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Garbage bill a boon to county

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court on Friday involved the discussion of House Bill 174, which was passed in Frankfort.

State Rep. Greg Stumbo was present at the meeting to explain the ramifications of the bills passing.

"House Bill 174 relieves Floyd County of the responsibility for landfills and gives it over to the Department of Environmental Protection," Stumbo said.

That was good news for the

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Hillbillies gather once again

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — The 25th annual Hillbilly Days was hosted this weekend by the city of Pikeville, where streets were lined with people enjoying the event of a regular festival marked with a hillbilly touch.

Along with the regular festival scenery which entails vendors, a carnival, food, train rides and music, there were "hillbilly vehicles" parked on the street for display while folks walked around dressed in the usual hillbilly attire consisting of overalls and T-shirts. The environment was decorated so that it created a down-home, laid-back atmosphere that invited visitors to shed their shoes and stay a while.

A visitor from Allen, David Mosley, said that one of the greatest things about Hillbilly Days is that festival-goers get to be themselves.

"You get to watch the visitors dress like hillbillies and the locals

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photo by Loretta Blackburn
A man sought shelter from the sun inside his hillbilly-style jalopy during the 25th annual Hillbilly Days festival.



photos by Jarrid Deaton
Vandals allegedly entered the Floyd County Animal Shelter by pulling down the barbed wire and using a board to balance themselves.

Vandals attack animals at shelter

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Animal Shelter was vandalized sometime between 5 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. Friday morning.

The vandals apparently entered the shelter by twisting some of the barbed wire and using a wooden plank to balance themselves.

According to Kathy Miller, who runs the center, a small puppy was killed when it was allegedly slammed to the ground by the vandals, and another dog was injured when it was also attacked.

Miller said that she and assistant Ivan Gunnels noticed one of the five young puppies was missing from the kennel where their mother was.

When Miller located the puppy, she noticed a pool of blood around its head and ribs.

"There was no blood around the area, just the spot where the puppy was, it died where I found it laying," Miller said.

Along with the animals, a storage building was vandalized.

"We don't keep any money in this animal shelter at night, all they could have gotten was animals and animal food," Miller said.

Pat Morris, husband of veterinarian Carol Combs Morris, was at the shelter to assist with the injured ani-



This small puppy was found outside of its kennel, apparently killed by vandals that broke into the Floyd County Animal Shelter.

mals.

"We are going to beef up the security here," Morris said.

There has also been locks added to the shelter to attempt to prevent such an intrusion from occurring again.

Miller and Morris recommend that anyone who has information on the break-in to contact the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, which is investigating the incident.

Bartley asks for pay cut

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A request that most people would consider strange was made at the Friday meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court.

County Attorney Keith Bartley suggested to the court that his salary be lowered by about \$4,000.

Bartley went on to explain that he was requesting the pay cut in order to ask for more funds to help with the operating expenses of the County Attorney's Office.

"Right now, we are on a shoestring budget," Bartley said.

Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said the court would need to wait and check the financial situ-

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Couple charged with burning infant plead not guilty

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — In Floyd County Circuit Court on Friday, two people were arraigned on five counts of criminal abuse.

Donna Tackett, 25, of Salyersville, and Michael Bryant, 28, of Drift, were arrested in Drift on July 25 and charged with five counts of first-degree abuse.

The charges stemmed from alleged injuries to a child who was 14 months old at that time. The injuries to various parts of the child's body were burn related.

According to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor, due to the nature of the crime the case never went to district court and the accused were indicted by a grand jury on February 27.

Tackett and Bryant were arraigned on Friday and entered pleas of not guilty. A preliminary hearing was set for August 21.

Bail that had originally been set at \$50,000 cash was reduced to 10 percent of \$50,000 or a security bond which would require \$10,000 property.

According to Taylor, both Tackett and Bryant are charged with five class C felonies which carries a 5- to 10-year penalty.

Authors reach out to aspiring writers at conference

by RENEE M. SNOWDEN
BREATHITT COUNTY BUREAU

HAZARD — On April 12, Hazard Community College held its sixth annual Spring Writers Conference.

There were three workshops with three writers — James Baker Hall, Gurney Norman and Crystal Wilkinson.

Hall is a native of Lexington and a well-known poet. He is an English professor at the University of Kentucky. He was director of the school's creative writing program for 25 years and received the school's Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Teaching.

Hall also taught at Stanford University, New York University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Connecticut.

Hall has received many awards in his lifetime, including from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Kentucky Arts Council and the Southern Arts Federation. He is also a winner of Pushcart and O. Henry prizes and awards

from Ironwood and the Cincinnati Poetry Review.

Hall has published several books of poetry and novels. Some include *Getting It on Up to the Brag*, *The Mother on the Other Side of the World*, *Music for a Broken Piano* and *Orphans in the Attic*. There are many other books by Hall. His most recent is *Photographs by James Baker Hall*. This is a book of pictures of all the authors Hall has had the opportunity to know.

Hall told the people in his sessions that he originally went to college expecting to be a bomber pilot, lawyer or some kind of businessman.

"That's what my life had prepared for me," said Hall.

Hall hosted the workshop for poets.

Gurney Norman is also a well-known author in Kentucky. He is a native of Grundy, Va., but he was raised in Hazard.

Norman graduated with a degree in journalism from the University of

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photo by Renee M. Snowden
Noted authors present at the conference included, from left to right, James Baker Hall, Crystal Wilkinson and Gurney Norman.

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Odds and Ends

■ **SAN FRANCISCO** — It's not nice to call someone a "chicken butt" on the air — but it's not slanderous either, a court ruled.

A state appeals court this week dismissed a slander lawsuit filed against a radio station by a former contestant of the

Fox television show "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire."

Jennifer Seelig sued KLLC-FM in San Francisco after Vincent Crackhorn, co-host of the "Sarah and Vinnie" morning show, called her a "local loser" and a "chicken butt." He

made the comments the day the Fox show aired in February 2000, after Seelig declined an interview with the station.

The Court of Appeal on Tuesday said Seelig had no cause to sue because she had invited media scrutiny when she agreed to appear on the television show. It said Crackhorn's comments were merely an expression of opinion.

The court also ruled Seelig must pay the legal fees of the station and its employees under a state law that penalizes suits that seek to squelch free speech.

■ **OMAHA, Neb.** — Minnie and Charles Weskirchen had turkey surprise for breakfast, but it had nothing to do with food.

The retired Omaha couple were enjoying a peaceful morning at home Wednesday when they got an uninvited visitor.

"I was just getting out of bed and I heard this explosion, and I screamed to my husband and I said, 'What happened?'" she said. "And he said, 'A turkey's in the house.' I thought he meant a person."

A turkey had crashed through the couple's living room window and into an antique clock, damaging it. The bird then flopped about with a gash in its neck.

Minnie Weskirchen first called the police so there would be a report for the insurance company. She then called the Nebraska Humane Society, but the black-and-brown bird died before society officers arrived. The Weskirchens haven't

seen turkeys in their neighborhood before, but the wild birds are found not far away in the wooded hills on the northern edge of Omaha.

■ **STILLWATER, Minn.** — Bidders have been less than generous in their offers for a cabin featured in a grisly scene in the movie "Fargo."

The cabin's owners said Wednesday they'll take another stab at selling the cabin after their first online auction brought a top bid of \$5,900, below the minimum price they set on the eBay auction site.

The cabin is the setting for the climax of the 1996 Coen brothers' movie. Kidnappers hide out at the cabin and one of them meets a gruesome end in a wood chipper. Cabin owners Rich and Ann

Cummings plan to build a new lakefront home on the property, near Stillwater in north-central Minnesota. They said the cabin has to be moved to meet a new state restriction on the proximity of buildings to lakes.

Their online auction concluded Wednesday with 41 bidders. More than 10,000 people viewed the cabin on eBay that day, when the sale was reported in the St. Paul Pioneer Press and then nationally.

"We're going to put it back up for sale," Rich Cummings said. "It was amazing the publicity we got."

The 1958 cabin measures 18 feet by 36 feet. It has no running water, indoor plumbing or insulation, and whoever buys it will have to move it by the end of the month.

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Kentuckians to be trained on dangers of shaking infants

LEXINGTON — Head trauma is the most frequent cause of permanent damage or death among abused infants and children, and Shaken Baby Syndrome accounts for a significant number of those cases. Yet, most people are unaware of the dangers associated with shaking an infant.

The Cabinet for Families and Children, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, Kosair Children's Hospital and the State Interagency Council are sponsoring four regional training sessions aimed at educating citizens on the dangers of shaking a baby. The training sessions will take place April 29 in Bowling Green, May 9 in Lexington, June 10 in Madisonville and June 24 in Hazard.

The training is free, but space is limited to 50 participants at each site. To register for one of the training sessions, contact Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky by phone at (859) 225-8879 or by e-mail at arogers@pckay.org.

To further inform the public about the dangers of shaking a baby, all participants in the training sessions will be asked to conduct at least five additional training sessions in their home communities during the

coming year.

Dr. Betty Spivack, a forensic pediatrician with the state medical examiner's office and one of the expert trainers, says shaking can be devastating and even fatal to an infant.

The child's still-forming brain is soft and bounces back and forth in the skull, causing swelling and brain damage. Shaking can also cause spinal injuries because the infant's neck muscles are too weak to support the head.

About 25 percent of babies severely injured from having been shaken die in the first week. Nearly all the rest are left with permanent neurological damage.

The trainers will also include: Peggy Arvin and Jean Marie Piascek, who are registered nurses with the Cabinet for Families and Children; Deb Williams and Elaine Evans from the Division of Clinical Forensic Medicine at the University of Louisville; and Rashmi Adi-Brown from Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky.

The Anthem Foundation, Junior League of Lexington, Cabinet for Families and Children and Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky provided funding for the training.

Attorney defending his third accused cop killer

by **ROGER ALFORD**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOMERSET — The attorney representing the alleged trigger man in the Pulaski County sheriff's murder has kept two high-profile cop killers in Kentucky off death row in the past four years.

Mark Stanziano of Somerset was hired earlier this week by the family of Danny Shelley. Shelley, 30, of Eubank, was arrested shortly after Sheriff Sam Catron was gunned down sniper-style at an outdoor political rally on Saturday.

State police claim Shelley shot the sheriff to take him out of the running for re-election. Shelley supported a political

opponent, Jeff Morris, 34, of Somerset, who was charged with complicity to the murder. Another campaign worker, Kenneth White, 54, of Burnside, also was charged with complicity to murder.

Pulaski County Commonwealth Attorney Eddy Montgomery said he may seek the death penalty for all three men, all of whom now have private defense attorneys.

In court Friday, defense attorneys appeared on behalf of the Morris and White, entering innocent pleas for each.

David Hoskins, a Corbin attorney representing White, asked Pulaski County District Judge Michael Henry to issue a gag order stop attorneys and police officers from talking with reporters about the case.

Henry said he would rule on the motion later.

Bobby Richardson, a Glasgow attorney representing Morris, also asked for bond to be set for his client. Henry denied bond for all three.

Pulaski County District Judge Michael Henry had originally appointed the public defenders office to represent Shelley, who claimed he had no money to hire an attorney. Stanziano said Shelley's family later hired him.

Stanziano also defended John Paul Works, who was convicted of killing a female police officer in Harrodsburg in 1998. Prosecutors sought the death

penalty, but a jury found him guilty of wanton murder and sentenced him to life in prison.

Works shot Harrodsburg police officer Regina Woodward Nickles in October 1998 after being called to a factory to investigate a report of a prowler. She shouted at the prowler, and shots were fired. Two bullets struck Nickles in her neck, above the bulletproof vest she wore.

The following year, Stanziano defended Timothy R. Doyle of Lone Oak, who also faced the death penalty for killing Brandon Thacker, a state alcohol enforcement agent in March 1998. He was convicted of first-degree manslaughter but was found mentally ill.

Doyle was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Doyle shot Thacker as they drove along the Western Kentucky Parkway in Lyon County. Thacker, 27, was part of a caravan of plainclothes ABC agents.

Doyle had been diagnosed with and treated for paranoid schizophrenia. His mental illness did not turn up in a background check when he bought the handgun he used to shoot Thacker at a Paducah sporting goods store three years ago.

Stanziano has focused his practice on defending clients in death penalty cases.

"I really have not liked some of my clients," Stanziano said. "But the vast majority of my clients are just ordinary human beings who get caught up in extraordinary circumstances in their lives."

High court justice who admitted drunken driving gets reprimand

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A Kentucky Supreme Court justice who admitted driving while drunk was given a reprimand by the state Judicial Conduct Commission.

Justice Martin Johnstone of Louisville was stopped in

Jefferson County on Feb. 6. His blood alcohol reading was 0.22, compared with the legal limit of 0.08, according to Jefferson County police.

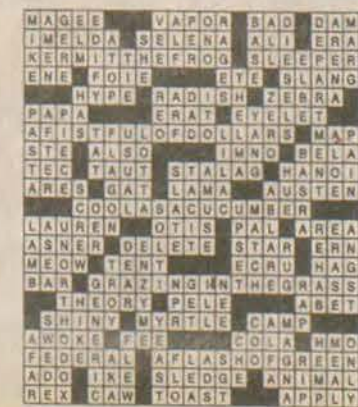
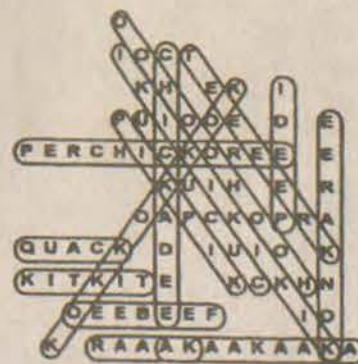
The arrest citation said Johnstone was weaving on Interstate 71 while driving his state-supplied Ford Crown Victoria.

Johnstone pleaded guilty to drunken driving the following day. He also issued a statement that said he had "made a serious mistake for which I am extremely remorseful."

The conduct commission's order of reprimand, issued Thursday and made public Friday, said Johnstone "failed to respect and comply with the law and to act in a manner that promotes public confidence" in the court system.

The commission said it took into consideration the fact that Johnstone had no prior record.

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No proof killer's parents, teachers were responsible

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Court of Appeals refused to reinstate lawsuits Friday against the parents, teachers, classmates and others who supposedly could have influenced teen gunman Michael Carneal.

Parents of three girls Carneal shot to death inside Heath High School alleged that his friends and family, as well as many school employees and administrators, bore some responsibility for what he did.

The appeals court, upholding a ruling from McCracken County Circuit Court, said the families failed to show evidence of factual disputes that would require a trial.

However, one of the appellate panel's three judges issued a limited dissent that said there was enough evidence for a jury

on one point — whether six of Carneal's friends knew of his plan in advance and actually goaded him into it.

Carneal was 14 when he entered the lobby of the school on Dec. 1, 1997, drew a .22-caliber pistol from his backpack and opened fire on students who were standing in a circle, having a pre-class prayer service.

Jessica James, Kayce Steger and Nicole Hadley were killed. Five other students were wounded. Carneal pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole for 25 years.

The 106-page appellate ruling covered 10 separate lawsuits filed by the families. Defendants, besides Carneal himself, included his parents, classmates, teachers and school administrators. McCracken County school board members and the owner of the gun that

Carneal had stolen. Special Judge William L. Shadoan in McCracken Circuit Court dismissed all defendants except Carneal.

Mike Breen, the attorney for the victims' families, had said the clearest case for negligence was against the gun owner — Carneal's neighbor, Wendell Nace. Carneal supposedly spotted the gun in Nace's shed while visiting Nace's son.

But the appeals court, in a majority opinion by Judge Joseph Huddleston of Bowling Green, noted that the gun was stored, unloaded and encased, in a cabinet behind several other items. "It was only after Carneal had loaded stolen ammunition into the stolen pistol that it became a dangerous weapon," Huddleston wrote.

"Nace was under no duty to anticipate that Michael Carneal would ransack his shed, steal his gun and ammunition and use

them in the intentional shootings of other students," Huddleston wrote.

Similarly, the court said it was unclear how Carneal's par-

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Odds

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■ **NORTH PLATTE, Neb.** — Burglars are supposed to be light-footed; one suspect who apparently wasn't ended up getting caught.

Dents in a department store's false ceiling led police to 18-year-old Chad Ferguson, who was caught hiding in a ventilation duct at the store early Tuesday, police said.

Motion alarms alerted police that someone was somewhere inside the building. While a

Nebraska State Patrol K-9 unit looked down during the search of the building, the officers looked up. That's when they noticed some of the ceiling tiles had been dented.

Tiles were removed and the suspect was found almost four hours later, police said.

The North Platte man was charged Wednesday in Lincoln County Court with three counts of burglary and one count of possession of burglar's tools.

Free photography contest open to Prestonsburg residents

The International Library of Photography announces that more than \$60,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest. Photographers from the Prestonsburg area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of more than 1,300 prizes. The deadline for the contest is June 28. The contest is open to everyone, and entry is free.

"Everyone has at least one memorable photo that captures a special moment in time," stated Christina Baylon, contest director. "When people learn about our free photography contest, they suddenly realize that their own favorite photos can win cash prizes, as well as gain national exposure," continued Baylon.

To enter, send one photograph in only one of the following categories: People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture, or other. The photo must be a color or black-and-white print (unmounted), 8"x10" or smaller. All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back, as well as the category and the title of the photo. Photographs should be sent to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-2613, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by June 28. You may also submit your photo

directly online at www.picture.com.

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of amateur photographers to the public's attention. You can view the work of more than 1.1 million amateur photographers at their website, www.picture.com.

Ex-congressman was hiding house as asset, not giving it as gift

The Associated Press

wife for \$1.

FRANKFORT — Ex-congressman Carroll Hubbard was hiding his house from creditors when he deeded it to his wife for \$1, the Kentucky Court of Appeals said Friday.

As a result, Carol Brown Hubbard cannot claim the house was a gift, exempt from division as marital property in their divorce, a three-judge panel said in upholding a ruling from Hardin Circuit Court.

Carroll Hubbard, defeated for re-election in 1992, began a two-year prison sentence in 1995 for campaign-finance violations. While he was under investigation, he deeded the couple's house in Elizabethtown to his

Mrs. Hubbard filed for divorce in 1998 and sought to claim the house as nonmarital property. She contended it was a gift, but her former husband disagreed.

The appeals court, in an opinion by Judge Julia Tackett of Lexington, said evidence "tended to support Carroll's assertion that he deeded the property to his wife to hide it from potential creditors."

The appeals court also ruled against Mrs. Hubbard's claims for an award of attorney's fees and a larger share of Hubbard's congressional pension.

Judges David Barber of Prestonsburg and Tom Emberton of Edmonton joined in the opinion.

Schools dangling scholarships before science fair competitors

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — It's a showcase for high school hot shots, and college recruiters are drooling.

This is not basketball or football, for a change. Kentucky colleges and universities, public and private, will dangle nearly

\$2 million in scholarships before the budding scientists and engineers who will compete next month in an international science fair in Louisville.

"It's kind of a reverse brain drain, where we hope to be attracting some of the best and brightest students," said Carol Garrison, acting president of the University of Louisville, which

is putting up about half of the total prizes.

The university is offering 28 undergraduate scholarships worth \$560,000, plus a pair of especially rich graduate scholarships, each worth more than \$200,000. They pay for a five-year program that results in a PhD and a medical degree. The package includes health insurance and a \$15,000 annual stipend.

The joint-degree program is aimed at aspiring medical researchers. "Ultimately, it would be wonderful if they stay within Louisville or Kentucky," Garrison said in an interview.

The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, which begins May 12 at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, is the world's largest pre-college science fair, according to organizers. It has drawn 1,200 contestants from every state and 40 other countries.

Kentucky is sending 27 students, of whom 13 are from Jefferson County. Their projects involve plant cloning, microgravity, hydroponics and differences in what motivates boys and girls to achieve, among other things.

"These projects are not model volcanoes," said Gov. Paul Patton, who played host to some of the Kentucky students at the Capitol on Wednesday.

Patton said the students pack the kind of brain power Kentucky needs for a knowledge-based economy. "We're trying to persuade some of these

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State effectively extends freeze on new health care facilities

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The state will extend its prohibition on construction and expansion of some health facilities and programs, though not under a formal moratorium, which expired this week.

The newly revised health plan provides better management, while allowing the state to "balance the number of health care facilities necessary to meet the needs of Kentucky," said Marcia Morgan, secretary of the Cabinet for Health Services.

Under the plan, Morgan said, the state may not approve any new construction and expansion of some health facilities or programs unless the project is necessary for a facility to meet safety regulations or an emergency need.

Right now, Morgan said, "we have sufficient coverage and a sufficient number of health care facilities to take care of Kentucky."

Gov. Paul Patton imposed a "limited" moratorium on expanded health care facilities last May, citing the Medicaid budget crisis and a need to control spending. It was effective through Monday, coinciding with the last day of the 2002 legislative session.

Kentucky Medicaid is still facing budget problems because of the increasing cost of prescription drugs and health services. The federal-state health insurance program, serving poor families, disabled individuals and elderly people, faces a \$216 million deficit in 2003-04, despite recent legislation aimed at reining in expenditures.

Without the executive order, state officials will continue prohibiting new construction and expansion as part of the state's health plan — an annual document that spells out the criteria for Kentucky's health care facilities.

The moratorium, similar to others called by previous administrations, did not apply to hospital acute care beds, neonatal units, organ transplant programs, cardiac catheterization services and other emergency

projects that require a "certificate of need" — the required state approval for most health-care projects.

State officials did not know how many health projects likely would have been approved during the moratorium or how much money the state saved in paying for some of the services that might have been provided.

Bullitt County officials had hoped to get approval for a new outpatient surgery and 24-hour emergency care center, but legislation this year that would have exempted Bullitt from getting a certificate of need didn't get final passage.

Morgan said there will always be agencies and individuals who disagree with the state health plan but the process is necessary to avoid duplication and increased health care costs.

Chandler takes formal step toward gubernatorial candidacy

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Ben Chandler took his first formal step toward a gubernatorial candidacy Friday, creating an exploratory finance committee.

Chandler, who has served in state offices for 11 years, becomes the second Democrat to create a committee. Louisville businessman Charlie Owen created his committee earlier this week.

An exploratory committee allows a candidate to raise and spend up to \$90,000 to do preliminary campaign work, such as polling and organizing.

Chandler took an especially low-key approach to his announcement, distributing a single page release, most of which is dedicated to information about his campaign chairman and treasurer. Former Democratic Party chairman

Tracy Farmer is chief of the exploratory committee and the treasurer is longtime Democratic power broker George Helton. Helton served as campaign treasurer for Paul Patton during his two gubernatorial campaigns.

