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3 dead in flooding across Appalachia

by RYAN KEITH
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KEYSTONE, W.Va. — Heavy rain pounded a five-county area where West Virginia, Virginia and Kentucky meet, sending normally quiet streams raging over their banks and into homes and streets. Authorities said at least three people were killed and 14 others were missing Friday.

The Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River and its tributaries began spilling their banks on Thursday as severe storms rolled through the region, with as much as 4 inches of rain falling in six hours.

West Virginia Gov. Bob Wise declared a state of emergency in McDowell County, and the National Guard sent two helicopters to

remove stranded residents from their homes. At least two people died and eight others were missing there, said Mark Rigby of the state Office of Emergency Services.

In Virginia, rescue crews searched along Knox Creek in Buchanan County for six people swept away in flooding there. One body was recovered, said sheriff's dispatcher Vicky Jones.

"People were tying themselves to trees. They couldn't get helicopter assistance in; it was awful," Jones said.

Virginia Gov. Mark Warner said an estimated 200 homes had been damaged or destroyed in the area and at least eight people had been rescued, two from a rooftop and six from a

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High waters prompt Pike evacuations

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH WILLIAMSON — Fast-rising waters from heavy rains swamped homes along the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River on Friday, forcing the evacuation

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photo by Jarrid Deaton
Joe Jones, head of construction development for the LPC, showed a concept development plan for Osborne Elementary School.

LPC continues forums at SFHS

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

HI HAT — A meeting of the Local Planning Committee at South Floyd High School on Thursday centered on the different options for development of elementary schools in the area.

The options that were discussed included a concept devel-

opment plan for South Floyd Elementary, a concept development plan for McDowell Elementary, the existing plan for Osborne Elementary, a conceptual development plan for Osborne Elementary, and a concept developmental plan for South Floyd Middle and South

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Vandalism, slaying prompt outpouring from community

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

WEST PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Animal Shelter in Prestonsburg has received assistance from both the community and a national organization stemming from a break-in at the facility that resulted in the death of a small puppy.

WYMT out of Hazard ran a story on the break-in after reading the article in the Floyd County Times.

As a result of the story, ABCO Security Systems installed a free security system at the facility.

"That really helps us keep our animals safe," said Kathy Mullins, head of the shelter.

"People have been asking us for our post office box so they can make donations," Mullins added.

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photo by Brenda Sexton, Enumclaw Courier-Herald

Buckley, Wash., fifth-grader Chris Gregg opened a package he received as part of a class project and showed his classmates the numerous items sent by Prestonsburg residents, businesses and public officials.

Student's project bridges communities

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

BUCKLEY, Wash. — "Speechless."

That is the only way 10-year-old Chris Gregg could describe how he felt after opening a package from

Prestonsburg.

Gregg's principal at Foothills Elementary in Buckley, Wash., Mark Cushman, was also stunned, if a little more verbal.

"I don't think I've ever seen a package put together with more thoughtfulness,"

Cushman said. "The kids in his class were just floored."

Gregg, using the pen name "Kyle Bjornson," sent a letter to the editor to The Floyd County Times and five other newspapers as part of a

(See STUDENT, page eight)

Lawyers hit the road to teach their trade

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Law Day celebration on Friday involved various lawyers from the area visiting county schools and discussing the concepts of law and the U.S. Constitution.

Schools that were scheduled to receive visits by the lawyers were Prestonsburg Elementary, Betsy Layne Elementary, May Valley Elementary, John M. Stumbo

Elementary, Clark Elementary, South Floyd High School, Duff Elementary, Allen Central Middle School, Prestonsburg High School, Betsy Layne High School, Adams Middle School, Mountain Christian Academy, and the Piarist School.

This is also the first year of "Missionary Work," in which lawyers were scheduled to visit Johnson County middle and high schools.

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photo by Jarrid Deaton

Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson presented a declaration proclaiming May 3 as "Cassie Allen Day." Allen is retiring this year after working as an attorney 45 years.

Peers recognize retiring Allen

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County lawyer was honored for her illustrious career during the Law Day ceremony held in the circuit courtroom in Prestonsburg.

Cassie Allen, who was admitted to the Florida Bar Association in 1953, and began practicing law in Kentucky in 1957, retired this year after a total of 49 years as a lawyer.

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stranded school bus. In Eastern Kentucky, water was up to the rooftops of homes in the towns of Freeburn and Majestic, both a few miles from the Virginia and West Virginia lines, said Ray Bowman, a spokesman for the state Division of Emergency Services. Some roads were under as much as 10 feet of water.

More than 1,000 residents were evacuated from their homes along the Tug Fork on Friday morning, according to Doug Packett, director of emergency dispatching services in Kentucky's Pike County.

West Virginia officials closed the flood walls Friday

morning at Matewan and Williamson, in Mingo County, as the river continued to rise.

The town of Williamson is wedged between the river and railroad tracks in a narrow valley surrounded by steep, tree-covered mountains. Officials hoped the flood wall, built after flooding in 1977, would be high enough to keep the river out.

A spokeswoman with the Division of Highways said the McDowell County seat, Welch, was already isolated by the flood water. The only route still passable required a four-wheel-drive vehicle.

At Welch Community Hospital, one doctor's car was "standing on its nose," and a

coal truck driver had to swim to safety in front of the hospital, said Willie Cooper, chief financial officer at Welch Community Hospital.

"The water was up past the hood of the truck," Cooper said. "We do have a boat on order, but the water is so swift I don't know how useful it would be," she said.

Fifteen students spent the night at Welch Elementary School after rock slides blocked a main road, preventing their parents from reaching them. The school staff brought them dinner from a nearby restaurant and read stories and played games with them into the night, Principal Jeffrey Nash said.

Schools were closed in both McDowell and Mingo counties Friday.

Brenda Blankenship, postmaster of the Post Office in Hurley, Va., said Knox Creek started spilling into her town about 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

"It was like the mountain just opened up and water started to come out," Blankenship said. "Everything is demolished. All the businesses in Hurley are gone, houses are gone. They're just gutted."

The last time Blankenship

saw the post office, she said, it was submerged in 8 feet of water.

In all, Thursday's storms knocked out power to more than 80,000 West Virginia homes and businesses, and more than 100,000 in Virginia.

Drain work floods Dwale home again

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

Citizens of Dwale have been battling with problems of flooding resulting from a situation for which they say neither the county nor the railroad wants to assume responsibility.

Dwale residents Walter and Deanna Vaughn, of Monument Drive, were flooded on Friday, May 3, for the second time in just over a month as a result of what Deanna Vaughn says is an inadequate drainage system caused by road construction underway in the area.

Lisa Blanton, another resident that is dealing with the flooding, said that prior to the road construction there was not any problem with water in the area. On Thursday evening, May 2, Blanton had a pump running to get the water out of her basement and was concerned about having to leave her home.

"I don't know if its safe to stay," said Blanton.

She said that the builder had been developing his land and

had started the road construction to gain better access to his property.

According to Vaughn, the county was supposed to put in a pipe that would handle the flow of water, but it was the railroad that undertook that task on Friday. She said that CSX personnel contacted her at 4 p.m. on Thursday and informed her that her house would probably be flooded again when they unstopped the drain on the other side of the tracks.

Vaughn said CSX personnel told her they didn't have any other choice but to clear the drain because it would flood the

track, which was a concern for train safety.

"The county didn't warn us last time," said Vaughn.

According to the Vaughns, they were away on a fishing trip and returned to find their floor covered with mud. The county did compensate Vaughn for the damage that occurred on April 1, but she voiced concern over having to deal with the stressful situation again.

Vaughn said she could not get anyone to talk with her about Friday's situation.

"The railroad blames it on the county, and the county blames it on the railroad," said Vaughn.



Thanks to CAP's Housing Program, Shevella Vanover and her 13-year-old son, Brent, have a newly-constructed home of their own, instead of a rented, rundown mobile home.

Strong family ties help build home with CAP's housing program

MARTHA — One of the biggest stumbling blocks for portions of Eastern Kentucky and its residents is that a large percentage occupy substandard housing and live in conditions that fall beneath the poverty standards most of America lives above.

For the Vanover family that resides on Hummingbird Road in Martha, a community of Lawrence County, their surroundings have greatly improved thanks in part to the Christian Appalachian Project.

Shevella Vanover and her 13-year-old son, Brent, became acquainted with CAP through the RESPITE Program. Brenda Crum, a caseworker of RESPITE, spent many hours sitting and playing with Brent who is autistic and non-verbal. In addition, CAP's Prescription Assistance Program provided some of Brent's medications during a period when he had no insurance coverage to pay for his medicines.

Shevella contacted Outreach caseworker Tammy Caynor in the spring of 2001, asking for repairs to her mobile home. When Tammy discovered Shevella was renting and could

benefit from Housing, she referred Shevella to the Housing Program. One year later, Shevella and Brent are preparing to take up residence in their brand new home.

Shevella's family demonstrates strong family ties. Her sister Carol, Carol's husband Terry, and Shevella's brother Harold also live on Hummingbird Road and they help Shevella care for Brent. Terry and Harold worked many "sweat-equity" hours on Shevella's home. Carol provides transportation for Shevella and she helped Shevella acquire much of the documentation needed by lenders.

"It was a blessing to everyone that had the chance to meet this family. They were wonderful to work with," said Delinda Huff, with CAP's Housing Program.

Lead person Robert Moore and volunteers Jim Dalton and Jim Broader worked on the project. For three weeks during WorkFest, CAP's alternative spring break for colleges across the country, Robert, Terry and Harold worked alone. Three temporary groups donated their time on the project from

University of Massachusetts, St. Mary's College and the University of Dayton.

The money for materials and contract labor came from Mountain Housing Corporation and from Kentucky Housing Corporation's TANF Program. Delinda Huff, CAP's housing specialist, coordinated the finances.

Now, Shevella's monthly mortgage payment for a new home is much less than the rent payment for an aging mobile home with holes in the floor.

Shevella is very appreciative of the services provided by CAP. She will miss having Robert and his crew around, but she and Brent are excited about moving into her new home.

The Christian Appalachian Project is an interdenominational, non-profit Christian service organization, committed to serving people in need in Appalachia by providing physical, spiritual and emotional support through education, crisis intervention and community development. With more than 70 programs and services, CAP's efforts reach people through the 13 Appalachian states.

Allen

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Allen, who was one of the first women to practice law in Floyd County, was presented with the President's Award for her outstanding career as a lawyer.

Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson also honored Allen by issuing a proclamation declaring May 3 as "Cassie Allen Day" in Floyd County.

Allen admitted that she was both overwhelmed and honored by the awards and the recognition she received.



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East Kentucky Child Care

by Karen Baldwin

The Infant Toddler Quality Improvement Project is the result of a proposal prepared at the request of the Division of Child Care, to increase the quality and accessibility of Infant Toddler care and education in Kentucky. East Kentucky Child Care is pleased to report that Kentucky has emphasized moving child care providers to a higher level of certified or licensed care settings for Kentucky's children. Activities support the development and implementation of a Quality Rating System for currently certified child care homes and various quality improvements as desired by registered child care providers.

The proposal specifically addresses the varied needs of the registered child care provider and will provide intensive outreach and assistance to registered providers across the state. This outreach effort will offer training and technical assistance services to licensed centers, licensed certified homes, certified homes and registered providers serving infants and toddlers. These services may include, but will not be limited

to, site visits, home visits, technical assistance, observation for the Environmental Rating Scales, infant/toddler training for providers, stipends to fund First Aid and CPR training, access to expand resources such as safety kits, and curriculum materials. Safety kits will help homes comply with safety standards and educational materials will help increase the quality of the learning environments.

Infant Toddler Specialists across the state are seeking to contact and provide an array of services to approximately 7,700 registered child care providers and approximately 1,044 licensed Type II and Certified Family Child Care Homes. Type I providers caring for infants and toddlers will be offered services in the context of the expansion existing Child Care Resources and Referrals (CCR&R) technical assistance and Infant Toddler training offered in local CCR&R training calendars and, in the form of support to the Quality Coordinators work with Infant Toddler classrooms participating in the "Stars for Kids Now" Quality Rating System.

East Kentucky Child Care offers these tips to help boost



Karen Baldwin, Infant Toddler specialist, East Kentucky Child Care.

your child's brain power; Hold and talk to the child; provide a stable environment; provide a safe environment; respond to the child's social cues; offer praise; provide quality child care staff training; respond to the child's communication cues; provide enjoyable and challenging play exercises; provide the child with music and "silly" tunes accompanied by physical activity; read to the child and provide books with high visual stimulation and interactive content.

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— Felix Frankfurter

GuestView

Handling of latest scandal was correct

This was supposed to be the year for election reform. Indeed, Congress finally passed a bill intended to limit the unregulated "soft" money spent on federal races and curtail the special interests' so-called issue ads near election day. But those who think the American electoral process needs an overhaul want more, from better voting machines to improved voter records.

We wish them well. But there's one thing they'll never entirely prevent: old-fashioned influence-peddling and strong-arming of the kind that just cost Ron McCloud his job in Frankfort.

When he was appointed secretary of the Public Protection and Regulation Cabinet, it should have been obvious to McCloud that any political actions would be subject to strict scrutiny. After all, the agencies in his cabinet regulate banking, insurance, horse racing, charitable gaming, mining, alcoholic beverages, electric utilities and other interests, all of which want favorable treatment.

In the casino of political influence, these are the high stakes tables.

McCloud, it turns out, circulated two letters that he wrote on state computers, one urging support for the reelection of Gov. Paul Patton and Lt. Gov. Steve Henry, the other supporting Sen. Walter Blevins, D-West Liberty.

By October 1999, Gov. Patton was assured of victory. He didn't have a serious Republican opponent. He didn't need any help. What could McCloud have been thinking?

But then he's the same fellow who is under investigation for allegedly soliciting charitable contributions from some who are regulated by his cabinet, through a golf outing fund-raiser for his alma mater, Eastern Kentucky University. It's a short step from there to using his influence on behalf of a friend, Sen. Blevins, who was in a hot race with RepublicanCarolynn Horn, the Martin Circuit Court clerk.

