 classes.

For more information, contact Jeannie Trumbo at 439-3544 or stop by her office in Room 207-C of the First Federal Center.

EKU-HCC Social Work Advisory Day

Social Work students interested in the Baccalaureate Degree Social Work program are invited to attend an ECU-HCC Social Work Advisory Day on Monday, April 15, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the First Federal Center at Hazard Community College, room 223.

Representatives from Eastern Kentucky University and HCC will be available to answer questions, review transcripts, and register students for ECU's summer and fall 2002 classes in Hazard.

For more information, contact Jeannie Trumbo at 439-3544 or stop by her office in Room 207-C of the First Federal Center.

Additional information and a registration packet are available by calling Tina Stafford, MSU regional campus coordinator, at (606) 783-2005 or (800) 783-6781, option 3.

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a person, and advance reservations are recommended. Admission to Casino Night is \$10 a person.

The fun continues Saturday, April 27 at the Keen Johnson Building, where registration and a "Getting Reacquainted Continental Breakfast" begin at 9 a.m. The day also includes a 11:30 a.m. class buffet luncheon (cost \$11), class meetings and photographs, and recognition of ECU Pioneers, those who graduated from the University at least 50 years ago.

Any graduate from 1952 and earlier who would like to be recognized this year as an ECU Pioneer should contact the Alumni Relations office to make reservations. For more information about Alumni Weekend, or to make reservations for any of the events, call 859-622-1260 or, toll-free in Kentucky, 1-800-262-7493, ext. 1260, or e-mail alumni.event@eku.edu.

Kids

long conference is a natural extension of the leadership role the College has taken in recent years in promoting the educational needs of at-risk youth.

Conference topics include: Successful Kentucky Alternative School Models, How to Develop a School-wide Modification System, Partnering with Parents, De-escalation Skills, Building Successful Relationships with Kids, Training in Social Skills Competence for Alternative Middle and High School Students, Resolving Issues between Parents and Schools, Selling Alternative Schools to School Districts, Positive Behavioral Support Systems and

Resources for Teachers, among others.

Barr, who will be at the conference Monday-Wednesday, is internationally recognized for his research on at-risk children and youth, teacher education and alternative schools. Now with the Boise State University Center of School Improvement, he has appeared twice on PBS's nationally televised "Firing Line," served as an expert witness at many state and federal trials and testified before Congressional subcommittees. In addition, Barr has had extensive international experience in Indonesia, China, Japan and Chile.

Fire

in the society costs undergraduates a one-time fee of \$60.

This week, the chairman of the society's board, Georgia State University president Carl Patton, resigned after the criticism reached The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Only the top 15 percent of college juniors and seniors are supposed to be eligible for Golden Key. But officials concede some unqualified students may have joined.

Golden Key's sponsorship program — 13 corporate members that get access to student member lists for \$55,000 a year — also has been criticized. Members are tapped for internships and jobs, but they're also subject to mass mailings for products including credit cards and auto insurance.

"I have a real philosophical problem with an organization that functions as a commercial enterprise but presents itself as an honor society," said Hew Joiner, director of an honors program at Georgia Southern University.

Golden Key officials dismiss the criticism as old-guard snobbery.

The society was founded 25 years ago at Georgia State, a commuter campus in downtown Atlanta. It has since challenged centuries-old Greek-letter honor societies like Phi Beta

Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi.

"There are certainly other honor societies that are jealous of Golden Key," Patton told The Associated Press before he resigned. "This is not a case of pay your money, get your name on a piece of paper and that's it."

Mark Herndon, a former director of international development for Golden Key, complained that older honor societies are trying to smear the society.

Golden Key has been rejected three times for membership in the Association of College Honor Societies.

The Chronicle reported that founder Jim Lewis was ousted last summer because of an unseemly pursuit of profit and having inappropriate relationships with students in the club.

Golden Key officials refused to discuss Lewis at all — whether he resigned or was fired, or why he left. Lewis and his lawyers did not return phone calls, but he released a statement Wednesday saying he was proud of his work at Golden Key.

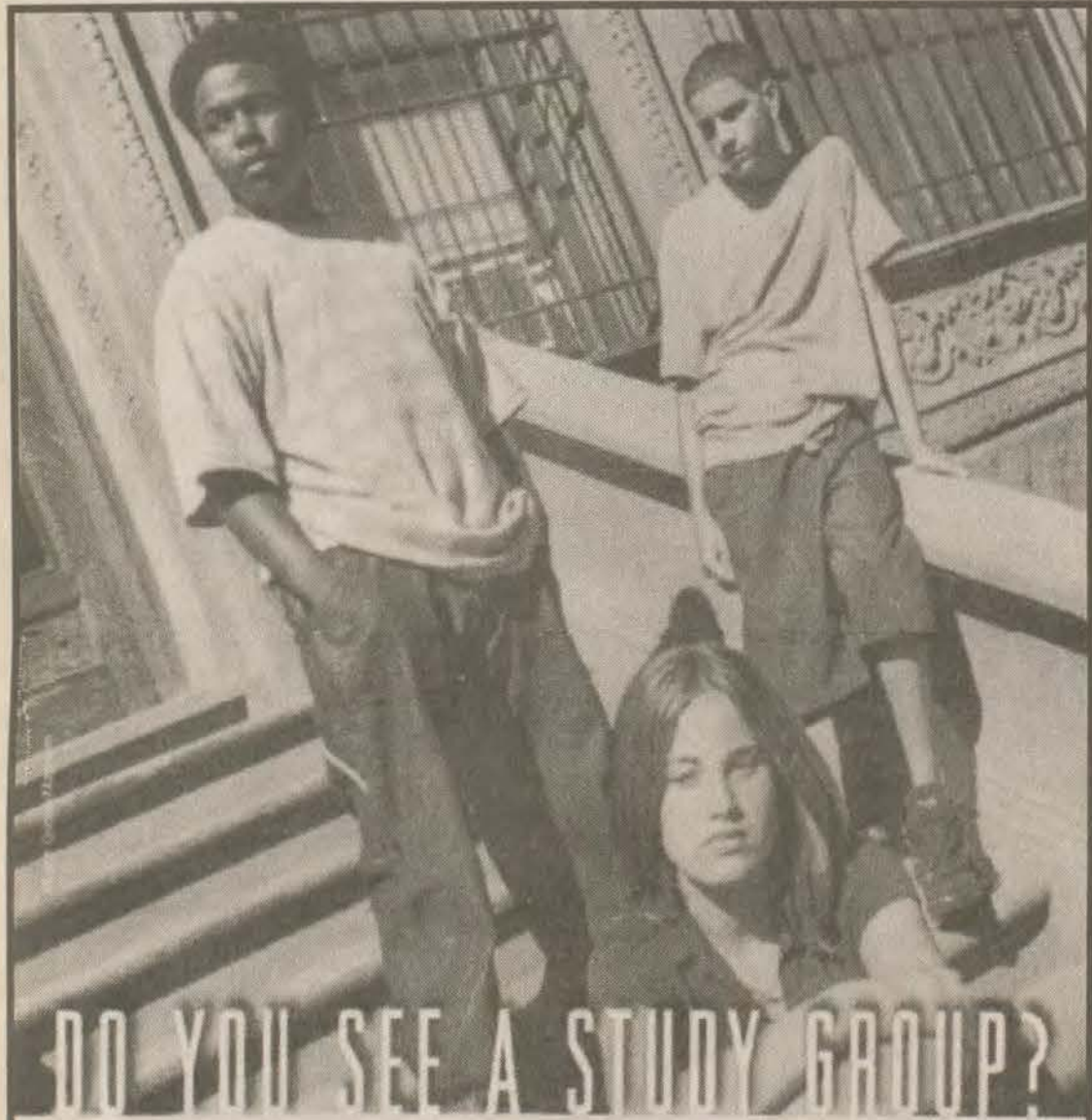
"I wish that I could have done more, but it's time to move on," he said. "I encourage the society to continue to be progressive in all of its endeavors."