The 2003 Democratic primary is shaping up as a crowded field. House Speaker Jody Richards of Bowling Green and Lt. Gov. Steve Henry of Louisville are also expected to run.

Republicans also could have a spirited primary for the first time in quite a while. Jefferson County Judge-Executive Rebecca Jackson has already formed her exploratory committee, as has state Rep. Steve Nunn of Glasgow. A committee was also formed by state Sen. Virgil Moore of Leitchfield.

Sixth District U.S. Rep. Ernie Fletcher is considering a campaign for governor.

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GuestView

Senator's unpaid taxes no surprise

Does it surprise anybody that state Sen. Dan Seum hasn't paid some property taxes he owes?

It shouldn't. He's made his political career by finding one obligation after another, from motorcycle helmets to vehicle emissions tests, to rebel against and escape.

Does it surprise anybody that Sen. Seum is blaming somebody else for his back taxes?

It shouldn't. His political specialty has been to off-load responsibilities he finds aggravating onto somebody else's shoulders.

There's no denying he's good at it. The same day his name showed up on the rolls of delinquent taxpayers, for instance, was also a day of triumph for one of his skewed versions of freedom: The Governor signed into law Sen. Seum's irresponsible bill to abolish vehicle emissions testing in Jefferson County.

That bill, as increasing numbers of people are realizing, is something like his failure to pay his taxes: It just shifts the burden to others. Somebody, somehow, is going to have to make up for the loss of VET's cost-effective contributions to clean air, probably at greater cost, and some other group of politicians is going to have to take the heat for doing it.

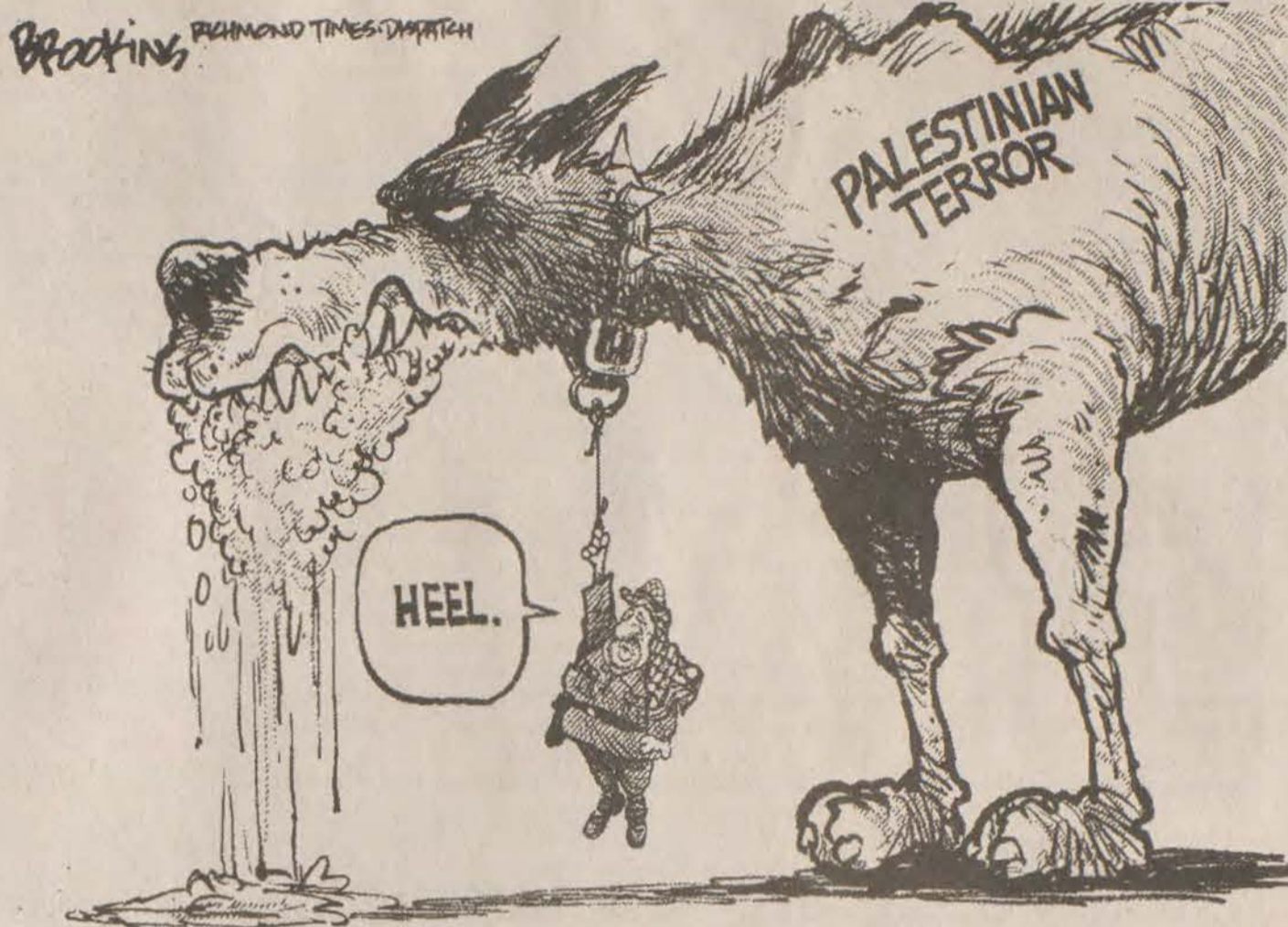
But don't look to Sen. Seum to offer solutions to or take responsibility for the problems he likes to cause. Nope, his approach to his governmental duties is largely the same as to his taxpaying ones: Let somebody else do it.

He has a glib justification for his unpaid taxes: He's selling the property in question to his nephew, and his nephew was supposed to pay the taxes.

Yet the property tax bill remains in his name. Whatever his private business, it's his legal, public obligation to get it paid.

Seeing it that way, however, requires accepting your civic obligations. Sen. Seum, as his legislative history shows, much prefers to find excuses for resenting and rejecting them.

— The Louisville Courier-Journal



— beyond the beltway —

All you need to know about Palestine

by DONALD KAUL

It really wouldn't be all that difficult to settle the conflict in the Middle East on a just basis. I could do it myself, and I can't even fill in a blank map of the place.

First you have Israel abandon its conquests of the past 35 years, leave the West Bank and Gaza, and retreat to its borders as they existed before the 1967 war. You balance that by having the Palestinian refugees give up their claim to a "right of return" to their ancestral homes in Israel proper. The key problem of what to do with Jerusalem could be solved by dividing the city, with international supervision to ensure free access to the holy sites of the religions involved.

There! Done. I told you I could do it. The plan has only one flaw (besides lack of originality) but, unfortunately, it is a fatal one. Neither side will accept it.

For the Israelis it would mean uprooting three hundred thousand settlers who wake up every morning believing they are heroic pioneers fulfilling a Biblical destiny in recapturing an ancient homeland from an alien people.

For Palestinians it would mean the death of the dream of return to a home the memory of which grows sweeter with each passing year; an Arcadian paradise

from which, they feel, they were unjustly evicted. Indeed, it would require them to accept as their lot the same aching sense of loss that for centuries fueled the urge of Jews throughout the world to establish a Jewish state in the Holy Land.

Neither side, at this point, seems ready to accept those sacrifices. The war in the Middle East — and it is a war, make no mistake about it — is a conflict between two of history's victims, one of whom is saying "no more," the other "never again."

Last week Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, in a televised address, said: "This is a battle for survival of the Jewish people, for survival of the state of Israel." With only a change of names, a Palestinian leader could say the same thing.

Which is why I don't have much faith in peace plans, whether offered by Arab states, Europeans or the United States. How do you negotiate a people's right to exist? How, if you truly are your people's leader, can you allow it to be compromised?

Throughout history conflicts of this kind have not been settled at full tide by compromise or negotiation. They have been settled only at the end of a long bloodletting, when one side or the other has won decisively or become exhausted

with the killing. We're not there yet and we may be a long way from getting there right now.

Consider the kind of desperation and hatred that must exist within the Palestinian community when it produces what seems like a limitless supply of young people willing to kill themselves only in order to take a few Israelis with them. And, even more astonishing, when the parents of the dead bombers applaud the "martyrdom" of their children.

Israel finds itself in a virtually untenable position. When it retaliates against the suicide bombers, it creates 10 new terrorists for every one it kills. If it were to fail to retaliate, however, it might very well encourage its

enemies to take even bolder steps. In a sense Israel has itself to blame for its predicament. In thrusting its settlements into the conquered territories and relegating the Palestinians there to be little more than serfs, it took away virtually everything from them, even their hope — thus creating the most dangerous kind of enemy, one with nothing left to lose.

My advice to Sharon is ... I don't have any advice to Sharon. He and I are not close. But I have a great sinking feeling that he is precisely the wrong man for the

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— letters to the editor —

Where are we heading?

In the 1950s, we had full employment and most jobs were union. One parent could earn enough to provide for the family. We Americans ranked number one in the world in standard of living. While our rivers and streams began to be assaulted from toxins and strip mining, our oceans were still in good shape.

Americans were hopeful for a bright future where we could work a shorter work week and have more time off. We had dreams of making this country into a utopia the rest of the world could envy.

Today 50 percent of our ocean front is toxic to aquatic life. Many of our streams have statewide warnings not to eat the fish or swim in them. Our water supplies for our towns and cities are questionable and people pay for bottled water. In just 20 years, another 50 percent of the forest on this earth will disappear. Our standard of living in the world is down to nine and dropping. It takes two parents working to raise a family. We work longer hours for less pay. Many work as contract laborers without full benefits.

The two corporate-controlled parties have had 50 years to show us what they have to offer. They are to blame for where we are today. They gave us a world where half our tax dollars go to the military. They voted our monies to buy nuclear arsenals so we can destroy all the cities of the world 10 times over. Then they tell us we can't afford health care or better schools. They have given us a

world full of hate for our country, but cover up by telling us are loved and respected abroad. They have undermined our democracy by passing laws setting higher standards for non-corporate sponsored candidates to get their name on the ballot. They refuse to debate with non-corporate sponsored candidates but tell us we are an example of democracy to the rest of the world.

The most disturbing of all this is the public's apathy and capitulation to corporate rule. You see these brainwashed sheep walking around with company names on their shirts and shoes. They have convinced the majority of the public to buy and support sweat-shop products from overseas. Thanks to NAFTA, factories moved into Mexico to pour toxins in rivers and the air without restriction. They have convinced the public that all this is good for them and they know best.

The monied interests control our government and have had their way with creating today's America, today's world of hatred and unrest. They are leading us on a path to eco-collapse and have been successful in convincing the public that those concerned about these trends are radical nuts who don't know what they're talking about. They have convinced the majority of Americans that they are patriotic, freedom loving and stand for democracy around the world.

Those of us who have studied history and look at the trends, the facts of U.S. military interventions and trade policies, know better. We are the small minority who have been branded by the corporate media machine as radicals and malcon-

ments. Our candidates are labeled illegitimate with no chance to win so exclusion from participation in our elections is condoned.

All of our problems, whether it be social or economic or environmental, all come back to the fact that just as President Eisenhower feared, we have lost our democracy. We sat back and allowed the takeover of our government by the industrial military complex.

The public, the voter, is the fourth branch of government. The public, which is you, has the power to stop this madness. Stop relying on corporate news services to form your opinions. Demand equal time on the media for all candidates as part of the granting of license to broadcast. Demand that all elections be publicly funded 100 percent with all candidates receiving the same amount. Demand in the future that those elected win their public office by the ideas they present to the public and not by slick Madison Avenue advertising.

Only when this country becomes a democracy will we have peace on earth and goodwill towards men. You all out there know I'm right. Don't be afraid to leave your corporate parties. Assert yourself. Don't be afraid of being seen as different from the crowd of brainwashed sheep. Throw off that shirt made in Communist China by prison labor and those Nike shoes made in sweat shops. Send a letter to the corporate whore who represents you and tell him or her to go to hell. Tell them all you are mad as hell and won't take it anymore.

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Religion

Canonization of first Indian saint draws questions in Mexico

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MEXICO CITY — Pope John Paul II's plan to name Roman Catholicism's first Indian saint has opened divisions in this complex mosaic of a country where Indian and European traditions remain half-reconciled.

The debate over 16th century Indian Juan Diego touches on delicate issues of ethnicity, faith, foreign meddling and respect for

Indians, and threatens one of the few things that unifies Mexico: national symbols.

According to Mexican Catholic tradition, the Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego in 1531 as the Virgin of Guadalupe, who became Mexico's patron and protector.

But as Juan Diego's sainthood approaches with the pope's visit here in July, debate over the story has flared.

Was Juan Diego used by

Spanish conquerors to smother native beliefs under a mantle of Christianity? Is his canonization a long-overdue recognition of Indians in Latin America — or a ploy by the conservative church to cash in on the Indian rights movement and counter Protestant groups making inroads?

And perhaps the touchiest question did Juan Diego even exist?

The viewpoints are as varied

as the skin tone of the Virgin of Guadalupe. Known by Mexicans as "the Dark Virgin," her image has light olive skin on Juan Diego's cactus-fiber cloak — where her likeness miraculously appeared. The cloak is preserved within a frame in the massive Mexico City basilica dedicated to her.

At souvenir stands outside the basilica, she can be purchased in skin shades several tones darker than the original — alongside baby Jesuses conveniently available in rosy pink and Indian brown. Vendors also hawk T-shirts depicting the Virgin standing watch over a typical Latino hot rod, with the legend "Guide My Path."

doubting the Indian's identity, although not the miracle itself. The Vatican declared Juan Diego fit for sainthood anyway.

"We don't deny that some Indian saw the Virgin," said the Rev. Manuel Olimon, a Catholic professor and one of the doubters. "The point is a biographical one. You can't canonize a figure who, while he might have existed, might have been named Juan, or Juan Diego, or something else entirely."

It doesn't help that Schuleberg is German by birth, and that some see his doubts as a matter of cold German logic versus Mexican faith. There is a sense of national insult.

"I recognize that these men have a right to their opinions, and I respect that," said Cecilia Zuniga, 37, a businesswoman visiting the shrine where tradition says Juan Diego is buried (the grave has never been excavated). "But now they should respect the Mexican people, and shut up."

believe the story of Juan Diego and the Virgin.

"We believe in his sainthood, because it is part of our faith," said Tomasa Contreras, 54, standing before the basilica after a five-day pilgrimage from Tepexi, a Mixtec Indian village. "If those men don't believe, it's because they lack faith, and that's sad."

For skeptics, further doubts were raised by the big hole in the documentary record for Juan Diego. The church says it knows he was born in 1474 and where he lived, where he is buried and some scant details of his life. But most of that is based on oral tradition; the first written reference to Juan Diego didn't appear until 1648.

The delay was fairly natural, given the times, said anthropologist Jose Luis Gonzalez.

"Church officials initially expressed mistrust of the new vision" as they watched Indians streaming to worship the Virgin at a former pagan site, he said. They suspected it was a cover for continued pagan worship.

Eventually, however, the church did encourage belief in the story of the Virgin of Guadalupe appearing before the humble Indian, using the Virgin as a symbol of Catholicism in Mexico and as a way to smother the Indians' worship of Tonantzin.

Some think that giving recognition of an Indian, even an imaginary one, would be a good thing — given the centuries of mistreatment of Indians in Mexico, stretching from the massacres of the Spanish conquest to the rural abandonment and poverty that most live in now.

As Dolores Salgado, a Pai-pai Indian from Mexico's Pacific coast, told one newspaper: "They're saying that he didn't exist because they can't find his birth certificate. What are they thinking?"

"To this very day, a lot of us Indians don't have birth certificates."

Catholic church law gives abusive priests more protection than their victims

by RICHARD N. OSTLING
AP RELIGION WRITER

Canon law is an obscure field, even for most Roman Catholics. Yet a look at this body of church rules helps explain how American bishops have handled priests who prey on underage youths.

Experts generally agree that canon law treats sex between clergy and adult women as a more serious offense than the molesting of minors. It also emphasizes restoring wrongdoers to active priesthood over removing them from the clergy. And some canonists even complain that the system grants abusers more protection than their victims.

Some background: "The Code of Canon Law" is the compilation of church rules and regulations. It sets the policies for Catholic bishops as they run dioceses, and for superiors of religious orders.

The current code was issued by Pope John Paul II in 1983 but was mostly completed in the 1970s when clergy sex abuse scandals were rarely mentioned.

National media exposure of the problem didn't begin until 1985 — the same year the Canon Law Society of America, the organization of U.S. specialists in the field, published its exhaustive commentary on the new code. The commentary doesn't have any binding power over the bishops, but it reflects the consensus view among experts and shapes the way bishops and their advisers understand church law.

The code's canon 1395:2 specifies that sex between priests and minors is an ecclesiastical crime. Yet the 1985 code commentary stated that an initial charge of molesting "is not viewed as seriously" as "concubinage" (cohabiting with a woman) or "attempted marriage" (a priest's civil marriage, which the church does not recognize).

The distinction is apparent because a priest involved with an adult woman is penalized with suspension, while one who molests a minor faces lesser and undefined "just penalties," the commentary says.

The Canon Law Society produced a revised commentary in 2000 that says this about molestation: "Somewhat surprisingly, the code does not seem to view such delicts (offenses) as seriously as other violations of clerical continence."

The Rev. Thomas J. Green of the Catholic University of America wrote the commentary on sex abuse for the 1985 and 2000 editions. He thinks the canon seems to distinguish between a priest's "ongoing relationship" with a woman and "what could be an individual act. The seriousness of the breach might be more clear."

The Rev. Thomas P. Doyle, a canonist who has advised hundreds of Catholics taking molestation claims to civil court, says that canonical thinking on sex abuse is misguided.

"Even occasional acts of sex with a minor are far more devastating than habitual sexual contact with a consenting adult of either gender," he says. Canon law thinking shows "more con-

cern for the clerical establishment than for the victim."

Monsignor Kenneth Lasch, a canon lawyer for the Paterson, N.J., Diocese, agrees. He believes the commentary downplays the damage clergy abuse does to the Catholic community.

Lasch says he's also "alarmed by the accent on the future of the minister rather than concern for the victim," referring to this passage in Green's 1985 commentary: "While the well-being and future ministry of the offending cleric are key considerations, due cognizance also has to be taken of the damage done to the community and individuals within it."

The 2000 commentary shifts the emphasis somewhat.

It still says the priest's "dignity, well-being and future min-

isterial options are key legal-pastoral considerations." But it now states that bishops must "seriously consider" the damage to vulnerable individuals and "legitimate community outrage."

Green says both commentaries reflect canon law's emphasis on restoration of errant priests and that "any penalties are seen as a last resort."

Canon 1341 tells bishops to first apply "fraternal correction or reproof" and "methods of pastoral care" with wrongdoers in the clergy. Penalties should be applied only if the offender cannot be "reformed" or other circumstances make this necessary.

Green worries that bishops may currently be "overreacting," and neglecting their canon-

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New Baptist seminary offers a moderate alternative

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LXINGTON — The first student has yet to register. The only full-time faculty position is unfilled. And the entire school will squeeze into several third-floor rooms offered by a Baptist church.

None of those pressing issues is on Greg Earwood's mind as the pastor-turned-seminary president strolls into one room. For the moment, he is wondering what color to paint the walls.

Within a few months, the Sunday school room may be filled with students attending the new Baptist Seminary of Kentucky, a moderate alternative to the venerable and increasingly conservative Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

"We have plenty of room for a good beginning," he said, unable to visualize an appropriate color for the plain walls.

Earwood seems undaunted by creating a seminary from scratch. He professes faith that it will flourish.

"We feel God's leadership in this, God's blessing and God's help," Earwood said. "Without that, it won't happen."

The seminary, in the planning stages since the mid-1990s, will open Aug. 26. Its inception was a reaction to the conservative takeover of the Southern Baptist Convention, Southern Seminary and the consolidation of that power.

So far, about 50 people have expressed interest in attending the new seminary, and several prospects have committed, Earwood said. He hopes the initial class will consist of 25 to 30 students.

The student body will likely include women aspiring to become pastors, he said. Women also attend Southern Seminary, but its president, the Rev. R. Albert Mohler Jr., opposes women serving as pastors.

Earwood will hire a half-dozen or so adjunct professors for the fall semester. The seminary will offer master's of divinity degrees.

Earwood — Southern Seminary alumnus and a former pastor in Louisville, Murray and Georgetown — said the faculty at the new seminary will teach according to Scripture and traditional Baptist heritage. But professors will not be required to sign a Baptist doctrinal statement, which limits give-and-take between teachers and students, Earwood said.

"We want an openness in the classroom where the students hear various perspectives and have an opportunity to develop their own theological perspective," he said.

Earwood said the new seminary can coexist with Southern Seminary, each appealing to students with compatible viewpoints. He said seminaries like his will become a lasting necessity because conservatives are entrenched in leadership of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"There are some who have talked about the pendulum swinging back," he said. "I am not one of those who believe it's going to happen. It's not going to happen in my lifetime. I think their course is set, and we need to provide an option for Baptists in this region in light of their shift."

Lawrence Smith, a spokesman for Southern Seminary, declined to comment on the new seminary's opening. He said enrollment at Southern Seminary is around 2,800, and officials hope it will surpass 3,000 in the next year.

"It's apparent that a vast majority of Southern Baptists are pleased with the direction of Southern Seminary because they are sending their students here in ever-increasing numbers," Smith said.

Southern Seminary, founded in 1859, is among six seminaries operated by the Southern Baptist Convention.

The new seminary in Lexington is already drawing support from churches, moderate Baptist organizations and other schools.

About 25 Kentucky churches have offered financial support, Earwood said. Fund raising has

netted more than \$330,000 in gifts and pledges since last August, he said. The seminary's first-year budget is expected to be about \$500,000.

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, a national organization representing moderate Baptists, will contribute \$15,000 for scholarships, Earwood said. Its state-level affiliate, the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship, has given \$10,000 and pledged another \$40,000 over two years, he said.

The cooperative, based in Atlanta, supports 12 seminaries, theology schools or Baptist studies programs. Two-thirds of them opened since the "fundamentalist takeover" of the Southern Baptist Convention, said Terry Hamrick, coordinator for leadership development with the cooperative.

First Baptist Church of Frankfort has committed \$10,000 for the seminary's first year, and will make contributions in future years. The church's pastor, the Rev. David K. Hinson, is one of 12 seminary trustees.

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Volunteers offered education on the safety of children in vehicles at the 25th annual Hillbilly Days celebration in Pikeville.

Festival a chance to promote car safety

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — The Governor's Drive Smart Program, Pike County Health Department and the Kentucky Injury Prevention Research Center collaborated and joined the Hillbilly Days celebration on Friday, while volunteers educated those enjoying the festivities on protecting children in motor vehicles.