Gov. Patton was right to ask for McCloud's resignation. As opposed to the governor's handling of the Transportation Cabinet's scandals, which has seemed insouciant at times, he took strong action in this instance, when he saw evidence of a problem at the top.

The governor had no choice. McCloud played roulette with his own reputation, and lost.

— The Louisville Courier-Journal



— beyond the beltway

Coming up — dirty air and water

by DONALD KAUL

Well, what do you know? Al Gore finally beat George Bush in debate.

After being blown away by the rhetorically challenged Mr. Bush in the presidential debates of 2000 (the rough equivalent of being electrocuted by a flashlight battery), the dogged Mr. Gore got a rematch last week.

The occasion was Earth Day, which gave each of them the opportunity to deliver speeches laying out their respective cases as friends of the environment. Gore came out on top.

I know, winning a post-election debate from the guy who beat you in the general election is like winning a spring training game against the team that beat you in the World Series the previous year, but ... Hey! ... It's a start.

Bush made his appearance in upstate New York where he helped restore a hiking trail in the Adirondacks and made a speech plugging his "Clear Skies" initiative. Damn me for an environmental terrorist, but I thought the scene was ludicrous.

He showed up in a snowstorm without a hat, which gives you some clue as to his experience as a winter outdoorsman. (It reminded me of that picture of Richard Nixon, showing that he was a regular guy by walking along the beach, the surf playing over his wingtip shoes.)

The current president then drove in a few nails in a walkway, got his picture taken waving an axe, made a few lame jokes and blew the joint, leaving behind his sense of awe at the majesty of the place.

"In this very park, Teddy Roosevelt used to hang out," he said. (Is he sounding more and more like Dan Quayle or is it my imagination?)

The "Clear Skies" thing, in case you're wondering, is the president's plan to place mandatory limits on three kinds of power-plant emissions — smog-producing nitrogen oxide, acid-rain generating sulfur dioxide and mercury, the last toxic pollutant not regulated by the Clean Air Act.

Which sounds good but others argue that the plan is so full of loopholes that it would allow more pollutants than current law does. In addition, the question of carbon dioxide emissions (the engine for global warming) is not addressed.

All of which Al Gore was quick to point out. He said the "Clear Skies" initiative "... ought to be called the 'Dirty Skies' initiative."

He went on to say, "The environment is under siege. The Bush administration has chosen to serve the special interests instead of the public interests and subsidize the obsolete failed approaches of the past instead of the exciting new solutions of the future."

President Bush didn't have a very strong response to any of this. Of Gore's charges he said: "Haven't paid any attention to them."

What else was he going to say? He hasn't got a leg to stand on. Virtually every decision by his administration

involving the environment has been made at the expense of the environment and to the benefit of his corporate sponsors. His administration has opened up millions of acres of public lands for oil and gas exploration as well as coal mining, with only token compensation required of the corporations. His (ha-ha) Environmental Protection Agency is considering changing water pollution standards to make it easier for coal companies to mine coal by ripping the tops from mountains and dumping the often-toxic waste into streams. Not content, the president has continued to push for drilling in the environmentally sensitive Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and has rejected the mandatory imposition of tougher gas mileage standards for cars. You name the pollutant, he's for it.

Departments in his administration concerned with the environment have been staffed almost exclusively with lawyers, lobbyists and executives from energy firms, not to mention former top executives of Enron, the energy-swindling firm.

The president assured people that he would not procrastinate in putting his energy plan into effect. As he said, with characteristic eloquence:

"I can assure the American people that mine is an administration that's not interested in gathering dust," he said.

You have to believe him.

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.



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Why the U.S. supports Israel

In 1943, the Jewish community, under the leadership of Ben Gurion, carried out a campaign of ethnic cleansing of all Palestinians. In 1967 it became clear to the Israelis that this kind of policy was too repugnant to continue, and they decided to adopt Apartheid policy modeled after South Africa. They began herding the Palestinian population into increasingly smaller districts and taking areas where the water is available. In short, you can take a map of the area where the water resources are (land of value) and overlay it on where the Israeli settlements have sprung up and they match. This leaves land of little or no value to develop for the Palestinians to work with.

Today the U.S. and NATO countries are putting on trial Slobadan Milosovic for war crimes in the Hague. He is on trial for ethnic cleansing in Kosovo and Bosnia. I'm sure most of you can remember the campaign to end Apartheid in South Africa. The U.S., under pressure from political activists and blacks, finally boycotted South Africa to demand the end to Apartheid.

Three percent of the population in the U.S. is Jewish. Of that Jewish population, polls show that three-quarters do not support the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian lands.

A rally in Washington, D.C., was recently held, drawing around 50,000 protesters and amongst the speakers were six orthodox rabbis from New York. They were there to ask the Bush administration to end support for Israel and the government's role in spinning the problem into a religious war. A pro-

Israeli rally of several thousand also took place, with keynote speaker Mortimer Zuckerman, the editor of Newsweek Magazine and Wall Street billionaire.

Why does the U.S. government take an immoral position of backing a country all these years that was created by a tactic we condemn today in the Balkans and a racist subjugation of a people we deplored and finally denounced in South Africa?

The answer was that at the end of World War II, the British and the French did not want to deal with a large influx of Jewish refugees. They supplied the arms and backed the ethnic cleansing to establish Israel.

The U.S. later, out of fear of a Soviet takeover of the oil fields of the Middle East, saw Israel as a military presence in

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class project about the 50 states. In his letter, Gregg explained how each student in his class had picked a state and he had chosen Kentucky. He then asked Times readers if they could send any information or memorabilia of Kentucky to help with the project.

Did they ever. The community momentum behind Gregg's project started slowly at first, beginning with a single guidance counselor and trip to the photocopier. Prestonsburg High School counselor Karen DeRossett clipped Gregg's letter, copied it and distributed to teachers at the school.

Teacher Carolyn Ford picked up the ball next, beginning to assemble some informational material to send to Gregg. One of her students, Terry Blanton, became interested in the project and also became involved.

During a visit to Ford's classroom, parent volunteer Rita Brock noticed the package being

put together and inquired about it. After being told what it was for, Brock also decided to become involved. She then began visiting local officials and businesses, asking them to contribute.

In the end, through donations from a host of local residents, officials and businesses, Gregg ended up receiving a monstrous

package of items explaining Kentucky, Floyd County and Prestonsburg.

Included in the package were three Russell May prints, a video from Gov. Paul Patton, newspapers with Gregg's letter and a subsequent story about the community getting involved in the project, hats, shirts, coffee mugs, Derby glasses, Kentucky quar-

ters, a stack of leaflets and other information, and many more items.

Gregg's favorites? A key to the city of Prestonsburg from Mayor Jerry Fannin, a coal sculpture of a village and a replica Derby silk jockey's vest with the Kentucky Education Association logo stitched on it.

The adults in Cushman's

office, however, were partial to the Russell May prints.

Cushman said the Prestonsburg package defied everything he has seen before in the five years the fifth-grade class has done such projects.

"The others usually send brochures, maybe a map, something like that ..." Cushman said. "I've been interested to see how

these two communities came together ... It's a very nice bridge between two communities."

The package helped Kentucky "win" the parade of states project in Gregg's classroom. But the quiet 10-year-old could only think of one other thing to say to everyone back in Kentucky:

"I really like everything that you gave me."

Letters

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the region they could count on.

Whenever a political movement such as in Iran in 1953 to nationalize the oil fields came about, the U.S. instigated coups and replaced democratic governments with shahs and kings in the region. During this period and still today, money pours into campaign chests of both parties from Jewish groups fronting money directly donated from the Israeli government. It's a pretty good deal. They give a million and get

back a billion in military and financial aid. One of the problems of campaign finance reform was that they completely neglect money donated by foreign governments to our politicians to buy loyalty and support.

We Americans should not have been shocked when a militant anti U.S. group from the Middle East finally successfully struck back against the U.S., bringing down the World Trade Center towers. The question is now will the U.S. con-

tinue this unholy loyalty to Israel? To do so will lead to more acts of terrorism against the U.S. It will lead to increased hatred of America around the world.

The tactic by the President of not owning up to the sins of the past and spinning this into a religious war will not bring peace to the region. Use of force to combat terrorism will make the president's family richer and all those who hold post in his administration but will not bring peace here or abroad.

His goals of pipelines through Afghanistan may be realized and his overthrow of Saddam Hussein may come about, but no peace or safety from further terrorist attacks here in the U.S. can come of use of force around the world.

Oil has been for a long time now the motivating economic force in war. Pearl Harbor was the result of the competition between the U.S. and Japan for Indonesian oil reserves. Our suppression of human rights and democracies around the world has been in the interest of the oil companies and its stock holders, our politicians. This world of hate for the U.S. is doubled with trade policies allowing factories to exploit and subjugate people around the world with military and financial aid to puppet democracies such as in Indonesia.

Most Americans have been fed a steady diet of lies and deceit from bought-off politicians and Jewish-owned and influenced media. It doesn't surprise me that I am a lone objector in Eastern Kentucky to the role our government is playing. Most Americans don't think for themselves but are easily programmed by the corporate media. They hang on every word from a Rumsfeld or 100-IQ President George Bush as the gospel truth.

I am one of the very few in this country who looks at politics from a historical point of view. I question the rhetoric and verify. I come away from all this with total disgust for our government and those holding public office. If this is what most Americans consider a democratic form of government, and they do, then we will not see peace anytime in the near future.

The key to peace in the Middle East and around the world is freeing up our own political system. Freeing campaigns of all monied interests by completely publicly-funded elections such as have been adopted in many European Union countries. Demanding as part of licensing equal air time for all candidates from all parties free of charge. Only when the U.S. becomes a democracy will we see an end to decision making motivated by greed and power and policies reflecting the morals and ethics of the American people.

John Burgess
Louisia

Where's the justice?

Near Inez in October 2000, The Martin County Coal Company

BSG author is WMMT guest

A native of Big Stone Gap, Va., and author of a book named for her hometown will be the guest on the Appalachian Coffeehouse show, Wednesday, May 8, on WMMT-FM, 88.7, in Whitesburg, Ky.

Adriana Trigiani, whose books Big Stone Gap and Big Cherry Holler have earned her a national as well as regional following, will talk about her writing and read from some of her published works on the show, beginning at 7 p.m.

Trigiani, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Trigiani of Big Stone Gap, is an award-winning television and film writer.

as well as a novelist. Her books, which are set in her hometown, have been best sellers.

The interview and reading will be done by phone, from her home in the northeast, as part of the regular meeting of the Pine Mountain Book Club. Trigiani was recently featured on the CBS Sunday Morning television program because of her willingness to do phone interviews and readings with book clubs across the country.

Members of the public may join the book club, which will meet in the Appalshop conference room, next to the radio studio.

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Prestonsburg Community College C.A.R.E. Club has chosen to reach out into the community and help those in need. It is the support of the community that makes organizations such as the Red Cross so successful.

PCC employees are also actively involved in contributing to the community. For example, the college has held numerous fundraising activities to raise money for The American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Their hope is to make a difference in the lives of cancer survivors and victims. The college is also

involved with United Way of Eastern Kentucky. In past efforts two rocking chairs were donated to the United Way Rock-A-thon. In addition, both a PCC faculty and staff member serve on the United Way board of directors.

Dr. George D. Edwards, PCC president, said he is proud of the college's involvement in community endeavors.

"It's very important for employees and students to be actively engaged in our community and to give back through their work and contributions," Edwards said.

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COMMENTARY

'Like flying to the moon'

by JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — This is for those guys who will be long shots their whole lives, who run beat-up horses at broken-down tracks and know all about slipping from elation to misery in one race.

"I'm 59," Wilson Brown said Thursday morning on the backstretch at Churchill Downs, "and you know how in a fleeting moment you say to yourself, 'Wouldn't that be something, kind of like flying to the moon or such,' only you don't ever get to see it?"

"That's what this is like."

The 50-1 shot who carried Brown to his first Kentucky Derby is appropriately named It'sallinthechase.

As threatening gray clouds clustered overhead, the bay colt lounged in a nearby stall and Brown's best friend, a fellow named Jerry Martin, stood behind him and nodded as tale after tale spilled out.

Most began somewhere in Oklahoma and all of them involved horses, but only a few ended happily. Spend enough time in the training racket, where even the best are lucky to win 20 percent of the time, and you learn to live with disappointment.

In that sense, Brown already holds a Ph.D. to go with his starched-white cowboy hat.

He rode barebacks in the rodeo and broke quarterhorses to run in out-of-the-way places like Raton, N.M., and Halley, Colo., before

(See FLYING, page five)

SIDELINE SHOTS

Cameron goes down in history with just four swings

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Seattle's Mike Cameron, now, if he wasn't before, is a household name.

The 29-year-old center fielder tied a Major League record by hitting four home runs in the Mariners' 15-4 win over the White Sox. Yes, four homers

Cameron is the first player to accomplish the feat since the Cardinals' Mark Whiten on Sept. 7, 1993, and he is just the fifth to hit all four in

consecutive at-bats, joining Bobby Lowe (Boston, May 30, 1894), Mike Schmidt (Philadelphia, April 17, 1976), Lou Gehrig (New York, June 3, 1932) and Rocky Colavito (Cleveland, June 10, 1959). Schmidt's four homers were also in Chicago, against the Cubs at Wrigley Field. Lowe and Cameron are the only two in history to have

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■ Jones

Jones named coach of All-Stars

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MATEWAN, W.Va. — His first season at South Floyd High School resulted in a near trip to the state playoffs. In Nathan Jones' first season at

the helm of the SFHS football program, he finished 5-5. Last year, Jones guided the Raiders to a 4-6 finish. With a new field being constructed, the Raiders have much to look forward to next season. This summer will keep Jones on the

move. The Dayton, Ohio native was recently named the head coach of the Kentucky team in the Hatfield-McCoy Bowl. The bowl, an event which brings together area players in Pike, Floyd, Johnson and Martin counties to do bat-

tle with a team of players from bordering West Virginia counties, is very popular with area coaches and players.

