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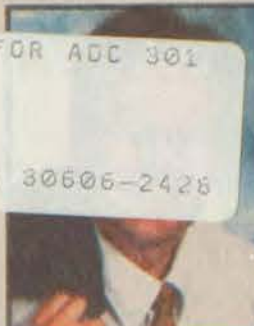
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Fall city races begin to take shape

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

With still more than a month before the filing deadline, positions for nonpartisan races on the November ballot are still sparse, but a few races have begun to develop.

In one of the more interesting twists, a husband-and-wife team will appear on the ballot for Wayland City Commission.

Commissioner Curtis Tufts, who is seeking his third straight term but has, as he says, served on the commission "off and on" over the years, will be

joined in his endeavor by wife, Evelyn. The couple has been married seven years, and neither sees any drawbacks to a possible team approach to city government.

Evelyn Tufts said she is just following in her husband's footsteps.

"He was already in and I thought I'd

give it a try," Evelyn Tufts said.

Her husband, however, sees a more practical advantage to having both serve on the commission.

"We [the city commission] haven't been able to do what we should be doing..." Curtis Tufts said. "We can't have a meeting. We don't have enough to have

a meeting."

Curtis Tufts said that too many meetings of the commission have been canceled over the past two years because commissioners often fail to show. By having his wife on the commission, he

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Schools facing loss of students

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

BIG SANDY REGION — Poorly performing schools could see their enrollments shrink with the implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act passed by Congress in 2001, but education officials in Kentucky are crying foul.

Under the act, parents of students at about schools which do not meet standards, estimated to be 8,600 nationwide, will now have the option of transferring their children to better schools within the district.

In Kentucky, 107 schools which were placed under academic audit following state testing in 2000, including 15 in the Big Sandy region, are slated to fall under the mandate.

The three districts hardest hit

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Time running out for HRMC, union workers

Times Staff Report

A strike deadline looms for Highlands Regional Medical Center, with workers walking off their jobs as early as Friday if negotiations fail.

Talks between Highlands and representatives of the Service Employees Industrial Union District 1199 took place July 1 and are expected to continue tomorrow.

According to a hospital news release, a vote on a contract is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday.

SEIU 1199 sent Highlands a 10-day strike notice on July 2, noting that service, maintenance, clerical and technical workers could leave their jobs at noon Friday if no contract is in place.

Negotiations between the two sides have focused on a number of issues, with wages and the hospital's use of temporary workers appearing to be the main sticking points.

FLOYD FOURTH FUN



The Martin Fire Department led the way and celebrated the Fourth of July by throwing candy to the parade crowd.

photo by Amanda M. Arnett

Sporting patriotic attire, Makinley Slone, 7 months, and Katelyn Slone, 19 months, came out to see the Fourth of July parade on South Lake Drive, in Prestonsburg, at noon.

photo by Loretta Blackburn



The Fourth of July parade, sponsored by Shriners, began at noon on South Lake Drive, in Prestonsburg.

photo by Loretta Blackburn



Johnna Ison, Allen Central's basketball homecoming queen, rode in the Martin Fourth of July parade on Thursday.

photo by Amanda M. Arnett

Advanced classes get scrutiny

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — While the Prestonsburg High School Site-Based Decision-Making Council decided not to offer weighted college classes in the special called meeting on July 2, the resource center's quarterly report held various activities of interest for students as well as parents.

The previously introduced idea of offering high school students weighted classes that would earn them college credit was introduced by Karen DeRossett, counselor, at the last meeting. DeRossett proposed that some students were worried about maintaining their grade-point averages and college credit would motivate them to take classes that were relatively harder than the regular requirements.

A concern among the board is that the classes are relatively expensive at \$180 a class and \$60 a book, which poses a problem for low-income students.

After welcoming two new members to the council, John DeRossett, and Tim Blankenship, tabling a vice-chairman decision, adopting new policy's and procedures, and adopting the new

(See CLASSES, page six)

Wayland again without police

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

WAYLAND - In what has become a frequent occurrence in the past few years, Wayland's one-man police force is once again one man short.

Officer Keith Frasure resigned from the city effective June 30.

City Commissioner Curtis Tufts said the city hopes to find a replacement quickly, but the commission has not held a meeting since Frasure's resignation.

Tufts said he thinks an ideal candidate for the position would already have certification and be willing to sign a contract to stay at least three years. The commissioner said the city has had a problem keeping police officers, saying that once they receive certification, the move on to higher paying positions with the Floyd County Sheriff's Office or Prestonsburg Police Department.

The Wayland commission's next meeting is June 15.

Planning underway for Dwale homecoming

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

DWALE — Current and former residents of Dwale, population 300, met at the community shelter on Tuesday, June 25, to discuss preparations for the 12th

annual "Dwale Homecoming" that is scheduled for August 31.