Golden Key officials strong-

ly denied inducting unqualified students. When average grades change at a school — the average GPA goes up a couple points, for example — Golden Key relies on the school to revise the cutoff for what constitutes the top 15 percent. But some schools don't always let Golden Key know about changing average grades. "We're talking with our campus advisers to get them into compliance. We do send back applications that we think fall below the GPA for the top 15 percent," said Kali Boatright, assistant executive director of Golden Key. Holmes said there were only a few chapters that fell below the standard. Golden Key also defends corporate sponsorships. Alumni groups and other honor societies send members credit card or discount offers all the time, officials said. "Every organization does that. And, hey, I like discounts," Patton said. Student members at Georgia State said they were little bothered by Golden Key's problems at the top, or its sketchy reputation in the academic world. "We do service projects, have career workshops, stuff like that," said Mary Fullove, a senior. "I think it's an honor."

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The cost of the camp is \$350.

Enrollment is limited to 30 students. Applicants must have a B average, and be recommended by a teacher who can verify that the student is interested in the camp, and would benefit from attending. Attendance at a prior computer camp or completion of a high school or college computer

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Hardin man e-mailed Hyundai warning of legal battle over land

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Leon Howlett, whose family owns property in Hardin County that the state wanted for a proposed Hyundai plant, sent an e-mail in February to a spokesman for the Korean automaker warning of a long legal battle if the company

tried to locate there.

Hyundai Motor Co. this week announced it would build the plant in Montgomery, Ala., and Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton publicly blamed the Howletts for the loss. On Thursday, Patton's office released a copy of the Feb. 27 e-mail sent by Leon Howlett. In it, Howlett insisted that he and

his family would not sell their land and would fight efforts to seize it for Hyundai's proposed plant in Glendale.

The Howletts eventually agreed to sell their 111-acre farm for six times its appraised value just hours before Hyundai's decision to go to Alabama was announced.

The plant will employ 2,000 and create an estimated 4,000 "spin-off" jobs in support industries once it opens in 2005. It is slated to eventually build 300,000 vehicles annually.

"Hyundai lawyers must understand that if condemnation is pursued by our state we will fight there (sic) right to take our home," wrote

Howlett, whose mother, Norma, and brother, Paul, own the property. He added that a legal fight could extend beyond Hyundai's planned 2005 date for opening the plant and accused state officials of "dishonest and unjust" treatment of landowners

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Medicare

AND YOU

Q What is the President's Prescription Drug Card Initiative and when will it be available?

A On July 12, 2001, the President announced an initiative that would create a prescription drug card assistance program to assist people with Medicare in getting information on pharmacy services and lower prices on prescription drugs. Since that time, a federal district court has stopped the implementation of that program. However, several drug / pharmaceutical companies have started prescription drug card programs to assist the low-income and elderly with the cost of prescription drugs. Although many of these programs are beneficial and provide assistance to those in need, they are NOT endorsed or funded by the Medicare program. The Administration has stopped the implementation of the drug card program for Medicare, and has made some important improvements to its design and is getting public comment on it. The earliest people with Medicare could get a prescription drug discount card that is approved by Medicare is the fall of 2002.

Q Where can I get more information about the prescription drug cards offered by the drug companies?

A I have listed the contact information for the companies that I am aware of below. Please remember, to qualify for these cards you must be Medicare eligible and not have any other type of prescription drug coverage. Also, the card offered by each company may only be used for prescription drugs manufactured by that company offering the card. There are income guidelines that you must meet, but you may find those at or above your present income. I encourage you to take time to learn more about the cards if you are using prescription drugs made by any one of the companies.

- Eli Lilly — Lilly Answers Card — 1-877-795-4559
- GlaxoSmithKline — Orange Card — 1-888-672-6436
- Novartis Pharmaceuticals — Novartis Care Card — 1-866-974-2273
- Pfizer, Inc. — Pfizer Share Card — 1-800-717-6005

You can learn more about the income level guidelines for the above cards by calling the State Health Insurance Assistance Program at 1-877-293-7447.

On the internet at www.medicare.gov there is information about additional types of Prescription Drug Assistance programs.

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.



El Azul Grande offers a lounge with comfortable seating in a friendly atmosphere.

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El Azul**GRANDE****Mexico comes to Prestonsburg**by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

El Azul Grande, featuring authentic Mexican cuisine, has recently arrived in Prestonsburg. With restaurants already operating in Pikeville, Hazard, and South Williamson, the owners and operators have already made their presence known in eastern Kentucky, along with developing a reputation that precedes them for authentic Mexican cooking.

Upon entry into the establishment, diners are greeted by the friendly staff, many of whom actually grew up in Mexico. After being seated, warm tortilla chips and salsa are brought to the table for munching as patrons peruse the many menu items available.

The restaurant offers all of the more common Mexican foods that one would expect such

(See **EL AZUL**, page four)**Floyd County story lands 27 NEWSFIRST in National Spotlight**

Submitted article

They are some of the most prestigious awards in journalism. WKYT-TV in Lexington is proud to announce that two dedicated employees have won Communicator Awards.

27 NEWSFIRST Anchor/Reporter Danny Trease and Photographer Ray Brown were recently honored in an international awards competition. Communicator Awards are presented to those entrants whose ability to communicate elevates them among the best in the field.

The awards were given in recognition of the exceptional work the two did on a series of reports on the February 28, 1958, school bus crash in Floyd County. Twenty-six children and their school bus driver died that day. Trease and Brown captured the agony that parents, friends and family endured after losing those youngsters. Several Floyd Countians, relived those horrible days spent searching the Big Sandy River. The reports also showed how the crash changed the way emergency response crews handle crisis situations in eastern Kentucky and across

(See **STORY**, page four)**New legislation boosts high-tech businesses**

FRANKFORT — A measure designed to lure new high-tech, knowledge-based businesses to the state received final passage in the House of Representatives Tuesday and is on its way to the governor.

House Speaker Jody Richards sponsored the \$30 million package to compliment the Kentucky Innovation Act passed by the 2000 General Assembly.

House Bill 525 doubles the state's Rural Innovation Awards from \$25,000 to \$50,000. That program provides funding for new economy companies that locate in the state's rural areas. Richards says that is especially important because "new businesses need capital, not tax credits."

It also provides construction tax credits for research and development facilities, strengthens the state's six Innovation and Commercialization Centers and 14 satellite centers, and takes other steps to make Kentucky more attractive to knowledge-based companies.

Beware college financial aid offers for a fee

LEXINGTON — Letters have been arriving at Kentucky high school students' homes saying that they have "been selected" as being eligible to apply for grants, scholarships and other college financial aid information. The students and their parents are invited to come to an interview.

The Better Business Bureau of Central & Eastern Kentucky warns parents to beware if they are asked for money by any company offering "special" college financial aid information.

A Scott County High School official says she has heard from several students who

received letters from College Financial Aid Services Inc. of Albany, N.Y. The Buffalo BBB says the company has an unsatisfactory record due to a pattern of complaints alleging deceptive selling practices, dissatisfaction with the company's service, and problems obtaining refunds, as well as unanswered complaints.

"We have heard about college financial aid companies making this kind of offer before," said Heather Clary, BBB director of communications. "The trouble starts when parents are asked for money, sometimes hundreds of dollars, to receive information

that is basically free from high school counselors, libraries, and government resources."

Some companies may claim the scholarships or grants are guaranteed, but they typically do not provide funding, nor are they in direct contact with any sources of funding. In cases where students have paid a fee, they received a list of possible sources of college funding, and often general information on finding funding.

Complaints filed with BBB's across the U.S. allege disagreements over money-back guarantees, or other promises of refunds, and that listings are generic, rather than specific

to the needs of the student as promised during the sale. Refunds are often difficult, if not impossible, to get.

"Parents receiving letters from firms offering college financial aid services should check them out with the BBB first," Clary said. "They should never sign any agreement until they've checked it out, and they should check with their child's school counselor."

Consumers may reach the BBB at 859-259-1008 or toll-free in Kentucky at 1-800-866-6668, or on the web at www.ky.bbb.org.

Overfilling prevention devices become mandatory on April 1, 2002

Propane industry continues efforts to promote consumer safety

The propane industry's ongoing commitment to providing

consumers with the most effective ways to safely fill propane cylinders has led to the development of the Overfilling Prevention Device (OPD). States across the country, including Kentucky, have adopted National Fire Protection Association regulations requiring that all small propane cylin-

ders (4-40 lbs.) be equipped with an OPD by April 1, 2002.