"I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to coach in an all-

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The new football field at South Floyd High School isn't taking the shape fast enough for many Raider football fans. photo by P.J. Cox

FIELD IN DOUBT?

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — South Floyd football coaches, players and supporters are wondering if their new football field will be completed in time for the 2002 high school football season. When the bleachers went up, and work began on the locker room, folks close to the program felt that things were going real well. In contrast, lately, things seem to have slowed down with the pro-

ject. It's May, and dirt has yet to be moved to the field. The county is in charge of moving the dirt. Individuals close to the South Floyd football program say word is the dirt won't be moved until June 1 or after. The locker room is scheduled to be completed by May 19.

"If we can't get the dirt moved until June 1, it may be July 1 or after before we can get it sodded," said South Floyd head coach Nathan

(See DOUBT, page five)

Howell, Williams sign to play college football



Two Prestonsburg High School football players signed Thursday to play football at the next level. The two newest signees from the PHS grid program are both defensive standouts. Matt Williams (left) and Andrew Howell, both signed on Wednesday. Williams signed with Morehead State University and Howell inked with Centre College.

photos by Steve LeMaster



H.S. FOOTBALL

Paintsville finalizes football schedule

Tigers will play Rebels in Big Sandy Bowl

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — The 2001 edition of the Paintsville Tigers made it all the way to the Class A, Region IV Semifinals, where it lost to eventual state runner-up Newport Central Catholic. Last year's Paintsville team had a solid season behind the pass-catch combo of senior quarterback Chas Harmon and senior receiver Dustin Hall. Also leading the charge for Paintsville were talented underclassmen such as Ryan Brown and Ryan Jarrell, among others.

Paintsville High head football

(See FOOTBALL, page six)

RECRUITING

Southeast Kentucky Combine is Friday

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HAZARD — The fifth annual Southeast Kentucky High School Football Combine will be held Friday at Daniel Field at Hazard High School. This year's combine is for next season's

juniors and seniors. The cost of the combine is \$5 per athlete. Each athlete is asked to wear shorts, tennis shoes or running shoes, and dark jersey. In addition, each athlete will be measured and weighed. Athletes will also

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photo by Jamie Howell

Jordan Marcum readied for his turn at bat in recent T-Ball action.

Do baby critters a favor: don't help

by STEVE VANTREESE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GOLDEN POND — Efforts to rescue a wayward baby ani-

mal or bird often only serve to kill it with kindness.

In the spring, when many wildlife species are raising youngsters, humans encounter a

number of these junior creatures that seem lost or abandoned. People often come to their aid — but end up doing them harm. "This is a tough choice, but people are out to help when it's better not to help," said Darrin Samborski, an environmental education specialist at the U.S. Forest Service's Land Between the Lakes national recreation area.

Wild babies usually aren't orphaned or abandoned when seen alone, Samborski said. A parent animal may be nearby and the youngster doesn't need to be saved.

"One of the best examples is a deer fawn," Samborski said. "A fawn is taught to lie in one place to avoid predators. It doesn't travel with its mother because it would be more vulnerable that way. It has almost no scent and by just staying one place, it stays safer."

"If someone finds a fawn, they usually won't see it's mother, but she'll be nearby," he said. "The doe won't come back as long as people are around, though."

"Rescuing" a seemingly abandoned animal steals it away from its natural source of care, and that can doom it.

"In the first place, it's illegal to keep a wild animal," Samborski said. "The law is set up that way because having an animal like that is a bad idea. Most people don't have the ability to care for or feed a baby ani-

mal or bird like its own mother could."

If an animal is taken in and does survive in human care, it is adversely affected by the imprint of human contact.

"If an animal is attracted to people for food or is indifferent to people, it's going to be hard for it ever to be released again and survive without getting into trouble," he said.

Animals can be dangerous, Samborski said. Deer, especially males, become unpredictable as they grow older. Raccoons will likely become a nuisance if you release them into the wild.

A common spring wildlife "emergency" around human homes is young birds appearing on lawns after falling from nests. Sometimes the parents will follow their baby birds to the ground and feed them there.

"If you find a baby bird on the ground, it doesn't hurt to put it back into its nest if you can reach it and it's safe to do it," Samborski said. "It's a myth that the parents will reject the baby because of its scent after being touched by a human. Birds really have very little sense of smell."

Yet, a young bird may be on the ground because it's supposed to be. It may be in the process of learning to fly, or it may have been culled.

"Sometimes you'll find tiny birds that are pushed out of their

(See **BABY**, page four)



file photo

Matt Williams (56) and Andrew Howell (not pictured) signed to play college football on the campus of Prestonsburg High School Friday afternoon.

■ DIRT TRACK

HMS forced to cancel opener...again

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ROYALTON — Once again, officials with Half Mountain Speedway in Magoffin County are forced to cancel a previously scheduled season-opener. Due to inclement weather conditions over the past few weeks, Half Mountain Speedway announced late this past week that Opening Day for the 2002 race season is postponed until further notice. Floyd County resident Jim Branham, HMS track owner, is disappointed with the most recent developments.

"We are very disappointed that we are not opening on the date that we set, but the weath-

er and some problems getting the equipment in place has forced this delay," Branham said. Branham also went on to say that he will not announce another date at this time. However, when the wall and some other improvements are near completion, the date will be released and advertised. HMS still is hopeful that the delay will be a short one. The 2002 schedule will be revised as soon as the opening is decided.

For more information contact Branham by calling 606/285-3303.

On the Net

www.halfmountainspeedway.com

Ladycats in first heading into county tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HAROLD — The Betsy Layne Elementary School varsity volleyball team locked up first-place in the regular season heading into this week's county tournament by scoring a victory over Allen on Thursday night at The Dome.

The Betsy Layne JV was also successful, beating Allen 15-15, 15-6. Sherece Lee was the leading scorer for Betsy Layne in the JV contest. Lee, a seventh-grader, came up big for the Ladycats.

The BLES varsity, coached by Jim Roberts, won over Allen in two out of three affairs. Allen edged Betsy Layne in the first, 15-13. Betsy Layne then battled back to take the final two, 15-8, 15-7.

Amanda Hunter was the high-scorer for Betsy Layne with a total of 198 points. Lindsey Cross was second with 14 points. Bethany Tackett added four points, as did Candice Meade. Sherece Lee, in the varsity game, had two points. Stacy Lawson rounded out the scoring with one point.

All Floyd County grade school girls' volleyball teams will compete in this week's county tourney. The tournament will be held this week at South Floyd High School, beginning Monday night.



photo by P.J. Cox

Several different contractors are working on the new football field at South Floyd High School.

■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Resume questions lead Collen to decline Vanderbilt coaching job

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tom Collen declined the offer to become the women's basketball coach at Vanderbilt on Thursday, less than 24 hours after accepting the job, because of questions concerning his education.

"Although I am certainly devastated by what has happened, I walk away from the opportunity at Vanderbilt knowing that the discrepancy on my resume submitted to Colorado State in 1997 was an honest mistake and not one of deception," Collen said in a statement.

Collen's biography in the Colorado State media guide listed him with two master's degrees from Miami of Ohio.

Vanderbilt had been set to announce Collen as coach on Monday, until they checked his academic credentials and found that he had one master's degree with a dual major.

Collen sent copies of his transcripts and diplomas by fax to Vanderbilt officials, and his resume correctly showed he had one master's degree. He said Colorado State misunderstood his credentials when he filled out a questionnaire for the sports information department.

Vanderbilt Athletic Director Todd Turner said Vanderbilt felt comfortable with Collen once the information was verified, and on Wednesday announced him as the new coach.

Collen sent Turner a letter on Thursday turning down the job.

"Given the events of the last few days, I have decided that it is not in the best interests of Vanderbilt University and my family to accept your offer," Collen wrote.

"I have great respect for the character and integrity of Vanderbilt University and would not want my presence to detract from that in any way. Please know how deeply I regret the misunderstanding that has occurred and any embarrassment this may have caused to you."

Turner said Vanderbilt stands behind the offer it made to Collen, but the school's reputation was at risk.

"I know this decision was difficult for him to make, but it was the right one," Turner said. "We will continue our search immediately to find new leadership."

Chancellor Gordon Gee said the school has high standards and did not want them compromised.


"Tom Collen is a decent man, and I know he would not want his presence to distract from our commitment to excellence and honesty," he said.

Collen said he was not trying to fool anyone about his credentials.

"I have spent over 20 years in the game of women's basketball teaching the game I love and gaining the respect of those involved," he said. "I'm embar-

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Read Reed



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FLOYD COUNTY

Men's golf team makes major rally at OVC tourney, but loses by one stroke

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

PADUCAH — Coach Pat Stephens' Eastern Kentucky University men's golf team made a miraculous final round rally that saw the Colonels make up seven strokes on the tightly-packed field at the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament, but lost its bid on the first playoff hole for the 2002 OVC title.

Both EKU and Austin Peay tied for the team title with 892's, after the Colonels came from a fifth-place tie with a 286 to tie the Gobs after 54 holes. However, on the first playoff hole, Austin Peay's golfers edged Eastern, 19-20, to win its second consecutive OVC men's golf crown.

Morehead State, the leader after both the first and second rounds, fell to third place with a score of 896. Tennessee Tech was fourth at 906, followed by Southeast Missouri at 907; Murray State, 908; Tennessee State, 913; Eastern Illinois, 943; and UT Martin, 946.

Eastern's final round charge was led by senior Brad Morris who fired a 70. Sophomore Josh Crutcher came in with a 71 Wednesday, followed by senior Sam Covitz at 72, sophomore Patrick Williams at 73 and sophomore Drew Alexander at

75. Covitz finished third in the final individual standings with a three-day total of 220, while Morris tied for fifth at 222. Crutcher was one shot back at 223 (tie for seventh), while Alexander was 20th with his 229. Williams finished 21st in the 45-man field with a score of 231.

Tennessee State freshman Robert Dinwiddie was the medalist for the tourney with his final score of 216 (74-69-73). Southeast Missouri's Jimmy Blose was second at 219.

Morris and Covitz were both named All-Ohio Valley Conference for the 2001-2002 season and were also recognized on the 2002 OVC Tournament's All-Tournament Team.

TOP FIVE INDIVIDUALS (All-OVC Tournament)

- 1 Robert Dinwiddie, Tennessee State 74-69-73=216
- 2 Jimmy Blose, Southeast Missouri 76-71-72=219
- 3 Sam Covitz, Eastern Kentucky 75-73-72=220
- 4 Nicholas Atzinger, Morehead State 70-73-78=221
- T 5 Brad Morris, Eastern Kentucky 75-77-70=222
- T 5 Matt Stark, Murray

State 75-75-72=222

OVC team championship.

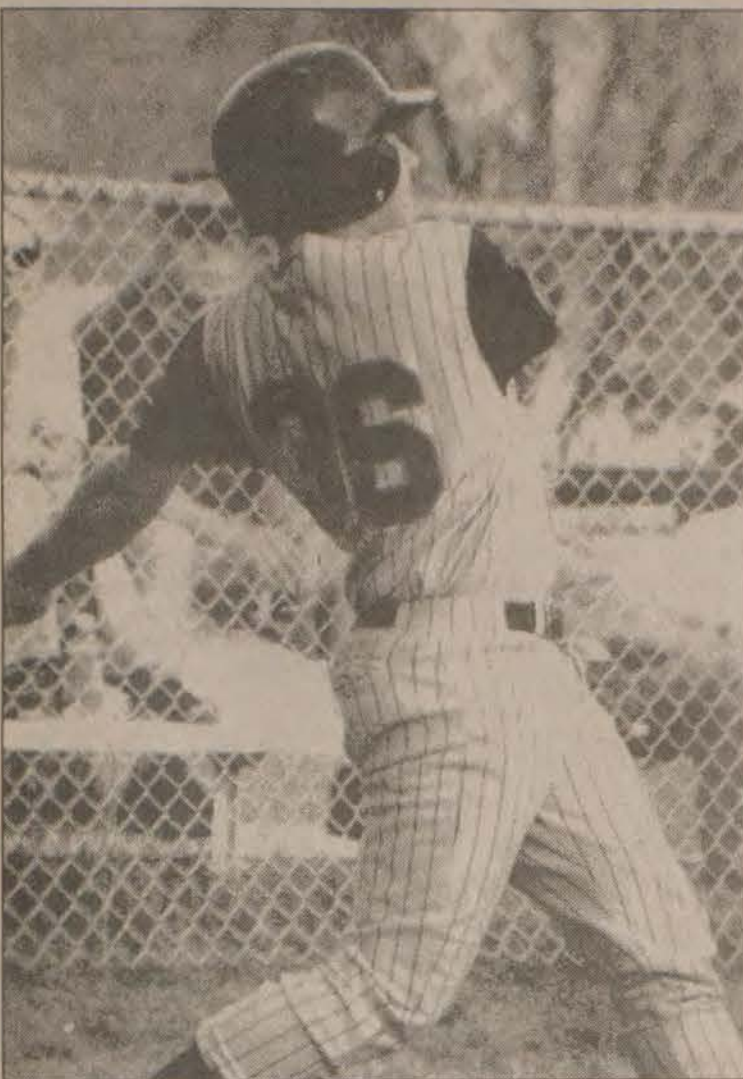
FINAL TEAM SCORES

■ Austin Peay and Eastern Kentucky, 892; Morehead State, 896; Tennessee Tech, 906; Southeast Missouri, 907; Murray State, 908; Tennessee State, 913; Eastern Illinois, 943; UT Martin, 946.

■ Austin Peay wins first playoff hole, 19-20, to win

EKU FINAL INDIVIDUAL SCORES

3 Sam Covitz 75-73-72=220
T 5 Brad Morris 75-77-70=222
T 7 Josh Crutcher 78-74-71=223
20 Drew Alexander 76-78-75=229
21 Patrick Williams 78-80-73=231



courtesy photo

PHS batter Matt Setser swung for the fences.

Baby

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nests by parents," he said. "There's something instinctive that the parents can tell when a chick is weak and is going to die anyway, so they'll reject the weaker chick so there will be more food for the others." People can assist vulnerable

young animals and birds by eliminating an extra source of predation.