Phyllis Fields said that the homecoming came about as the result of a conversation between her, her husband James Henry Fields, and Burns and Lou Ellen Goble. Fields said that the idea

originated while they were discussing how they could get everyone together at one time, and from there they "started pulling everything together."

The community declares its organization non-profit and uses fundraisers and donations to

finance the homecoming. The chairman of the committee, Payne Blanton Jr., said that the committee has a beginning balance of \$4,286.39 for 2002, after spending some of last year's

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Residents of Dwale are busy preparing that community's 12th annual homecoming. This year's event is slated for August 31.



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Odds and Ends

TRaverse City, Mich. — The Murray family's three little pigs have a new way to beat the heat.

Isaac Murray, an electrical field technician, has installed a shower in his pigpen so his swine will have no reason to whine during a heat wave that has sent temperatures into the 90s.

"When he told me he wanted to build a shower for the pigs, I thought, 'You're kidding me,'" Judith Murray, Isaac's wife, said Wednesday. "I thought the kids

should just go out and spray them a couple times a day; that's what 4-H says to do."

But when Isaac Murray designed and set up the plumbing apparatus, the family agreed it was a great invention.

It runs automatically for two minutes every two hours, all day long.

"The pigs love getting in it,

and it's good for them," Judith Murray said. "Pigs can only cool off through their noses, and so they need to be cooled down with water."

The Murrays' pigs are now trained to shower every time the device starts running.

"They have a pecking order," Judith Murray said. "The little one has to wait until the other

two are done before it can go in."

MILWAUKEE — Talk about a change of scenery.

The top judge of the Wisconsin Supreme Court meted out justice Wednesday in Milwaukee small claims court, deciding such things as who was to blame for a parking lot fender-bender.

"It would appear that you were going too fast," Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson told the defendant in the fender-bender case.

Five days after the state's highest court shut down for the summer in its plush quarters in Madison, Abrahamson filled in for a vacationing judge by presiding over the small claims calendar in a small courtroom on a dead-end corridor of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

In the parking lot accident, Abrahamson assessed the blame at 30 percent for the plaintiff and 70 percent for the defendant and awarded \$1,066.92 in damages.

Abrahamson said she couldn't remember how she got roped into filling in for Circuit Judge Kitty K. Brennan. She was due back in court Friday to finish the favor.

"All I can say is that one thing led to another, and here I am," she said Wednesday. "I find it very interesting."

BEATRICE, Neb. — A man with an appetite for the finer things has been charged with shoplifting after reportedly swallowing a gold ring he came across at a local jewelry store.

John Walker, 42, was arrested Tuesday after police were called to Leo's Jewelry. A clerk said Walker was handling two rings, pushed his chair away from a counter and fell to the floor. The clerk said when he got up one of the rings was missing.

Walker allowed police to pat-search him, but during a conversation a bright object was seen in his mouth, police said. When asked what it was, Walker swallowed.

Police then requested a search warrant to have an X-ray taken. The ring, valued at \$629, was spotted in Walker's stomach. Capt. William Fitzgerald said.

Police also found that Walker was wanted on a Lancaster County theft warrant. He was being held in the county jail in Lincoln.

MILWAUKEE — Drugs. Danger. Doggy treats.

That's what might be in store for a stray dog suddenly thrust from scrounging his next meal to protecting the nation's borders.

An animal control officer found the black Labrador, now named Kevin, roaming the streets. Kevin ended up at the Wisconsin Humane Society, where he caught U.S. Customs Agent Paul Paulson's eye.

Paulson thought Kevin might make a good candidate for the agency's canine enforcement corps, which sniffs out drugs and currency in cars and freight and on people.

The Customs Service has been adopting dogs from shelters across the eastern United States for more than 20 years. Paulson said agents mainly look for sporting breeds such as

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Some school districts holding surplus

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Unspent surplus from the state health insurance program for school employees is being held by some Kentucky school districts and the companies that administer their benefits despite Gov. Paul Patton's plan to use the money to balance the state budget.

Patton wants to use the money — at least \$14 million — to help cover the revenue shortfall for last year.

State budget director Jim Ramsey said last week that the surplus insurance money is needed to help cover the \$156 million shortfall for fiscal 2002, which ended June 30. But so far, the state has received only about \$600,000.

"We haven't gotten any of the big money yet," Ramsey

said. Fifteen school districts in northern Kentucky have received \$1.4 million of the total, and the benefits administrators for other school districts are holding other funds.

The Kentucky Department of Education puts the total at \$18.6 million; the Patton administration had estimated \$14 million.

If the state doesn't recoup more, Ramsey said, it may have to ask some agencies to stop spending amounts that would be applied to fiscal 2002.