According to Tom Haynes, regional injury prevention coordinator, the Kentucky Child Safety Seat team traveled across the state in February 2002 and checked over 300 safety seats. They found that there was a 94 percent error rate concerning

child seats, involving problems such as unsecured seats and absent safety harnesses.

Haynes said a technician is on call at all times at the Pike County Health Department or Pikeville Fire Department, allowing parents can have safety seats checked free of charge. He said there is also a technician on duty at the Floyd County Health Department.

Haynes said that during one of the advertised safety seat checks in Pikeville, technicians checked 65 seats in a three-hour period and 27 were checked at Music Carter Hughes in February.

According to Haynes, if the safety team finds that a seat is unsafe they offer the parent a

new seat at a low price, for a donation to the program or free if the parent doesn't have the money to purchase it.

"No child will leave a check in an unsafe seat," said Haynes.

Haynes said that the organization would like to be in a position to offer child safety seats at no charge but they don't have the resources to do that at this time.

The volunteers were offering to educate the large number of people that passed by them during the annual celebration at Pikeville.

The group was offering a drawing for a new car seat and had various free logo items from the Drive Smart program as well as pamphlets on several child safety issues that the transportation department addresses.

Writers

Kentucky. He then studied creative writing at Stanford University.

Norman has been published several times. Some of his work includes *Kinfolks*, *Divine's Right Trip* and several others. He is currently working on a novel called *Crazy Quilts*. There is no release date yet, due to the fact that he is currently working on it.

Norman hosted the workshop in fiction.

Crystal Wilkinson was also one of the writers at the conference. Wilkinson was born in Casey County and raised by her grandparents.

Wilkinson told those at the workshop that since her grandparents were older, they couldn't play a whole lot with her, so she turned to books.

"Books became my playmates," said Wilkinson.

Wilkinson began writing around 5 years of age after reading all the books in her house. She was a poet before she started writing short stories. Wilkinson is the assistant director at the Lexington's Carnegie Center. She is also a founding member of the Affrilachian

Attorney

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ation before making any kind of decision regarding Bartley's request.

Also at the meeting, a discussion was held about the development of a recreational park near Turkey Creek in Floyd County.

Stanley Allen, a member of the non-profit organization working on the project, had maps detailing the park and also explained the plans for the park and what it is scheduled to contain.

State Rep. Greg Stumbo was interested in the project and requested more information on its development to see whether money could be granted to aid in its development.

Poets

Wilkinson admires Mary Gordon as a writer. "She is a wonderful writer," says Wilkinson.

Wilkinson has just had her first book published. It is titled *Blackberries*, *Blackberries*. Her newest book, titled *Water Street*, will be out soon.

Wilkinson hosted a workshop on fiction. She also gave a bit of advice to everyone in her workshops.

"Everyone can write; it's just a matter of having the discipline to do it," Wilkinson said.

Festival

dress like they do everyday," said Mosley.

Among the vendors present at the festival was Artie Carnes, of Freedom, Ind., who was playing a dulcimer while he sold baskets. According to John Rice in "Musical Instruments of the Southern Appalachian Mountains", the "scheitholt," a musical instrument of European origin, is believed to have made it to the Appalachia toward the end of the 18th century and was modified to suit the needs of the local players and became known as the dulcimer.

Tony and Anita Keeney, crafters from Dandridge, Tenn., were at Hillbilly Days for the first time. Anita said that she recognized some of the vendors from the Chicken Festival that is held in London, where Colonel Harlan Sanders first served Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Hillbilly Days was proclaimed in 1977 by Judge Wayne T. Rutherford and was founded by Howard Stratton and Grady Kinney to benefit the Crippled Children's Hospital and Burn Centers. It was an ingenious idea of using the hillbilly stereotype to raise money for a worthy cause.

Continuing to honor a cause

Garbage

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court, which has spent several years and millions of dollars attempting to cleanup the old Garth landfill.

According to Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, Floyd County has unofficially spent around \$4.5 million to keep the county from being fined or penalized for the landfill.

Stumbo and the members of the fiscal court said they believe that the passage of the bill will prove to be very important for the county.

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at this year's festival were Brandeis employees Janice Justice of Daniels Creek and Rick Johnson of McDowell, who were selling figurines made from coal — donated by J & S Distributing — to benefit the Coal, Education and Resource program. CEDAR's purpose is to improve the image of the coal industry.

The Hillbilly Days festival may be a way of poking fun at the people of Appalachia, but it shows that hillbillies know how to have a good time.

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job he occupies right now. Someone with more subtlety and less confidence in the invincibility of superior force is needed. I don't have any idea who that might be.

I hate to even think about how it's all going to turn out.

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the *Des Moines Register*. He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way.

Free National tree package from the National Arbor Day Foundation

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.



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Breathitt native Jeffery Reddick, who has achieved fame as a screenwriter with *Final Destination* and *Return to Cabin by the Lake* among his credits, returned to Jackson for the Academic Achievement Awards. He poses one of his favorite teachers, Maria Bellamy.

Breathitt holds its Academic Achievement Awards

by RENEE M. SNOWDEN
BREATHITT COUNTY BUREAU

JACKSON — On Monday, the Breathitt County School District held its 15th Annual Academic Achievement Awards. The ceremony dedicated to the memory of Eugene Sebastian.

The awards were for students in the Breathitt County schools of Breathitt County High, Jackson City, Mt. Carmel, Oakdale and Riverside. There were approximately 390 students from grades 6-12 who

received awards for 3.5-3.79 grade-point averages, and 3.8-4.0 grade-point averages while attending one of the five schools in Breathitt County.

The guest speaker at the awards was author and screenwriter Jeffrey Reddick, who is a former student and graduate of Breathitt County High School. Reddick encouraged students not to give up on their dreams.

After the awards, Reddick spent an hour signing autographs and taking pictures.

The board of directors of the

Breathitt County School Systems are as follows Cathy Branson, Karen Bunn, Robert Cornett, Karen Ditsch, Betsy Douthitt, Dan Fisher, Deborah Haddix, Lynn Ethel Herald, Susan Herald, Burley Hudson, Timothy Johnson, Daniel Kinnell, Dan McIntyre, Malou Mendoza, Tommy Miller, Addie Murphy, Beth Neihof, Jerry Paschall, Dr. Carla Rodriguez, Bobby Sallee, Terri Sewell and Seldon Short. The founder is Jerry Howell.

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tion listed on the National Historic Register. Reservations are recommended and group rates are available. Call ahead for lunch and dinner schedules.

For more information, contact Bob Perry, the general manager, at (502) 348-7300 or visit www.kydinnertrain.com.

Lynn's Paradise Cafe, Louisville

You can't miss the giant red coffeepot and cup that stand outside Lynn's Paradise Café in Louisville. Step inside and you'll soon realize it's no regular cup of Joe. The eccentric eatery, adorned with inventive artwork and entries from its annual "Ugly

Lamp Contest," has been a popular Louisville dining destination since its opening in 1991.

This restaurant is located at 984 Barret Ave. and it is so funky that Esquire Magazine will list Lynn's as one of the Top 4 "fun" restaurants in the United States in its upcoming June issue.

Although it also serves lunch and dinner, the restaurant is renowned for its breakfast extravaganza featuring enormous portions. If your taste buds long for fine home cooking with a twist, this is your paradise.

Lynn's Paradise Café is about creativity, happiness, community and fun, according to Lynn Winter, the restaurant's owner. She describes the menu as "hip southern." Her philosophy is that fun doesn't happen just by accident. In fact, the eatery strives to make their patrons' meals a unique, let-your-hair-down experience.

For more information, call (502) 587-1777 or visit www.lynnsparisideseafe.com.

Moonlite Bar-B-Q Inn, Owensboro

In Western Kentucky, residents have added a fifth food group: barbecue. And at the Moonlite Bar-B-Q Inn in Owensboro, the mouth-watering mutton is in a class by itself. Visitors from all over the world have helped themselves to the old-time southern pig-pickin', a tasty tradition cooked up by the three generations of the family that has owned and operated the Inn since 1963. For more information, call (270) 684-8143.

If you're still hunting for more barbecue opportunities, there are plenty of options in Owensboro. For example, be sure to visit the International Bar-B-Que Festival on May 10-11 for an extra big helping of Owensboro's specialty. Twenty tons of the finest barbecue in the country will be cooked up during the two-day event.

About 80,000 people from around the nation are expected to attend the 24th annual event, said Michele Wright, the event's co-chair. This year, nine cooking teams will be dividing up duties, with each team preparing at least 200 chickens, 200 pounds of mutton and 80 gallons of burgoo. One team cooks at least 800 chickens every year, added Wright. Between 25 to 50 people comprise a cooking team - and no restaurants participate.

For more information, visit www.bbqfest.com. You can also contact the Owensboro/Daviess County Tourist Commission at (270) 926-1100 or visit www.visitowensboro.com.

Few people who visit Patti's 1880's Settlement in Grand Rivers have the will to pass on the restaurant's infamous two-inch thick pork chops or the delicious lemon meringue pie that towers at more than a half-foot tall.

Hungry yet? These are just a sampling of some of the many fun things to do around the state. For more information regarding these and other travel and tourism destinations in Kentucky, visit www.kentucky-tourism.com or call 1-800-225-TRIP (8747).

Recipe - A Louisville Tradition: The Brown Hotel's Hot Brown

If you're having out-of-town guests, and you want to treat them to a Kentucky tradition, here is the original recipe from the Brown Hotel in Louisville, where this dish was created.

Ingredients:

- 4 ounces butter
- flour to make roux (about 6 tablespoons)
- 3 to 3 1/2 cups milk
- 1 beaten egg
- 6 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 ounce whipped cream (optional)
- salt and pepper to taste
- slices of roast turkey
- 8 to 12 slices of toast (may be trimmed)
- extra Parmesan for topping
- 8 to 12 strips fried bacon

Melt butter and enough flour to make a reasonable roux (enough to absorb all of the butter). Add milk and Parmesan cheese. Add egg to thicken sauce, but do not allow to boil.

Remove from heat. Fold in whipped cream. Add salt and pepper to taste.

For each Hot Brown, place two slices of toast on a metal or flameproof dish. Cover the toast with a liberal amount of turkey. Pour a generous amount of sauce over the turkey and toast. Sprinkle with additional Parmesan cheese. Place entire dish under broiler until the sauce is speckled brown and bubbly. Remove from broiler, cross two pieces of bacon on top and serve immediately. Enjoy.

Fill-up on these Kentucky food facts

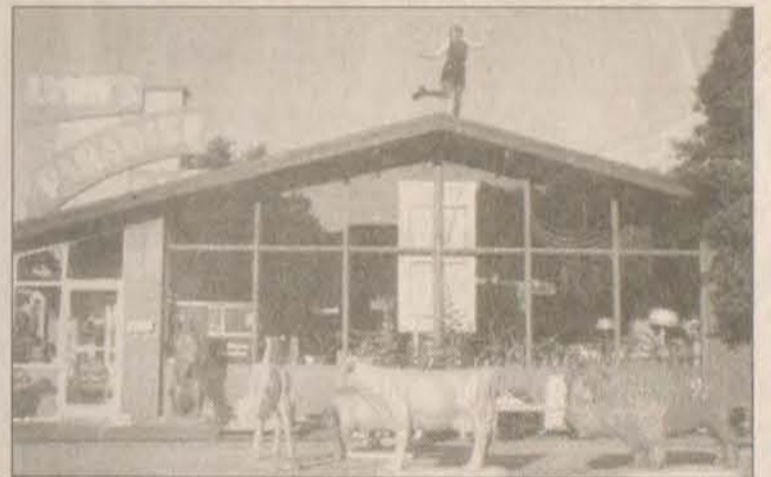
■ Corbin was home to Colonel Harland Sanders, the "Father of the American Fast Food Industry." Visit the Colonel Sanders Cafe & Museum to see where it all began (Telephone: (606) 528-2163).

■ Ale-8-1, "Kentucky's Soft Drink," has been bottled in Winchester since 1926. Its title is a pun on "A late one;" the drink originally was used to settle your stomach at bedtime (Telephone: (606) 744-3484).

■ Cheeseburgers first were served at Kaelin's restaurant in Louisville in 1934 (Telephone: (502) 451-1801).

This Kentucky-cuisine landmark has satisfied, perhaps stuffed, hearty appetites for 25 years. Opening as "Hamburger Patti's Ice Cream Parlor," the restaurant that originally seated 20 has grown to seat more than 200 for what they call an "adventure in eating." The restaurant is located in charming Grand Rivers, Ky., the gateway to Kentucky's Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area.

For more information, contact Michael Tullar at (270) 362-8844 or visit www.pattis-settlement.com.



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American Cancer Society's Relay For Life
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Patti's 1880's Settlement, Grand Rivers

Fair

participants to stay in Kentucky or come back to Kentucky for good," Patton said. "We want them to live here, learn here and go to work here."

The inducements might work, though several students said money was not the main attraction of the science fair, at least at the beginning.

"The majority of us did it just for the science," said Tony Stefater, 18, a senior at DuPont Manual High School in Louisville. But he is an aspiring medical student, and "the MD-PhD program is something I'd definitely look at," he said.

For others, the chance for a scholarship was always a factor. Brian Hanes, 15, said he hoped his project on plant cloning would be a ticket to college and medical school.

"One reason I'm so excited about this is the possibility I ... could get a free ride," said Hanes, a freshman at South Oldham High School.

Jacqueline Gross, only a sophomore at Jeffersonton High School, already has been guaranteed at least a partial scholarship to the University of

Louisville by virtue of winning a regional competition with her project on flame retardants.

The 15-year-old, an aspiring engineer, said she wanted to explore other schools and was

Proof

enis could have foreseen his rampage.

The families contended Carneal used his home computer to visit websites on violence and pornography, which John and Ann Carneal should have known about. But the court said there was "no evidence that Michael Carneal ever exhibited violent tendencies toward anyone. ... We, like the circuit court, fail to see the connection."

Judge Daniel T. Guidugli of Newport joined in Huddleston's opinion. Judge Rick Johnson of Mayfield dissented on dismissal of the suit against six of Carneal's friends.

The opinion identified them as Alan Coleman, Jeremy Ellis, Matthew Barnett, Michael Alonso, James O'Nan and Toby

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especially taken with Vanderbilt University and California Polytechnic. But, "if I get a full scholarship to almost anywhere, I'm probably going to take it," she said.

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Nace. Allegations against them were based in part on Michael Carneal's later statements to a sheriff's deputy, a psychologist and a psychiatrist.

Carneal allegedly said, among other things, that he and the others planned a massacre and that some of the boys betrayed him and ran away when the shooting started. Johnson said the record "reveals many genuine issues of material fact concerning the liability of each of these defendants in aiding and abetting Michael Carneal."

However, Huddleston wrote that the families failed to produce any evidence beyond Carneal's uncorroborated statements, which by themselves amounted to "inadmissible hearsay."

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HISTORY

Branham recalls great baseball teams of mid-late 40s

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ST. GEORGE, Utah — "Set" Branham is one of the greatest athletes in the history of Kentucky high school sports. After leaving Prestonsburg High School in the late 1940s, Branham moved west and on to the University of Utah where he starred in the backfield for the Utes.

In 1948 the Prestonsburg High baseball team defeated Newport Catholic for the state title. The win gave the Blackcats a flawless season and a perfect 36-0 record. In four seasons, Branham and his teammates that started with him as freshmen won 138 games opposed to just six losses.

"We destroyed everyone we played in '48, when we won the state championship and finished the season 36-0," recalled Branham. "We were never even challenged. We beat Newport Catholic 12-3 in the championship game of the state tournament. We were never behind all year. In the Newport game, we led 7-0 in the first inning, it was all over."

The 1948 P'burg team hit .402 in the state tourney, scoring 35 runs.

Four all-state players were on the '48 PHS team, led by Branham. Another amazing fact is that in Branham's four-year high school baseball career neither he or any of his teammates had an injury.

It was different in 1948. "There was no Little League back in those days," added Branham. "All we did was practice. We practiced every day."

(See BRANHAM, page five)

WEIGHTLIFTING

Blackcat weight lifting meet slate for May

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Spring is a busy time of year, and Prestonsburg High School head football coach John DeRossett has some trouble finding the right time for a weightlifting meet for not only area high school football players but other athletes of all ages.

"We've had to keep putting it off and putting off, just because so much is going on," said DeRossett. "Hopefully the date we picked will be good for everyone's schedules."

The PHS head coach and his staff have selected Saturday, May 25 for the date. The meet will be open to high school athletes all across the region and area, as well as adult lifters. An open division will be included as well.

This year's meet will be held

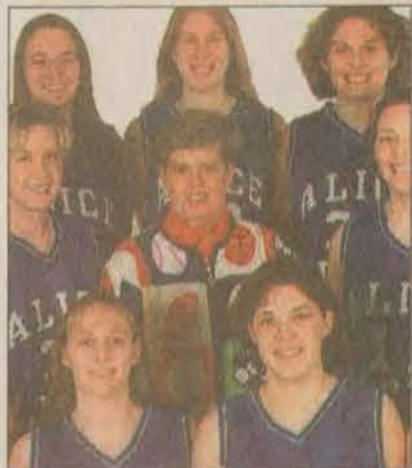
(See BLACKCAT, page five)



Jervis

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(See BLACKCAT, page five)



courtesy photo

Denise Campbell, center, was surrounded by players in a team photo.



courtesy photo

Students came home with hardware from The Battle of Tennessee in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

courtesy photo

The Family Academy of Martial Arts continues to be one of the leading martial arts schools in the area. A group of Eastern Kentucky martial artists posed with trophies won at the recent Somerset event.



Family Academy students bring home hardware

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SOMERSET — Students from the Family Academy of Martial Arts, with schools in both Prestonsburg and Allen, competed at The Somer-Slam Martial Arts Tournament in Somerset on Saturday, April 6. The tournament was sponsored by the Somerset Karate Academy and the Universal Martial Arts Congress.

More than 400 competitors from Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and Virginia took part in the event. Family Academy of Martial Arts students won a total of 51 trophies and 15 medals, including 16 first-place, 15 second-place and 20 third-place trophies. The group won two first-place medals, five fourth-place medals and eight fifth-place medals. Competitors included Instructors Michael Gambill and Charles Ruth, Ryan

Johnson, Jon Thomas Johnson, Zacary Mitchell, Jonna Craft, Nathaniel Auxier, Chris Daniels, Kendra Gambill, Laura Absher, Joseph Kirk, Kenni Gambill, Chelsie Cordial, Chester Akers, Corey Cordial, Betta Risner, Robert Macaninch, Micaya Canterbury, Michael Blackburn, Michael Auxier, Brittany Peppi and Kyle Ramey.

Events included Forms, Weapons, Sparring, Musical Forms, Grappling and Breaking.

The Family Academy of Martial Arts is currently accepting new students. FAMA teaches Taekwondo, a Korean martial art of self-discipline. There is no age limit for learning and anyone can take the classes, regardless of age.

For more information on classes contact Instructor Michael Gambill at 606/889-9779.

VanHoose, fellow seniors say goodbye

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. — Marshall's four senior men's basketball players took center stage for the final time Thursday night at the annual men's basketball banquet in the Marshall Memorial



VanHoose

Student Center. Paintsville's J.R. VanHoose,

Paintsville alum goes out with several honors

along with fellow seniors Tamar Slay, Latece Williams, and William Butler gave thanks to the fans, their families, Marshall staff members, and their coaches for playing what they deemed as an important role in their lives. Each of Marshall's

seniors talked about their love for the university and the program as they addressed the crowd of more than 200 supporters and well wishers.

"There have been some hard times and some great times, but I wouldn't change anything," Slay said. "When I came here I was a boy, now I am a man."

"I love Marshall University," VanHoose said. "These last four

(See VANHOOSE, page four)

Campbell will leave ALC with heavy heart

Phelps grad returns to Pike County to coach new high school

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — For Denise Campbell, it isn't easy leaving Knott County. More specifically Pippa Passes. Campbell, coach of the Alice Lloyd College Lady Eagles, has resigned from her coaching and teaching duties at the Appalachian Athletic Conference school to take a job at East Ridge High School in Pike County. East Ridge offer a lot for the Pike

County native. She can return back to her home county. She also has a lot of talent to choose from as three school, Elkhorn City, Feds Creek and Millard, come together to consolidate to form one. The possibilities for the girls' basketball program at the new school look to be endless.

"It's been really busy lately, between going up to East Ridge and things at Alice Lloyd," said Campbell,

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TURKEY HUNTING

Target identification key to safe turkey hunting

by STEVE VANTREESE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — While it seems absurd that a 200-pound man could be confused with 20-pound turkey, it happens.

Hunting is a low-risk pursuit, according to national statistics, but the covert nature of turkey hunting lends itself to potential tragedy if an imprudent participant breaches the sport's safety commandments.

Kentucky annually averages about three reported incidents of shooting injury as a result of turkey hunting, according to Mac Lang, hunter education administrator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Last year, four such incidents, all nonfatal, were reported.

"Four incidents is four too many," Lang said. "All of them could have been prevented if the hunters involved had observed the basic rules of safety."

Obscurity and visual confusion are what creates more potential hazards in turkey hunting.

"We wear camouflage to disguise ourselves, and we use calls and try to sound like turkeys to attract the birds," Lang said. "And most turkey hunting incidents with injuries are the result of shooters' failure to identify their targets."

Lang said the foremost thing hunters can do to eliminate danger to others is simply to be absolutely certain that it is a legal bearded turkey out there before taking action to shoot. "Don't even think about pointing a gun at something until a legal turkey gobbler is positively identified," he said.

"Nobody should shoot at sound,

(See TURKEY, page five)

Who wants to be a millionaire? Not him

by JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The NFL people keep calling back.

They aren't used to being told no. They've never heard a kid say on the eve of the draft that he doesn't want to be a millionaire. They give Rich Williams until the close of business Sunday to come around.

His agent is pretty sure they will be waiting much longer.

"Teams are in disbelief and I don't know what to tell them, other than Rich is that rare guy who loves things other than money," agent Brian Parker said Thursday.

"I've been in this business a long time and I've never had a client before who decided he didn't want to play," he said.

When the draft begins at noon Saturday, Williams will be on campus at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, N.C. He will be kissing someone in the neighborhood of \$4 million goodbye.

"I'll watch some of the first round on TV and then probably get something to eat," he said. "For the past 10 years, I've been playing football because people wanted me to play. That's enough for me."