"The Overfilling Prevention Device is another innovation from the propane industry that allows consumers to enjoy the many exceptional uses of propane in a safe, reliable manner," says Tracey Turner Thurman, executive director, the Kentucky Propane Education and Research Council.

When an OPD-equipped cylinder is being filled, a valve within the cylinder closes when the designated liquid capacity of propane is reached. However, an OPD is a safety enhancement, not a primary filling device.

Propane cylinders manufactured after October 1998, already contain OPDs and are available in all 50 states. The OPD device is easily recognized by a unique triangular hand wheel that is used to open the valve on propane cylinders. If a cylinder does not contain a triangular hand wheel, it is obsolete and cannot be refilled. Obsolete propane cylinders should never be abandoned or thrown in the trash. Local propane marketers should be contacted for proper disposal information.

"Obtaining an OPD-equipped tank or equipping your tank with an OPD device is a quick and easy process," according to Tracey Turner Thurman, KYPERC executive director. "There are a number of exchange

centers or filling stations in our area that can help."

The OPD device will provide consumers with additional peace of mind as they enjoy propane-fueled appliances such as gas grills. Based on a 1999 Barbecue Industry Association survey, at least three billion barbecue events take place each summer among the estimated 75 million households that own grills. Of those households, 60 percent own propane gas grills. Additional measures that consumers can take to ensure safe and enjoyable propane grilling include:

Propane Grill Do's:

■ Always follow all of the grill manufacturer's instructions and keep written materials and manuals in a safe, accessible place.

■ When not in use, make sure all grill burner controls are turned off and that the valve cylinder is closed.

■ Make sure the gas grill is shut off and cooled before covering your grill after use.

■ Always use or store cylinders outdoors with the relief valve in direct contact with the vapor space, usually in an upright (vertical) position.

■ When you fill or exchange your cylinder, have your supplier check for dents, damage, rust, or leaks. If you exchange your cylinder, these inspections are already completed on the full cylinder.

■ After filling or exchanging, take your cylinder home immediately. Keep your vehicle ventilated and keep the cylinder valve closed and plugged or capped in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

■ When your grill is not in use, cover disconnected hose-end fittings and burner air intakes with small plastic bags, or obtain protective fitting caps from your propane supplier to keep out dirt, insects, and moisture.

■ If there is an uncontrollable release of gas or a fire, call the fire department immediately and move all people and pets away from the unit.

Propane grill don'ts:

■ Do not smoke while handling the propane cylinder.

■ Do not allow children to tamper or play with the cylinder or grill.

■ Do not use, store, or transport your cylinder where it would be exposed to high temperatures. (This includes storing spare cylinders under or near the grill).

Consumers can obtain additional information on OPDs by contacting their local propane marketers, or visiting www.nppga.org.

El Azul

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as nachos, guacamole dip, tacos, burritos, tamales and more, as well as a few El Azul Grande specialty items such as "Special Miguel," and "Special Ricardo," named, respectively, after the restaurant's owner and a staff member.

The menu offers not only a complete dinner menu, but appetizers, a lunch menu, vegetarian meals, children's plates, and special Mexican desserts such as fried ice cream, banana chimichangas, and sopapillas.

Visit El Azul Grande on your birthday and you will receive a free fried ice cream as well as

being serenaded by the staff who will sing "Happy Birthday" to you in Spanish before placing a sombrero on your head and snapping a photo of you to hang for display on one of the eatery's walls.

El Azul Grande is co-owned by Miguel Valencia and Frank Childers and is located, in Prestonsburg, on North Lake Drive. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; on Saturdays, from Noon until 10:00 p.m.; and on Sundays from Noon until 9:00 p.m. Take out orders are available and may be phoned in in advance by calling 886-8388.

Battle

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whose property was being acquired for the site.

Howlett did not elaborate.

The e-mail added that while Kentucky officials might try to convince Hyundai negotiators that the Howletts wouldn't be a problem, "I can assure you we will be a problem."

The e-mail was sent "really out of desperation to try to communicate with Hyundai because obviously the state was not being forthcoming with us," said Annette Howlett, Leon's wife.

Leon Howlett said the e-mail was one of several he sent to Hyundai to convince officials he'd fight efforts to take the property.

Hank Graddy, an attorney representing the Howletts, said he hadn't seen the e-mail and would talk to his clients about any response. "It sounds like the letter speaks for itself and the governor seems to want to prolong a position that is questionable," he said in a reference to Patton's decision to release the e-mail.

Hyundai officials in Orange County, Calif., referred all questions about the e-mail to spokesman S.W. Park at the company's Seoul headquarters. He could not be reached by phone and did not respond to an e-mail seeking comment.

Graddy has demanded that

Patton apologize for his comments critical of his clients.

"I have expressed my honest opinion and they have the right to have a difference of opinion," Patton said. "If they didn't want to sell the property, why did they eventually ask such an exorbitant price? I'm not being critical. They have the right to do that. We have the responsibility to acquire the property."

Hyundai has largely remained mum on the Kentucky situation and instead focused on reasons it chose Alabama.

The Howletts, who had long said they wouldn't sell their property, had at one point asked for \$10 million. Hardin Fiscal Court began condemnation proceedings in February. Court-appointed commissioners valued the land at \$1.1 million.

About 4 p.m. Monday, the state and the Howletts finally agreed on an option for the state to acquire the land for \$6 million, more than the state believes it is worth.

Kentucky was able to get options to purchase the remaining 1,550 acres for about \$17.3 million. Patton said Tuesday that the state would proceed with buying the land for future projects but would not go forward with paying \$6 million for the Howlett property.

Backruptcy 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 29 to April 4.

Pikeville Division

Chapter 7
Under Chapter 7 bankruptcy, a court-appointed trustee sells assets and the debtor is discharged of debts.

John Christopher Tackett and Kathy Jean Tackett, Pikeville.
Eloise Howell, Warfield.
John Stewart and Patricia Stewart, Virgie.
Patsy M. Collier, McRoberts.
Cecil C. Moberly and Sharlene

Moberly, Jenkins.
Anthony L. Scott, Whitesburg.
Brenda C. Taylor, McRoberts.
Estella Bartley, Pikeville.
James A. Christopher, Salyersville.

Anthony Murray, Sitka.
Elizabeth Plymal and Virgil Plymal, Tutor Key.
Shelia Ratliff and Tony Ratliff, Honaker.

Melinda Blackburn and Ralph Blackburn, Shelbiana.

Chapter 13

Under Chapter 13 bankruptcy, the debtor arranges to repay debt.
Charles Ray Hubbard, Williamson, W.Va.

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Porter elected as 57th president of the Kentucky Professional Photographers Association

Steven G. Porter attended the Kentucky Professional Photographers Association's (KPPA) 58th annual convention held February 1-14, 2002, at the Marriott Hotel and Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, Ky. During this convention, the association installs new officers and directors for the upcoming year.

Porter was sworn in as the 57th president of the Kentucky Professional Photographers Association. As president, Porter will represent the Commonwealth of Kentucky at the regional convention which will be held in Columbus, Ohio, and the national convention which will be held in New Jersey this coming July. He will also represent Kentucky at all international photography functions as they occur for the year 2002.

The Kentucky Professional Photographers Association was founded in 1943, and is the premier provider of educational opportunities and fellowship among professional photographers in Kentucky. The mission of KPPA is to educate its members by providing opportunities



Steven G. Porter

to enhance photographic skills and abilities through lectures, demonstrations, hands-on experiences, and print competition. Through these efforts, the KPPA hopes that the quality of photography available to the consumer will be improved and the quality of life for the photographer will be elevated.

Porter entered the KPPA print competition and received six gold corners of acceptance, one showcase award and the coveted

"Judges Choice" Award for his entries. The Judges Choice Award is the most highly coveted award presented in Kentucky, with only five awarded throughout the state each year.

Porter is one of 15 professional photographers in the entire state who has achieved the status of "Master of Photography and Craftsman." He is also one of four professional photographers in the state who holds the "Master of Photography, Craftsman," degree and is also PPA certified.

Porter and his wife, Angela, own and operate Porter Studio and Associates in Prestonsburg.