"If we don't have all this money in, we'll have to take other action, but we will be in balance," Ramsey said.

The state constitution requires a balanced budget by the end of each fiscal year, but state officials have until July 18 to finalize expenditures, fund transfers and other accounting measures to balance the budget, state comptroller Ed Ross said.

Ramsey wouldn't say whether the state would sue to get the money. He referred questions to Patton's legal counsel, Denis Fleming, and the lawyer for the state Finance Cabinet, Hollie Hopkins.

Fleming did not return phone calls. Hopkins said through a spokeswoman that the state is reviewing its legal options.

Last month, the Council for Better Education, which represents 141 of Kentucky's 176 school districts, said it would sue the state to make sure the surplus is returned to the districts.

But Tim Crawford, a lawyer for the council, said the council is now urging its members to ask their account administrators to transfer the money to school district bank accounts and force the state to sue for it.

"We got looking at it, and (the state) hadn't threatened us with anything," Crawford said. "Without any threats or sanctions, what reason did we have to sue for?"

Crawford and state officials said this week they know of no benefits administrator, other than the one in northern Kentucky, that has returned the money to school districts.

Patton last week depleted the state's \$120 million Rainy Day fund and ordered some spending cuts, in addition to seeking a return of the excess insurance funds, to cover the fiscal 2002 shortfall. Patton already had made cuts of \$533 million to cover earlier shortfalls.

The insurance funds under dispute come from "flexible spending accounts" within the state health insurance program

for school employees.

The state pays a health insurance premium of \$234 each month for every school employee. When workers choose not to be covered by the program, the state pays the same amount into the flexible spending accounts, and the employees can use it for health-related expenses.

In previous years, money left in the accounts at the end of the year — \$12.2 million in 1999 and \$14.3 million in 2000 — was returned to the school districts.

But on June 21, Kyna Koch, associate commissioner for district support services in the state Education Department, asked the administrators of the accounts to return all the surplus money to the department.

Capitol Ideas...

Williams gives legal advice in budget fight

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Senate President David Williams apparently thinks Chief Justice Joseph Lambert doesn't know the law.

Gov. Paul Patton last week revealed his "spending plan" for the new fiscal year that started Monday, which he said was based on a conglomeration of the House and Senate budgets. The General Assembly collectively failed to pass a budget for the executive or judicial branches.

Williams said that Patton has no legal basis to conclude that the intent of the General Assembly can be inferred from budget bills passed separately by the House and Senate. Williams said it is well known in constitutional law that the legislature speaks only through the laws it enacts.

The very next day, Lambert issued his own spending plan for the judicial branch he will use this fiscal year in the absence of a legislatively enacted budget.

Lambert said the spending will reflect the appropriations "duly passed by the Kentucky House of Representatives and the Kentucky Senate" in both the regular and special sessions. In other words, Lambert's plan is based on legislative action that Williams said has no legal basis.

In an accompanying press

release, Lambert said, "I have no plans to step into the role of the General Assembly and my spending plan will closely reflect the budget bills passed but not finally agreed upon by the House and Representatives and the Senate."

It is yet another in the continuing series of legal and political twists and turns prompted by the fact that the legislature didn't pass a budget for this year.

Lambert, who, like Williams is a Republican, noted that the legislature managed to take care of itself. Not only did the legislature pass a legislative branch budget, it included a "2.7 percent salary increment for the next fiscal biennium for all legislative branch personnel," Lambert noted in his spending order.

In other words, legislators gave themselves and their staff members raises while failing to pass budgets for anyone else in state government.

Lambert won't be taking part in the decision on the lawsuit that has already been filed to clear up the constitutional questions raised in the absence of a budget. But he said the Administrative Office of the Courts will intervene in the case to protect the interests of the judiciary.

Lambert's order that judicial spending will continue even without a budget makes pretty clear his own views on the subject.

"In the absence of appropriated funds" the governor and chief justice "must have the authority" to spend money to continue government operations.

Williams, whose Republican Senate objection to partial public financing of gubernatorial elections started the whole budget impasse, faces some other ticklish situations.

Williams said he acknowledges the governor and the chief justice have the power to keep government operating without a budget. But he also said the governor does not have the power to suspend the dozens of state laws that are included in the practical operation of a budget.

For example, Williams said Patton cannot suspend the law that requires a 5 percent annual pay raise for state workers. Patton, like Lambert, anticipates

providing a 2.7 percent raise to state workers, just like the intact legislative budget provides.

Requiring a larger raise for state workers might win Williams some political points. But a related state law places a cap on total state payroll of about 4,000 fewer employees than now on the payroll. Would Williams want responsibility for the layoffs of those workers?