He was always big and a very

(See MILLIONAIRE, page five)



Allen's Brandon Kinzer was hoping to be back on the track last night, weather permitting, as 201 Speedway looked to open for the 2002 season.

file photo

Briefs

BASEBALL

MILWAUKEE — With the Milwaukee Brewers off to their worst start in franchise history, general manager Dean Taylor fired manager Davey Lopes and replaced him with bench coach Jerry Royster on an interim basis.

The Brewers lost 12 of their first 15 games.

Lopes was in the final season of his three-year contract and had a record of 144-195, including 68-94 last year, the club's worst in 17 seasons.

CHICAGO — Jose Canseco, who needs 38 homers to reach 500 in his career, agreed to terms on a minor league contract with the Chicago White Sox.

BASKETBALL

PHOENIX — The Phoenix Suns, who failed to make the NBA playoffs for the first time in 14 years, re-signed coach Frank Johnson to a three-year contract.

NEW YORK — Attendance at NBA games topped 20 million this season, increasing about 1 percent from 2000-01. There were 482 sellouts, a 16 percent jump.

NEW YORK — Sue Bird is the likely top pick, but the Washington Mystics may walk away the biggest winners at the WNBA draft Friday.

Bird, the national player of the year who led undefeated Connecticut to the NCAA title, is expected to be selected first by the last-place Seattle Storm.

The Mystics, who have the third and fourth picks, and have the chance to pick up two of Bird's UConn teammates.

TRENTON, N.J. — Sportscasters Marv Albert and Mike Fratello will miss the start of NBC's NBA playoff coverage after being injured when their limousine hit a stalled truck on Interstate 295.

GOLF

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — A week after fading at muscled-up Augusta National, Davis Love III shot a 9-under-par 62 to take the first-round lead in the WorldCom Classic.

Love, seeking his fifth victory in the event, had his best score in 56 career rounds at Harbour Town. He was a stroke off the course record.

Billy Andrade, Phil Mickelson, David Frost, Lee Janzen and Billy Mayfair followed at 64.

LINCOLN, Calif. — Cristie Kerr and Sara Sanders, both winless on the LPGA Tour, shot 6-under 66s to share the first-round lead in the Longs Drugs Challenge.

TENNIS

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Monica Seles made two quick exits.

Within minutes of losing her third-round match to qualifier Stephanie Foretz in the Family Circle Cup, Seles had to cut short her shower when shards of glass from a traffic accident fell on a tournament tent.

Seles was taking a shower in the clubhouse at the time.

There were no injuries at the tournament and play was suspended for 35 minutes, but

not before the second-seeded Seles became the latest upset victim. Only four of 16 seeded players reached Friday's quarter-finals.

MONTE CARLO, Monaco — Andy Roddick was knocked out of the Monte Carlo Masters, losing to Tommy Haas of Germany 6-3, 6-2 in the third round.

In the quarterfinals, Haas plays second-seeded Juan Carlos Ferrero, who advanced after Marcelo Rios retired.

Tim Henman beat Juan Ignacio Chela, Australian Open champion Thomas Johansson dumped Andrei Pavel, Sebastian Grosjean dropped Jiri Novak, Albert Costa defeated fellow Spaniard Alberto Martin, former French Open champion Carlos Moya knocked out Alex Corretja, and sixth-seeded Marat Safin struggled past David Nalbandian.

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Top-seeded Martina Sucha of Slovakia beat Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia 6-1, 6-2 in the second round of the Budapest Grand Prix.

TRACK AND FIELD

BOSTON — A 28-year-old woman who ran in the Boston Marathon to raise money for cancer patients died, two days after collapsing near the end of the race.

Cynthia Lucero is the second fatality in the marathon's 106-year history.

According to a friend, Carole Slipowitz, Lucero stopped near Cleveland Circle, not far from the finish line, and fainted. By the time she was transported to a hospital, Lucero was nearly in a coma.

At this point, it is impossible to say why she died," Dr. Marvin Adner, the marathon medical director, said Wednesday. "There could be a dozen reasons: a seizure, heat stroke, spontaneous bleeding. She could have hit her head falling to the street."

Rick Muir, who coached the leukemia society team, said Lucero "was a hard trainer, and very much ready for the race." He said Lucero ran one previous marathon, in San Diego two years ago, and completed that course in about 4 1/2 hours.

Lucero just finished her doctoral dissertation at the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology in Boston.

In 1996, Swedish marathoner Humphrey Siesage died of a heart attack at the finish line.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — John Beilein is West Virginia's fourth basketball coach since February and the second in the last week.

Beilein, who coached at Richmond the last five seasons, took the West Virginia job, six days after the school's second choice, Dan Dakich, abruptly resigned.

FOOTBALL

NEW YORK — Expect an emphasis on bulk in the NFL draft. There are six coveted tackles who have a ton of talent and a total weight of 1,963 pounds.

Like last year, the No. 1 pick Saturday is set — the expansion Houston Texans have signed Fresno State quarterback David Carr.

Somewhere in the top six or seven picks should be defensive end Julius Peppers of North Carolina, who checks in at 283 pounds, and two offensive tackles — Mike Williams of Texas, who weighs 375, and Bryant McKinnie of Miami, 343.

Team academic awards were given to men's golf, men's soccer, women's tennis, volleyball, and women's soccer for posting the highest grade point averages among MU's athletic programs in the Spring and Fall semesters of 2001.

A complete list of honors and honorees follow.

2002 Olympic Sport Banquet Award Recipients

Men's Cross Country Leadership Award — Casey Batley

Women's Cross Country Leadership Award — Jennifer Merschhoff

Ray McCoy Leadership Award for Men's Track — Casey Batley

Women's Track Leadership Award — Celeste Simpson

Women's Soccer Leadership Award — Erin Lucy

Sam Hood Men's Soccer Leadership Award — Chris Yamado

Women's Tennis Leadership Award — Megan Skalsky

Donna Lawson Women's Basketball Leadership Award — Ida Dotson

Golf Leadership Award — Burke Spensky

Linda Holmes Leadership Award for Volleyball — Kim Congrove

Baseball Leadership Award — David Colangelo

Softball Leadership Award — Carrie Dean

Dr. Tom Scott Team Academic Award — Fall 2001 — Men's Golf (3.13)

Dr. Tom Scott Team Academic Award — Spring 2001 — Men's Soccer (3.03)

Dr. Jose Ricard Team Academic Award — Fall 2001 — Women's Tennis (3.24)

Dr. Jose Ricard Team Academic Award — Spring 2001 — Volleyball (3.24) Women's Soccer (3.24) — TWO PLAQUES

Dorothy Hicks Female Athlete of the Year — Nichole Corrigan

Ed Stirling Male Athlete of the Year — Casey Batley and Byron Lettwich

Transactions

BASEBALL

ANAHEIM ANGELS — Activated RHP Troy Percival from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Brendan Donnelly to Salt Lake City of the PCL.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with OF Jose Canseco on a minor-league contract.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed RHP Jay May on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 15. Recalled RHP Matt Kinney from Edmonton of the PCL.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Fired Davey Lopes, manager. Named Jerry Royster interim manager.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

CHICAGO BULLS — Announced the resignation of Norm Ellenberger, assistant coach.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed LB Jeff Posey.

COLLEGE

BALL STATE — Signed Tim Buckley, men's basketball coach, and Tracy Roller women's basketball coach, to three-year contract extensions.

CONCORDIA-MOORHEAD — Named Troy Cedegeard women's basketball coach.

IOWA — Extended the contract of Lisa Bluder, women's basketball coach, for five years, through the 2008-09 season.

WEST VIRGINIA — Named John Beilein men's basketball coach.

Auto racing

NASCAR Winston Cup

The 2002 NASCAR Winston Cup schedule (winners in parentheses) and driver point standings:

Feb. 17 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Ward Burton)

Feb. 24 — Subway 400, Rockingham, N.C. (Matt Kenseth)

March 3 — UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas (Sterling Marlin)

March 10 — MBNA America 500, Hampton, Ga. (Tony Stewart)

March 17 — Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Darlington, S.C. (Sterling Marlin)

Aug. 18 — Pepsi 400, Brooklyn, Mich.

Aug. 24 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.

Sept. 1 — Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.

Sept. 7 — Chevy Monte Carlo 400, Richmond, Va.

Sept. 15 — New Hampshire 300, Loudon, N.H.

Sept. 22 — MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.

Sept. 29 — Protection One 400, Kansas City, Kan.

Oct. 6 — EA Sports 500, Talladega, Ala.

Oct. 13 — UAW-GM Quality 500, Concord, N.C.

Oct. 20 — Martinsville 500, Martinsville, Va.

Oct. 27 — NAPA 500, Hampton, Ga.

Nov. 3 — Pop Secret 400, Rockingham, N.C.

Nov. 10 — Checker Auto Parts 500K, Avondale, Ariz.

Nov. 17 — Homestead 400, Homestead, Fla.

Driver Standings

1. Sterling Marlin, 1,209.

2. Matt Kenseth, 1,182.

3. Mark Martin, 1,080.

4. Rusty Wallace, 1,070.

5. Tony Stewart, 1,062.

6. Kurt Busch, 1,027.

7. Jimmie Johnson, 1,021.

8. Jeff Gordon, 1,008.

9. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 993.

10. Ricky Rudd, 993.

11. Jeff Burton, 929.

12. Bobby Labonte, 918.

13. Bill Elliott, 907.

14. Ward Burton, 888.

15. Terry Labonte, 885.

16. Jeremy Mayfield, 866.

17. Ryan Newman, 866.

18. Ricky Craven, 865.

19. Elliott Sadler, 836.

20. Dave Blaney, 831.

Honors

MU Olympic sports athletes, programs honored

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Marshall University honored its top Olympic Sports Athletes during its annual Olympic Sports Banquet Wednesday in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Football's Byron Lettwich, track's Casey Batley, and softball's Nichole Corrigan came away with Marshall's top individual honors. Lettwich and Batley shared the Ed Stirling Male Athlete of the year award, while Corrigan was named the Dorothy Hicks Female Athlete of the Year.

Lettwich, a junior quarterback from Washington, D.C., led the Thundering Herd to an 11-2 record last fall and a victory over East Carolina in the GMAC Bowl. In the process, he passed for 4,132 yards, 38 touchdowns, and finished the season among the national leaders in almost every passing category.

Batley, a senior from Milton, W.Va., ranks among the top distance runners in Marshall University history. Batley, the defending Mid-American Conference steeplechase champion, qualified for the 2001 NCAA Championships in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and has already provisionally qualified for the same event this year. He is currently rated by trackwire.com as one of the top 11 steeplechase athletes in the nation.

Corrigan, a senior secondbaseman from Corona, Ca., earned All-MAC and All-Region honors last season after leading the league with 68 hits and finish among the league leaders with a .362 batting average. She currently stands second all-time in runs scored at Marshall with 96, second all-time in doubles (34), second all-time in total bases (249), and third all-time in hits with 194.

The banquet, sponsored by Rubberlite, Cabell Huntington Hospital, and St. Mary's Hospital, honored athletes from all 12 of the University's Olympic sports programs for their athletic and academic accomplishments.

Team academic awards were given to men's golf, men's soccer, women's tennis, volleyball, and women's soccer for posting the highest grade point averages among MU's athletic programs in the Spring and Fall semesters of 2001.

A complete list of honors and honorees follow.

Baseball

TODAY'S MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING — Bonds, San Francisco, .417; Nevin, San Diego, .393; Edmonds, St. Louis, .392; Lowell, Florida, .383; Barrett, Montreal, .378; Uribe, Colorado, .365; Alfonso, New York, .364.

RUNS — Bergeron, Montreal, 16; Edmonds, St. Louis, 16; Pujols, St. Louis, 15; Vidro, Montreal, 14; Bonds, San Francisco, 14; Uribe, Colorado, 13; Rolen, Philadelphia, 13.

RBI — Berkman, Houston, 20; VGuererro, Montreal, 19; Sexson, Milwaukee, 17; Bonds, San Francisco, 17; Barrett, Montreal, 16; Hidalgo, Houston, 15; Pujols, St. Louis, 14; Rolen, Philadelphia, 14; Edmonds, St. Louis, 14.

HITS — Uribe, Colorado, 23; Lowell, Florida, 23; Nevin, San Diego, 22; JDrew, St. Louis, 21; Vidro, Montreal, 21; 6 are tied with 20.

DOUBLES — Pujols, St. Louis, 8; Spivey, Arizona, 8; Rollins, Philadelphia, 7; Lo Duca, Los Angeles, 7; Ramirez, Pittsburgh, 7; Rolen, Philadelphia, 7; Lowell, Florida, 6; MAnderson, Philadelphia, 6; Ward, Houston, 6; TWalker, Cincinnati, 6.

TRIPLES — Uribe, Colorado, 3; Truby, Montreal, 2; Patterson, Chicago, 2; MAnderson, Philadelphia, 2; ABrown, Pittsburgh, 2; LCastillo, Florida, 2; Rolen, Philadelphia, 2; McCracken, Arizona, 2; JHernandez, Milwaukee, 2; SSosa, Chicago, 2.

HOME RUNS — Berkman, Houston, 8; Bonds, San Francisco, 8; Sexson, Milwaukee, 5; Edmonds, St. Louis, 6; SSosa, Chicago, 6; Piazza, New York, 5; 15 are tied with 4.

STOLEN BASES — Patterson, Chicago, 6; Pierre, Colorado, 5; Bergeron, Montreal, 5; Vina, St. Louis, 5; Sanchez, Milwaukee, 4; Furcal, Atlanta, 4; DRoberts, Los Angeles, 4; Marrero, St. Louis, 4; LCastillo, Florida, 4; DeShields, Chicago, 4.

PITCHING (2 Decisions) — ** are tied with 1.000.

STRIKEOUTS — Schilling, Arizona, 38.

RJohnson, Arizona, 34; Duckworth, Philadelphia, 30; Oswalt, Houston, 28; Burnett, Florida, 25; Astacio, New York, 24; Leiter, New York, 24.

SAVES — Gagne, Los Angeles, 6; Hoffman, San Diego, 6; MWilliams, Pittsburgh, 6; Graves, Cincinnati, 5; Mesa, Philadelphia, 5; Benitez, New York, 5.

Sports Calendar

Auto racing

Willard Speedway

Willard Speedway, located in Carter County, will open some time in May. For more information on the track visit www.willardspedway.tripod.com.

Gymnastics

Pikeville Area Family YMCA

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

Golf

Floyd County Democratic Women's Club Second Annual Golf Scramble & Pig Roast

The Floyd County Democratic Women's Club will hold its second annual golf scramble & pig roast on Saturday, May 18. Entry fee for the scramble is \$50. Both men and women teams are welcome. The entry fee includes registration, green fees, food and drinks. The first-place team will receive \$1,000. Second-place pays \$500 and third-place \$250. In case of bad weather, the event will be rescheduled for the following Saturday, May 25 at 9 a.m. For more information, call Janice Allen at 874-9585, Anita Thornsbury at 886-9193 or Sharon Woods at 886-9144.

T-Ball

Paintsville Starz

The Paintsville Starz T-Ball team, a select team for players ages 7-8, is currently accepting donations for the 2002 season. The Starz will be in competition at this year's Bluegrass State Games in July. For more information on the team, call 606/788-1403. To make a donation, make check payable to Paintsville Starz and send to: Paintsville Starz, 137 Right Fork of Lick Branch, Boons Camp, Ky. All businesses or individuals who donate money or services will have names listed on a banners and included in a thank you ad to appear in The Floyd County Times.

Fines

Sprewell persuades Knicks to slash fine

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Latrell Sprewell says he has persuaded the New York Knicks to slash his fine for missing a shootout last weekend from \$125,000 to \$2,500.

Sprewell conceded he deserved to be fined and suspended for last Sunday's game in Miami, but thought the team's punishment was excessive.

Before the Knicks' season finale Wednesday night, he met James Dolan, the chairman of Madison Square Garden, who reduced the fine by \$122,500.

The news was passed to Sprewell at Thursday's season-ending meeting by Knicks president and general manager Scott Layden and coach Don Chaney.

"They pretty much wiped it out, which I thought was fair," Sprewell said. "I'm just happy Mr. Dolan was able to do that for me."

The reduced fine was the NBA standard for a missed practice by a first-time offender.

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Sparring is a big part of most martial artists' training.

Family Academy of Martial Arts student Chelsie Cordial looked over a certificate after a recent testing session.

courtesy photo

Garrett Brown has won numerous trophies and medals since beginning his martial arts training.



courtesy photo

Laura Absher stood proud behind a trophy won at this year's Battle of Tennessee martial arts event.



courtesy photo

Joseph Kirk posed after recent testing. Kirk is a student at the Family Academy of Martial Arts in P'burg.



courtesy photo

Instructor Michael Gambill, a Johnson County native, performed a break.



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Basketball

National Basketball Association

Playoffs

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-5)

Saturday, April 20

Indiana at New Jersey, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)

Utah at Sacramento, 3 p.m.

Seattle at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.

Orlando at Charlotte, 8:30 p.m. (TNT)

Sunday, April 21

Philadelphia at Boston, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)

Minnesota at Dallas, 3 p.m.

Portland at L.A. Lakers, 5:30 p.m.

Toronto at Detroit, 8:30 p.m. (TNT)

Monday, April 22

Indiana at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Seattle at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23

Orlando at Charlotte, 8 p.m. (TBS)

Utah at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24

Toronto at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Jockeying for position in the Derby

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A flurry of Kentucky Derby decisions this week confirms that America's premier horse race will have one of the most wide-open fields in its 128-year history.

Derby-bound 3-year-olds have been arriving daily in Kentucky, owners are declaring their intentions to run and top jockeys are lining up rides for the first Saturday in May.

A rundown:
— Johannesburg, the 2-year-old champion, will indeed show up at Churchill Downs, along with stablemate Castle

Gandolfo. "Both horses will be going," trainer Aidan O'Brien told the Daily Racing Form. The trainer said his colts are set to ship from Ireland to Kentucky about a week before the May 4 race.

— Essence of Dubai left the desert and arrived at a quarantine barn near Keeneland on Wednesday. Godolphin Racing's other possible Derby entrant, Ibn Al Hatheim, was not on the flight from Dubai.

— Jerry Bailey, considered America's top jockey, has been named to ride Castle Gandolfo, who will be racing in the United States for the first time.

— Jorge Chavez, who rode

last year's Derby winner, Monarchos, will try for two in a row aboard Easy Grades, runner-up in the Santa Anita Derby. Chavez was Booklet's regular rider but the colt is unlikely to run in the Derby.

— A few more 3-year-olds were declared in this week, including Blue Burner, It'sallinthechase, Ocean Sound and U S S Tinoso, all but assuring more than the maximum of 20 horses.

If the total exceeds 20, earnings in graded stakes races will determine the field. Essence of Dubai tops the chart with \$1,518,000, and a list compiled by Churchill Downs has 30 pos-

sible Derby horses.

Several current top 20 horses probably won't run, which would allow others to move up the list. But a few new names could emerge after the Lexington Stakes at Keeneland on Saturday.

Strong efforts by Ethan Man, Proud Citizen and Tails From The Crypt could have their connections thinking Derby. Also, the trainers for two other starters, Easyfromthegitgo (Steve Asmussen) and Officer (Bob Baffert) have not completely ruled their colts out.

The decision to run Johannesburg ends weeks of speculation. After capping a perfect 2-year-old season with a win in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Belmont Park, the colt was brought to Ireland to train up to the Derby.

He's run only once this year, and finished a surprising second behind a 4-year-old filly in a seven-furlong turf race in England on April 7. Mick Kinane is the jockey.

Castle Gandolfo has three wins and two seconds in five career starts — all in Europe. He won his last race, the Fosters International Trial Stakes on April 6 on an all-weather track.

Bailey will settle for the Irish-based Castle Gandolfo after his first two Derby contenders, Siphonic and Repent,

were sidelined by injuries. He also was aboard Blue Burner, who finished fifth in the Wood

Memorial last week.

(See DERBY, page four)

■ ARCA RE/MAX

Blount test breaks in new surface at Kentucky Speedway

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTA — Current ARCA RE/MAX Series points leader Chad Blount became the first driver to test Kentucky Speedway's new asphalt surface during a one-day test on the facilities 1.5-mile tri-oval.

With the new surface in place, Blount predicted the Kentucky's Channel 5-155 race on May 11 will be competitive. "This track is very smooth and has a lot of grip," Blount said. "This race will be a two-lane race because the second groove will work in quickly. Looking at the schedule before the season, we were looking forward to racing at this place (Kentucky), Nashville and Atlanta."

He enters next week's series race in Salem, Ind., in the points lead after driving his No. 77

Braun Auto Group Dodge to two top-five and three top-10 finishes through the first five series events of 2002. He narrowly missed his first win of the year at Atlanta where he was edged out by Damon Lusk by a margin of .001 seconds.

"It's a pretty neat deal," Blount said of his points position. "We have a rookie team, and for the most part I'm a rookie in the series after making only five starts in 2001."

Blount made the most of his 2001 starts by capturing four top-10 finishes, including a career-best second-place finish at Berlin, where he also raced super late model cars.

The unsponsored Blount said he's ready to challenge defending series and two-time

(See SPEEDWAY, page four)

■ WINSTON CUP

Talladega: Big packs, short tempers

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLADEGA, Ala. — The last visit to Talladega Superspeedway ended with a 16-car accident, angry drivers and a renewed focus on the dangers of racing under restrictor-plate rules.

A new aerodynamics package has changed little as NASCAR returns to Talladega this weekend for the Aaron's 499, a race drivers have accepted will be nerve-wracking.

"The problem is that Talladega is a place where the restrictor plate forces you into doing things that you shouldn't be doing," said veteran Bill Elliott, who will be making his 51st start at Talladega. "You start cutting people off. People take it for a while, the guy gets mad and he ain't going to take it anymore. It puts you in a bad situation."

Few drivers are fond of restrictor-plate racing, a requirement at Talladega and Daytona, the two biggest tracks on the Winston Cup circuit.

Forced to use horsepower-sapping carburetor plates, the

speeds are slower and cars have a hard time pulling away from each other.

It leads to pack racing, which makes avoiding the big wrecks close to impossible. When the leaders wrecked on the final lap here last October, drivers were adamant that NASCAR do something to improve the conditions.

The sanctioning body responded with a new set of rules the teams took to Daytona in February.

The new package altered the height of the spoilers and removed the roof deflector and metal strip at the top of the spoiler designed to punch a hole in the air and keep the speeds down.

There was more tweaking for the Fords and Dodges, with both makes getting reductions in spoiler height before the actual race.

But the results were the same — an 18-car wreck midway through the race and a finish marred by a six-car accident.

Defending race winner Bobby Hamilton said the wrecks are just the nature of restrictor-

plate racing, and blocking at Daytona and Talladega is a necessary evil.