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the state. As winners of the Communicator Awards, 27 NEWS-FIRST joins an exclusive list of professionals. ABC News, 20/20, the Discovery Channel, and the History Channel also won Communicator Awards.

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Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Memory keepers tell family stories

A few months ago, I helped my mom clean out our family home before her move to a smaller senior residence nearby. As she was sorting through a lifelong collection of stuff, I noticed she was getting rid of her big, black iron skillet. When I asked if I might have it, she replied: "Well sure, but honestly, why do you want this old thing? It's so heavy!" I agreed, but I told her that food cooks great in it, and besides, I'm sentimental.



DAVID LAROCHELLE

That old pan has been seasoned with three generations of egg-and-bacon breakfasts, Sunday dinners and camping trips. When I use it, I think about all the women who used it before me — like my grandmother who immigrated alone and penniless to this country from Sweden, found work and raised her family. Now when I cook with it, I'm reminded to be strong in my own life.

Reminders of strength! What are they for you?

Take a look around your home, whether in a desk drawer, toolbox or bookshelf, to see cherished objects as memory keepers with a story waiting to be told. Dust them off and let your children touch the smooth, worn leather of Grandfather's old baseball glove, turn the key on Aunt Mary's music box, type your names on Uncle Clarence's upright typewriter. Or, as you sit down at the old family kitchen table, imagine the conversations that have occurred at that very place over the decades.

Whatever the objects, think of them as part of your history. Cherish them and pass on to your children the stories of the people and places they inspire.

Parenting tip: Children have special objects in their lives, too. Encourage them to tell you why a stuffed animal is so special, or to relate the story of the great soccer season that earned the trophy on the shelf.

Donna's newly released book, "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families," is now available in bookstores nationwide.

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Supersweet corn is a taste of summer

Even if we have experienced an unusually mild winter, we'd welcome a summery treat like fresh corn on the cob. Sure, you can have frozen ears of corn, but they just don't satisfy like the fresh.

An excellent crop of the Southern Supersweet breed is in the markets now and will continue to come, mostly from Florida, until July. The corn is handpicked, graded right there in the field and rushed to cooling facilities, where it goes through another inspection for quality and a cold-water bath to rid it of the field heat. Crushed ice keeps it cool, moist and sweet during its travels to market in refrigerated trucks.

Properly refrigerated at home, Supersweet stays fresh and sweet up to a week because its sugar converts to starch more slowly than in other varieties.

If you have stuck to the conventional boiling you should try broiling, grilling, roasting, microwaving or steaming. In the following recipes, the corn is grilled or oven-broiled.

CORN AND PORK SKEWERS

- 3 ears fresh Supersweet corn, husked
- 12 ounces pork tenderloin or skinned, boneless chicken breasts
- 2 small yellow (summer) squash or zucchini
- 2 small sweet red bell peppers
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

Preheat grill or broiler. With a large, sharp knife, cut corn in 2-inch pieces, and the pork, squash and bell peppers in 1-inch pieces. In a large bowl, combine oil, cumin, salt and pepper. Add pork and vegetables; toss to coat. Let stand 10 minutes at room temperature.

On eight (10- to 12-inch) metal skewers, loosely thread pork, corn, zucchini and green peppers.

Grill or broil, turning occasionally, until meat is cooked through, 8 to 10 minutes. If desired, serve with salad greens. Pork and vegetables can also be cooked unskewered on a grill rack or broiler pan, for 8 to 10 minutes, turning often. Makes

4 servings.

GRILLED CORN SALAD

- 4 ears fresh Supersweet corn, husked
- 1 tablespoon plus 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 fully ripened medium-sized tomato, cut in 1/2-inch chunks (about 1-1/4 cups)
- 1/3 cup sliced, pitted black olives
- 1/4 cup sliced green onions (scallions)
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice or red wine vinegar

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by Philomena Corradeno

Eat your veggies — with pleasure

More often than not, you have to "force" yourself to eat enough vegetables each day. Not any more — that is, when this easy dish is on the menu. Why, you'll probably be begging for more!

ITALIAN CARROTS AND CELERY AU GRATIN

- 3 cups sliced fresh or frozen carrots
- 1 1/2 cups sliced celery

- 2 cups water
- 1 (10 3/4-ounce) can reduced-fat cream of celery soup
- 1 (2.5-ounce) jar sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 1 cup shredded reduced-fat mozzarella cheese
- 6 tablespoons dried fine bread crumbs

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by Joanna M. Lund

Dear Diane...

Pet owner should take responsibility

DEAR DIANE:

This is in response to your remarks to "Heartbroken," whose cat climbed over her neighbor's fence and was subsequently killed by the neighbor's Rottweiler. "Heartbroken" wanted her neighbor to pay for her cat's funeral. You told her that the neighbor wasn't responsible for paying for the funeral and that "Heartbroken" was overreacting to her cat's death.

I realize that you are legally correct, but it is too bad you have no compassion! You must not be a pet lover. Your "get a grip and get a new cat — and keep it indoors" was pretty harsh on a grieving pet owner.

Did you ever consider how horrible the death by being ripped-up by a dog must have been?

If it had been a child would you have said get a new one?

The neighbors should be ashamed of themselves for making a vicious dog.

I have three dogs and several cats, chickens, ducks and geese, and the dogs would never harm any one of these other animals.

I hope you will please try to be more compassionate.

— KATHY VIA E-MAIL

DEAR KATHY:

I consider myself a very compassionate person. I have a lot of compassion for the poor cat that was mauled by the dog.

I do NOT, however, have any compassion for a pet owner who knew that a 150-pound Rottweiler lived next door and yet still put her poor cat in harm's way by letting it outside everyday without any concern for its safety.

The cat is dead because of the negligence of its owner. But the owner wants to be seen as a victim, and I'm not going to fall for her whining for sympathy.

I feel the same way about parents who leave loaded guns around the house and then act shocked and demand pity when one of their children accidentally gets killed while playing with it. I feel no sympathy for those parents at all. In fact, they should be put in prison. People need to take responsibility for their pets — and their children.

Constant ear noise disturbs sleep

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

When I lie down, I hear my heart beating. It is so loud and so annoying that I cannot fall asleep. Could this be a sign of something serious, or should I just learn to live with it? — A.B.

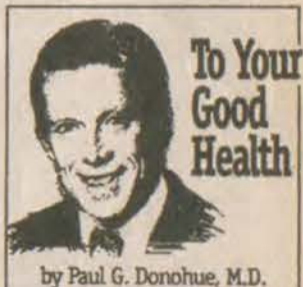
ANSWER:

Don't for a minute think you are the only one besieged by the beat, beat, beat ear noise that ruins sleep. I can send you at least two letters a day that voice the same complaint.

There are important causes of the nocturnal assault on your ears. Arteries adjacent to the ear can have hardened walls, and the flow of blood through those arteries creates the beating sound. Something gone awry with the hearing nerve is another possibility. Malformations of arteries and veins adjacent to the ear also produce such noises.

Nighttime silence makes the beat sound more audible than it is during the day.

Your family doctor can start the investigation



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

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Chicken Soup for the Soul: The unity of strangers

by LYNN BAKER

(FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL OF AMERICA")

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Tonight a friend called. He was going by himself to a nearby park in Los Angeles with a bunch of candles to think of and honor the victims of Sept. 11. He wasn't sure if anyone else would show up. Nothing had been scheduled. I had been looking for some place to go to share my feelings with others. I gathered a few candles, a small American flag, and met him.

At 7 p.m., we were the only people in the park, but a small group of people who appeared to be from a church were on the sidewalk handing out candles and lyrics to patriotic songs. We began to sing.

As darkness fell, we set up our candle shrine, and more people came. They brought flags and more candles. People

began driving by, honking, parking and joining. More people, more flags. Huge ones, tiny ones, one homemade and colored with crayons by a child when his local store ran out. Another friend showed up with her dog, which was wearing a red, white and blue kerchief. People started lining the streets and waving their flags. Across the street we saw a long line of marchers carrying votive candles. They had been called about the gathering in the park. The crowd swelled, shouting "U.S.A.!" and waving their flags. There was an older Armenian lady mourning a loss who added her candle to our shrine. They kept coming: Latino families, Asians, young and old, a man in a wheelchair and a homeless man from the park with a flag

stuck atop the shopping cart that held all his belongings.