"They can keep their pets up where they can't get to baby birds and animals," Samborski said. "Cats are especially good at hunting young wildlife."

Resume

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rassed by what has happened, but I'm proud of who I am."

Collen led Colorado State to four NCAA tournaments and had a record of 129-33 in five seasons.

Vanderbilt will continue its search for a replacement for Jim Foster, who left to become the coach at Ohio State. Foster was 256-99 in 11 seasons at Vanderbilt.

The 48-year-old Collen is the latest coach to lose a job over a resume discrepancy.

George O'Leary, former Georgia Tech football coach, lost the head job at Notre Dame earlier this year when he falsely claimed on his resume that he played college football and had a master's degree.

O'Leary stated that he had a master's degree in education from New York University and had earned three letters as a New Hampshire football player. He attended New Hampshire only two years and didn't play in any games.

KENTUCKY BASKETBALL

Blevins, Prince earn degrees in UK's 135th Commencement

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky basketball seniors J.P. Blevins and Tayshaun Prince will close out their careers as student-athletes today, when both receive their bachelor's degrees at the University's

135th Commencement in Memorial Coliseum.

Blevins, who will earn his degree in communications, will graduate magna cum laude, one

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MARTIAL ARTS

Five Family Academy students nominated for awards

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Five Family Academy of Martial Arts students have been nominated for World Wide Martial Arts Hall of Fame awards. The third annual World Wide Martial Arts Hall of Fame event will be held on Saturday, June 1 at the Bonnie Castle Resort in Alexandria Bay, New York.

Nathaniel Auxier has been nominated for the Student of the Year award. Garrett Brown has been nominated for the Male Competitor of the Year honor,

and Johnna Craft, Female Competitor of the Year. Family Academy of Martial Arts Instructor Michael Gambill was nominated for the Outstanding Contribution to the Martial Arts award. Charles Ruth has been nominated for Assistant Instructor of the Year.

With the nominations, all five individuals have been acknowledged by the WWMAHOF Board of Directors. They will be honored at the event in which family, friends and peers may also attend.

Some of the world's greatest martial artists will be inducted,

and will be on hand to converse with and take photographs. World-renowned martial artists scheduled to be there include David Carradine, Cynthia Rothrock, Richard Norton, Don 'The Dragon' Wilson, Sifu Vincent Lyn, Grandmaster Pan Qing Fu and Grandmaster George Dillman. Rothrock, Lyn, Fu and Dillman will also be conducting seminars. There will be a fee for all seminars.

The Family Academy of Martial Arts will also partner together with Floyd County Special Olympics for a martial arts exhibition, most likely some

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Flying

graduating to thoroughbreds and middle-level tracks like Remington and Canterbury. Until It's all in the chase dropped into his lap, Brown had never worked a horse good enough to carry him this far on

the first Saturday in May, and he never thought he would. Still, he has yet to run across a horse that hasn't left its mark on him, sometimes literally. "My neck — to this day, if I sleep wrong, I wake up remem-

bering getting thrown by one of them or the other," he said. Brown doesn't remember exactly when he knew that racing would be his calling, only that he woke up one morning on the ranch of a farmer whose land

his family was working and saw four dozen horses grazing beyond a fence. "I thought I'd died and gone to heaven," Brown said. He'd already spent much of his childhood following the crops at harvest time back and forth across the Texas-Oklahoma panhandle, attending 13 schools before he was out of his teens. Reading about horses, dreaming about horses, and occasionally riding them, was as close to a consistent theme as his life allowed until he wound up in the Army at Fort Knox, near Louisville.

Not long after he got out, Brown drifted back home to Cement, Okla., and was training roping horses when a friend talked him into taking one over to a track called Apache Downs. There were no training facilities or grandstands to speak of, or even formal betting windows.

"Most of the betting was man to man, and your chances of getting paid were good," Brown said, laughing, "provided you were big enough."

Bar Money Steed won that afternoon and Brown was hooked. For the next few years, he packed his family into the car on Sundays and made a series of forays to hardscrabble tracks across western Oklahoma and Texas, where 20 races might be squeezed onto an afternoon's card.

"I always made sure I had a full tank of gas when I got there," Brown said. "Because all you might get is \$100, \$150 for winning a race. If you bought a few pitchers and ate lunch, you could wind up in the hole."

Bar Money Steed ran 56

and finished first 48 times. Money was tight, but Brown believes it prepared him better than plenty of his contemporaries. Most important, he learned to spot talent in a heartbeat, a skill that came in handy for a beginner competing against trainers who could draw their contenders from a field of several dozen.

When Brown saw It's all in the chase in a training race at Lone Star outside Dallas with a price of \$25,000 around his neck, he called Darwin Olson, his richest owner.

"I told him, 'Darwin, this colt can cover some country.'" Soon after, they closed the deal. Olson has been offered several times that since.

"The last time one came in, I called and Darwin said, 'Forget it, I'm not getting any younger.' So I told him, 'Me neither,'" Brown said, "and here we are."

After a week at Churchill Downs, Brown isn't so much in awe as simply honored to be

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NCAA announces 3 new bowl games

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Three new bowl games — to be played in San Francisco, Honolulu and Charlotte, N.C. — were certified by the NCAA on Thursday, bringing the number of Division I post-season football games to 28.

The decision to add the games came one week after a two-year moratorium limiting the maximum number of bowl games to 26.

The new bowl games will be the San Francisco Bowl, Hawaii

Bowl and Queen City Bowl. All three will be televised by ESPN.

Teams from the Mountain West Conference and Big East Conference will play in the San Francisco Bowl at Pacific Bell Park on Dec. 31. In the Hawaii Bowl, teams will compete from Conference USA and the Western Athletic Conference will meet in Aloha Stadium on Dec. 25.

A date has not been set for the Queen City Bowl, which will be held at Ericsson Stadium in Charlotte, between teams in the

Big East and Atlantic Coast Conference.

Schools in the NCAA are not allowed to participate in postseason games that the NCAA has not certified. The process ensures that bowls meet specific standards for officiating, insurance and the distribution of funds.

"We had several new bowl organizations that came to us very well prepared with conference and television commitments, as well as good facilities and support from their communities," Tim Curley, athletics director at Penn State and chair of the Football Certification Subcommittee said in a statement. "We believe they will sponsor events that will be good experiences for student-athletes."

Jones

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star game like the Hatfield-McCoy Bowl," said Jones.

Jones was contacted by bowl director Yogi Kinder one month ago. Former Pike County Central coach Paul May guided the Kentucky team last year.

Jones is still working on getting a coaching staff together. He plans to implement some of the wide-open style South Floyd fans have become accustomed to since he took over as head coach when Donnie Daniels resigned some two years ago.

Coaches of the eligible Kentucky schools have sent in nominations to Jones. Now, the South Floyd coach has the chore of assembling the team. Neither of the two all-star squads, Kentucky or West Virginia, can have more than six players from one school. Class 2A power Prestonsburg could be six players strong. A total of 32 players from 12 Kentucky high schools have been invited to play in the game. South Floyd's Jeremy Tackett and Jeremy S. Tackett, according to Jones, are expected to play in the bowl. The Kentucky team's roster is expected to be finalized in the next two weeks.

This year's Hatfield-McCoy Bowl is slated for July 27 at Matewan (W.Va.) High School.

UK

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of academia's top honors. The Edmonton, Ky., native is a three-time Academic All-Southeastern Conference team member and has been named to the Dean's list in every semester at UK. He closed the book on his basketball career in March after an injury-prone senior season. Blevins finished his career with 286 points, 98 rebounds and 80 assists in 99 games.

Prince, arguably one of the all-time great Kentucky players, will receive his degree in sociology. He cited graduation as one of his top reasons for pulling his name from the 2001 NBA Draft and returning to complete his eligibility. He led the Wildcats in scoring (17.5 ppg) and rebounding (6.3 rpg)

this season and finished his career with 1,775 points, which ranks seventh on UK's all-time scoring list.

Prince was named first-team All-SEC, second-team All-America by the NABC and third-team All-America by The Associated Press this season, all honors he earned last year. He was the 2001 SEC Player of the Year and was named UK's most valuable player in both his junior and senior seasons.

The University Commencement begins at 10 a.m. today in Memorial Coliseum. The College of Communications ceremony begins at 6:45 p.m. at the Singletary Center while the College of Arts & Sciences holds its recognition ceremony at 7:30 p.m. in the Coliseum.

AWF heading to Vanceburg

MOREHEAD — The Appalachian Wrestling Federation will once again tread into new territory as it presents "Vengeance in Vanceburg" on Saturday at the Lewis County Central Elementary School. Bell time is set for 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

"It has been a dream for me ever since I started the AWF to come to come to the Lewis County / Vanceburg area," said AWF promoter Joe Clark. "We promise to give the wrestling fans an awesome night of wrestling there in Vanceburg."

T.V.

ESPN documentary on Kentucky high school hoops to air in June

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BRISTOL, Conn. — ESPN camera crews were in Kentucky in February and March filming Paintsville and other high school basketball teams from around the state. All of the filming was done for a documentary focused around Kentucky high school basketball.

Currently, the program is still in production. Upon completion, the program will consist of three hours of programming to run one hour each on three consecutive Tuesdays, June 11, 18, and 24. An ESPN

employee said last week that the dates are tentative dates. A tentative airtime of 9 p.m. has also been mentioned. However, obviously, local listings should be checked.

The crew visited several All "A" Classic tournaments. It also took a special interest in such programs as Paintsville, Lexington Catholic and Rose Hill. The crews reportedly followed Paintsville around for almost a month. The crew was in the Paintsville locker room at one time during the process. The ESPN contingent seemed to take special interest in the Paintsville High program.

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Alabama's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail 378 holes of world-class golf on eight sites

Report: Higher foal loss in mares exposed to caterpillars

by STEVE BAILEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Researchers said they may be a step closer to pinpointing the cause of a mysterious illness that killed hundreds of foals on central Kentucky horse farms last spring.

dean for research. "We're all scientists and we're very conservative in making conclusions about research projects centered on only 29 animals." Later Wednesday, Dr. Bill Bernard, president of the Kentucky Association of Equine Practitioners, issued a statement saying three sick foals had been identified in the past week with signs consistent with the syndrome.

ferent levels of caterpillar infestation — from heavy to none at all — over 10-day periods in small pens. With five days remaining in the second 10-day period, 12 of 19 mares exposed to caterpillars or their droppings lost early term pregnancies within 40 to 100 days of conception. Three of 10 others

in a control group in which the mares were not exposed also lost foals. "When we started this study, I told someone I thought it was probably about 2-to-1 that the caterpillars were not involved at all," said Bruce Webb, a UK insect virologist involved in the study. "I think it's fair to say that everyone has been surprised by what we're seeing, but that's why you do the experiment."

the spotlight back to the fuzzy, black and yellow caterpillars, which are abundant across central Kentucky at this time of year. "I would say the results we've seen so far will allow us to continue pursuing the caterpillar correlation," Webb said. "But first we need to finish this study, analyze the data and come up with other experiments that will help us narrow it down."

Both Webb and Cox warned that the results of the experimental trial are in no way a predictor of whether the illness will reappear this year. Bernard said the equine practitioners association met Wednesday night, and based on UK's research, its board of directors "strongly emphasize the importance of restricting the exposure of mares to Eastern tent caterpillars and their frass, as previously recommended."

■ CINCINNATI REDS

Kearns out of Reds lineup after beaming

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
LOS ANGELES — Cincinnati Reds rookie outfielder Austin Kearns was expected to be sidelined for at least a couple of games after getting beamed by Los Angeles Dodgers right-hander Giovanni Carrara.

of Cincinnati's 3-1 victory Tuesday night. The impact left a gash above his left eye that required stitches, but he never lost consciousness. X-rays taken Wednesday were negative, and a CT scan was normal. But there was residual swelling and bruises, and Kearns was complaining of headaches three hours before

the game. "When I woke up this morning, I couldn't even open my eye because it was so swollen," Kearns said. "But now I can at least see a little bit out of it. Compared to how it was, it's a lot better." It was the third time Kearns has been hit by a pitch this season. Last year, while playing for the Reds' Double-A Chattanooga farm club, Kearns was hit in the head by a pitch and ruptured his ear drum.

lars were not involved at all," said Bruce Webb, a UK insect virologist involved in the study. "I think it's fair to say that everyone has been surprised by what we're seeing, but that's why you do the experiment." As one of thoroughbred racing's premier showcases — the Kentucky Derby — approached last May, pregnant mares began delivering sickly foals that needed days of medical treatment to survive if they lived at all.

During the same time period last year — before the disease became highly visible the week before the Derby — 466 were delivered to the center for examination. More than 500 dead foals of all breeds were brought to the University of Kentucky's Livestock Disease Diagnostic Center between April 28 and May 26 of last year. Thousands more mares in the early stages of pregnancy lost their fetuses without a clue as to the cause.

As of now, we have no reason to believe we will see the illness reappear again this year," Dr. Lenn Harrison, director of the diagnostic center, said Friday. Harrison could not be reached for comment Wednesday, but new numbers were scheduled to be released by the diagnostic center Thursday.

Football

coach David LeMaster finalized his team's 2002 schedule for the upcoming season on Thursday. The final game added to the schedule was a September 20 home game against Berea. Sheldon Clark was an originally scheduled opponent for Paintsville. However, a contract was never received from the Martin County high school, thus the proposed game for the upcoming campaign was never finalized.

The third week of the season pits Class 2A power Prestonsburg against Paintsville in a home game for the Tigers. On September 13, the Tigers travel to Fleming-Neon to play the Pirates, hoping to avenge a loss suffered to the district rival early last season. Paintsville hosts Berea September 20 in a non-district Class A contest. One week later, September 27, the Tigers host Phelps.

Looking to build on last season's rivalry win, Paintsville again hosts Johnson Central in the Apple Bowl on Thursday, Oct. 3. An open week then follows the Apple Bowl date for LeMaster and his team. Paintsville is scheduled to host Hazard, travel to South Floyd and play the role host again the season's final week against Pikeville to finish out the season.