"The issue is restrictor plates and when you have to lift it bogs

(See TALLADEGA, page five)

■ DRIVER PROFILE

Earnhardt Jr. clear favorite at Talladega

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Millions of adoring NASCAR fans would like to know the real Dale Earnhardt Jr. Maybe they could enlighten him on the subject, too.

In recent months, Earnhardt has come across as a laid-back party animal as well as a young man dreaming of settling down. Like most 27-year-olds, he doesn't seem completely sure where he's headed in life.

"I'm real happy with the exposure that we've gotten, but I feel like we've just really oversaturated the public with, 'Where's Dale Jr. now? How's he feeling now? And where's he headed from here?'" Earnhardt said.

"And those are some hard questions to answer, because I don't even know what ... I'm going to be doing next. And I don't care to really dissect it that far."

The son of a NASCAR legend has established himself as one of the top drivers on the Winston Cup circuit — and perhaps its most popular.

In a recent Newsweek article, he said he and his buddies often down 12-15 beers apiece during drinking binges.

"I'm not a social drinker," he told the magazine. "If I'm gonna drink, I'm drinking to get drunk."

Even though he is sponsored by Budweiser, it's an image that Earnhardt isn't entirely comfortable with.

Earnhardt Jr. has four top-five finishes in the last five races. Credit: ASP

There are nights, he said last week, that "I just sit around and

hang and talk to my cats and cook lasagna in the microwave and watch 'SportsCenter.'"

"There's times when I'm at home and I'm grabbing my buddies and I'm like, 'Man, let's go. Let's go down to this bar and just have some beers,'" Earnhardt said, his shirt hanging out and cap tugged low. "And then there's times when I just sit at home and it's real pathetic."

"I think that people assume that there's way more happening than is really happening."

Two months ago, the driver known as "Junior" or "Little E" spoke of marriage and starting a family.

"I definitely want to have a little son that I can take to the racetrack and he's old enough to know what's going on," he said. "I don't want to be retired by then."

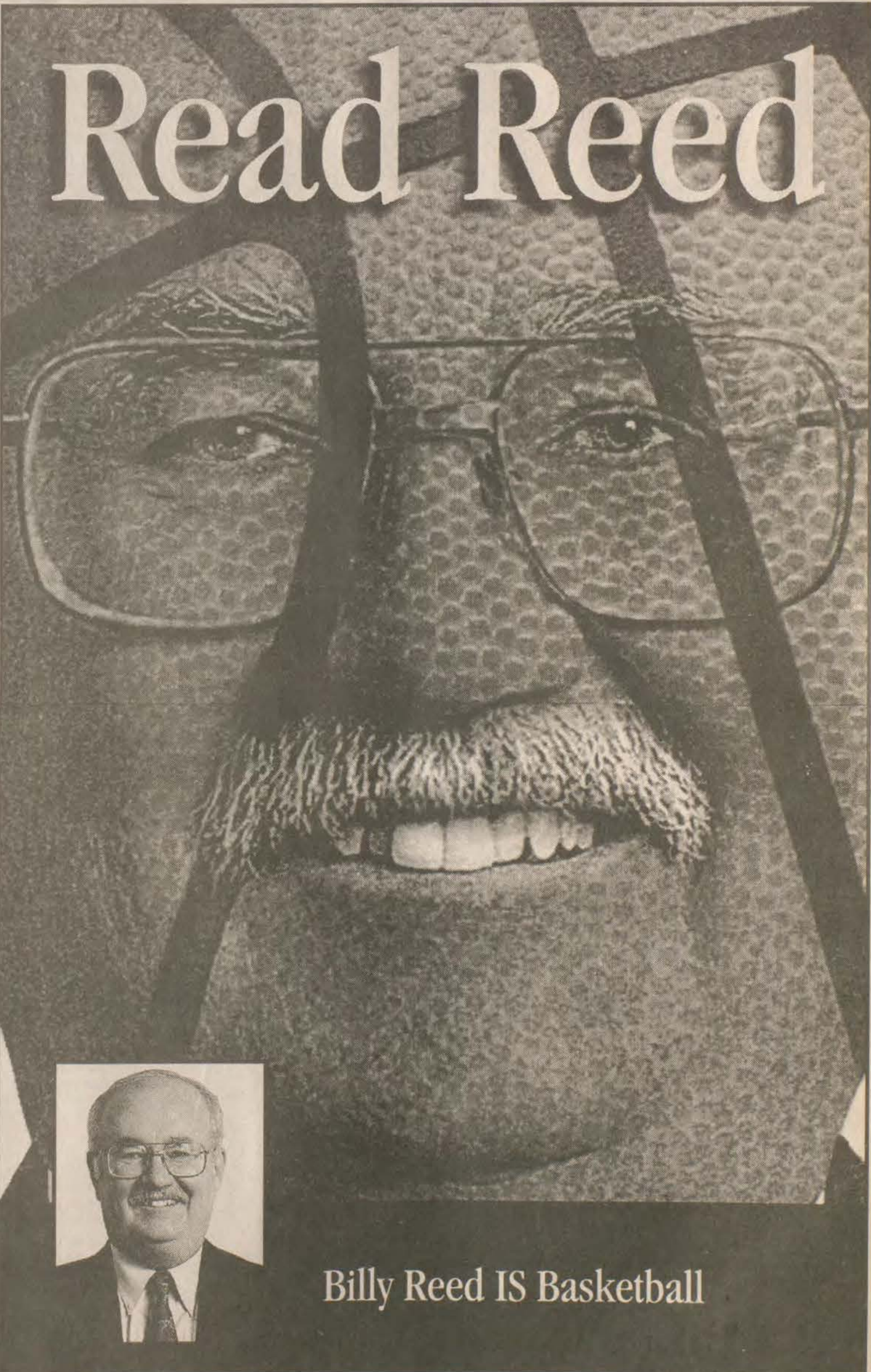
He hasn't always lived up to the heady responsibility as perhaps NASCAR's top draw.

At a recent autograph session with about 30 drivers in Kingsport, Tenn., fans began lining up about 1 a.m. But Earnhardt — the driver most of them wanted to see — reportedly skipped the event to attend a concert in Huntington, W.Va., by his friend, Kid Rock, and that angered some fans.

Earnhardt is more reliable on the racetrack, where he is 11th in the Winston Cup points race heading into Sunday's Aaron's 499 at Talladega Superspeedway, a race his father dominated. He has seven top five finishes in his first three events here, including a win last fall.

Last month, a frustrated Earnhardt bumped Robby


(See JUNIOR, page four)



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EKU to Induct 14 student-athletes into Chi Alpha Sigma Honor Society

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky University will recognize 14 student-athletes by inducting them into the Kentucky Beta Chapter of Chi Alpha Sigma National College

Athlete Honor Society. EKU is one of two universities in the state that recognizes this organization.

Chi Alpha Sigma recognizes those student-athletes who have earned a varsity letter while maintaining a 3.4 or

better cumulative GPA throughout their junior and senior years.

Not only does Chi Alpha Sigma recognize and honor academic achievement among student-athletes, it also serves to foster citizenship, moral character and friendship among academic achievers in college athletics. In addition, these student-athletes will provide leadership to other student-athletes.

This is the first group of students to be inducted at EKU and the induction and pinning ceremonies for Charter members will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in the Chad Bratzke Student-Athlete Academic Success Center. All members, coaches and athletic administrators are invited to attend.

The following student-ath-

(See EKU, page five)

■ MLB

Lopes out as Brewers manager

by ARNIE STAPLETON ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILWAUKEE — The Milwaukee Brewers, off to their worst start in franchise history, fired manager Davey Lopes on Thursday and hired bench coach Jerry Royster to succeed him on an interim basis.

"For whatever reason, what Davey was doing was not getting results," general manager Dean Taylor said.

The 3-12 Brewers have lost 10 of their last 11 games and were drawing smaller and smaller crowds at Miller Park, which opened last year and is the site of this year's All-Star game.

"I believe that this club did make progress in spring training," Taylor said. "For whatever reason, that did not carry over into the regular season."

Lopes was in the final season of his three-year contract and had a record of 144-195-1.

Last weekend, Brewers president Wendy Selig-Prieb had indicated she was not ready to give up on Lopes, saying it was too early for such a drastic change and urging patience from fans because of a tough schedule at the start of the season.

She said she had confidence in Taylor and in Lopes, whom she credited with retooling his coaching staff after the Brewers went 68-94 last year — their

(See LOPES, page five)

■ UPDATE

Strawberry admits violating probation

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. — Darryl Strawberry admitted violating his drug probation and told a court Friday he's willing to accept the consequences even if it means serving state prison time.

The 40-year-old former major league slugger could face up to 18 months in a Florida prison for his 1999 arrest on drug and solicitation of prostitution charges.

He fought previous attempts by the state to send him to prison, successfully persuading Hillsborough Circuit Court Judge Florence Foster to send

him to drug treatment instead. Strawberry has violated his probation six times.

His sentencing was postponed until April 29 because the judge who has been handling the case is out ill. Instead, Strawberry spoke to another judge at Friday's brief hearing.

Strawberry apologized to his family and friends and to counselors at the Phoenix House, the drug treatment center where he had been serving his time. He was kicked out of the Phoenix House after counselors said he broke rules, including having sex with a resident and smoking.

VanHoose

years have been very special to me and I hope the friendships I have made here will last a lifetime."

Slay and VanHoose, the Thundering Herd's two four year seniors, took home several team awards, however a surprise presentation to coach Greg White drew the biggest applause of the evening. After the player awards were presented, Slay and VanHoose presented White with a plaque bearing a photo of themselves and an inscription of appreciation.

White fought back tears as he addressed the crowd at the close - stating that despite the team's 15-15 record they were winners. "I judge winners on a lot more than just the number of wins and losses. This team overcame adversity time and again and never quit or complained about the hand they were dealt. They are winners on and off the court."

According to White, all four of Marshall's seniors are on

course to graduate this fall.

Over the past four years Slay and VanHoose have helped Marshall to wins over the likes of Dayton, Georgia, UMass, West Virginia, and Detroit.

The duo also brought to Marshall national recognition with VanHoose earning Academic All-America honors this past season, and Slay being named a Wooden Award Preseason Top 50 player, in addition to many other honors and awards. Thursday they added more hardware to their trophy cases by taking six of 12 team awards - including the Walt Walowac Most Outstanding Player Award which went to Slay.

2002 Men's Basketball Awards Walt Walowac Most Outstanding Player - Tamar Slay Leo Byrd Thoroughbred Award - J.R. VanHoose Cebe

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Price Most Courageous Award - William Butler Most Improved Player - Ardo Armpalu Whitey Wilson Student-Athlete - J.R. VanHoose and Joe Dressel Hal Greer Field Goal Percentage Award - J.R. VanHoose (51.5-percent)

Charlie Slack Rebounding Award - J.R. VanHoose (10.6 rpg)

Russell Lee Leading Scorer Award - Ronald Blackshear (19.6 ppg)

George Stone Free Throw Percentage Award - Ronald Blackshear (80.2-percent)

Keith Veney Three Point Shooting Percentage Award - Ronald Blackshear (45.6-percent)

Mike D'Antoni Playmaker Award - Monty Wright (84 assists) Jeff Battle Steals Award - Tamar Slay (49 steals).

Junior

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Gordon after the race in Bristol, Tenn., ended. Gordon retaliated by spinning Earnhardt on a crowded pit road. Both drivers were fined. Earnhardt said he was angry because Gordon, who had been lapped, wouldn't let him pass.

Earnhardt hit the wall on lap 184 after a brush with the lapped car of Shawna Robinson two weeks ago in Fort Worth, Texas, but this time he didn't lose his cool.

"NASCAR is pretty good at throwing the fines out there," said Earnhardt, adding he never heard his father bash other drivers. "Probation is the scariest thing because once you get that, you know NASCAR won't hesitate to kick you out of a race, and that really hurts."

"That's millions of dollars to

you and your sponsor and you can't have that. That's why I didn't say anything about Shawna."

It happened last weekend in Martinsville, Va., with NASCAR sitting Kevin Harvick down for Sunday's Winston Cup race.

Harvick, already on probation until Aug. 28 for grabbing Busch series driver Greg Biffle after a race last month, was punished for spinning out Coy Gibbs during Saturday's truck race in Martinsville.

On Sunday, Earnhardt will be chasing his second straight win on Talladega's 2.66-mile oval.

He has his father's comfort level with restrictor plate racing - and a similar confidence in his abilities.

"I like restrictor plate racing because it's so hard to pass," Earnhardt said. "I'm not the most physically strong guy in the field, but I think when it comes down to making decisions under those circumstances, I think I'm the best there is out there."

"That's not me bragging, that's my outlook on it. I go in there thinking, 'I'm going to beat you because I can set myself up to be up front when it counts. Not because I outdrove you.'"

Derby

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"It just goes to show that you can never have too many," Bailey said last week before the Wood. "They're very fragile. But at least I can go get another mount. It's much more devastating to the owner and trainer."

Essence of Dubai, looking like Sheik Mohammed's best shot yet at winning his first Derby, is 2-for-2 this year in Dubai. He will be ridden by Frankie Dettori.

D. Wayne Lukas, who last year ended a record 20-year run with at least one Derby entry, may be left out again. His last chance is Proud Citizen in the Lexington.

Speedway

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Kentucky Speedway champion Frank Kimmel for all three of his current titles at both Salem, Ind., and Kentucky Speedway through next three weeks.

"Our goal this season is to be in the top-five in points," Blount said. "Frank will get rolling soon, but our team is prepared. Our guys put in a lot of hours. We started strong in Daytona and finished second in

Atlanta. We have six cars ready to go."

Kentucky Speedway officially opens its 2002 season on Friday, May 10, at 8 p.m., with the "ABP Short Track Special," which will feature USAC National Midget Car Series, ARCA Lincoln Welders Truck Series and Baby Grand Series racing on the speedway's paved quarter-mile track.



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Beilein to lead Mountaineers

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — John Beilein is West Virginia's fourth basketball coach since February and the second in the last week.

Beilein, who coached at Richmond the last five seasons, took the West Virginia job on Thursday, six days after the school's second choice, Dan

Dakich, abruptly resigned.

"I have had a competitive drive since I began coaching to try to coach at the very highest collegiate level," Beilein said Thursday during a news conference outside Richmond's Robins Center. "I have an opportunity to rebuild a program that I think has tremendous potential, and I've chosen to do that."

So did Dakich, who left Bowling Green to take the West Virginia job on April 4, only to resign on April 12 over a possible rules violation he uncovered.

Beilein, who said he did not solicit the job and was only contacted by West Virginia on Wednesday, said the decision to move to the Big East Conference was attractive even if the Mountaineers might face NCAA sanctions.

"That just makes me more competitive," Beilein said. "That's what makes me tick, I think."

At a news conference in Morgantown on Thursday night, Beilein said, "I know we have a tremendous challenge in front of us, and it's going to take a great deal of courage to get through this. We need everyone to be patient."

Jonathan Hargett, a freshman point guard who has acknowledged he is target of the investigation into the possible violation, said he's also not worried.

"I know I haven't done anything wrong," Hargett said. Of Beilein, he said, "He's a great coach, and he can relate to his players."

Beilein met with his new players for the first time just before the news conference, which most of the players attended.

"They won't be told they're bad kids who need to shape up. They'll be told about their potential," he said. "I don't think about problems, I think about solutions."

Beilein was 100-53 in his five seasons at Richmond, with the Spiders going 22-14 this season.

West Virginia was 8-20 last season, the worst record in

school history, including 1-15 in the Big East. Gale Catlett retired on Feb. 14 after 24 seasons and a school-record 565 victories. He was replaced on an interim basis by Drew Catlett, his assistant and nephew.

In his final season, Catlett earned \$300,000 per season. The 49-year-old Beilein's five-year deal is for \$550,000 per season, about \$150,000 more than what Dakich, who has returned to Bowling Green, was offered. The contract includes a \$150,000 base salary and \$400,000 in guaranteed promotional income from Mountaineer Athletic Club appearances, radio, television, Internet and endorsements.

He will have an opportunity to earn another \$175,000 from summer camps and incentives based on team grade point averages, tournament appearances, ticket sales and Big East championships.

"I have a lot of respect for West Virginia, the tradition of the program and Gale Catlett," Beilein said. "He was a tremendous coach who had a fabulous record at WVU."

The school originally offered the job to Cincinnati's Bob Huggins; a West Virginian who played for the Mountaineers, but he turned it down.

Beilein, who coached at Canisius for five seasons before moving to Richmond, was a serious candidate for jobs at Wake Forest and Rutgers a year ago. He was given a contract extension through 2008 after he pulled his name from consideration for the Rutgers job.

Beilein's son, Patrick, was a schoolboy star in Richmond and was expected to enroll at Richmond for next season. He did not sign a letter of intent with Richmond because Beilein was prepared to pay his son's way since the school allows employees' children to attend tuition-free.

Beilein, who said he now expects his son to play at West Virginia, is bringing all three of his assistants with him. He said his team's style would be

aggressive and fast-moving, with shifting defenses and an emphasis on 3-point shots.

FUNDRAISER

Golf outing scheduled

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Our Lady of the Way Hospital will have its spring outing on May 6. The entry fee for the event is \$250 for a four-man team. Prestonsburg's StoneCrest Golf Course will host the event. First-place will play \$1500.

The registration deadline is Thursday, April 25. All proceeds from the outing will be donated to the American Cancer Society. For more information, contact Robin Bartrum at 285-5181, ext. 3020.



courtesy photo
CastingKids made a visit to Pike County recently. Paintsville Lake will host the Bassmasters event on Saturday.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

EKU, WKU to renew rivalry in 2003

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky and Western Kentucky will renew the state's oldest football rivalry in 2003 after a two-year hiatus, the schools said Thursday.

The two schools did not play last year after Western Kentucky's football team left the Ohio Valley Conference to join the Gateway Conference. They are not scheduled to play each other during the 2002 season.

"It's great to get Western back on the schedule," said Eastern Kentucky coach Roy Kidd, who will begin his 39th season at the school in the fall. "It's a shame we ever stopped playing them."

The Colonels will travel to Bowling Green to play on Sept. 20, 2003, and the Hilltoppers will make the trip to Richmond on Sept. 18, 2004.

For as long as I've been here, I have maintained that I-AA football has been, is and always will be about geography," said Western Kentucky coach Jack Harbaugh, who has won six of 13 games against the Colonels.

"We welcome the opportunity to play someone with such a rich tradition. I think renewing this rivalry will be healthy for the two teams, football in Kentucky and I-AA football." Eastern and Western have met 78 times since 1914 with the Hilltoppers holding a 42-33-3 advantage.

EKU

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- letes will be honored at the ceremony on Monday night:
- Carrie Adams, Volleyball
- Zoey Artist, Women's Basketball
- Erica Ashley, Volleyball
- Josh Blevins, Track
- Julie Brandmeyer, Volleyball
- Elise Burch, Softball
- Kathy Dodsworth, Track
- Becky Galati, Volleyball
- Adam Green, Football
- Andie Hill, Tennis
- Marisa Kawa, Volleyball
- Brad Morris, Golf
- Amy Wells, Softball
- Jennifer Wheeler, Track/Cross Country

Lopes

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worst record since 1984.

After last season, Lopes brought in pitching coach Dave Stewart, hitting instructor Gary Mathews and first base coach Dave Collins.

On Monday, Lopes said it was not time to panic.

"I told you when I took this job there is no quick fix," Lopes said. "People want things to happen quickly. This job, because of what we didn't inherit, because of the state, the condition of this organization when we came in, this was a minimum five- to seven-year program. Whether you want to be honest about that or not, I don't really

care. All you have got to do is talk to anybody in baseball and they will tell you that."

Lopes said Monday he wasn't the problem.

Blackcat

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outside on the PHS track.

"Any weightlifter of any age is invited to compete," added DeRossett. Several host Prestonsburg Blackcats are scheduled to compete in the meet, such football players as Mikeal Fannin, Thomas Nelson, Matt Setser,

Evan McNutt, Charlie Johnson, Kevin Jervis and Andrew Burchett just to name a few. Prestonsburg fared very well in a Knott County Central meet earlier this year in Hindman, although being less than full strength in numbers.

Millionaire

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good athlete and when he finally settled on football, there were always carrots dangled in front of him. At Albemarle High School back home at Charlottesville, Va., it was a college scholarship. At community college, it was the chance to prove himself while playing for a real program. When he wound up at Division I-AA Gardner-Webb, it was a shot at the pros.

In his sophomore year, the coaches switched Williams from defensive nose tackle to offensive tackle against his wishes. But they must have known something. At 6-foot-3 and 345 pounds, Williams turned out to be both faster and stronger than most defenders. He turned up on a few All-America lists, won an invitation to the Blue-Gray game and his name started getting around. When he announced a private workout on campus, scouts, assistants and personnel chiefs from two dozen NFL teams showed up.

"He had visits set up with the Texans, Bears, Colts, Packers and Ravens. The 49ers and Steelers had called," Parker said.

"The one visit he did go on was the Dolphins. He called me the next morning and he was supposed to be headed to

Houston. I'm briefing him on the whole expansion business, the new stadium, some questions for their general manager and out of the blue, he just stops me," the agent recalled.

Williams picks up the story: "I told him my heart wasn't in it anymore. I went through the whole process thinking I might come around. It didn't happen. It was just like when I was switched from defense to offense. I thought eventually I'd fall in love with the idea of playing the offensive line. It didn't happen, either."

"I finally figured I was just doing all this because I had to."

There are a ton — actually, closer to two tons — of talented offensive and defensive tackles in this year's draft, and Williams, despite getting little of the hoopla accorded the big names, was looking better and better to the pros every day. He picked up one of Mel Kiper Jr.'s "sleeper" tags. With 225 pounds on a barbell, he did more reps than all but one other prospect.

Williams had experience playing both the running and pro-style passing games. If he sneaked into the third round, he could expect a signing bonus of about \$500,000 and a multiyear deal at close to \$700,000 annu-

ally.

Parker never even got around to talking numbers. He knew his client too well.

"I could have gone to camp, lollygagged around and kept the signing bonus," Williams said. "But there's no honor in that. I felt it was something I'd regret later in life. With me trying to be a good Christian, it wouldn't have been a good way to start."

He has become one of football's conscientious objectors. But Williams is not opposed to the violence or the hard work the game demands, just the regimen and other people deciding what he ought to do with his life. His current plan is to work as a strength coach this summer in a youth, college or pro program — two NFL teams have offered internships — and then pick up his degree in sociology in December. Then he'd like to join the coaching ranks somewhere.

"I've been thinking about it for a while," Williams said. "Money can't replace where my heart is, especially if it's not where everybody tells me it is."