Then the firefighters came — not to tell us we were a fire hazard, but to park their massive trucks on each side of the corner. We cheered these symbols of American heroism and shook their hands.

The ladder truck started raising its tall ladder with a big American flag at the top into the night sky. It swung out over the street as it extended, and the flag waved. We cheered as the firefighters climbed to the top of the ladder.

Cops drove by, honked and turned on their sirens. The corner was ablaze with candlelight, and we kept singing. People I'll never see again sang with me. More people came. The blare of continuously honking horns filled the air as flag-deco-

rated cars drove by and approved of our demonstration. I spoke to a female firefighter who had just returned from digging for survivors for two days in the rubble of the World Trade Center. She needed to see this kind of support, and we were happy to give it to her.

Later, I met a young woman who had been eating at a restaurant across the street. She saw our group, went home to get her flag and returned. It was a huge flag, and she could only hold up one end of it, so I took the other end. We stood in front of the people lining the street, waving the flag. We joined others chanting "U.S.A.!" and singing "America the Beautiful" and "Grand Old Flag" as more firetrucks passed and briefly put on their sirens. CNN News showed up and started shooting, a news helicopter circled overhead, and the ABC and CBS local vans pulled up. Photographers from many papers took countless pictures.

I hope those images are part of a huge patchwork that stretches across America to other cities and all the countries of the free world — to other corners and other strangers standing strong, defiant and steadfast together, heads and flags held high. Despite our many nationalities, religions and political differences, we are united in a sorrow, anger and determination that no ragtag army of madmen can ever defeat. This was a night I'll never forget, part of a time in history when, no matter how diverse, the people of Los Angeles were one, on one corner — where only a few had stood only a short time before. That's what the madmen didn't count on, and that's what will, in time, defeat them.

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Books: 'Talking to Addison'

"Talking to Addison"
by Jenny Colgan
(Warner Books, \$23.95)
Reviewed by Amy
Anderson

Jenny Colgan's newest novel, "Talking to Addison," is the kind of book you read on the recommendation of a girlfriend. And that's just how my copy came to me: in a box, with a note from one of my girlfriends that read simply, "I hope you

like this as much as I did."
"Talking to Addison" follows the travails of Holly Livingstone, a late-20-something floundering florist who seems to be lacking a bit in the life-direction department. After beating a hasty retreat from roommates she describes as "Scary Clean Freaks Incorporated," she moves in with her old college pals Josh and Kate and their suitably mysterious roommate, Addison. Josh is a sweet but romantically confused lawyer whose

poor luck with women is legendary (especially since most women assume he's gay). Kate is a she-cat corporate raider and beacon for suave, beautiful men (who never seem to mention that they're married with children), and Addison is a computer-obsessed, semi-agoraphobic Star Trek fan who may or may not have an online girlfriend. So it makes perfect sense for this "just because I am in my late 20s and without a mate does not make me desperate" group to throw a last-

ditch singles party to find the loves of their lives.

What follows is a full-out pursuit of romance that reaffirms that a hopelessly bumbling single gal can, in fact, find love — sometimes in the most unlikely places.

Colgan has a knack for bringing life to the indecision and confusion that courtship brings. You'll find a bit of it all in here — longing, heartbreak, triumph, pursuit and rejection. And much like Holly, you won't know until the last

Sam & Dave explain it all to you

by Samantha Weaver
and Dave Smith

DEAR SAM & DAVE:

Six months ago, I got a new roommate, named "Stan." Everything's been fine between us. We like watching the same sports and movies, he pays his share of the bills on time, and he's got a great personality. So, what's the problem? Two nights ago, Stan confided to me that he is gay. I'm straight. Now, I've always thought of myself as a liberal, open-minded person. I believe in Gay Rights. But, Stan's confession has me a little creeped-out. I don't think he's going to hit on

Creeped-out situation

me or anything, but I feel weird about him bringing dates home. What should I do?

— CREPED-OUT IN
CARLSBAD

DAVE SAYS:

I think it's natural for you to feel a little awkward about the situation — at least at first. This is a living situation that you've never had to deal with.

The fact that Stan trusts you enough to come out of the closet to you is a huge compliment. I think that all you need to do is sit down with Stan and have a heart-to-heart talk. Let him know that you accept his sexuality, but you still feel a little uncomfortable about the Dating Situation.

Maybe the two of you can work out a compromise. For

example: You both get to bring dates home, but BOTH of you mustn't make out with your dates in living room or any of the "common" areas of the house/apartment. I'm sure Stan probably feels just as uncomfortable watching you make out with your girlfriend as you would feel watching Stan with his boyfriend.

Keep the communication between the two of you honest and non-judgmental, and everything will work out fine.

SAM SAYS:

There are lots of people who think they are liberal and open-minded, but they don't always behave that way when faced with a difficult situation. Sometimes these people will keep repeating to themselves like a mantra, "I'm

OK, you're OK," while deep down being completely freaked out.

So let me compliment you on being honest with yourself, which isn't always easy. Once you recognize your unease, you can deal with it. Definitely talk to Stan. I'm sure he'll be happy to get any issues out in the open instead of wondering if you're silently festering and will someday lose control and start tearing up the apartment.

Once you discuss it and set some ground rules about dates, I think you'll both be better roommates and better friends.

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32853-6475. Or e-mail them at

Training from the heart

Proper cardiovascular training will help strengthen your heart and improve your overall health. One factor that affects this improvement is the varying intensity of training. The harder you work, the faster your heart beats.

A heart-rate monitor is the most effective way to measure this intensity by determining how hard your heart is working when running, cycling, stepping, rowing, etc. It works like this: a belt-like strap worn around the ribcage sends a signal to a wrist monitor that reads out a fairly accurate account of how many times your heart beats per minute. Heart-rate monitors can be purchased at most sporting goods stores and range anywhere from \$60 to \$200.

A good place to start in learning about your heart rate is finding your resting heart rate. If you have a heart-rate monitor, put it on first thing in the morning to get an accurate reading. If you don't have one, find your pulse on your wrist, time out 15 seconds and count your heartbeats. Multiply the results by four. This is your resting heart rate.

Resting heart rates vary among individuals. An elite athlete can expect to have a resting heart rate in the low 40 beats per minute (bpm). An active person



averages about 60-70 bpm. An untrained individual ranges from 80-100 bpm for a resting heart rate.

Your resting heart rate can change on a day-to-day basis. Stress, illness and not enough rest are the precursors of an elevated resting heart rate. If you find your resting heart rate getting lower, this can be the result of your training and an improved fitness level. Your heart has become stronger and therefore doesn't take as much work to pump the blood through your body.

Once you know what your resting heart rate is, it's then time to increase it slightly by starting to get active. Go for a walk using your heart rate monitor or, just as soon as you complete your exercise, take your pulse just like you did for your resting heart rate.

Next week, I'll focus on a great way to increase your cardiovascular fitness through what is called Target Heart Rate Training.

Comfort

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2 tablespoons fat-free
Italian dressing

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray an 8-by-8-inch baking dish with olive oil-flavored cooking spray. In a medium saucepan, combine carrots, celery and water. Cook over medium heat for 20 minutes or until vegetables are just tender. Drain vegetables, then return vegetables to saucepan. Add celery soup, mushrooms, parsley flakes and mozzarella cheese. Mix well to combine.

Pour mixture into prepared baking dish. In a small bowl, combine bread crumbs and Italian dressing. Sprinkle crumb mixture evenly over top. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes. Place baking dish on a wire rack and let set for 5 minutes. Divide into 6 servings.

Each serving equals:
138 Calories, 6 g Fat, 7 g Protein, 14 g Carb., 725 mg Sodium, 2 gm Fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Meat, 1 Vegetable, 1/2 Starch/Carb.