Economists from the University of Louisville's Department of Equine Management have estimated the economic loss at as much as \$350 million. Researchers have said they believe that stark weather changes may have played a role in the development of the illness. Caterpillars also have been considered a primary risk factor, though their exact correlation to the illness has not been conclusively proven.

Registration begins at 3 p.m. at the Dr. C. Vernon Cooper Fieldhouse. The combine will start at approximately 4 p.m. Coaches are urged to bring athletes early. A fish fry will be held immediately following the combine. The fish fry is free to all participants, coaches and workers.

"This is a great opportunity for coaches to help their athletes," said Hazard High School head coach Maurice Dixon. "I am looking forward to seeing all of the athletes here on Friday." Several state and out-of-state coaches are scheduled to be in attendance once again this year.

Earnhardt



photo by Steve LeMaster
Dale Earnhardt Jr. crew members looked the No. 8 car over prior to this year's Food City 500.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. return to the track, this time in the 2002 All-Star Game race car, and translate the excitement of the Mid-Summer Classic into another captivating finish. We're confident the Major League Baseball All-Star Game car will be in vic-

tory lane once again." Earnhardt Jr.'s car paint scheme features a red color and white baseball stitching with the official Budweiser / 2002 MLB All-Star Game logo on the hood. A white No. 8 appears on the car's doors and roof, and the

"Budweiser" script is displayed on the car's left and right rear quarter panels. The sides feature a baseball bat and baseballs while the rear television panel features "Budweiser — Official Beer of Major League Baseball" and "MLB on FOX" graphics.

Sideline

hit two round-trippers in one inning on their way to a four-homer game. Schmidt is one of my personal all-time favorite players. You know, the kind that went out and got their jobs done. Four HRs in a game... Mike Cameron is the 13th player to hit four homers in one game.

They have since backed off from that theory and have continued to look at other possible causes such as toxins associated with pasture grass, minerals, yeasts and molds. The new research could thrust

are scheduled to be completed. Jones said he checks in with workers at the field at least twice a week to check the project's progress. Jones, who will coach in the Hatfield-McCoy Bowl in late-July, said his team needs to begin practice on or around July 10.

Flying

standing where he and a thousand other trainers like him never dared to dream about. "A lot of those boys back there are as good a trainer as me or any of these other guys," Brown said with a sweep of his arm. "They just never got the opportunity. And I know they'll be pulling for

me so they can say, 'Yeah, I remember when I run against old Wilson Brown at one of them bush tracks and beat him.'" Jim Litke is the national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to him at jlitke(at)ap.org

Additionally, Earnhardt Jr.'s racing suit for both races will be red at the top with white "Bud" lettering and "2002" in blue, along with black pants highlighted by gold trim. The "Bud" script is featured across the chest and on the shoulders, and the 2002 MLB All-Star Game logo appears on the back of the uniform. Earnhardt Jr.'s helmet is red with the 2002 MLB All-Star Game logo and baseball imagery.

The complete list:

- NATIONAL LEAGUE
■ Bobby Lowe, Boston, May 30, 1894
■ Ed Delahanty, Philadelphia, July 13, 1896
■ Chuck Klein, Philadelphia, July 10, 1936 (10 innings)
■ Gil Hodges, Brooklyn, Aug. 31, 1950
■ Joe Adcock, Milwaukee, July 31, 1954
■ Willie Mays, S.F., April 30, 1961
■ Mike Schmidt, Philadelphia, April 17, 1976 (10 innings)
■ Bob Horner, Atlanta, July 6, 1986
■ Mark Whiten, St. Louis, Sept. 7, 1993 (second game)
AMERICAN LEAGUE
■ Lou Gehrig, N.Y., June 3, 1932
■ Pat Seerey, Chicago, July 18, 1948
■ Rocky Colavito, Cleveland, June 10, 1959
■ Mike Cameron, Seattle, May 2, 2002

THE CAMERON FILE

Name: Mike Cameron
Height: 6-1
Weight: 170
Position: CF
"Today was pretty groovy," said an elated Cameron at a press conference after the game. "I wasn't thinking about anything up there. It was just one of those days. It was like when M.J. (Michael Jordan) hit those six three-pointers (in the NBA

Doubt

Jones. Kentucky Bluegrass will be sewn on the new Raider field once it is ready for grass. Bermuda was slated for the new field, but those handling the project ruled Bermuda out, saying it wouldn't grow there. The dirt which has to be moved currently rests on the site where the new practice field will make its home. Jones called a team meeting with his squad on Thursday. It was during that meeting that several players voiced concerns about the new field's condition. "Our kids are real worried about not having a field to play on next season," added Jones. On Wednesday, SFHS coaches met and discussed things. The Raiders could just revert back to Brackett Field, right? Well, maybe not. It might not be that easy. Brackett Field, located in Wheelwright, was sold recently to Mark Tackett, a resident who lives just down the road from the former home to the South Floyd Raiders and Wheelwright Trojans. Lights for the new field were supposed to be in last week, but as of press time, had yet to arrive. The main problem in the eyes of many Raider fans is a set deadline and knowing when things

College signings

The Sports Department at The Floyd County Times covers college signings. If you have an athlete who is signing to play at the next level, we want to know about it.
are scheduled to be completed. Jones said he checks in with workers at the field at least twice a week to check the project's progress. Jones, who will coach in the Hatfield-McCoy Bowl in late-July, said his team needs to begin practice on or around July 10. South Floyd is scheduled to host a grid scrimmage event on Saturday, Aug. 9. The Raiders are slated to play Morgan County and Fleming-Neon scheduled to take on Pike Central in what now becomes an event which is in somewhat immediate jeopardy. One week later, South Floyd is set to host another scrimmage game. The drainage system is in at the new field. However, the press box isn't. last year's South Floyd team finished 4-6 while graduating five seniors. Landon Hall will take over under center for the Raiders next season, while Brandon Little and Josh McCray will carry some of the offensive load for the Class A grid team. South Floyd's season-opener is on the road at Harlan. After battling the Green Dragons on the road, the Raiders will return home, hopefully, for games against Raceland and in-county Betsy Layne.

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EKU's 40th annual Creative Writing Conference scheduled

RICHMOND — Whether you're a fledgling writer looking to hone your craft or a more advanced writer longing for support and inspiration, the place to be June 17-21 is Eastern Kentucky University's 40th annual Creative Writing Conference.

The Conference, which has been cited by Poets and Writers magazine as one of the top such conferences in the nation, will feature lectures, workshops, conferences and readings by visiting writers and poets Silas House, Steven R. Cope and Leatha Kendrick, and EKU faculty members Hal Blythe, Charlie Sweet, Dorothy Sutton and Harry Brown.

"We believe the conference will improve the participants' writing skills in poetry or fiction," said Brown, conference director. "Writers sometimes need the support or inspiration that comes from being in a group."

Besides learning from group discussions, participants will have the chance to discuss their work in

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Approval granted for MSU's science program

A component of Morehead State University's Radiologic Sciences Programs has been granted the maximum approval term possible by a national accrediting agency.

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) recently notified the University that its associate degree radiography program accreditation has been renewed for eight years. The continuing accreditation distinction was awarded following the JRCERT's site visit to the MSU campus in October, to evaluate the program.

"What this means is that the accrediting agency thinks the quality of our program is sufficient enough that they don't need to evaluate more often," said Barbara Dehner, associate professor and coordinator of radiologic sciences programs. Dehner noted that the last accreditation period given to the program was also the maximum term permitted at that time (five years).

"Again, our program is continuing to meet and even exceed the benchmark of expected performance set by JRCERT," Dehner said. "But the quality of our teaching on campus is not all of it," she added, saying that the excellent educational experiences their students have had at the 13 clinical sights throughout Kentucky contributed significantly to the program's successes.

A part of the Department of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, the Radiologic Sciences Programs team includes six full-time faculty members, with

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Floyd Countians Beth Garrett, Jessica Evans and Joel Castle hold their work, which will be on display in the gallery.

PCC holds EXHIBITION

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Community College Art Gallery is currently displaying works by PCC painting students.

The exhibit — "Something-In-Between" — will be on display week-

days, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., through May 9. "Painting like other disciplines requires much work," said Professor Tom J. Whitaker. "There are two kinds of painters — those who work and those who don't."

Whitaker feels it is important for students to display their work, and he invites everyone to view the exhibit.

For more information, call gallery director Tim Sizemore at (606) 886-3863, ext. 342.



PCC board member Dr. Rodney Handshoe, of East Kentucky Cardiology Services, presented a \$1,000 donation to the Big Sandy College Educational Foundation scholarship fund. The gift was Handshoe's second.

Scholarship fund grows with doctor's help

PRESTONSBURG — A long-standing member of the Prestonsburg Community College Board of Directors and the Big Sandy College Educational Foundation Inc. has again shown his support for education in the Big Sandy.

Dr. Rodney Handshoe, of East Kentucky Cardiology Services, is a 1973 graduate of Prestonsburg Community College.

Following the Prestonsburg Community College board meeting on April 29, Dr. Handshoe presented a \$1,000 check to Dr. George D. Edwards, PCC president and CEO of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College District. The donation was Dr. Handshoe's second to the

scholarship fund, which is to be awarded to graduates from local high schools and area technology centers in the Big Sandy District, including Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties. The check placed the Big Sandy College Educational Foundation Inc. over the halfway mark toward its monetary goal.

"Dr. Handshoe continues to be a vital member of both the board of directors and the foundation," Dr. Edwards said. "Through this second contribution to the BSCEF scholarship fund, yet another area graduate can pursue a higher education with

(See **FUND**, page two)

Top humanities students honored at MSU

MOREHEAD — Students enrolled in Morehead State University's Caudill College of Humanities were recognized for academic excellence at the college's Honors Luncheon held recently.

The event, part of the University's Academic Awards Week, allowed the college to recognize its outstanding students. Each department within the college presented academic scholastic and achievement

awards to outstanding individuals.

Named as outstanding undergraduate students were:

- Karen Jordan, Vanceburg senior, art.
- Steven M. Kazee, Ashland senior, communication and theatre and outstanding student majoring in theatre.

- Jerry Dale Atwood II, Stanford senior, english, foreign languages and philosophy and outstanding student in English.

- Randy Saunders, Chaska, Minn. senior, geography, government and history.

- Adam C. Turner, Dillsboro, Ind., junior, music. Presentations were made to outstanding graduate students:

- Robert W. Hay of Louisville, art.
- Melissa G. Mattingly of

Morehead, communication and theatre and outstanding graduate student in theatre.

- April S. Tackett of Myra, English, foreign languages and philosophy.

- Hsiao, Chien-Hsiao of Taiwan, Music.

The Department of Art recognized:

- Kyle Wick, Alexandria, Ohio, outstanding freshman.

- Jimma Young, Catlettsburg, outstanding sopho-

more.

- Christy Herring, Bowling Green, outstanding senior.

- Kelley Brown of Louisville, Elizabeth Mraz of Morehead and Sara Pennington of Morehead, J.E. Duncan Junior Scholarship Award.

Presentations from the Department of Communication and Theatre went to:

- Greg Dawkins, Strathpine, Australia, senior, outstanding student with an emphasis in jour-

nalism news.

- Autumn Dobson, Prestonsburg senior, outstanding student with an emphasis in advertising.

- Tina Wagoner, Morehead senior, outstanding student with an emphasis in public relations and outstanding student in mass media.

- Stuart Osborne, Lucasville, Ohio, senior, outstanding student

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SBA boosts funds for businesses after Sept. 11

Submitted article

Small businesses hurt by the September 11 terrorist attacks may be eligible for extra loan relief under the U.S. Small Business Administration's new Supplemental Terrorist Activity Relief—STAR program, the agency announced. The program is available nationwide, and has \$4.5 billion in additional funding for 7(a) loans.

The STAR program applies to small businesses that suffered economic harm or a disruption in business operations as the result of September 11. Since the program began in January 2002, the SBA has seen a tremendous need for STAR loans. To date, the agency has provided guaranties on loans amounting to \$150 million.

"America's war against terrorism is a two-front war," SBA Administrator

Hector V. Barreto said. "There is the war being run by the Department of Defense that you see on television every day. The second front is here at home, and it is a war about the U.S. economy. The STAR program should make SBA's basic loan program more available to small businesses struggling to recover from the events of September 11. The benefits to all of us will be a stronger small business sector

and a stronger economy.

"These loans are ideal for small businesses that have been adversely affected by the September 11 attacks, but have not been able to qualify for other loan programs," Barreto said.

STAR loans can be used for a broad variety of business purposes, and small businesses can apply for a STAR loan if they can show the lender direct or indirect adverse impact as the result of

September 11.

Examples of adverse impact are—
 ■ difficulty in making loan payments on existing debt;
 ■ difficulty in paying employees or vendors;
 ■ difficulty in purchasing materials, supplies, or inventory;

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Medicare AND YOU



Donna R. Morton
Medicare Beneficiary
Outreach Coordinator
AdminaStar Federal

Q Does Medicare cover mammograms?

A Yes Medicare Part B helps pay for both screening and diagnostic mammograms. The facility where the test is done must be certified the Food and Drug Administration.

Q What is the difference between a screening mammogram and a diagnostic mammogram?

A The screening is done for the purpose of early detection of breast cancer. No symptoms must be present for the service to be considered covered under Medicare guidelines. The diagnostic mammogram is done because of symptoms present.

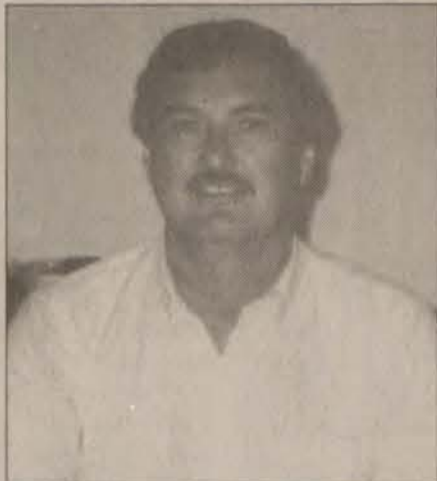
Q Does Medicare pay the same for a screening as a diagnostic mammogram?