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Campbell

"but I'm excited about getting started at East Ridge."

Leaving ALC is very tough for Campbell.

"I think a part of me will always remain close to Alice Lloyd," added Campbell. "It's a nice place to coach."

Campbell has already worked on summer plans for her new team. The East Ridge girls' team will play in camps at both Carson-Newman and Pikeville College.

The ALC women's basketball job is still vacant. Campbell's last day on the job at the Pippa Passes school is May 4.

Campbell begins her eighth year as the head coach of the Lady Eagles Women's Basketball team. In addition to being coach, Campbell taught a full load of courses in the physical education department at ALC. Prior to Alice Lloyd College Campbell spent three years at the June Buchanan School as the head coach for the women's basketball and softball teams and as the health and physical education instructor. She graduated from Phelps

High in 1986 and from Alice Lloyd College in 1991 with her bachelor's degree in physical education. In 1992 she completed her masters degree from Eastern Kentucky University in physical education.

Leaving her college alma mater made the decision of taking the East Ridge job even harder.

The Phelps High graduate spent nine seasons at the helm of the Alice Lloyd College women's basketball program.

Branham

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Branham's team had no uniforms. The team got uniforms loaned to them from teams from Wheelwright, Weeksbury, and Drift.

"We looked like a patched quilt, but when it came time to play, and the ump said "Play Ball!", we looked the 1927 Yankees.

Till this day, the 1948 state baseball title is the only state championship in any sport calling Floyd County its home.

Another amazing fact? The

team went without a coach for most of its four years. "On game day some of the town's people asked if they could coach first and third, and we'd tell them to go ahead, but we didn't listen to them anyway, we did our own thing," said Branham. "What we did in those four seasons, particularly in the '48 will never be equaled. I'm proud to say that I was part of that team."

John Eibner is listed as the coach of the 1948 squad.

Prestonsburg captured regional championships four consecutive seasons, and won the state title at Parkway Field in Louisville in '48 in that four straight region-topping season. All-State players included Branham (catcher), Howard Burchett (pitcher/outfielder), Amon Childers (second-base) and Bill Goebel Jr. (outfielder/pitcher). Burchett was also named Mr. Baseball. Other team members included Charles Graham Porter, Herb Weddington, Paul Harmon, Edward Garber, Leon Childers, Everett Burkett, Quentin Allen, Lewis Williamson, Roger Spradlin, Henry Lewis Mayo, Stewart Lafferty and Don Willis. Managers were Claude Hobson, Kyle Chaffins and Clyde Lafferty.

Turkey

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color or movement," Lang said. "Somebody who shoots at something making hen sounds is committing a violation even if it is a turkey, because it's only gobblers that are legal game."

While law does not require it, wearing a vest or cap of fluorescent "hunter" orange when walking to or coming from a hunting site is a recommended measure to safeguard against someone else glimpsing and possibly mistaking a hunter for game, Lang said.

For self-defense as well as protecting others, Lang echoes a list of safety rules for turkey hunting that are promoted by the National Wild Turkey Federation.

—Never attempt to stalk a turkey. Stalking rarely gets one close enough for a shot at a turkey, but it increases the chances for a mistaken-for-game accident.

—Don't wear anything that shows red, white or blue — colors that occur on turkeys and could be mistaken for such.

—Don't wave or otherwise move if another hunter approaches, but rather call out in a clear voice to alert him to your presence.

—Never attempt to approach closer than 100 yards to a roosting turkey. While doing so can spook a turkey, it also raises the odds of sneaking onto another hunter's setup.

—Avoid the use of gobbler calls anywhere that there may be other hunters in the woods.

—Don't set up in so much cover as to impair your own vision.

—Choose a calling position

with a background, such as a tree, at least as wide as your shoulders so pieces of you cannot be seen from the rear and possibly mistaken for a turkey.

—Avoid unnecessary movement and remember that camouflage obscures but does not make one invisible to other hunters.

—Assume that every sound heard is made by another hunter. To assume any sound is a turkey sets the stage for disaster if you are wrong.

—Never, ever shoot at sound or movement. Pull the trigger only after becoming 100 percent certain that a legal turkey is the target.

Talladega

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you up real bad and jeopardizes everybody around you," he said.

"When you get a run on somebody at Charlotte, you have 800 horsepower, the car recovers good, and you have a ton of downforce.

"We have the necessary evils at Talladega and Daytona. We have no downforce, if somebody touches you, the car goes around. And we have no power, we really can't afford to let off the gas because we're going to get hit from behind, nobody can stop, you can't be touched and you really can't afford to let off the gas because the thing won't pull back up."

Because of the demanding nature of the track and the danger it poses, few drivers enjoy racing at Talladega. Dale Earnhardt Jr., who won at

Talladega last October and earned a \$1 million bonus with the victory, isn't one of them.

Like his late father, Earnhardt has seemed to master the art of drafting, overcoming the horsepower-sapping plates and bullying his way around the track. It's got him anxious to get back to Talladega.

"I'm always in a good mood at Talladega because I love the track and we always seem to run really well here," he said. "A lot of the racing here with restrictor plates is about attitude. Some guys come in with a bad attitude about the race — they're just riding around out there."

"I want to be aggressive and be up front all I can. Even if these new rules make it harder to pass, I know I have the car that can put me in a position to win."

Sunday Comics

THAT THERE IS THE HELMET I WORE IN THE WAR. WOW!

AND HERE ARE MY OLD ARMY FATIGUES.

DO I LOOK LIKE YOU DID?

YOU SURE DO, BUT DO GRANDPA A FAVOR, AND STAY A KID AS LONG AS YOU CAN.

I PROMISE.

Henry
BY DON TRACHTE

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YOU SEE THAT, YOUSUF?

YEAH, TY, THAT GIRL DROPPED HER HANDKERCHIEF.

YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS!

OOOHHH! A HANDKERCHIEF. WE PICKED IT UP JUST FOR YOU, MA!

LIBRARY

BOOK RETURN HERE

JEFFY, WHEN I WAS A YOUNG MAN WE HAD IT ROUGH...

...LATE AT NIGHT THE TV STATIONS WOULD ONLY SHOW TEST PATTERNS... THERE WERE NO INFOMERCIALS!

GEEZ, THAT'S ALMOST AS SCARY AS THE ONE ABOUT CORDS ON THE TELEPHONES.

JEEPERS CREEPERS, HENRY! LOOK AT THE PRICES ON THESE THINGS! WOW.

WOODFIELD HEAVY EQUIPMENT

THEY MUST CHARGE BY THE POUND!

Most Unlikely Prison Yard Conversations...

PSST... ROSS IS THE FATHER OF RACHEL'S BABY... PASS IT ON...

POPEYE

EVER'BODY IS GOOD AT SUM' THIN'!

I HAPPEN TA BE GOOD AT THIS...

I MIGHT NOT BE THE GREATEST COOK IN THE WORLD...

... BUT YA CAN'T COMPLAIN 'BOUT MY BREAKFASTS...

NO ONE DOES IT BETTER...

I DEFY ANYONE TA TELL ME THAT THEY KIN DO BETTER!

WOT'S THAT YA MADE?

TASTE IT AN' SEE...

CORNFLAKES!

Super Crossword EIRE COLORING

ACROSS

- 1 Patrick of "A Clockwork Orange"
- 6 Fog
- 11 Injurious
- 14 Hoover or Aswan
- 17 Mrs. Marcos
- 19 "Dreaming of You" singer
- 20 Actress MacGraw
- 21 Significant years
- 22 Jim Henson creation
- 24 Unexpected success
- 26 Chemical ending
- 27 — gras
- 28 When Satie sweltered
- 30 Street talk
- 31 Ballyhoo
- 32 Salad veggie
- 36 Zoo attraction
- 37 "Don't Preach" ('86 hit)
- 40 Part of Q.E.D.
- 41 Fancy fabric
- 43 Clint Eastwood movie
- 49 AAA handout
- 52 Sault — Marie, MI
- 53 To boot
- 54 "Angel" ('33 film)
- 55 Lurid Lugosi
- 56 Gumshoe
- 57 Strained
- 58 Hogan's home
- 61 Asian capital
- 62 Omery Olympian
- 64 Gangster's gun
- 65 "Flama — Ding Dong" ('61 tune)
- 66 "Emma" author
- 67 Self-possessed
- 72 Hutton or Tewes
- 75 Patriot James
- 76 Chum
- 77 Length x width
- 81 "Lou Grant" star
- 82 PC key
- 84 Constellation component
- 86 East ender?
- 87 Catty remark?
- 88 "Jumbo" set
- 89 Beige
- 90 Crone
- 91 Candy quantity
- 92 Hugh Masekela hit
- 98 Speculation
- 100 Soccer great
- 101 Help a hood sign
- 102 Lustrous
- 103 Ornamental shrub
- 105 Sleep in the woods
- 108 Roused
- 109 Charge
- 110 Fountain order
- 111 Medical grp.
- 114 United
- 116 John D. MacDonald book or this puzzle's theme
- 122 Bother
- 123 Presidential nickname
- 124 Singer Percy
- 125 Mouse or moose
- 126 King's handle
- 127 Crow's comment
- 128 It may be eaten or drunk
- 129 Utilize
- 3 Richard of "First Knight"
- 4 Common street name
- 5 Uplift
- 6 Victory sign
- 7 TV ET
- 8 By means of
- 9 Yoko —
- 10 Blows one's stack
- 11 Military center
- 12 Dryden's "— for Love"
- 13 Some engines
- 14 Bureau
- 15 Fight site
- 16 Actress Helgenberger
- 18 Perched on
- 19 Haggard heroine
- 23 Bind
- 25 Czech river
- 29 Houston or Ritter
- 31 Contains
- 32 Auto acronym
- 33 Pound sound
- 34 June honoree
- 35 Japanese statesman
- 36 Nil
- 37 It's tossed with sauce
- 38 Behind helping
- 42 Chinese principle
- 44 Make lace
- 45 Pub vessel
- 46 Ordinary
- 47 "Whole — Love" ('69 song)
- 48 New Hampshire's state flower
- 50 — vera
- 51 Ache
- 55 Iraqi city
- 58 Blackboard
- 59 Unspoken
- 60 Cause a chuckle
- 61 Color
- 63 It needs to be threaded
- 66 Loud
- 68 "— the ramparts..."
- 69 Maestro Georg
- 70 In a stew
- 71 Fire wood?
- 72 It becomes ewe?
- 73 Lost
- 74 Nonconformist
- 78 Change for the better
- 79 Rub out
- 80 Dread
- 82 TV's "— John"
- 83 Organic catalyst
- 85 Carpet
- 88 Football's Alkman
- 92 Non-proprietary network
- 93 "All Things Considered" network
- 94 Procure
- 95 Under the weather
- 96 Born
- 97 Chat
- 99 Walk in the woods
- 102 Nobel, for one
- 104 It makes rye high
- 105 Pigeon English?
- 106 — Romeo
- 107 — cum laude
- 108 Way over yonder
- 109 Soared
- 110 — Guevara
- 111 Rope fiber
- 112 It should be square
- 113 Enya's "— Time"
- 115 Alias initials
- 117 Mr. Ziegfeld
- 118 Where goats gambol
- 119 Pitches
- 120 Cpl.'s superior
- 121 Tear

MAGIC MAZE • BIRD CALLS AND SONGS

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 FDCAPUIOOEYDWEV
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 QPNLKIKUIHHEWRF
 ECBZYOAPCKOPRAW
 QUACKVDUIUIOSKC
 KITKITERQCKHNP
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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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.

Aka-aka-aka Hoo-hoo-hoo Kok-kok-kok Per-chick-o-ree
 Chick-a-dee Kaar Konk-a-ree Quack
 Cu-cu-cu Ki-ki-ki-ki Kreeet Tik-tik
 Fee-bee-o Kip-kip Pee-di

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EKU to host summer institute for middle school teachers

RICHMOND — The Center for Middle School Academic Achievement (CMSAA) at Eastern Kentucky University will hold a Summer Institute for Middle Grades Teachers June 24-28 on the Richmond campus.

"Directions and Destinations" includes four separate graduate courses,

one each in Practical Living/Vocational Studies, Reading, Social Studies and Science. Participants must be middle grades (5-8) teachers in Kentucky public schools and select and register for only one of the following courses:

■ ECO 807, Economics and Practical Living for Middle School,

will examine personal finance, individual and community decision-making, use of technology to understand the economy, as well as resource allocation and the distribution of goods and services.

■ EMG 807, Meeting the Needs of Diverse Students in the Middle Grades

Language Arts Classroom, will focus on using contemporary adolescent literature with strategies that motivate and engage diverse learners.

■ GEO 701, Teaching Geography in the 21st Century, designed for social studies teachers to integrate modern geographic methodologies, such as

GIS, remote sensing and data visualization.

■ GLY 800, Selected Topics for Teachers: Land Resources, will integrate content, pedagogy and technology to explore earth as an integrated set

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Morehead to receive Earth Day award

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University will be honored at the state capitol on Earth Day, April 22, for its collaboration on the "Reading the River" Partnership.

The ceremony, conducted by the Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission, will honor 13 individuals and groups for their work to address environmental issues in the state. The event, which celebrates the 32nd anniversary of Earth Day, will begin at 1 p.m. at Berry Hill Mansion in Frankfort. "Reading the River" is a workshop for science teachers developed by MSU and Northern Kentucky University

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Joining Organizations Helps Students In College Success

LEXINGTON — There comes a time in every parent's life when children must leave the nest and move away. This can be a difficult time for everyone involved, especially when the child is going to a university where they know few people or none at all. Many students often decide to cope with this by joining student organizations.

The choice sometimes leads parents to worry that the added commitment will be too much for the student and will diminish their academic endeavors. Not so, say students and advisers at the University of Kentucky.

Many advisers suggest that, for many students, joining an organization can be very beneficial. Organizations give students a place to belong, helping them feel less homesick, bored and out of place. Leadership opportunities within the organization may even help with future job searches.

"Students who are involved are more likely to stay in school," said Becky Jordan, UK associate dean of student services. "Joining an organization builds friendships and ties to the university that students otherwise might not form. Students in organizations feel more connected, more a part of campus, and that feeling helps them achieve better in every other realm."

At UK, students have more than 250 registered organizations to participate in, ranging from academic honor groups to

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Floyd County alumni from Alice Lloyd College browse through the literature table on display at the ALC Floyd County Alumni Banquet held recently. Shown in photo, from left to right, are Willie Elliott, Ruby Akers, and Linda Elliott.

Alice Lloyd College Floyd County Alumni Chapter Hosts Banquet

Alice Lloyd College hosted its annual Floyd County Alumni Banquet on April 12, 2002, at Jenny Wiley State Park's May Lodge, with 102 people in attendance. Chuck Stamper, President of the Floyd County Chapter, presided during the Banquet program which included a performance by ALC's choir, the Voices of Appalachia, and remarks by ALC President, Joseph A. Stepp.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Jerry Wayne Slone of Pippa

Passes. Slone is a 1978 graduate of ALC, where he currently serves as Assistant Instructor of Business. He also maintains a private law practice in Hindman, and is President of the Knott County Chamber of Commerce, Mayor of Pippa Passes, and a member of the ALC Alumni Association's Board of Directors.

Through the years, the Floyd County Alumni Chapter has demonstrated its support of Alice Lloyd College through a number of pro-

jects. Four years ago, the group established The Purpose Road Scholarship, which is awarded annually to an incoming ALC freshman who is from Floyd County. For more information about the Scholarship contact Chuck Stamper at (606) 886-0830 or Teresa Grender at (606) 368-6044.

The date for next year's Alice Lloyd College - Floyd County Alumni Banquet will be April 11, 2003.



ALC Celebrates Student Work!

The annual Student Work Olympics was held on Tuesday, April 2, on the campus at Alice Lloyd College. This is a day of fun, games, and no classes in honor of the Student Work Program. All full-time students at ALC work at least 10 hours a week to help off-set the cost of their guaranteed tuition plan.

Five being interviewed for presidency at HCC

A Search Committee has narrowed the list to five finalists being interviewed for the president of Hazard Community College and chief executive officer of the Kentucky River Community and Technical College District, which includes HCC and Hazard Technical College.

The candidates are meeting with faculty, staff, students and community leaders on the Lees College Campus, the Hazard Technical College and the Hazard campus. Meetings were held the last two weeks.

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MSU professor publishes first novel

MOREHEAD — A Morehead State University assistant professor and award-winning author has published her first fiction novel.

"Bear Me Safely Over" by Dr. Sheri Joseph, assistant professor of English, is being released this month by Grove Atlantic Press. Dr. Joseph will read excerpts from her book on Tuesday, April 23, at D's Main Street Bistro in Morehead, beginning at 8 p.m.

Set in rural and urban Georgia, the novel traces the paths of a twenty-something couple, Sidra and Cecil, as they struggle to strengthen their relationship despite the distractions of their fractured families. Sidra has lost a sister to drug abuse and Curtis' defiant young stepbrother seems to be drifting out of control. As Curtis fights to save his brother, Sidra finds herself overwhelmed

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'The leaders are here'

A commentary by Ryan Shannon, ALC student

One can boast about being an Alice Lloyd College student - the quality education, the close to home campus, the lifelong friendships - but this institution offers so much more than that. I am a sophomore ALC student, and my first two years here have been an experience that I will take with me far after graduation!

I am a native of Drift, Floyd County, and a graduate of South Floyd High School. After high school graduation, Alice Lloyd College

gave me the chance to fulfill my dream of playing college basketball. I entered ALC in the fall of 2000 on a basketball scholarship. The experiences I have encountered while a student have been both challenging and rewarding, yet all are preparing me for society - helping me mature mentally and emotionally. The faculty and staff at Alice Lloyd College are top notch! The low student to teacher ratio allows me to interact with my professors on a professional and personal level. They are our mentors, as well as

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Ryan Shannon, left, relaxes on the Alice Lloyd campus with friends.

Pikeville College names distinguished professors

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College Board of Trustees has announced distinguished professorships recognizing the outstanding contributions of three faculty members in business, education and family medicine.

Howard Roberts, professor of business, Shirley Nelson, Ed.D., professor of education, and William Betz, D.O., FACOFP, assistant dean for clinical sciences in the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine (PCSOM), have been named distinguished professors.

"We are pleased to honor our professors with these prestigious awards," said Pikeville College President Hal Smith. "We are also grateful to the individuals whose thoughtfulness and generosity made these professorships possible."

The establishment of the professorships is the first funded faculty positions in the undergraduate program and the

School of Osteopathic Medicine.

The "Burlin Coleman Distinguished Professorship in Business" has been awarded to Howard Roberts. The professorship was made possible through a financial commitment from Community Trust Bancorp, Inc. in recognition of Coleman's leadership in business and finance and his commitment to the community and region.

Roberts, who is chair of the Division of Social Sciences and Business, has taught at Pikeville College for 18 years. He has received the William Wade and Helen Record Walker Award for Teaching Excellence, the Kentucky Phi Beta Lambda Advisor of the Year Award and the National Phi-Beta Lambda Advisor Service Award. Roberts, a member of the class of '78, has been involved in campus and alumni activities and currently serves as chair for the College's Self-Study

Steering Committee.

The "Jean Coleman Distinguished Professorship in Education," awarded to Shirley Nelson, was established through the generosity of Drs. Greg and Kay Coleman Hazelett in honor of Jean Coleman, an alumna of Pikeville College, for her lifelong dedication to educating children and for her work in the community.

Nelson has been an educator for nearly 30 years. She began teaching at Pikeville College in 1992 and currently serves as chair of the Education Division. She is active in numerous professional boards and committees on a state and national level and has authored several reports on teacher education and certification. She has also been named a co-recipient of the award for "Outstanding Developmental Educator in Kentucky" from the Kentucky Association for Developmental Education.

Dr. William Betz is the first recipient of the "Chad and Judy Perry Distinguished Professorship in Family Medicine," an award honoring the Perrys whose dream to improve healthcare opportunities for the people of eastern Kentucky set the wheels in motion to establish a medical school in the mountains. Chad

Perry, a Paintsville attorney, and Judy Perry are distinguished civic and church leaders in this region.

Dr. Betz is the chair for the Department of Family Medicine at PCSOM and is also a professor of family medicine. He currently serves as president of the Kentucky Osteopathic Medical Association and is

active in several state and national professional medical associations. In 1999, he received Fellow designation from the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians. He was also named "Physician of the Year" in 1993 by the Missouri Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.



Judy Mitchell, vice president and dean of resource and community development at Hazard Community College, talks with Dr. Cynthia Cole at a Hazard Rotary Club meeting about the level of education in Perry County. Mitchell addressed the Rotary Club about the P-16 Council that has been formed, since Perry County was chosen as one of 10 Model Communities in Kentucky. One aspect of the P-16 Council is to encourage employers to allow paid time for workers to study for their GED. Businesses would be compensated up to \$1,250 per employee.

Leaders

our friends, and are available when needed.

Another aspect of Alice Lloyd College that I find very beneficial is the Student Work Program. Many students will

never obtain a job until he or she is finished with their college career, but Alice Lloyd College allows students to get started early. Even the simplest jobs have a tremendous impact on our resume. I will be able to

impress employers with the fact that I was willing to work for my education.

The small campus atmosphere provides a better learning environment for students. There are little distractions and rarely do students feel lost or out of place on Alice Lloyd's campus. With the majority of our faculty and staff living on campus, the students can access their knowledge and skills anytime!

I would strongly recommend Alice Lloyd College to prospective students that are serious about getting a quality education. Alice Lloyd College graduates get top-level jobs, and many continue their education into graduate or professional schools with the help of the school.

Alice Lloyd was correct when she stated, "The leaders are here." I will be able to face the world because I am an Alice Lloyd College graduate.

EKU

of systems and the impact that these systems have on the quality and resources available from the land.

All the three-credit-hour courses will require completion of pre-Institute assignments. Readings, written assignments and assessments during the Academy also will be required. All participants will develop instructional units following the Kentucky Department of Education Unit of Study format prior to completion of the course in July. Follow-up sessions will be held through EKU's web-

based course system.

All lunches as well as two dinners and a reception are included in the cost. Luncheons and dinners will feature special guest speakers who will address student motivation, meeting the needs of diverse learners and integrating instruction. Additional social activities also are planned.

All participants will have optional cross-disciplinary sessions in instructional applications of technology, developing a unit of study, writing across the curriculum and addressing needs

of diverse learners. All books and materials are provided at no charge to the participant, and each participant will receive a \$400 stipend upon completion of the Academy and a \$100 stipend for participation in follow-up activities.