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1 tablespoon chopped
fresh basil or oregano (or 1
teaspoon dried)
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black
pepper
1/4 cup crumbled blue
cheese

Preheat grill or broiler. Brush corn with 1 tablespoon olive oil. Grill or broil until kernels are golden brown, turning occasionally, about 5 minutes; cool. With a sharp

knife, cut kernels from cobs (makes about 4 cups). In a medium bowl, place corn kernels along with tomato, olives and onions. In a small bowl, combine lemon juice, basil, salt, pepper and remaining 1/4 cup olive oil; pour over corn mixture; toss until well-coated. Stir in blue cheese. Serve with grilled meats or over salad greens, if desired. Makes about 3-1/4 cups.

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Health

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for some of these serious conditions.

For most, the audible heartbeat is not a sign of impending disaster. It amounts to a maddening annoyance that robs you of sleep.

Try a couple of simple tricks to reduce the volume. Sleep on two pillows. Propping the head can sometimes diminish the noise. Turn a bedside radio to soft music. The music can mask the beating sound.

Don't, however, neglect seeing your doctor.

Ear noises — tinnitus, as they are called — are a common complaint. The ear noise report provides more particulars on why they develop and what can be done for them. Readers can obtain a copy of the report by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 9W, 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.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

My grandmother passed away last November. I was very attached to her, as she raised me from the time I was 7 years old. Her doctor told me that she died from a minor heart attack. If the attack was minor, why did it kill her? — A.D.

ANSWER:

I don't like to use "minor" or "major" to describe a heart attack. To my mind they are all major events.

"Minor" implies that only a small amount of heart muscle has died as a result of the attack. However, that small amount of heart muscle can be in a location that lies close to the special heart cells that generate normal heartbeats. In that situation, abnormal heart rhythms that can be deadly might arise.

April festivals

No foolin', April has plenty in store for you, as we take a peek at festivals taking place this month from Oregon to Kentucky.

Big Mountain Furniture Race, Whitefish, Mont.

Wrapping up the ski season at Whitefish Ski Resort is no sad affair. Instead of getting teary-eyed, locals get creative — with furniture. Couches, dining-room tables, Santa's sleigh, a baby (not a real one) in a bathtub — all these have made the run down the Big Mountain, hoping to be the big winner of a \$500 recliner. The rules are simple: It has to be on skis, and it has to have a brake. Other than that, good luck. This year, stake out the mountain on April 6; for more details, go to www.bigmtn.com/html/furniture.html or call (406) 862-2911.

Astoria-Warrenton Crab and Seafood Festival, Astoria, Ore.

"Fresh crab, seafood and fine Oregon wines" are on the menu at the Crab and Seafood Festival at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds in the Wallooski River Valley of Oregon. Running from April 26-28, the fest will also feature handcrafted beers, regional artisans and much more. You can take a free shuttle, running from many area hotels and campgrounds, or arrive by boat, at the West Mooring Basin. Admission costs are \$5 and less. For more details, log on to www.oldoreg.com/Pages/crabfestandevents.htm or call (503) 325-6311.

Running of the Rodents, Louisville, Kentucky

April 17 marks the 28th anniversary of the now-famous Running of the Rodents at

Spalding University. Inspired by the Kentucky Derby, the event functions as a stress reliever for students prior to finals. The day begins with an 11 a.m. Rat Parade, then it's on to the University Gymnasium for the races at noon. Watch for the fourth race, which is called the Spalding Derby and which traditionally crowns the Big Cheese. Parking and admission are free; contact (502) 585-7140 for more information. This year's rat-race theme: Shakespeare in Rats.

Roger Ebert's Overlooked Film Festival, Champaign, Ill.

Yes, that marvel of critique isn't content to just guide us through the big ones — he wants to make sure we see all the GOOD ones. And why shouldn't he? He is, after all, the expert. If you are a fan of Ebert's picks, head over to the Virginia Theatre

on April 24-28 for his Overlooked Film Festival. Tickets to individual shows are \$6, but you can get a pass to all 12 for \$50. Check out www.ebertfest.com or call (217) 356-9063 for information.

More Festivals:

Phoenix Bug-O-Rama: VW lovers unite in Chandler, Ariz., on April 13. See www.bug-orama.com or call (602) 532-3897.

Old Settler's Music Festival: April 19-21 in Driftwood, Texas. On the Web at www.oldsettlersmusicfest.org or call (512) 370-4630.

Victorian Days: April 27-28 in Waterville, Kan. This year's theme is Victorian Funeral Customs. Call (785) 363-2061 for details.

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It is illegal to own a dog in Reykjavik, Iceland

■ In the capital of Iceland, Reykjavik, it is illegal to own a dog.

■ Ever wonder what a "snail's pace" really is? It's about 3 inches per minute, or about 15 feet in an hour.

■ Do you cook? If so, you, too, have a patron saint: St. Martha.

■ Until 1863, postal service in the United States was free.

■ During the presidential campaign of 1960, between Richard Nixon and John F.

Strange BUT TRUE

Kennedy, one bumper sticker read: "Thank God only one of them can win!"

■ In high school, Harrison Ford was in the model train club.

■ Ever wonder where the word "testify" came from? Well, the root word is "testis," the Latin term for "testicle." The

Romans used to swear oaths by placing a hand over the testicles, which were considered the root of life.

■ They are only allowed to call it Tabasco sauce if it's made with peppers grown on Avery Island, Louisiana.

■ What's heavier — wet air or dry air? Wrong, dry. A molecule of water is mostly hydrogen and is very light. But you have to drag a lot more wet air into your lungs to get adequate oxygen out of it. That makes it "feel" heavy.

■ Dashiell Hammett, author

of "The Maltese Falcon" and other classics of the detective genre, worked as an investigator for the Pinkerton National Detective Agency.

■ The largest insect in the world is the goliath beetle of West Africa. It can grow up to 6 inches long, and its horns are a quarter of an inch long — and it can use them to peel a banana.

Thought for the Day:

"Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich by promising to protect each from the other." — Oscar Ameringer

INFOLINK

NewsForge.com has rumored that America Online has made the decision to make a major Internet switch to Linux. Most of AOL's servers already run on Linux, and AOL has been talking with Red Hat, the front distributor of the open-source operating system.

It was rumored that talks between AOL and Red Hat were acquisition talks, but NewsForge reports that the talks were to negotiate contracts to make Linux more useful to AOL. Why not Microsoft?

"The licenses cost too much, their hardware requirements are excessive, they take too much labor to maintain, and we have enough security problems of our own without adding Microsoft's," NewsForge quoted an anonymous bean counter at AOL as saying.

Costs aside, there is a growing perception that users who install Microsoft's operating systems on their computers don't have control over their PCs. I am reminded of an essay I read

online where a once-loyal Microsoft fan was pushed into the waiting arms of Linux. Sure, Windows XP is more user-friendly, he wrote, but if you want to get into the nuts-and-bolts of your machine the way you could with DOS, you can't. Linux, while it doesn't appeal to the home end-user, has broader and broader appeal to eggheads who don't mind working a little harder to ensure they have control over their machines. This utter lack of control is likened to paying Microsoft \$120 for

the privilege of putting a one-giga-byte virus on your computer and then giving Microsoft the keys to the back door.

Which is great, if you're into that kind of thing. Although AOL's servers would be running NT and not XP, the fact remains that Microsoft's already notorious reputation for doing whatever it takes to stay ahead of the competition (including exploiting its own users) is growing. But AOL isn't stopping there. It

already plans to replace its default browser, MS Internet Explorer, with Mozilla's Gecko browser in its upcoming version 8.0. An AOL tech said: "It's still easier to optimize everything when we finally control both the server and the client, and can make them work as smoothly together as possible."

In a nutshell, AOL wants control, but Microsoft wants domination, and that fact is pushing even AOL into the waiting arms of Linux.

It's Back to Breakfast for Mealtime Solutions

When you're looking for ways to make your dinner menu more interesting, think back to breakfast. You might be surprised at the many ways you can use your favorite breakfast cereal as an ingredient to add variety to your dinner, create crunch for your salad or entree, or enhance the flavor and texture of your desserts. And best of all, you probably already have the cereal in your cupboard.