A No. Medicare covers one screening mammogram every 12 months for women age 40 and older. You do not have to meet your Medicare Part B \$100 deductible before Medicare will help to pay for a screening. Medicare pays 80 percent of the Medicare approved amount and you will have to pay 20 percent of the approved amount on an assigned claim. If you have another insurance to go with your Medicare it may pay the 20 percent. There is no frequency guideline for diagnostic mammograms. Medicare covers this test when the

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Gwen Christon, Kentucky Minority Small Business Advocate of the Year



Darrell Maynard, Kentucky Small Business Person of the Year 2002



Ruth Cox, Women in Business Advocate of the Year



Linda Sumpter, Accountant Advocate of the Year

LOCALS CHOSEN TO RECEIVE SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

The following local entrepreneurs have been nominated for small business advocate awards by the Morehead State University East Kentucky Small Business Development Center:

- **GWEN CHRISTON**, owner of Isom IGA, Isom, Kentucky - Minority Small Business Advocate of the Year;
- **RUTH COX**, owner of AAA Real Estate Services, Inc., Pikeville, Kentucky - Women in Business Advocate of the Year;
- **LINDA SUMPTER**, CPA, Inez, Kentucky - Accountant Advocate of the Year.

This year marks the 39th year for National Small Business Week, which is sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The theme for the 2002 Small Business Week is "Small Business: Where America Works." Small Business Week this year is May 5-11.

The week will honor the estimated 25 million small businesses in America that employ more than half the country's private work force, create three of every four new jobs, and generate a majority of American innovations. This week recognizes the small business community's contribution to the American economy and society.

Small Business Week recognizes outstanding small business owners for their

personal achievements and contributions to our nation's economy. One of the most exciting events that will take place during Small Business Week is the presentation of awards spotlighting the outstanding contributions of small business people and advocates for small business.

This year the Morehead State University East Kentucky Small Business Development Center selected a local entrepreneur, Darrell Maynard, as a worthy candidate for the Small Business Person of the Year award. The center submitted a nomination package to the SBA district office in Louisville for review. From this nomination, Maynard, the owner of SouthEast Telephone, was chosen as

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Howard attends seminar

Submitted article

Paula R. Howard, Salyersville, a Modern Woodmen of America district representative, has completed a five-day educational program at the fraternal life insurance soci-

ety's home office in Rock Island, Illinois.

The program reinforced the concepts of sound financial planning for families through Modern Woodmen life insurance plans, annuities, and IRA's. Modern Woodmen of

America is a fraternal life insurance society headquartered in Rock Island, Illinois. The organization offers life insurance and annuities for family financial security and fraternal service programs for communities.



Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, center, recently signed a proclamation in recognition of Small Business Week, May 5-11, 2002. Also shown are Judy Hankins, training coordinator, left, and Kelli Hall, right, general management consultant for Morehead State University Small Business Development Center. For information on the services offered by the Small Business Development Center, contact Kelli Hall at 606-788-7331, or 606-432-5848.

May 15 deadline to stop unwanted calls after July 15

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Ben Chandler is encouraging Kentuckians to sign up for the telemarketing "No Call" list by May 15, which is the deadline for the first list to stop calls.

"The new anti-telemarketing law goes into effect July 15, and it will take some time to assemble the names and distribute them to the telemarketers," said Chandler. "Then we must allow telemarketers time to update their lists to make sure they don't call people on the 'No-Call' list. So the cut-off date for the first list is May 15"

Citizens who miss the May 15

deadline will have until August 15 to add their names to the list, which telemarketers will observe starting October 15.

Kentucky citizens who have previously signed up on the Attorney General's list do not need to sign up again unless their home phone numbers have changed. Chandler said that over 400,000 people have put their names on the "No Call" list. Two-thirds of them signed up since a tougher law was approved in early March.

Chandler advised that the fastest

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Mild weather, weak economy contributes to AEP earnings drop

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — American Electric Power reported last week that its first-quarter earnings fell 16 percent because of the recession and a mild winter that kept energy demand low.

The Columbus-based utility said it made \$189.4 million for the quarter that ended March 31, or 59 cents a share, compared with \$226.3 million, or 71 cents a share, a year ago.

Revenue fell 5 percent to \$13.5 billion from \$14.2 billion.

The per share earnings were in line with expectations of analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial/First Call.

E. Linn Draper Jr., the company's chairman, said low energy demand in the quarter dropped wholesale energy prices and margins in part because of the recession.

AEP owns and operates more than 42,000 megawatts of generat

(See **WEATHER**, page four)

Retail milk prices are at the lowest levels since the summer of 1998, according to Kentucky Farm Bureau's quarterly marketbasket survey

The April report on food prices in Kentucky showed a 2.5 percent increase from January in the average cost for the 40 popular food items surveyed. But the most notable trend over the first quarter of the year was a sharp

decline for milk, with the average for a gallon of whole milk falling from \$2.69 to \$2.27, while the average for two percent milk dropped from \$2.58 to \$2.19. That's the lowest price since July of 1998, when the

averages were \$2.26 and \$2.16, respectively.

The lower cost is the result of rising farm production coupled with sluggish demand, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's dairy industry

report for mid April.

U.S. milk production is about 2.4 percent above last year's level, and Kentucky production is up 1.6 percent. With supply exceeding demand, farm milk prices per hundredweight have been about \$1.40 below that of last year, according to the report.

"After a four-year binge, consumer demand may be settling back more in line with the long-run trend," wrote USDA economist James J. Miller. "The price declines may be larger than projected earlier."

USDA has predicted a 2 to 3 percent rise in milk production

this year, with farm milk prices falling by perhaps as much as \$2 per hundredweight.

Due to the decline for milk, the average cost of the six dairy products surveyed fell by 4.2 percent. Meanwhile, the average for fruits and vegetables rose by 8.9 percent while the average for five poultry products was up by 8.8 percent.

Of the 40 items surveyed, 23 went up in price, while 17 went down. The biggest gainers were ribeye steak (up 59 cents a pound), sausage (up 55 cents for a two-pound roll), potatoes (up 39 cents for a 10-pound bag),

apples (up 26 cents a pound), lettuce (78 cents a head) and tomatoes (up 34 cents a pound).

Besides milk, significant declines were recorded for margarine (down 13 cents a pound), flour (down 16 cents on a five-pound bag) and sliced dill pickles (down 13 cents for a 16-ounce jar).

Communities surveyed by Farm Bureau market reporters were Bardstown, Dry Ridge, Falmouth, Glasgow, Greensburg, Harrodsburg, Lancaster, Lexington, Morgan field, Salyersville, Somerset and Stanford.



Tim Glotzbach, founding dean and director of the Kentucky School of Craft, spoke to the Hazard Rotary Club about the new school in Hindman. A groundbreaking for the new school will be held Monday at 3 p.m. Gov. Paul Patton will speak, along with KCTCS President Michael B. McCall. Glotzbach told the Rotarians the Kentucky School of Craft aspires to become a national and international model for craft education as part of community development.

Tourism, key to economic recovery, says AAA

AAA, North America's largest leisure travel agency, is helping to celebrate its 100-year anniversary by encouraging people to get out and enjoy America's many natural and manmade wonders, as part of National Tourism Week, May 4-12.

"This year, National Tourism Week takes on even greater importance because it is vital that leisure travelers return to our nation's highways and airways, since a healthy travel and tourism industry is extremely important to our economic stability and growth," said Dan Dickson, spokesman for AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky.

"The good news is that prospects once again are brightening for a travel industry that was battered last year by recession, and the events of September 11. Americans are resuming many of the travel habits they abandoned in 2001," said Dickson. "A key element in celebrating National Tourism Week is

letting Americans know about the significant contribution travel and tourism makes to this country's economy," he added.

Nationally, the travel and tourism industry employs 19 million people, and generates \$584 billion in total travel expenses as the nation's third largest retail sales industry.

AAA employees are pleased to be part of the travel and tourism industry—a business that contributes so much to the economic success of our cities, states and the nation," said Dickson.

In Kentucky, the most current travel-related statistics show:

- 106,000 jobs generated by domestic and international visitors;
- \$5.1 billion in travel expenditures from domestic and international visitors to the state;
- "National Tourism Week is an opportunity to take pride in

Kentucky's tourism industry and to support plans and policies that keep our state a rewarding place to visit," said Dickson.

"Internationally, travel to the U.S. should be stimulated by the globalization trend and the continued status of the U.S. as a preferred destination. Also, technological advances are expected to reduce travel times, improve transportation infrastructures and offer new and better ways to market and promote travel," Dickson concluded.

AAA Blue Grass Kentucky is a not-for-profit automobile club serving 120,000 members in 61 counties in central and eastern Kentucky, and parts of Virginia and West Virginia.

SBA

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- difficulty in paying rents, mortgages, or other operating expenses; and
- difficulty in securing financing

Start-up small businesses planning to begin operating, but were hampered in doing so, may also qualify for the reduced-fee STAR program loan.

The program is available until January 10, 2003, or until all the funds are expended.

For more information about all of the SBA's programs for small businesses, call the SBA Answer Desk at 1-800-U-ASK-SBA or TDD 704-344-6640. Also, visit the SBA's extensive web site at www.sba.gov.

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Awards

The Small Business Person of the Year 2002 for the state of Kentucky.

The selection criteria for Small Business Persons of the Year were staying power and a substantiated history as an established business, growth in number of employees and increase in sales, financial condition, innovation, response to adversity, and community service. The national Small Business Person of the Year, as well as two runners-up, are selected by the SBA Administrator based on the recommendations of the National Advisory Council and are announced during National Small Business Week. Maynard will be attending the National Small Business Week celebration event in Washington, D.C., on May 6, to vie with the other 52 winners across the nation.

Small Business Advocates and Special Award Winners

During Small Business Week, Small Business Advocates are also honored. A small business advocate is an

individual who has used his or her professional expertise or personal talents to further the understanding and awareness of small business. These individuals have also taken an active role in creating opportunities for small business.

The following local entrepreneurs have been nominated for small business advocate awards by the Morehead State University East Kentucky Small Business Development Center: Gwen Christon, owner of Isom IGA, Isom, Kentucky - Minority Small Business Advocate of the Year; Ruth Cox, owner of AAA Real Estate Services, Inc., Pikeville, Kentucky - Women in Business Advocate of the Year; Linda Sumpter, CPA, Inez, Kentucky - Accountant Advocate of the Year.

Linda Sumpter was chosen as the Accountant Advocate of the Year 2002 for Kentucky, and Gwen Christon was selected as the Minority Small Business Advocate of the Year 2002 for Kentucky. In addition, Christon was honored not only as the state winner but also as the regional Minority Small Business Advocate of the Year. The regional winner is chosen from eight southern states.

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and easiest way to sign up for the "No-Call" list is to access the Attorney General's web site at www.kycall0.com. People may also call 1-866-KYCALL-0 to get on the list. In both cases, all they have to do is punch in their phone numbers to sign up.

The new law has only four exemptions and replaces an ineffective one that had 23 loopholes. After July 15, telemar-

keters cannot call people on the "No Call" list unless:

- The call is about an existing debt or contract.
- The consumer has an existing or prior relationship with the business.
- The consumer has given permission for the call.
- It is a business-to-business call.

The telemarketing law does not apply to calls from charities seeking only donations.

"We have worked hard to strengthen the law so that Kentuckians can have privacy in their homes," said Chandler. "Now we want them to sign up before the May 15 deadline so they can be protected by the

Medicare

patient shows any signs of breast disease and the doctor orders the test. Diagnostic mammograms are subject to the Part B \$100 deductible, with Medicare paying 80 percent of the approved and the patient 20 percent.

Where can I get more information about mammograms?

Talk to your doctor or call the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237).

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.

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Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Loving Locket for Mom

It only takes minutes to make this Mother's Day gift that will last a lifetime. All ages can join in to make a simple, heartfelt locket Mom will treasure and want to wear around her neck wherever she goes. All you have to do is choose some small photos of the kids, then find the rest of your supplies in the family craft box and a toolbox!



DAVID LAROCHELLE

STEP 1

Dig around in the toolbox for a standard 1-1/2-inch cabinet hinge (available at a hardware or building-supply store). Set it in front of you closed, so it resembles a small book with the binding on the left side. Cover the front and back of the hinge with paint or colored adhesive-backed paper, or glue on wallpaper or fabric remnants cut to size. Decorate the front with glued-on beads, rhinestones or minibuttons if you wish. Let dry.

STEP 2

Loop a 30-inch necklace chain (fan chains from the toolbox work great, too) or thin satin ribbon through the top screw hole on the back. Glue a thin, 1/4-inch magnet strip to the inside to keep the hinge closed when Mom wears it, then glue on trimmed-to-fit pictures. Keep the hinge open to allow the glue to dry.

STEP 3

Find a small gift box, fill it with colorful tissue, wrap the present and tuck it away for a special Mother's Day surprise.

Donna's newly released book, "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families," is now available in bookstores nationwide.

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Kid-friendly mother's day dessert

Moms, hang today's recipe on the fridge where the kids are bound to see it. Let them read the easy preparation, and keep dropping hints about how you'd love to have it for Mother's Day dessert. Then be sure you have all the ingredients on hand and in plain view. And let the kids take over.

Now, a few words of lecture: Don't discourage children when they want to take over the kitchen, even if they don't do a perfect cleanup. Naturally, you let them cook only if they are mature enough. You can take care of the oven where necessary and supervise their use of knives or other potentially dangerous chores. Encourage them to clean up, but don't nag. If you must do the clearing up, be sure they pitch in. The family that cleans together, etc., etc., etc.

Even a 12-year-old can turn out a perfect version of this Chocolate Mint Mousse Pie. Not only does it look great, it's refreshing and an elegant finish for a festive meal. Unless the kids already can turn out a homemade pie crust, be sure to have commercially prepared shells in the freezer.