Participants are required to be admitted to the EKU Graduate School, register for the course and pay full tuition prior to the Academy. Students who are enrolled in a graduate program at another institution may enroll as a visiting student.

Lodging is available. Registration is on a first-come, first-basis. For more information, contact the CMSAA at EKU, 859-622-1513 or e-mail dorie.combs@eku.edu or cmsaa@eku.edu.

EKU's College of Education received a \$400,000 grant from the Council on Postsecondary Education last year to establish the CMSAA, and partnered with Murray State University in an effort to address an "alarming" nationwide dip in middle school test scores and issues related to teacher preparation.

HCC

The committee narrowed the list and now those being considered for the position are:

■ Dr. Stanley Aman, vice president of academic and student affairs, Western Nevada Community College, Carson City, Nev.

■ Dr. Jay Box, vice president of instruction, McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas.

■ Dr. Paul Brown, dean and CEO, Findlay Campus of Owens Community College, Findlay, Ohio.

■ Dr. Ricky Huffstutler, dean of the college, J.F. Ingram State Technical College, Phenix City, Ala.

■ Dr. Kathy Smoot, provost and vice president for academic affairs, Hazard Community College.

The candidates will also meet with Dr. Michael B. McCall, president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) and his cabinet. McCall will make the final appointment, after receiving input from faculty, staff and community leaders.

MSU

by a fierce need to protect and care for him.

According to the Grove Atlantic Book Catalogue, Dr. Joseph's "remarkably assured debut explores the interior lives of two families soon to be linked by marriage. [It] tackles dark themes—a young daughter dying of AIDS, the menace of homophobia, the splintering of families, the discordant voice of religious fundamentalism—but at its core, it is a hopeful portrait of the different and often elusive faces of salvation."

Dr. Joseph received her Ph.D. degree in English and creative writing from the University of Georgia. She is in her second year at MSU where she teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in creative and expository writing. Her award-winning stories have been published in numerous literary magazines

and she was a finalist for a National Magazine Award for the concluding chapter of her novel.

In August, Dr. Joseph will move to Atlanta where she will teach fiction writing at Georgia State University.

Additional information is available by calling Liz Mandrell, instructor of English, at (606) 783-2728.

Award

to promote awareness and understanding of the Licking River Watershed, which covers 19 counties in northern and eastern Kentucky. Last June, 20 elementary and high school teachers from eight counties explored the area by van and canoe, learning about its geology, biology, threatened species, land uses

and history.

The group developed lessons and activities for their students, which can hopefully be applied to other watershed education projects throughout the state. Materials and information collected during the workshop are expected to be put on display in the near future.

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education's Eisenhower Professional Development Program provides primary funding for the project. Each participant received stipends for classroom supplies and other expenses. Both MSU and NKU offer credit hours for teachers in the program.

Planning is now underway for "Reading the River 2002," which is scheduled to take place June 16-21.

Additional information about the project is available from Dr. Brian Reeder, MSU professor of biology, at (606) 783-2957.

Parents

resources. A gift program allows parents to send reasonably priced gifts to students for special events like finals and birthdays. The association co-sponsors Lil' Sibs Weekend with the UK Residence Hall Association and works with Kentucky Welcome, the fall orientation program, to offer in- and out-of-state "get-to-know-you" gatherings. The parent hotline, (859) 257-6597, is available for parents to ask questions about UK.

"When students call home and don't know what to do, the parents know how to guide them to the help they need," she said. One way the association examines whether parent and student needs are met is through the UK Parent Advisory Council, comprised of 12 to 15 parents from across Kentucky and the nation, who meet once each semester to review and plan for the association. They also may serve throughout the year on committees to achieve goals, such as fund-raising and writing letters to perspective students in their regions. The council may suggest changes to the association's programs and direction.

Tammy Howard, assistant dean of students, said she would like to see the association expand its services to more students as well as increase UK faculty participation. "Faculty are with these students every day and are in a good position to know a lot of what students need and what parents need to know," she said.

"Things can change pretty rapidly on college campuses, and parents need to be kept aware."

Ultimately, interaction with parents through the parent association makes UK a better place for everyone involved, Reynolds said.

"Anytime you have a place as large as UK," she said, "anything you can do to narrow the gap in transition makes parents and students feel more a part of the University."

Success

judo clubs. There also are many other extracurricular activities and groups, both associated and not associated with academics, from the opera theater to intramurals.

Tammy Howard, associate dean of student services, said many parents' fears of joining organizations are based on grades. However, she said, the effect has shown itself to be just the opposite.

"There's a misconception that joining a student group will take away from students' study time. It can actually help them build relationships and a sense of belonging, and can encourage academic studies," Howard said.

Jordan noted that research by John Gardener, a national expert on first-year experiences at the University of South Carolina, shows "Joiners are stayers."

Ashley Ryan, a senior journal-

ism major and captain of the pom squad at UK, said belonging to student organizations and participating in extracurricular activities actually has helped keep her eyes squarely focused on good grades, while it has helped her gain other important leadership skills.

"I completely agree that being involved helps your grades. I have been on the pom squad and in Chi Omega sorority for four years, and I have to give them some credit for keeping me interested," she said. "We have study hours in the sorority, and I have to maintain a minimum grade point average to participate in both groups."

But Jordan noted that simply joining an organization won't automatically bring good college tidings.

"Part of college success is joining," she said, "the other is participating."

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ARH selected for national award for Supply Chain Management

LEXINGTON — The Appalachian Regional Healthcare family has been selected from a competitive field for VHA's National Leadership Award for Supply Chain Management.

The award was the result of efforts to improve inventory reduction and control throughout 45 facilities, which included nine hospitals scattered across a 200 square mile area.

In July 2000, with limited resources and little initial computerized or standardized data, ARH launched a project

VHA is a nationwide network of 2,200 community-owned health care organizations and their physicians. Operated as a cooperative, VHA supports member organizations on a local level through 18 offices nationwide.

to increase cash and reduce supply-related expenses by \$3 million. The materials management team, led by Ron Sellers, vice president of administrative services; Ron Cisco, system director of materials management; and Linda Justice, system manager of mate-

rials management, committed to this effort.

By October 2001, ARH had measurable results, including reduced inventory of more than \$2 million and decreased purchasing expenditures by \$1.7 million.

"We are particularly delighted to acknowledge Appalachian Regional Healthcare," said C. Thomas Smith, president and CEO of VHA. "Their outstanding work exemplifies what VHA represents, a collective effort to improve America's health care system."

VHA will present ARH with the Florence Nightingale Pioneer trophy at the 19th annual Leadership Conference, which takes place April 21-24 in Chicago. ARH is among eight health care organizations which will receive the bronze statue from VHA for exceptional work to improve how health care is delivered.

"This award from VHA caps off an outstanding accomplishment for ARH."

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Medicare
AND YOU

Donna R. Morton
Medicare Beneficiary
Outreach Coordinator
AdminaStar Federal

Q Has Medicare's coverage for people with Alzheimer's disease changed?

A The policy for Alzheimer's coverage has not changed. However, the instructions for how Medicare processes claims for patients with Alzheimer's have been made clear. On September 1, Medicare contractors were informed they can no longer automatically deny claims based solely on the Alzheimer's diagnosis.

This does not guarantee that all claims for Alzheimer's patients will be paid. Instead, Medicare contractors are instructed to review these claims based on the patient's overall medical condition. This means that Medicare may pay for speech, occupational and rehabilitation therapies for people with Alzheimer's, including mental health services. The instructions given to Medicare contractors about Alzheimer's disease reflects the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) commitment to ensure that people with Medicare receive the benefits they are entitled to under the program.

More information about the clarification of coverage may be found on the website www.cms.gov.

Q What is the new coverage for Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring?

A Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring (ABPM) involves the use of a device, which is used

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Surrounded by a host of Eastern Kentucky legislators April 13, Gov. Paul Patton signed into law a revised black lung bill which he had promoted during this year's legislative session to "make up" for changes made in 1996. The bill would offers miners job retraining once they unable to continue mining.

Environmental Quality Commission
gives awards for Earth Day

FRANKFORT - A mayor, the governor, a rock star and two school teachers are among those who will receive Earth Day awards from the Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission (EQC).

The awards recognize Kentuckians for their outstanding commitment and service in protecting the environment. The EQC will honor its award winners on Monday, April 22, 2002, during a ceremony to celebrate the 32nd anniversary of Earth Day. The ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. at Berry Hill Mansion in Frankfort.

The award recipients are:

■ The Honorable Paul Patton, Governor of Kentucky - EQC Public Servant Earth Day Award - for his work to address environmental issues confronting the state.

*Lexington-Fayette County Purchase of Development Rights Program - for initiating the first locally run farm protection program in the state that pays farmers to protect farmland by permanently removing it from development.

■ Northern Kentucky University and Morehead State University

Reading the River Partnership - for working together to promote awareness and understanding of the Licking River Watershed.

■ Robert Rasmussen, Madison County Solid Waste Coordinator - for taking the initiative to coordinate the Kentucky Clean River Sweep in 2001 and promote proper waste management in Madison County and the region.

■ West Jefferson County Community Task Force - a nonprofit

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Career vocational rehabilitation counselor
and administrator appointed commissioner

FRANKFORT - Cabinet for Workforce Development Secretary Allen D. Rose today announced the appointment of Bruce Crump as commissioner of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. Crump has 27 years in the vocational rehabilitation field. He replaces Commissioner Sam Serraglio who will retire May 31 after 29 years of state service, including 28 years in the vocational rehabilitation field. Crump earned a bachelor's degree

in psychology from Eastern Kentucky University in 1974 and joined the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation in 1975. He worked as a certified rehabilitation counselor in local offices in LaGrange, Pee Wee Valley and Louisville for 18 years. During this time, he earned a master's degree in counseling psychology from Spalding University in Louisville. He came to the department's central office in Frankfort as a staff assistant in 1993 and became

deputy commissioner in 1995. The Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, an agency in the Cabinet for Workforce Development, provides vocational counseling, career planning, assistive technology, job preparation and job placement services to assist Kentuckians with disabilities in finding work.

Crump is an Owensboro native and graduated from Owensboro High School in 1970. He resides in Georgetown.

Professors researching
workplace behaviors

MOREHEAD — Two researchers at Morehead State University are exploring the behaviors that both help and hinder the relationships of people within a workplace.

Dr. Robert Hatfield, chair of MSU's Department of Marketing, Management and Real Estate, and Dr. James Turner, assistant professor of management, have joined forces with Dr. Martha Sale of the University of South Alabama and Dr. Ronald Cheek of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to identify three distinct behaviors of the average worker.

The first is altruism, which denotes the unselfish concern for the welfare of others. It is exemplified by acts of giving, caring and assisting others with no expectation of reward.

The second behavior is reciprocity, or the mutual exchange of favors and privileges. Within a workplace, people tend to be friendlier when co-workers are friendly to them, as well as angrier when others are angry with them.

The third is cynicism, which manifests as negative acts of distrust or suspicion, such as ques-

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Religioussingleson
line.com officially
launched

MOUNT WASHINGTON — Religious Singles Inc. has announced that religioussinglesonline.com is open for business.

The website, which officially opened for business March 25, targets the market segment of the internet that defines itself as religious in orientation.

"Historically, one of the most important features of the internet has been the growth of personal communication options between individuals," according to Carvon Hudson Jr., director of marketing for Religious Singles Inc. "The purpose of geographically-based chat rooms and subject-based chat rooms are to meet new people."

The purpose of Religious Singles Online is to provide a safe and secure option for religious singles to meet or search for others without the sometimes ugly or vulgar aspects of unregulated chat rooms.

Religious Singles Online is a subscription-based service and offers its users:

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C H A M B E R N O T E S



Members of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce visited Floyd County for the recent Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Executives Conference. While here, they enjoyed a reception held at the historic Samuel May House, lodging facilities at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park's May Lodge, and tours of the Mountain Arts Center, Loretta Lynn's birthplace, and the Mountain Home Place.

by Regina Becknell, executive director, Floyd County Chamber of Commerce

The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Executives Conference (KCCE) was hosted by the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce. The Kentucky Chamber is made up of executive directors, economic development and industrial authorities from across the state. They have a spring and a fall conference each year to bring them together with other leaders to share information and learn new ways of communicating with Kentucky counties and communities.

The Prestonsburg Tourism

Commission, Ms. Carmalee Cramer, director, hosted a reception for the group on April 10 at the historic Samuel May House. Friends of the Samuel May House gave a tour of the home while the Mountain Arts Center provided musical entertainment. The event was catered by Jenny Wiley State Park dining staff and chefs.

The Chamber is excited about the good turnout and the opportunity to showcase our county. Chambers are continuing to grow around Kentucky because of their desire to build stronger counties for the business community. This conference hopes to attract many new chambers from our area and to encourage them to participate in

upcoming events. The KCCE Conference provided an excellent opportunity for all to compare notes and create valuable connections.

The group enjoyed a stay at Jenny Wiley State Park's May Lodge. The conference was held from April 10 through the 12. On Thursday, the 11th, the group will be visited the Mountain Arts Center, Loretta Lynn's Home and the Mountain Home Place, the day was hosted by Citizens National Bank, Mr. Dennis Dorton, President and special thanks goes to the Paintsville Tourism Commission, Mr. Jim Williams, director. Transportation

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Medicare

to measure your blood pressure on a 24-hour cycle. As of April 1, this service is covered for people with Medicare who are suspected of having "white coat hypertension." White

Coat Hypertension is a term that is used when an individual's blood pressure is raised simply by going to the doctor's office. The Ambulatory Blood

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Pressure Monitoring cuff is not covered for any other use than suspected "white coat hypertension."

The Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring cuff is not a self-monitoring device. A clinician must transfer information from this cuff to a computer. This information is then studied and analyzed by a specially trained person to interpret the information received from the Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitor.

This device belongs to the provider and Medicare does not cover the purchase of this item for private use.

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.

Two-week extension on unemployment insurance tax deadline

FRANKFORT - The deadline for employers to pay first-quarter unemployment insurance (UI) taxes has been extended to May 15. The required UI taxes, along with wage reports, are normally due on April 30.

The mailing of approximately 30,000 notices and forms that are sent to 70,000 employers was unexpectedly delayed. Department for Employment Services officials extended the deadline two weeks because of the late mailing. Employers should disregard the April 30 deadline that is printed on the notices.

Employers may opt to pay UI taxes online by going to www.desky.org and clicking on

"KEWES" in the "Important Notice" section. Employers who have not previously used the online system should call (502) 564-7979 for a password prior to using the system.

Employers may download the UI form that is being mailed by going to www.desky.org and clicking on "First Quarter 2002 Tax Report" in the "Important Notice" section.

This extension does not affect the timeframe for employers who wish to make a voluntary contribution to reduce their UI tax rate. The due date for voluntary contributions is April 23, 2002.

Employers who have questions may call 502-564-2272.

How to Refinance Your Auto Loan and Save

Almost everyone knows that they can save big money by refinancing their home mortgage, but most people don't realize that they can save hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars by refinancing their auto loan.

If you're an owner of one of the 50 million new vehicles that have been sold in the last three years with an interest rate greater than 6.5 percent, you're a prime candidate to refinance your auto loan. Even if you only slightly lower your interest rate, the savings can be substantial.

For example, a typical interest rate in December 2000 was 9.26 percent for a \$20,000 auto loan. By refinancing and reducing that interest rate to 6.59 percent, you could save more than \$1,500 over the life of the loan.

You can easily determine how much money you may be able to

save by using online calculators like the one available at www.eloan.com. With E-LOAN's calculator, you don't have to enter any personally identifiable information to get a rate quote.

Unlike many other financial transactions, there's not a lot of rigmarole associated with the process. You don't have to worry about dealing with appointments, appraisals or mounds of documents to sign. And the easiest way to do it is online, so you never have to leave your home or office desk. By doing it online, you'll save yourself time and money, too.

In addition to exceptionally low rates, online lenders such as E-LOAN have an application that only takes a few minutes to fill out and they e-mail your approval decision within an hour.

There are no hidden costs or fees with E-LOAN, so you're never surprised by a list of unexpected charges at the end of the transaction. Since you pay only the cost of the title transfer - usually \$30 or less - it's easier to evaluate the true cost of refinancing and reap the rewards of lower payments for the remaining life of the loan.

Now that you know there's another way to take advantage of low interest rates and put money back in your pocket, the key is not to wait. There are a variety of economic and market factors that can affect auto loan rates, so they probably won't stay this low forever. Procrastination can be expensive, so take a few minutes to visit www.eloan.com to see how much money you can save by refinancing your car loan with a new low rate.

Snell to head cooperative development center

Frankfort - The longtime director of the Cumberland Farm Products Produce Cooperative in Monticello has been named executive director of the Kentucky Center for Cooperative Development.

Larry Snell, 56, starts work on Monday at the KCCD's Elizabethtown office. He will head an agency that offers training, access to educational materials, and technical assistance to 35 member cooperatives and other organizations.

"Agricultural cooperatives can offer great opportunities to our farm families looking to add new income sources for their farms," Governor Paul Patton said. "Farmers in cooperatives can achieve economies of scale in input purchases and efficiencies in marketing over what they can often do individually."

"Larry Snell's appointment is a boost to the development of grower cooperatives in Kentucky," Agriculture

Commissioner Billy Ray Smith said. "He will bring valuable insights gained from his years of experience."

Snell was employed at Cumberland Farm Products for 33 years. He said he accepted the position at KCCD to share his knowledge and help up-and-coming cooperatives avoid mistakes that are common to new businesses.

"We want to let people know how cooperatives can help them," Snell said. "Cooperatives enable farmers to do things they can't do by themselves."

Snell managed five full-time employees and 75-100 seasonal workers at Cumberland Farm Products. Under his management, the cooperative encompassed 150 farmers growing 600-800 acres of cabbage, vine-ripened tomatoes, bell peppers and pumpkins with sales of \$2-2.5 million a year.

"Kentucky is in a prime position to expand on a national level in value-added products," Snell said. "We don't do nearly enough of that. Our growers are marketing raw product, and too

often others are reaping the profits of our labor by doing things that we should be doing ourselves."

A graduate of Berea College, Snell worked for three years in the cooperative extension service before going to work for Cumberland Farm Products. He and his wife, Sue, have two grown children.

Kentucky growers took in \$12 million from sales of vegetables in 2000, a 37 percent increase over 1999 receipts, according to the Kentucky

Agricultural Statistics Service. The Kentucky Center for Cooperative Development reaches some 1,200 Kentucky farmers through its member groups.

Partners in the KCCD include the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development programs, the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.



The Jenny Wiley Theatre Board of Trustees would like to acknowledge and thank First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg for their sponsorship of the theatre. This season they will co-sponsor Guys and Dolls. Pictured here are Greg Wilson, President, First Commonwealth Bank and Bill Francis, Jenny Wiley Theatre Board Member.

ARH

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said Stephen C. Hanson, president and CEO of ARH. "The commitment and dedication of our personnel to positively turn around our materials management system is a prime example of how our employees work together for the betterment of our facilities and the communities we serve."

VHA is a nationwide network of 2,200 community-

owned health care organizations and their physicians. Operated as a cooperative, VHA supports member organizations on a local level through 18 offices nationwide. They also have an office in Washington, D.C., to lobby Congress and other policy groups on issues of broad concern to not-for-profit health care organizations.

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group of industry and citizen interests for working together to address environmental and health concerns in the heavily industrialized Rubbertown community.

■ Clay County High School - for using their 50-acre outdoor classroom to teach science, social studies, art, language, practical living and agriculture.

■ George Freibert, Hunting Creek, Jefferson County - for his efforts to clean up Sleepy Hollow in Oldham County and to raise public awareness about illegal dumping

■ City of Paducah and McCracken County - for promoting proper solid waste man-

agement through a one-day free disposal day, trash for trees program and other efforts.

■ Jeanne and Mike Crowe, Henry County - for working to create Crowe's Chase, the nation's first environmental area specifically developed for the visually impaired and disabled.

■ Cumberland-Green Lakes Resource Conservation and Development Council - for promoting awareness and conservation of our natural resources in a 10 county area through education and outreach.

■ Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, Field Services Division - for its 2001 "Wild About Reading" summer reading campaign that emphasized plants, animals and caring for the environment, reaching 95,500 children statewide.

■ Kevin Richardson, member of the Backstreet Boys - for the creation of the Just Within Reach Foundation and for his efforts to improve the environ-

mental health of his home state of Kentucky.

■ Cumberland Elementary School, Harlan County, and science lab team teachers Tammy Brashears and Sheila Hall - for engaging students in learning activities that also promote environmental awareness and understanding.

■ Tom FitzGerald, Jefferson County - EQC Lifetime of Service Award - for his tireless commitment and dedication to defending Kentucky's environment.

Editor's note: The Environmental Quality Commission is a seven-member citizen board created under state law with a mission to facilitate public discussion and resolution of environmental issues, monitor environmental trends and conditions, promote partnerships to protect the environment for future generations and serve as an advisory board to the governor on environmental matters.

Behavior

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tioning the motives of others.

The research team has used its findings to create an "ARC" model to predict pro-social behavior. They say the model can be used to help managers maximize positive attitudes in their workplace and eliminate cynicism.

The group presented its findings at the International Journal of Business Ethics at the Allied Academies Spring International Conference in Nashville, Tenn., on Thursday.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Hatfield at (606) 783-2748 or Dr. Turner at (606) 783-2751.

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Religious Singles Online is inaugurating its service by offering 2,000 free one-month memberships to the first 2,000 individual who sign-up.

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was provided to the conference attendees by Sandy Valley Transportation, courtesy Mr. Greg Hamlin.

The Chamber appreciates all the support and effort given to this conference by our local membership. Special thanks goes to Community Trust, First Commonwealth Bank, Bell-South, Hi-Tech Signs and Graphix, Country at Heart, Highlands Regional Medical Center, Cingular Wireless, Wilma's Restaurant, Big Sandy Health Care, Branch Banking and Trust, Dept. for Employment Services,

Food City, Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Prestonsburg Community College, Save-A-Lot, Holiday Inn, Comfort Suites, Super 8 Motel, Reno's of Prestonsburg and Wal-Mart Stores.

CHAMBER CALENDAR:

April 26-27 - East KY Leadership, Ashland, KY (Shellee Wilson 606-329-1007).

May 6 - Chamber Board of Directors Meeting, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Jenny Wiley Lodge.

May 6 - Chamber Membership Meeting, 12 noon at May Lodge.

May 9 - Environmental Day, Jenny Wiley Convention Center (9-2).

May 10 - Big Sandy Games, Mark III Bowling/Billards.

May 17 - Big Sandy Games, Dewey Lake Outdoor Games.

May 24 - Floyd County Chamber Awards Banquet, 6 to 9, Jenny Wiley Convention Center.