Here are some ideas:

- The crunch found in Post Grape-Nuts cereal livens up any salad. Try it on your own or check out the delicious Tabbouleh Salad. As an ingredient, the natural wheat and barley cereal adds a nutty crunch and complementary flavor to the cherry tomatoes, the medley of onions and the hint of mint.
- Chicken breasts can benefit from a crunchy coating too. Simply crush the wheat and barley cereal in a blender, combine with your favorite zesty seasonings and coat the chicken. The result is a chicken breast that is crispy on the outside, yet juicy and full of flavor on the inside.
- If your family loves meatloaf, look to Cream of Wheat hot cereal as a way to complement the flavor of the ground meat. As a substitute for bread crumbs, the cereal helps keep your meatloaf moist and delicious. For a twist on your usual recipe, try making Savory Meatloaf Florentine by adding red peppers, onions and spinach into the mix. As a bonus from this delicious meal, you can surprise your family with a great meatloaf sandwich in tomorrow's lunch.
- Let's not forget dessert! Bring together an assortment of berries in a delicious Triple Berry Cinna-Cluster Crisp. Cinnamon flavored granola and raisins from Post Cinna-Cluster Raisin Bran cereal are married with mouthwatering strawberries, raspberries and blueberries to create a dessert that is a delicious home-made treat. Requiring only 15 minutes prep time, this dessert provides a tasty ending to any dinner.
- Cereal can play a role in cake and muffin recipes too. For instance, Cream of Wheat adds a touch of texture to a batch of tasty Jam-Filled Muffins, and Cinna-Cluster Raisin Bran serves as the secret ingredient in the brunch favorite Crunchy Cinnamon Coffee Cake. Both of these goodies can be enjoyed as either a sweet snack or a tasty breakfast treat.

So don't keep that box of cereal tucked in your pantry after serving the family breakfast. After all, if you're a huge fan of breakfast cereal, why not enjoy your cereal any time of the day!

For additional recipe ideas, visit the Post Cereals web site at www.postcereals.com

Triple Berry Cinna-Cluster Crisp

Prep: 15 minutes Bake: 35 minutes

- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine
- 3 cups Post Cinna-Cluster Raisin Bran cereal, lightly crushed
- 1 pint blueberries
- 1 pint strawberries, sliced
- 1 cup raspberries
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- 3 tablespoons tapioca

HEAT oven to 350°F.

MIX flour and brown sugar in large bowl. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in cereal; set aside. Mix berries in 2-quart shallow baking dish or 9-inch square baking dish; set aside.

MIX sugar, water and tapioca in medium saucepan. Cook on medium heat until mixture comes to full boil, stirring constantly. Pour over berries; toss to coat. Sprinkle with cereal mixture.

BAKE 30 to 35 minutes or until bubbly. Let stand 15 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream if desired. Makes 12 servings.

Great Substitute: 2 cups each whole frozen strawberries and blueberries and 1 cup frozen raspberries may be substituted for the fruit above.

Tabbouleh Salad

Prep: 15 minutes plus 1 hour refrigeration

- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/2 cup finely chopped green onions
- 1/2 cup finely chopped fresh parsley
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, quartered
- 1/4 cup prepared Italian dressing
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon plus 1-1/2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh mint
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1 cup Post Grape-Nuts cereal

MIX onion, green onions, parsley, tomatoes, dressing, lemon juice, mint and salt in large bowl. Cover.

REFRIGERATE 1 hour. Stir in cereal 30 minutes before serving. Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition Bonus: Post Grape-Nuts cereal, rich in iron, serves as a nutty texture base for this fragrant salad. Tomatoes and parsley team up to provide vitamin A and an excellent source of vitamin C.

Savory Meatloaf Florentine

Prep: 15 minutes Bake: 1 hour

- 2 pounds ground turkey
- 1/2 cup Cream of Wheat hot cereal (1-minute, 2-1/2-minute or 10-minute cook time), uncooked
- 1 egg
- 3/4 cup catsup, divided
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder or garlic salt
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, well drained
- 1/2 cup chopped red pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon water

HEAT oven to 350°F. Grease 13x9-inch baking pan.

MIX ground turkey, cereal, egg, 1/2 cup of the catsup, garlic powder and Italian seasoning in large bowl. Stir in spinach, red pepper and onion. Shape into 9x4-inch loaf. Place in prepared pan. Stir remaining 1/4 cup catsup and water together. Spread evenly over meatloaf.

BAKE 50 to 60 minutes or until cooked through. Let stand 10 minutes before slicing. Makes 8 servings.

Special Extra: This meatloaf is great served the next day on sandwiches!



From top: Triple Berry Cinna-Cluster Crisp, Tabbouleh Salad and Savory Meatloaf Florentine

Crunchy Cinnamon Coffee Cake

Prep: 10 minutes Bake: 30 minutes

- 1 cup flour
- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine
- 2 cups Post Cinna-Cluster Raisin Bran cereal
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1/2 cup milk

HEAT oven to 350°F. Grease and flour 8-inch square baking pan.

MIX flour, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon and salt in large bowl. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add cereal. Measure 1 cup of the mixture; set aside.

BEAT eggs and milk until well blended. Add to remaining flour mixture; stir until well blended. Spread in prepared pan. Sprinkle with reserved cereal mixture.

BAKE 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Serve warm. Makes 12 servings.

Storage Know How: Baked coffee cake may be cooled, wrapped in aluminum foil and frozen. Before serving, thaw and reheat in oven.

Crispy Chicken

Prep: 15 minutes Bake: 40 minutes

- 1 cup Post Grape-Nuts cereal
- 1/2 teaspoon each garlic salt and dried rosemary leaves, crushed
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breast halves

HEAT oven to 400°F.

PLACE cereal in blender container; cover. Blend on low speed until cereal is finely crushed. Mix cereal and seasonings in large bowl. Add oil; stir until crumbs are evenly coated.

DIP chicken in water; shake off excess. Dip into cereal mixture, turning to evenly coat both sides. Place on foil-lined 15x10x1-inch baking pan. BAKE 30 to 40 minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Makes 8 servings.

Special Extra: Try a spicier version of this recipe by substituting 1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper for rosemary and adding a dash of hot pepper sauce to water before dipping in chicken.

Jam-Filled Muffins

Prep: 10 minutes Bake: 20 minutes

- 1-1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup Cream of Wheat hot cereal (1-minute, 2-1/2-minute or 10-minute cook time), uncooked
- 1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
- 1 teaspoon poppy seed
- 1 container (8 ounces) lowfat vanilla yogurt
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 1/3 cup strawberry or raspberry preserves

HEAT oven to 350°F.