CHOCOLATE MINT MOUSSE PIE

- 1 teaspoon unflavored gelatin
- 1 tablespoon cold water
- 2 tablespoons boiling water
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup Dutch-processed cocoa
- 1 cup (1/2 pint) cold whipping cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 baked 8- or 9-inch pie crust, cooled
- Mint Cream Topping*

1. Sprinkle gelatin over cold water in small cup; let stand 2 minutes to soften. Add boiling water; stir until gelatin is completely dissolved and mixture is clear. Cool slightly, about 5 minutes.

2. Stir together sugar and cocoa in medium bowl; add whipping cream and vanilla. Beat on medium speed of mixer until stiff, scraping bottom of bowl occasionally. Add gelatin mixture; beat just until well-blended. Pour into prepared pie crust.

3. Prepare Mint Cream Topping (recipe follows); spread topping over chocolate filling. Refrigerate at least 2 hours. Cover and refrigerate any leftover pie.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.



*MINT CREAM TOPPING: In medium bowl, beat 1 cup (1/2 pint) cold whipping cream, 2 tablespoons confectioners sugar, 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract, and a few drops green food color (to desired hue). Beat until stiff.

Makes about 2 cups topping.

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(See BLOCK, page six)

Comfort food at its best

I never tire of creating new meatloaf recipes because I think meatloaf is as comforting as food gets! If you agree, then take comfort in this easy home-style recipe.

HOME-STYLE MEATLOAF

- 16 ounces extra-lean ground sirloin or turkey breast
- 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon dried fine bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup finely chopped celery
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 teaspoons dried parsley flakes

- 2 tablespoons reduced-sodium ketchup
- 1 (12-ounce) jar fat-free beef gravy

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan with butter-flavored cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine meat, bread crumbs, celery, onion, parsley flakes, ketchup and 1/4 cup beef gravy. Mix well to combine. Pat mixture into prepared loaf pan. Bake for 45 minutes. Evenly

(See COMFORT, page six)



by JoAnna M. Lund

Dear Diane...

Rude Families at the movies

DEAR DIANE:

I work the night shift, and my wife, "Peaches," works the day shift. As you can imagine, we have to make a concerted effort to schedule time for each other.

Last week, for the first time in nearly three months, Peaches and I had a whole day to ourselves.

Since Peaches and I are both big movie buffs, we decided to go the theater and catch up on some of the movies we'd been wanting to see, after which we'd planned on a fancy dinner and some "quality time" back home.

Well, we got to the theater early, got some drinks and picked out our favorite seats. Three minutes into the feature, a man, woman and their two very young children plowed their way down our aisle and sat next to us.

Throughout the whole movie, one of their Evil Spawn kept climbing off his father's lap and occupied his time by slapping me.

This little brat's father did absolutely nothing. I felt that since I had made the effort to get to the theater on time that I should not have been expected to move from my seat.

Needless to say, my moviegoing experience was ruined, as was my appetite for dinner and "quality time" with Peaches.

Was there anything I could have done?
— MOVIE FAN IN MACON

DEAR MOVIE FAN:

You should have gone to the manager and complained about the man and his rude family. Most theaters are more than happy to give out free passes, which you could have used at a later showing of the film you wanted to see — one where children wouldn't likely be in attendance.

Heartburn can cause problems more serious than pain

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I've always had a problem with acid reflux. My physician suggested I have an endoscopy. The results show that I have Barrett esophagus. I would like a little information on it. Is there a cure? — M.D.

ANSWER:

Acid reflux is part of a syndrome called GERD, gastroesophageal reflux disease. That's the backflow of stomach acid and digestive juices into the esophagus, the muscular tube through which food passes on its way from the mouth to the stomach. GERD is often associated with a hiatal hernia, an upward projection of the stomach into the chest.

In everyday speech, GERD is heartburn. Some people whose stomachs' digestive juices squirt into the esophagus develop changes in the lining cells of the lower esophagus. Those changes constitute a Barrett esophagus. In a minority, the Barrett changes evolve into cancer.

Important in the management of Barrett esophagus is management of acid reflux. Medicines that turn off stomach acid production are part of a program to contain Barrett changes. Prilosec, Prevacid and Nexium are examples. Abolishing acid production, however, does not always lead to a return to normal esophageal lining cells.

Because of that, the doctor must keep a close eye on a Barrett patient with scope examinations of the esophagus. The doctor biopsies



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

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Chicken Soup for the Soul: The face of America

Susan Halm

(FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL OF AMERICA")

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September 11 dealt a stunning blow to the American psyche. For many of us, dazed and shocked, the urgent question we asked ourselves as we watched the carnage pouring out of our television sets was: What can I do to help?

Local and national news commentators urged us to respond to the Red Cross' call for blood donations by participating in a blood drive. I have donated blood in the past, but nothing has approached the urgency I felt to donate this time. Tuesday night I told my husband, "We've got to go tomorrow."

We equipped ourselves with books to read and snacks to munch while we waited, figuring the line might be, oh, maybe an hour or two. When we reached our local Charleston, S.C., Red Cross, we couldn't believe it. At 11 a.m., the line stretched around the block.

It might be eight hours before we would reach the head of the line — still, we walked to the end. And while we waited, I looked at the faces around me — and I saw the face of America.

I saw young and old, women and children, Generation Xers in T-shirts

and tattoos, veterans, people leaning on canes and in wheelchairs, waiting to give what they could to our country. No one was impatient, no one argued or pushed ahead of anyone. We had a purpose and a goal — so we waited.

As we stood, local television and radio stations came out. They hooked up speakers for us to listen to music and the news from New York and Washington. They brought us American flags donated by locals to wave, and stickers to wear that read "AMERICA WILL PASS THIS TEST."

Red Cross volunteers brought out food donated by local merchants: piz-

zas, McDonald's cheeseburgers, sub sandwiches, delicious fried chicken, snack foods, fresh fruit, bottles of cold water and sodas. They fed us, answered our questions and told us what to expect when we finally reached the head of the line. They thanked us for coming out and for our "sacrifice."

One volunteer told us that television pictures of us waiting in line and giving blood were being transmitted to giant screens in the middle of the World Trade Center. He told us: "You don't know how much good it does for these guys to see you here. They come out of the rubble, exhausted. Then they see you on the screen, and they go back in."

We were just Americans, doing what we do, finding another way to have fun, even in the midst of tragedy. We sang to

the music from the speakers, and we laughed, because Americans are people who love to laugh. We made friends and discovered common ground.

On a hot fall afternoon in Charleston, S.C., I saw the face of America. Our hearts are broken, but our spirit is roaring back. We have a common purpose and a common goal. We are once again the UNITED STATES.

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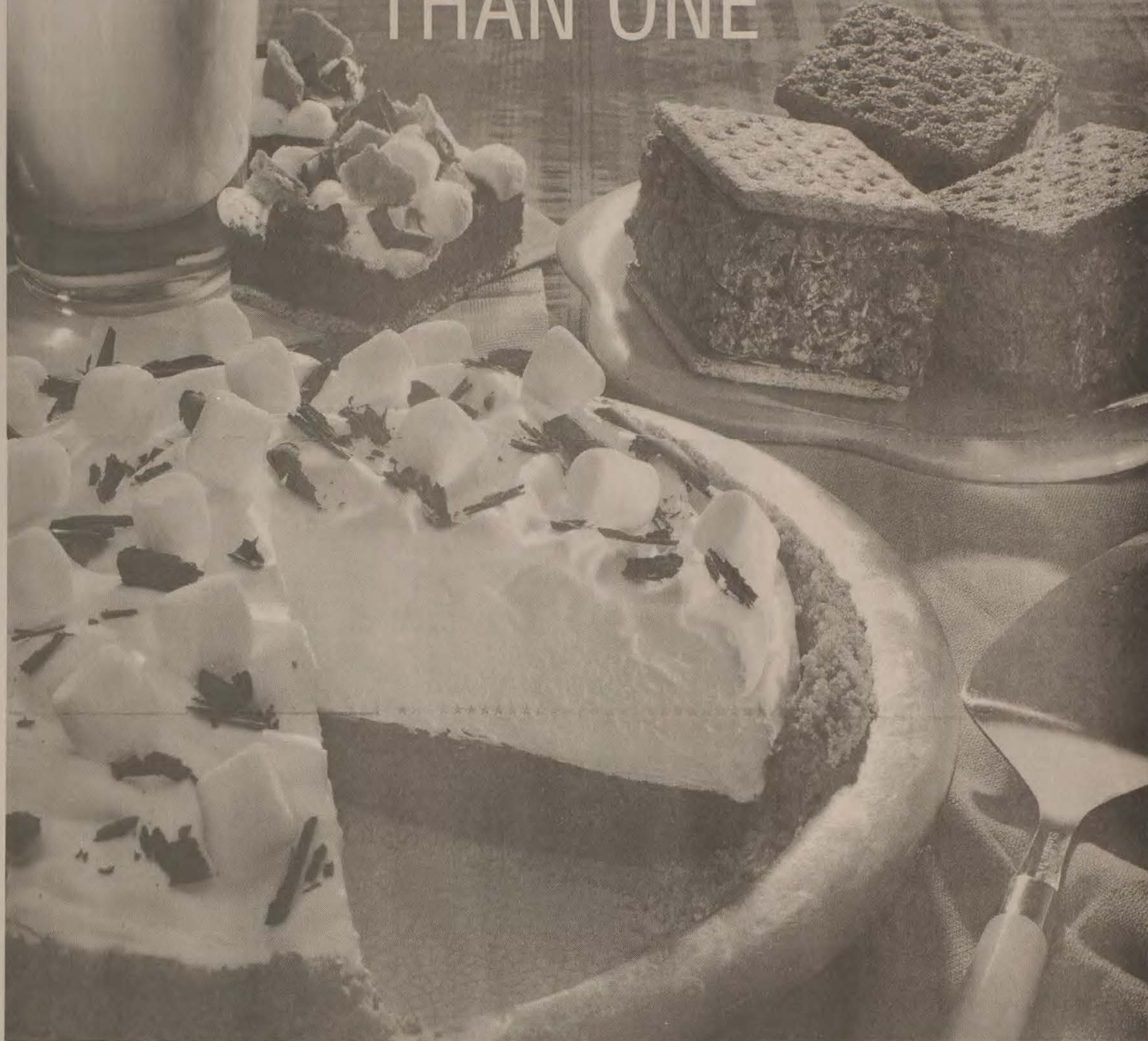
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S'more Ways

THAN ONE



Clockwise from bottom: S'more Truffle Pie, G'me S'more Brownies! and Screaming S'more Squares

Who can resist the delicious taste of s'mores—toasted marshmallows and chocolate sandwiched between two crisp graham crackers? They've been a favorite with kids of all ages for decades. And it's not hard to figure out why—this classic summer treat makes the season a bit sweeter!

However, you don't need to huddle around a campfire to savor the sweet taste of s'mores. All you need are three basic ingredients: soft and fluffy marshmallows with freshness you can taste, graham crackers that any kid would love and real semi-sweet chocolate chunks that add something special to all your desserts. Mix in a bit of imagination, and you can create a s'mores treat without leaving the kitchen!

In fact, semi-sweet chocolate, graham crackers and marshmallows can add a s'mores twist to other classic treats. Brownies, pie and cheesecake can easily become something more than your average dessert when these three ingredients are combined.

So, when you crave something "s'more" than your typical dessert, try one of the recipes here. They're sure to have everyone in your family asking for "s'more!"

For additional recipes and tips, visit www.bakerschocolate.com, www.kraftfoods.com and www.nabiscoworld.com

S'more Cheesecake

Prep: 30 minutes plus refrigerating
Bake: 1 hour

CRUST

- 16 squares *Honey Maid* Honey Grahams, finely crushed (about 1-1/3 cups crumbs)
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted

FILLING

- 3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 eggs
- 1-1/2 cups *Baker's* Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chunks, divided
- 2 cups *Jet-Puffed* Miniature Marshmallows, divided

MAKE THE CRUST:

HEAT oven to 325°F. Mix graham crumbs, sugar and butter; press onto bottom of 9-inch springform pan. Bake 10 minutes if using a silver springform pan. (Bake at 300°F for 10 minutes if using a dark nonstick springform pan.)

MAKE THE FILLING:

MIX cream cheese, sugar and vanilla with electric mixer until well blended. Add eggs; mix on low speed just until blended. Stir in 1 cup of the chocolate chunks and 1 cup of the marshmallows. Pour over crust. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup chocolate chunks and 1 cup marshmallows. BAKE 50 to 55 minutes or until center is almost set if using a silver springform pan. (Bake at 300°F for 55 minutes or until center is almost set if using a dark nonstick springform pan.) Run knife or metal spatula around rim of pan to loosen cake; cool before removing rim of pan. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight. Makes 12 servings.

Special Extras: Garnish with thawed frozen whipped topping and coarsely broken *Honey Maid* Honey Grahams.

G'me S'more Brownies!

Prep: 15 minutes
Bake: 40 minutes

- 20 squares *Honey Maid* Honey Grahams, divided
- 3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) butter or margarine
- 4 squares *Baker's* Unsweetened Baking Chocolate
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup flour
- 1 package (10-1/2 ounces) *Jet-Puffed* Miniature Marshmallows
- 1 package (12 ounces) *Baker's* Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chunks

HEAT oven to 350°F. Line 13x9-inch baking pan with foil; grease foil. Place 15 of the graham squares in bottom of pan, overlapping slightly.

MICROWAVE butter and chocolate in large microwavable bowl on HIGH 2 minutes or until butter is melted. Stir until chocolate is completely melted. STIR sugar into chocolate mixture until well blended. Mix in eggs and vanilla. Stir in flour until well blended. Spread over graham squares in pan.

BAKE 30 to 32 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out with fudgy crumbs. DO NOT OVERBAKE. Sprinkle marshmallows and chocolate chunks evenly over top. Return to oven 5 to 7 minutes or just until marshmallows are golden. Press remaining 5 graham squares, broken into large pieces, into top of brownie. Cool in pan on wire rack. Lift out of pan onto cutting board. Cut into bars. Makes 36.