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Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Mealtime Memories

What is family life, anyway? About 90 percent rushing around and just plain chaos, you're going to say, right? How can we really find time to spend together, just hanging out with our kids? Well, here's a small secret. Find an ordinary activity that you do every day and be intentional about sharing it with them. That's really what kids want, after all.

Whether it's baking quick, prepared pizza from the freezer



DAVID LAROCHELLE

and chopping a fresh green salad together on a school night or preparing a fancy holiday dinner, everyone can get involved. Think about the things each person likes to do, then let everyone pitch in. Here are some lighthearted ideas:

■ If your child has just learned a new alphabet letter, let her think of foods for the meal starting with that letter. The letter C will serve up Chicken noodle soup, Cheese sandwiches, Carrots and a Cookie. Think of all the things you can talk about while you're cooking up the C's: Catching a ball at the T-ball game, Chatting on the computer with Cousin Cara, Crying when falling during recess.

■ If you like to doodle, cover the entire dining table with a paper tablecloth or butcher paper. Fill mugs with markers and crayons so everyone can draw pictures and write little sayings and poems during the meal. For extra fun, outline a place setting, and then let your preschoolers practice setting the table for the next meal.

■ If you like wacky ideas, make a condiments train centerpiece. Arrange a wooden toy train or other clean toy vehicles down the center of the table. Fill the train cars with salt and pepper shakers, a small relish/chutney cup or other table condiments. Roll the train around the table to pass its contents.

■ If you like the magic of candles, float votives in a pretty bowl filled halfway with water. Add a few floating tiny spring blossoms, buds, leaves and sprigs of eucalyptus.

■ If you like to entertain, invite another family for a simple weekend brunch. Sit around a long extended table, kids and all. Tell stories and jokes, pass the muffins and laugh together. Life just can't be better than this!



Kids will love these canned pear treats

How do you get kids to eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables a day? And, are you following the USDA Dietary Guidelines for a healthy diet for yourself? The motto today is Five a Day, but nutritionists are trying for seven or nine per day as the goal.

Getting back to the young people, you may have to be a little devious and ingenious to steer them into healthy eating habits. Begin early in their lives, and they'll glide naturally into healthful eating. So, if it looks like pizza and is sliced like pizza, they'll go for it, and there's where you get a little sneaky. Buy a pizza crust and cover it with veggies, cheese, meat and fruit. Sounds like a complete meal, doesn't it?

Our Pear & Veggie Pizza can be an after-school snack, a busy weekend lunch or a hurry-up dinner. Then we have a Chocolate Yogurt Dip enhanced with diced canned pears. They'll enjoy dipping in animal crackers, or other fun crackers, or pretzels. Another way to get fruit into your children's snack time is to slip some canned pears into a smoothie, such as our Pear Yogurt Ginger version, which supplies good nutrients as well as delicious flavor.

PEAR & VEGGIE PIZZA

- 1 (15-ounce) can pear halves, drained
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 (12-inch) prepared pizza crust
- 1/3 cup chopped celery
- 2 tablespoons chopped green onion (scallions)
- 1/2 pound cooked chicken or turkey, cut in 1/2-inch strips

- 1/4 teaspoon salt, optional
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika

Cut pears in 1/4-inch slices; set aside. In small bowl, combine cheddar and mozzarella cheeses; set aside. Place pizza crust on large baking sheet. Sprinkle half of the shredded cheese mixture, then all of celery and green onion evenly over crust. Arrange chicken strips on pizza; top with pear slices, remaining cheese, salt and paprika. Bake at 450 F for 10 to 15 minutes, or until crust is crisp and cheese is melted. Makes 4 servings.

To make individual pizzas: Replace 12-inch crust with 4 six-inch prepared pizza crusts. Evenly divide ingredients on 4 crusts. Bake as directed above.

CHOCOLATE PEAR DIP

- 1 (15-ounce) can pear halves or slices, drained
- 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup plain low-fat yogurt
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Cut pears in 1/4-inch dice; set aside. Microwave chocolate chips in microwave-safe bowl on HIGH for 1 minute; stir. If needed, microwave at additional 10-second intervals, stirring until smooth. Gradually stir in yogurt; mix well. Stir in honey, vanilla, cinnamon and reserved diced pears. Use to dip crackers or pretzels. Makes 2 cups.

(See BLOCK, page six)



Chicken, Anyone?

Chicken is an almost universal favorite — and especially when served in tasty, easy dishes like this. Serve this to your family and see if you don't get both compliments AND help with the dishes!

CHICKEN A LA KING CASSEROLE

- 1 1/2 cups diced cooked chicken breast
- 1 (2.5-ounce) jar sliced mushrooms, drained

- 1/2 cup frozen peas
- 1 1/2 cups cooked noodles, rinsed and drained
- 1 (10 3/4-ounce) can reduced-fat cream of mushroom soup
- 1/4 cup fat-free milk
- 1 (2-ounce) jar diced pimiento, undrained
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes

(See COMFORT, page six)



by JoAnna M. Lund

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Beep if you love America

Harriet May Savitz
(FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL OF AMERICA")

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We become a large town during the summers, when our tourist population swells. But after Labor Day, we have a population of about 5,000 in Bradley Beach, N.J. On this day, Sept. 13, 2001, we stood in front of a World War I monument in honor of those who perished and those who survived Sept. 11, 2001. Members of the clergy spoke to the crowd, and so did the mayor. We lit candles and cried together and shared stories about the day and how it affected us. Many had stories about friends, about family who did not come home,

Over and over, we heard the same refrain: "They just never came home that Tuesday." There were children of all ages holding candles and flags. They were listening.

Later, when the memorial service was over, the children left the park to stand on the corner, and we stood around aching to do something more. We hugged. We talked. We told each other it would get better. But there were no smiles and there was no laughter.

Suddenly, we noticed horns honking up and down Main Street, as if a parade was passing through town. As if there was a celebration.

We couldn't imagine who would celebrate on a day like today.

And then we heard the children's chants. "Beep if you love America!" they shouted. Again and again, "Beep if you love America."

They stood at a four-way intersection, on the curb, jumping up and down, waving their hands to get attention, holding American flags in front of their chests, pleading, "Beep if you love America." And everyone did. The night air was filled with horns honking and people waving as the children jumped in the air, holding flags in front of them and shouting, louder and louder, "Beep if you love America."

Their energy galvanized the people standing there and those passing in their cars. Perhaps the drivers were coming from work or going shopping. Undoubtedly they had on their radios and were listening to the accounts coming in — lives saved, lives lost. And yet, there were youths on the corner and energy on the corner, waving and shouting over and over, "Beep if you love America."

It went on for a long time. The town resonated with honking horns. People smiled from their car windows. We heard ourselves laughing with the children. We also began to wave to the passing cars. We let the children lead us that evening. Even though they had read the papers, looked at the television, watched the adults around them cry and vent their anger,

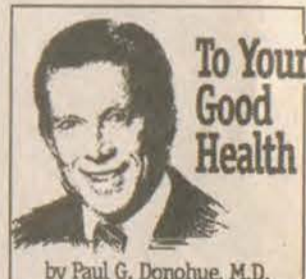
even though they knew something really terrible had happened to their country, a new feeling had taken hold of them — one they couldn't even explain to themselves. It had something to do with their country, America. It had something to do with their love for freedom.

That night, for a while, we let the children lead us and heal us.

"Beep if you love America," we roared. And we knew America would hear us.

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by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Men, Too, Can Get Breast

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I have just learned that an uncle I am particularly fond of has breast cancer. Can that be? Do men get breast cancer? My source of information about my uncle's illness is not reliable. — C.K.

ANSWER:

Men get breast cancer. They do not get it in the same numbers as women do, but male breast cancer is not unheard of. Female breast-cancer patients outnumber male breast-cancer patients by a factor of 150 to 1.

Male breast cancer usually starts as a painless lump. Not ever dreaming of cancer, a man often ignores the lump — a real shame. Male breast cancer, like female breast cancer, has the best chances of cure when treatment is begun early.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I suffer from leg cramps (in the calves) while in bed at night. Can you recommend a food, dietary supplement or exercise that might alleviate this condition? — R.R.

ANSWER:

I would be immediately catapulted into the

(See HEALTH, page six)

Books: 'Hotel of the Saints'

Hotel of the Saints
By Ursula Hegi
(Simon & Schuster, \$23)
Reviewed by Cindy Elavsky

In "Hotel of the Saints," Ursula Hegi's latest offering of short stories, Hegi presents her readers with a collage of unforgettable characters with poignant tales set against picturesque backdrops. Sometimes quirky, sometimes moody, sometimes self-righteous, her

characters embody what we have all thought or felt at some point in our lives.

In the title story, Lenny, a Jesuit priest, helps his aunt come to terms with her husband's death. He watches in amazement as his aunt slowly emerges from a prescription medicine-induced sleepwalk to finally experience life.

"A Town Like Ours" is a fable-like story about twin brothers who live an idyllic life together in identical houses on adjoining properties with perfect wives and loving children.

On the surface, they are perfect. However, as time passes, each sentence that is passed between them is tinged with duality, jealousy and subtle anger. Their harmony is destroyed by a simple misunderstanding. Only a child can show them how foolish they are.

A bittersweet tale, "The Juggler" tells the story of a young woman's boyfriend who is losing his eyesight to a degenerative condition. It is told from the woman's mother's point of view. She worries for her daughter, Zoe, until she sees Zoe with

Michael. Their kind and gentle interaction opens the mother's eyes to an unconditional love she had never been witness to.

The settings of these stories are almost like characters themselves. From Italy to Cabo San Lucas, each place is vividly drawn and full of its own life. We can hear the sea gulls and the ocean, smell the buffet line and see the shore of Lake Coeur d'Alene. Hegi makes us privy to her wonderful characters' lives — their trials and travails — and we are grateful to her for that.

Sam & Dave explain it all to you

by Samantha Weaver and Dave Smith

DEAR SAM & DAVE:

Whenever my boyfriend, "Gino," gets sick, he goes on the Internet and self-diagnoses himself. The latest fit is that he's been feeling rundown lately, and he read something on the Internet about seafood, and now all he wants us to eat is seafood. Every day, I hate seafood. I buy the groceries for us, and I'm not about to blow what limited funds we have buying stinky fish. Obviously, we have two problems at play here: Gino's

Something smells fishy

constant forays to the Internet for "cures" to whatever "ailment" he thinks he's suffering from this week, and the secondary problem of the Fish Question. Help! — PISCES-INTOLERANT IN PITTSBURGH

DAVE SAYS:

The second problem (The Fish Question) is easily solved. Don't buy the fish.

The primary concern I have is with Gino's apparent hypochondria and his refusal to either see a physician or at least go to a legitimate medical Web site where he can get real answers to his questions. There are hundreds (maybe thousands) of Web sites out there supplying

dubious medical advice. Your boyfriend can't be so naive as to think that some bozo's homepage is going to give him an accurate medical diagnosis.

If you honestly believe there is something physically wrong with Gino, then get him to a doctor. Pronto. Otherwise, don't keep putting up with this nonsense.

SAM SAYS:

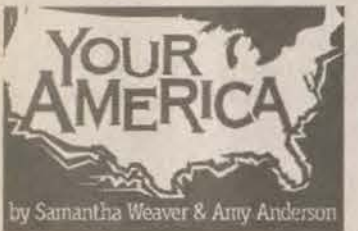
Obviously Gino is looking for answers in life — he wants someone to tell him what's wrong with him and what he can do differently and/or better. Perhaps you should try to find out what yawning void exists in his life. It's not about seafood; it's about a sense of being adrift

and unfulfilled.

Try steering him toward something that will capture his interest. "Find" something online that you can show him. Ignite his interest. Pick something that you can share and enjoy with him. Martial arts? Watercolor therapy? Organic gardening? Surely there is something out there that can not only satisfy his desire to obsessively fixate but also bring you closer together. Good luck.

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by Samantha Weaver & Amy Anderson

According to my very knowledgeable high-school art teacher, art is born out of a triad of responsibilities: inspiration, education and celebration. On April 26-27, Houston hosts the Art Car Weekend, sponsored by The Orange Show, and both the event and its organizers seem dedicated to those very principles.

The weekend begins early, on Friday morning at 9:30, with a little inspiration. Five convoys of art cars take off from the Children's Museum set on a course of inspiration. The moving gallery reaches out to art lovers who might not otherwise get to see the cars — those in assisted-living facilities, hospi-

Driving the forces of art

tals and schools. So it is very probable that you might come across a mini-parade to whet your appetite.

Later in the evening, the stage is set for education, with a two-hour Art Car Symposium. Beginning at 7 p.m. at the Museum of Fine Arts in Brown Auditorium, this year's presentation will be given by Roger Corman, the well-known "King of the B Movies." His presentation is titled "The Car is the Star."

Of course, that leaves only celebration, and Saturday holds plenty of it. At 11:30 a.m., the Art Car Parade begins, powered by Pennzoil, a major sponsor of the parade. More than 250 cars will be decked out in finery, and cycles and pedestrians will be, too. You name it. If it is art and

it is mobile, it is in the parade.

The parade makes a circuitous route through downtown Houston, beginning at Allen Parkway and Taft, near Eleanor Tinsley Park, and ending in the park proper. The Art Car Celebration follows, with the awarding of prizes — up to \$10,000 in prize money!

Awards are given for Judges' Choice (and the fest gets some pretty famous judges: for example, the previous years have seen Dusty Hill of ZZ Top as a judge), Participants' Choice and People's Choice. And just so you understand the variety, here's a list of a few other categories: Four Art Car awards, which are for four-wheeled decorations; Best Contraption, and this category has seen vacuum cleaners, lawn mowers, wheel-

chairs, chariots, furniture, et al; Best Cycle; Best Everyday Driver; Best Lowrider; Best Painted; Best Music; Best Performance; Best Political Statement; and others.

A weekend spent in the pursuit of creativity, with a variety of creative specimens to be inspired by: this is what you'll find at the Art Car Weekend. Plus a whole heck of a lot of fun, so log on to www.orangeshow.org or call the Art Car Hotline at (713) 926-CARS for more details.

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The average American adult blinks 20,000 times a day

■ If you are an average American adult, you speak 48,000 words, take 23,000 breaths and blink 20,000 times in one day.

■ Edgar Rice Burroughs, author of the world-famous "Tarzan" books, never went to Africa.

■ Here are a couple of Christmas songs you've probably never heard of: "Daddy's Drinkin' Up Our Christmas" was recorded by Commander Cody in 1972, and in 1963 Clyde Lasley released "Santa Claus Came Home Drunk."

■ Technically speaking, a

Strange BUT TRUE

coffee bean is a fruit.

■ If you've ever imbibed too much and felt ill the next day, you've probably heard someone tell you that what you need is "hair of the dog," meaning that you should drink more of what it was that caused the hangover to begin with. (Note: I'm not endorsing this "remedy.") But did you ever wonder where the phrase came from? It was the

Romans who gave it to us. In ancient times, they believed that to cure a dog bite, you should cut off some hair from the dog that bit you, burn the hair and then apply it to the wound.

■ In the 1770s, doctors endorsed Guinness Ale as a cure for insomnia, constipation, nervousness and digestive disorders. It was also considered to be an aid to nursing mothers.

■ In high school, actress Halle Berry was class president.

■ The first recorded parachute experiments were in 1785 — and they were performed on dogs.

■ Two Barbie dolls are purchased every second.

■ The person who invented the game Parcheesi was paid only \$10 for the game.

■ The world's termites outweigh the world's humans by a ratio of 10-to-1.

Thought for the Day:

"There is one thing certain, namely, that we can have nothing certain; therefore, it is not certain that we can have nothing certain." -- Samuel Butler

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Aerobic training

Aerobic training, also known as "cardio respiratory" and "endurance training," has many health benefits, including a reduction in blood pressure, a decrease in body-fat stores, an increase in heart function and a decreased resting heart rate.

Although these three terms are sometimes used synonymously, each is slightly different.

Aerobic training means "with oxygen." Adequate oxygen is delivered into the muscles to meet the energy production needs of that muscle. Increasing your aerobic capacity means increasing the amount of oxygen that your body uses during a specific bout of exercise.

Cardio-respiratory fitness best describes the function of the heart, lungs and circulatory system. This is the ability of the lungs to provide oxygen to the blood, and of the heart and circulatory system to transport blood and the nutrients it contains to the tissues.

Endurance training deals with the capacity of specific muscles to exert force repeatedly against a resistance.

Since aerobic training involves the cardiovascular, respiratory and muscular systems, it is important to know the difference between these terms.

One way to improve your aerobic fitness level is to know



your heart rate while exercising. First, determine your maximal heart rate by subtracting your age from 220. Your maximal heart rate is 100 percent of your target training zone. If you are a healthy individual and not on any medications, your aerobic training level is 65 percent to 75 percent of your maximal heart rate.

For a beginner, try walking for five to 10 minutes, 3-5 days a week, with your heart rate at the lower end of the range. Find your pulse on your wrist, and count the beats for 15 seconds and multiply that by four. Or use a heart-rate monitor.

For an intermediate level, try walking 10 to 15 minutes, 3-5 days a week within the 65 percent to 75 percent range. Then gradually increase your time.

Aerobic fitness is the basis of most activities. If you improve your aerobic fitness level you'll find other activities getting easier. The benefits are endless, so make sure your exercise routine takes priority.

(Note: Remember, always consult a physician before starting an exercise program.)

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Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray an 8-by-8-inch baking dish with butter-flavored cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine chicken, mushrooms, peas and noodles. Add mushroom soup, milk, undrained pimiento and parsley flakes. Mix well to combine. Spread mixture into prepared baking dish. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes. Place baking dish on a wire rack and let set

for 5 minutes. Divide into 4 servings.

Each serving equals: 241 Calories, 5 g Fat, 23 g Protein, 26 g Carb., 440 mg Sodium, 3 g Fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Meat, 1 1/2 Starch.

Visit JoAnna's Web site at www.healthyechanges.com.


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The observation deck

The fish in the water is silent,
the animal on the earth is noisy,
the bird in the air is singing.
But Man has in him
the silence of the sea,
the noise of the earth
and the music of the air.

Rabindranath Tagore, 1861-1941

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Block

PEAR YOGURT GINGER SMOOTHIE

1 (15-ounce) can pear halves or slices, drained
3 cups nonfat vanilla yogurt
3/4 cup nonfat milk

3/4 teaspoon ground ginger

In blender or food processor, puree pears. Add yogurt, milk and ginger, process until well-blended. Makes 4 servings.

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Health

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hall of fame if I could come up with a pill or procedure that would stop the world's nighttime cramps. A muscle cramp is a forceful and painful muscle contraction.

Sometimes an unrecognized illness is tied to such cramps. Diabetes-induced nerve damage, kidney diseases, thyroid disorders and a deficiency of vitamin B-12 are examples. Some say calcium, magnesium or potassium disturbances are at the bottom of muscle cramps. When no illness or disturbance is found, then searching for the most appropriate remedy takes a long time.

Try stretching the calf muscles to forestall nocturnal cramps. Stand 2 to 3 feet from a wall. Put the palms of your hands on the wall and slowly bend your elbows till your upper body approaches the wall and you feel the calf muscles stretching. Hold the stretched position for 10 seconds and then return to the starting position. Rest for five seconds and then repeat. Work up to 10 consecutive repetitions of this routine. Do three sessions of the calf stretch dur-

ing the day and another before sleep. Be sure to have a partner present when you begin these exercises. The partner can catch you if it looks like you are off-balance and about to take a tumble.

Sleeping on one's side diminishes calf muscle cramping. Lying on one's back encourages cramps. While people are on their backs, their feet drift down toward the bed. That often triggers a cramp.

Cramps can benefit from the leg cramp report. To obtain a copy, write to: Dr. Donohue — No. 20W, 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.

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

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Just say no to upgrading



When will computers be as easy to use as televisions? Why must we pay a couple grand for a new one every two years? Well, you don't have to.

Yes, you have the right to not upgrade your computer. That's right, use it until it breaks. And if you're asking when your personal computer will be as easy to use as your TV, well, it may never be. Home computing started out as a hobbyist activity, and guess what? It still is.

Forget that many home theater systems require 20 hours of

study just to wire up and turn on. No, I'm comparing computing to the ease of operation associated with a 21-inch color set with one remote and a 3-inch speaker.

Some Apple aficionados out there may be saying: "What about a Mac? It's certainly as easy to use as a television." Hogwash. Apple plays the same upgrade-till-you-burst-at-the-seams game that Microsoft does.

It goes something like this: You get your new computer, and it's fast — blazing fast — because the installed operating

system's a perfect match for the machine. But over time, you're convinced by the Microsoft/Apple oligopoly that you can't afford not to upgrade, because the newer OS has these features you just can't live without. Never mind that you've yet to discover 25 percent of the features on the OS you currently have.

And if you upgrade the OS, well shiny, why not upgrade the applications as well? After all, Bill Gates and Steve Jobs pay rent just like the rest of us.

So, over time, your once blazing-fast machine becomes slow because you're trying to run bloated software that was designed to run on newer, faster computers. The software ven-

dors will tell you that the software will run on your machine, but what they don't tell you is that it just won't run very fast.

Maybe you should just get a new computer, you say. Ah, now they have you.

Do yourself a favor. Treat your computer like a time capsule. The box you bought in 1998 runs Windows 98? Then run Office 98 on it, with AOL version 5.0, Photoshop 5.5, Netscape 4.7 and Internet Explorer 4.5.

And for heaven's sake, stop the madness. Stick with Windows 98.

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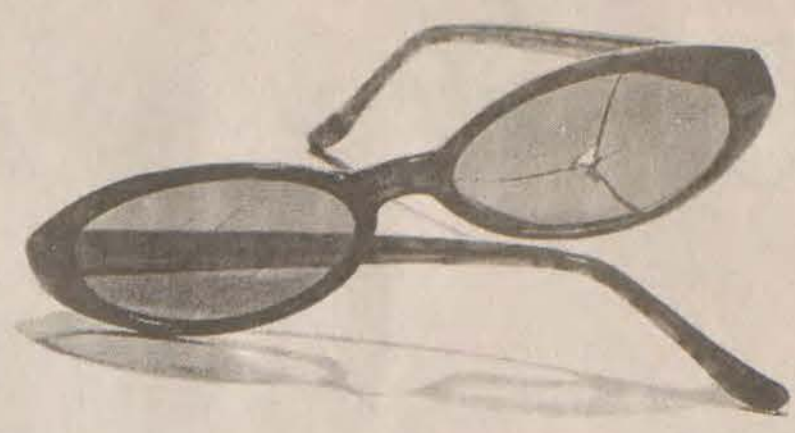
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