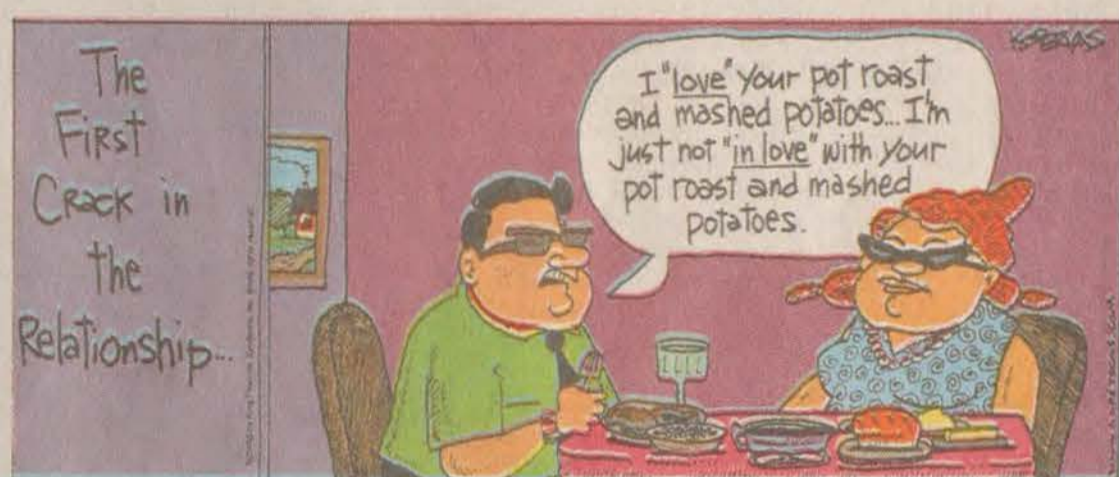
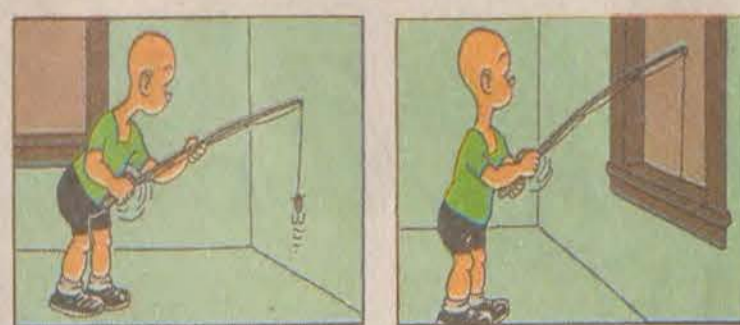
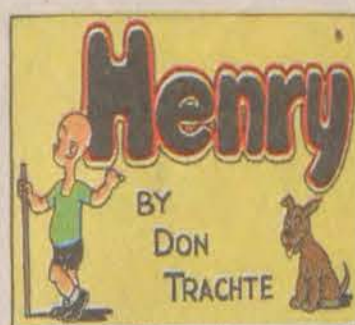
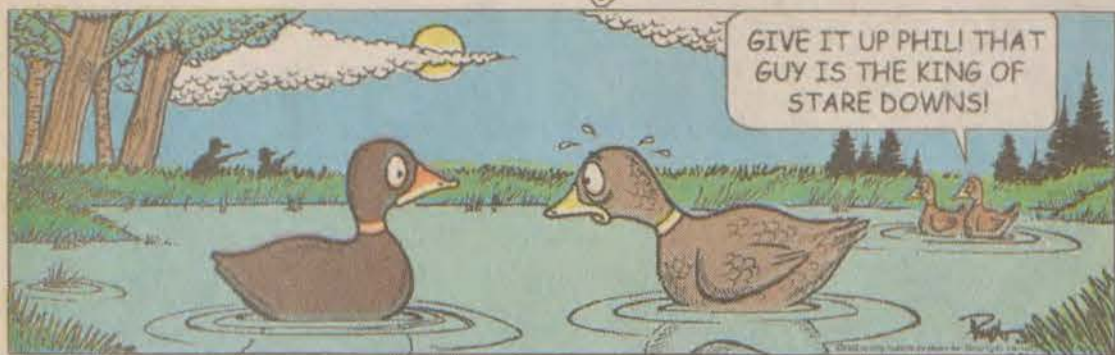
MIX flour, cereal, sugar, baking powder, lemon peel and poppy seed in large bowl; set aside.

BEAT yogurt, eggs and butter in medium bowl until well combined. Add egg mixture to flour mixture; stir just until moistened. Spoon batter into greased or paper-lined muffin pan. Bake 20 minutes or until light golden brown.

TRANSFER muffin tin to cooling rack. While muffins are still warm, poke hole in center of the top of each muffin using back of spoon. Fill center of each hole with fruit preserves. Serve warm. Makes 12 muffins.

Nutrition Bonus: Start your day right with these fruit-filled muffins. Cream of Wheat hot cereal provides a good source of iron.

Sunday Comics



Super Crossword GUY STUFF

ACROSS

- 1 "Doctor Zhivago" role
- 5 "The — Daba Honey-moon" (14 song)
- 8 Type of orange
- 13 Big name in travel
- 18 Son of Rebekah
- 19 Puppy bites
- 21 Singer Shirley
- 22 "— Gay"
- 23 Guy Mitchell tune
- 26 Claire of "Brokedown Palace"
- 27 Jolt
- 28 Coarse flour
- 29 White lie
- 31 Dit's cousin
- 32 Seafood selection
- 34 Certain horses
- 38 Round Table knight
- 41 "The Odd Couple" actor
- 44 "The Jungle Book" bear
- 45 Artless
- 46 Tennis legend
- 47 WWII site
- 49 Buffalo waterfront
- 51 "Taras Bulba" author
- 54 Mineral suffix
- 55 Guy de Maupassant story
- 59 42 Down's mistress
- 60 Vasco the voyager
- 63 '70 Jackson 5 hit
- 64 Baby bird?
- 66 Zeus, to Apollo
- 67 "Exodus" author
- 68 Auto pioneer
- 71 McGregor of "Moulin Rouge"
- 72 When the French fry
- 73 Faded away
- 75 Guy Lafleur's team
- 78 Made eyes at
- 80 Urchin
- 81 Inland sea
- 83 Semester
- 84 Entreaty
- 85 Card game
- 86 Printer's stroke
- 88 Recede
- 90 Soccer team
- 93 Puzzle direction
- 95 Guy Kibbee film
- 99 Word form for "outer"
- 100 Confer
- 102 "What's — for me?"
- 103 Libertine
- 104 "So this is the thanks —"
- 105 Call to mind
- 108 Rattle
- 110 Abide
- 112 Stopped a sedan
- 113 Fitzgerald or Raines
- 114 Steep slope
- 115 Seed
- 116 Humor
- 118 "—, Brute?"
- 120 Mortgage, e.g.
- 123 Parcel out
- 126 Guy Lombardo hit
- 132 Steakhouse order
- 133 Desert refuge
- 134 Swedish import
- 135 Mozart's "La Clemenza di —"
- 136 Brolin/Sellecca series
- 137 Range rope
- 138 Three, in Turin
- 139 1492 or 1776

DOWN

- 1 Actor
- 2 Sale stipulation
- 3 Talk wildly
- 4 Monsieur Rodin
- 5 Abby's twin
- 6 Loud lout
- 7 Director Michael
- 8 One of the Bushes
- 9 Everything
- 10 Winter malady
- 11 Vassal's holding
- 12 Commission
- 13 Nourished
- 14 "— Carousel" (67 hit)
- 15 Guy Williams role
- 16 New York city
- 17 Hasty
- 20 — Na Na
- 24 Foot part
- 25 Exile site
- 30 Herd word
- 33 They sport dreadlocks
- 35 Waugh or Baldwin
- 36 Michael of "Cabaret"
- 37 Taints
- 39 Assumed mane?
- 40 Revlon rival
- 41 A sweeping success?
- 42 Movie terrier
- 43 Guy Fawkes conspiracy
- 44 Candy
- 48 Grazing ground
- 50 Consumed
- 52 Emulate
- 57 Intimidates
- 58 Cy Young stat
- 61 Exist
- 62 He had a gilt complex
- 65 Hillock
- 69 Presidential monogram
- 70 Vamp
- 73 Dorian Gray's creator
- 74 O'Neill's "— for the Misbegotten"
- 75 "Fame" star
- 76 Cover story?
- 77 Board
- 79 "— whiz!"
- 82 Yank opponent
- 84 Murcia money
- 87 It's good to have around the house
- 89 Buddy
- 91 Part of CEO
- 92 Chris of "Sex and the City"
- 94 — Scotia
- 96 Window part
- 97 Nat. of Naples
- 98 Brawny
- 101 Pan for Yan
- 104 Irreverence
- 106 London's — Gardens
- 107 Magazine employee
- 109 Columnist Herb
- 111 French airport
- 112 Tolkien character
- 114 Mar. honoree
- 115 Walkway
- 117 Siamese
- 119 QB's stats
- 121 Sedgwick or Falco
- 122 Part of NB
- 124 TV's "— Life to Live"
- 125 — Aviv
- 127 Maestro — Pekka Salonen
- 128 Fragment
- 129 Botanist Gray
- 130 Lyman or Lincoln
- 131 Scand. country

WORDS WITH MAGIC MAZE

MMRINGSIDEJHECZ
TOWERINGNIRBXTU
SOQHERRINGBONEN
LRJGEUCERETEZE
GIVTRPGGEOGAGNL
JNHECAYNWNJNIVT
RGIPNLKIIIIILG
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POMLPJTTFIEGNSC
EDBAYSXSWUTMSEQ

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Bring Cringe Engineering Fringe
Glaring Herringbone Meringue Mooring
Ringside Ringtail Skjoring String
Stringent Syringe Towering

Differences: 1. Lampshade is different. 2. Woman's expression has changed. 3. Plant is moved. 4. Picture is different. 5. Apron bow is missing. 6. TV has no legs.

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