Tip: For ease in cutting, dip knife in warm water and wipe dry between cuts.

Screaming S'more Squares

Prep: 10 minutes
Microwave: 4 minutes

- 30 squares *Honey Maid* Honey or Chocolate Grahams, divided
- 1 package (12 ounces) *Baker's* Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chunks
- 6 tablespoons butter or margarine, divided
- 1 package (10-1/2 ounces) *Jet-Puffed* Miniature Marshmallows
- 1 package (13 ounces) cocoa-flavored sweetened rice cereal

LINE 13x9-inch pan with foil; grease foil. Place 15 graham squares on bottom of pan, overlapping slightly.

MICROWAVE chocolate chunks and 2 tablespoons butter in microwavable bowl on HIGH 2 minutes; stir until melted. Spread 1/2 of the melted chocolate over graham squares.

MICROWAVE remaining 4 tablespoons butter in 4-quart microwavable bowl on HIGH 45 seconds or until melted. Add marshmallows; mix to coat. Microwave 1-1/2 minutes or until melted, stirring after 45 seconds. Add cereal; mix to coat well.

PRESS cereal mixture firmly over graham squares in pan. Drizzle with remaining melted chocolate. Immediately top with remaining 15 graham squares. Cool; cut into squares. Makes 15.

How to press cereal mixture in an even layer: Grease bottom of flat drinking glass or metal measuring cup. Use to press cereal mixture into an even layer.

S'more Truffle Pie

Prep: 25 minutes plus refrigerating

- 16 squares *Honey Maid* Honey Grahams, finely crushed (about 1-1/3 cups crumbs)
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, melted
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2/3 cup whipping (heavy) cream
- 1 package (12 ounces) *Baker's* Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chunks
- 2-1/2 cups *Jet-Puffed* Miniature Marshmallows, divided
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 tub (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed

MIX graham crumbs, butter and sugar; press on bottom and side of 9-inch pie plate.

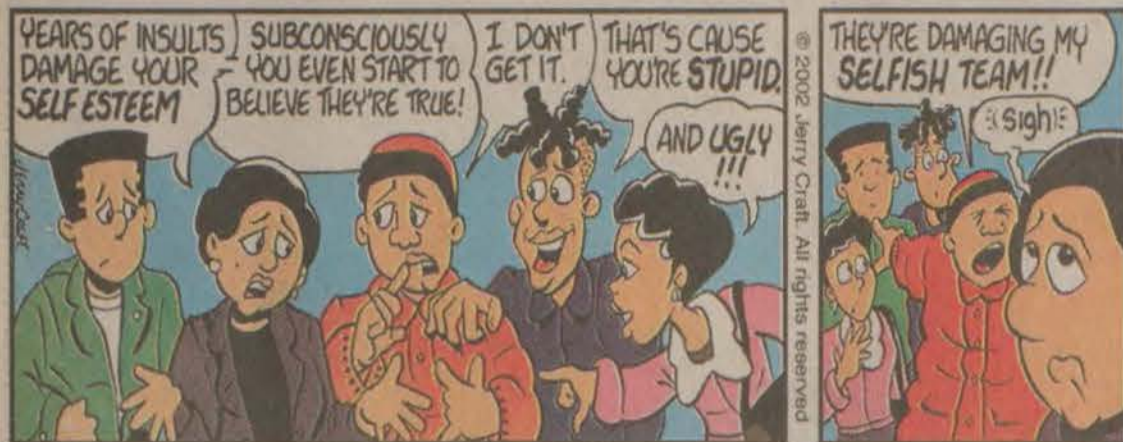
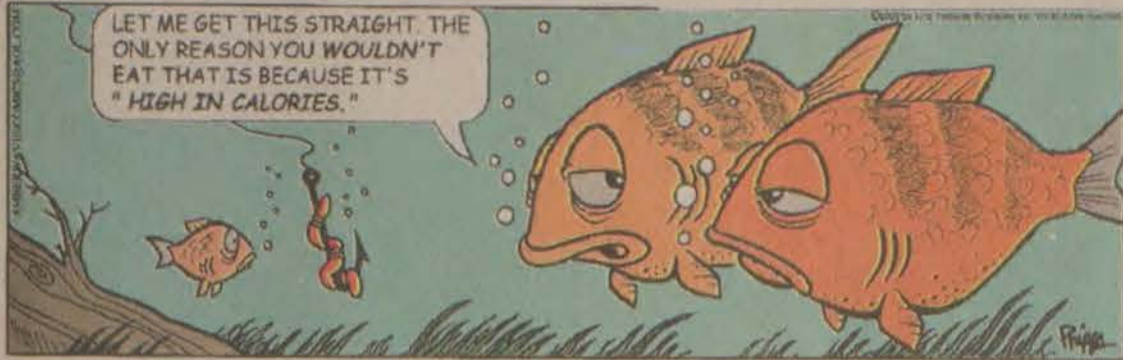
MICROWAVE cream in medium microwavable bowl on HIGH 1-1/2 minutes or until simmering. Add chocolate chunks. Let stand 2 minutes. Whisk until chocolate is melted and mixture is smooth. Pour into crust. Refrigerate 30 minutes or until firm.

MEANWHILE, microwave 2 cups marshmallows and milk in large microwavable bowl on HIGH 1-1/2 minutes or until melted and smooth, stirring after 1 minute. Refrigerate 15 minutes or until mixture is completely cooled. Gently stir in whipped topping. Spread over chocolate mixture in crust.

REFRIGERATE 3 hours or until firm. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup marshmallows. Makes 8 servings.

Special Extra: Garnish with grated *Baker's* Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate.

Sunday Comics



MAGIC MAZE • BONE —

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Ash
- Black
- Breaking
- Carving
- China
- Chip
- Conduction
- Disease
- Dry
- Fish
- Headed
- Jarring
- Meal
- Spavin
- Weary

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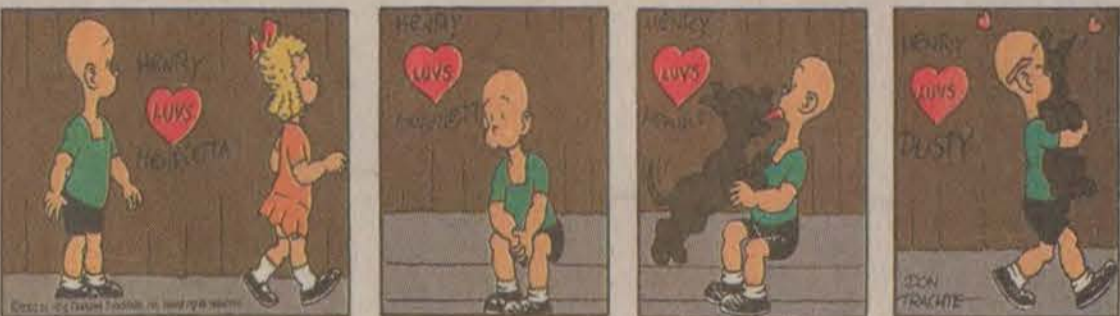
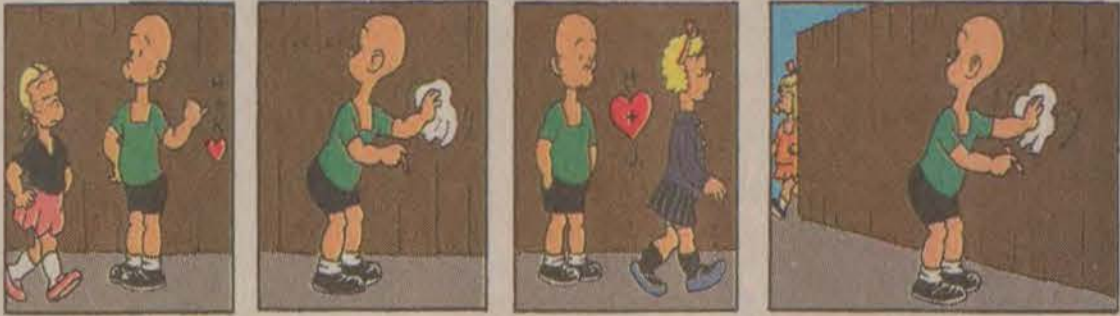
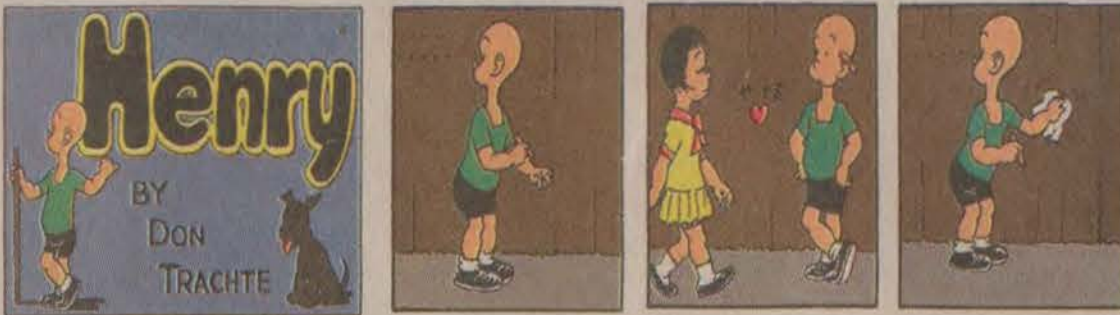


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bow is missing. 2. Both sleeves have stripes. 3. Lampshade is different. 4. TV knobs are missing. 5. Picture has been moved. 6. Plant has more flowers.

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



Super Crossword HOP TILL YOU DROP

- ACROSS**
- 1 Move swiftly
 - 5 Oates' partner
 - 9 Learns fast?
 - 14 Spill the beans
 - 18 Art deco designer
 - 19 Concept
 - 20 Spartan serf
 - 21 "Train" ('71 hit)
 - 22 Marsh duck
 - 23 Family
 - 24 Cremona craftsman
 - 25 Kickoff
 - 26 Riddle: Part 1
 - 30 Elf
 - 31 "A mouse!"
 - 32 Slippery —
 - 33 Paris, to Helen
 - 37 — de-lance
 - 39 Take the honey and run
 - 43 — ghanouj
 - 47 On a whale watch
 - 48 Holler
 - 50 Pay up
 - 52 Actor McKellen
 - 53 Wise guy
 - 55 Retreats
 - 58 — standstill
 - 59 Heavyweight Holmes
 - 61 Riddle: Part 2
 - 64 With hands on hips
 - 65 Activist Hoffman
 - 66 Misjudge
 - 67 Went jogging
 - 69 Sew a toe
 - 70 Beaver or boater
 - 73 Figs.
 - 74 By means of
 - 75 Alphabet sequence
 - 77 Duncan's denial
 - 78 Singer Toni
 - 80 "Waking — Devine" ('98 film)
 - 82 Part of SASE
 - 83 Coral outcrop
 - 85 Cruise
 - 87 Riddle: Part 3
 - 93 Luncheon-ette lure
 - 94 Every last bit
 - 95 Distort
 - 96 Bryant or Ekberg
 - 97 "Unforgettable" name
 - 98 Socked a shuttlecock
 - 101 Sharp
 - 103 Thicken
 - 104 Sitka's st.
 - 106 Take the reins
 - 107 — diem
 - 108 On the beach
 - 110 Torrid
 - 112 Beame or Burrows
 - 114 Soupy Sales' dessert?
 - 115 Answer to riddle
 - 124 Serengeti group
 - 126 Dunk it!
 - 127 Clinton Cabinet member
 - 128 Deride
 - 130 Seasonal song
 - 131 "Gay"
 - 132 Riyadh resident
 - 133 "— Ca-Dabra" ('74 song)
 - 134 Fret
 - 135 Barrett and Jaffe
 - 136 Spanish surrealist
 - 137 Bog, for short
 - 7 Slender
 - 8 Polaroid inventor
 - 9 Rub the wrong way
 - 10 Some movies
 - 11 Be — unto oneself
 - 12 Lorre role
 - 13 Tend the sauce
 - 14 Stupefy
 - 15 Endure
 - 16 Mr. Lucky's card
 - 17 Wager
 - 21 Shooting match?
 - 27 Even if, informally
 - 28 Above, to Arnold
 - 29 Boat bottom
 - 33 Credit alternative
 - 34 "— forgive those ..."
 - 35 Belfry sound
 - 36 Buccaneers' headquarters
 - 37 Cereal bit
 - 38 Nobelist Wiesel
 - 40 Remini of "The King of Queens"
 - 41 Furry fisherman
 - 42 Child welfare org.
 - 44 Filer
 - 45 Ms. Streisand
 - 46 "Tennis, —?"
 - 49 Plaza Hotel kid
 - 51 Lodge brother
 - 54 Library abbr.
 - 56 Keanu of "Hardball"
 - 57 Short races
 - 60 Lend a hand
 - 62 Porterhouse alternative
 - 63 TV's "Have Gun Will —"
 - 64 Composer Bruckner
 - 68 Perceptive
 - 70 Cigar city
 - 71 Lacking principles
 - 72 Honda competitor
 - 76 Skeleton part
 - 79 Snead or Shepard
 - 81 Investigate
 - 83 Capp character
 - 84 "The Elephant Man" director
 - 86 Vapor
 - 88 Nautical adverb
 - 89 Gardener's tool
 - 90 Mideastern dough
 - 91 "Ripley's Believe — Not"
 - 92 Conductor Jeffrey
 - 94 Collectibles, collectively
 - 99 Tivoli's Villa d'—
 - 100 Blood count?
 - 102 "Out of Africa" setting
 - 105 "— of a Doubt" ('43 film)
 - 107 Cello part
 - 109 Wine word
 - 111 Hurler
 - 113 Greek consonants
 - 114 Correctional
 - 115 Employ
 - 116 — Neisse
 - 117 Singer Sonny
 - 118 Aware of
 - 119 Gowned figure
 - 120 Blood components
 - 121 Gulf country
 - 122 "A Tiger Walks" actor
 - 123 Philanthropist Cornell
 - 124 Off. equipment
 - 125 Sneaky sort
 - 129 Turn sharply

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