Republicans think they have a political winner on their hands. They boast of a poll that shows an overwhelming majority of Kentucky voters oppose public financing of elections, though the poll never asked what voters thought of unlimited spending on elections.

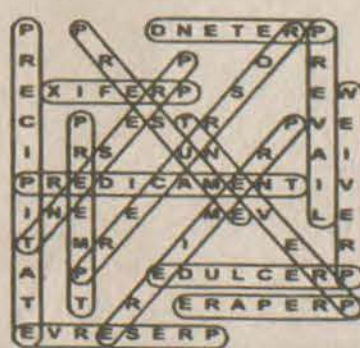
Having Patton and Lambert keep government operating also lets the GOP senators avoid having to take the responsibility for possibly shutting down services.

Patton put his own spin on the matter last week.

"The people of Kentucky deserve to have the services they are paying for and expect from their government," Patton said. "They want to know that we are here doing the jobs they elected us to do."

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From trucks to motorcycles, meth makers turn to road

by **KIMBERLY HEFLING**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OAK GROVE - Meth on wheels.

Driven from homes and motels, methamphetamine makers are increasingly taking to America's roadways, mixing their bubbling brew in drug labs inside tractor-trailers, rental trucks, cars - even on motorcycles.

To police, the roving labs are toxic time bombs that shut down interstates, injure police officers and send motorists to the hospital when they explode.

Meth cooks see them as a way to avoid detection. Trucking down the highway allows them to disperse the rotten egg smell the labs produce and keep the lab waste out of their own homes.

In southern Indiana, a man was arrested recently for making meth on his motorcycle. "Instead of beakers and Bunsen burners, they're using pop bottles and Igloo coolers," said Brad Ellsworth, sheriff for Vanderburgh County, Ind.

Part of the lure of the roaming meth lab is the ease of production and cleanup that makes it easy to conceal, said Lt. William Sparks, spokesman for the Oak Grove Police Department. "If they're moving," he said, "it's easier to hide."

Earlier this year, police in Oak Grove said they arrested two men and two women who were getting high in a motel room near the Tennessee state line after cooking meth in the cab of a nearby tractor trailer.

"They were making the meth in the cab then taking it into the room to snort it or smoke it," Sparks said.

The trailer, minus the food usually hauled in it, was found later at a truckstop, meth lab gear still inside, Sparks said.

Typically, truckers hauling the meth labs or chemicals used to make the drug are hauling the illegal items along with legal cargo, said Cheyenne Albro, director of the Pennyrile Narcotics Task Force in

Hopkinsville, Ky. Nationally, the number of labs found in vehicles increased from 869 in 1999 to 1307 in 2001, and the number of vehicles found with chemicals or equipment used to make meth increased from 30 in 1999 to 624 in 2001, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration. But because there is no mandatory reporting requirement, it is difficult to gauge the total number of roving labs.

Last November, a container of stolen anhydrous ammonium, a farm fertilizer often used to make meth, exploded in a car in Oak Grove on Interstate 24.

Traffic backed up for miles as all four lanes of the interstate were closed for nearly an hour, and one lane in each direction was shut down for another three hours during the cleanup, Detective Jody Lenave said.

"When they're moving it, with the fumes, you couldn't have people driving through it," Lenave said. "They could be overcome also."

It's the volatile nature of the chemicals used to prepare drugs that makes the labs so dangerous. Nationally, one of every five meth labs is discovered because of an explosion, Albro said.

Of the 2,000 chemicals available to make the drug, at least half are explosive, Albro said. He estimates in western Kentucky, up to 20 percent of the meth labs are mobile.

Drug Enforcement Administration chief Asa Hutchinson, during a recent stop in Lexington, said meth producers are being forced to come up with more innovative ways to hide their labs because law enforcement agencies are more aggressive in making arrests.

"That includes keeping them in the trunks of their cars, or in trucks or vans so they are more mobile and less easy to track," Hutchinson said.

Other meth makers do not want to contaminate their own homes with meth-making

residue and fumes. "The chemicals are so dangerous, it gets into the walls and the curtains, and people have poisoned their own families just to make a buck - if they don't blow themselves up in the first place," said Sparks of the Oak Grove police.

About 20 students and staff members were evacuated in

April from Westwood Elementary School in New Castle, Ind., after officers stopped a pickup truck driven by a suspected meth maker. Anhydrous ammonium was found in the back, and officers reported strong ammonia fumes.

And in September in Utica, a small community in western

Kentucky, 50 people were evacuated from their homes in the middle of the night and seven people hospitalized after anhydrous ammonium leaked into the air during a botched attempt to steal a tank from a farm supply store.

Most meth cooks don't appear to know how to store the chemicals they steal to

make their drugs and they don't know how to use them, Sheriff Ellsworth said.

He added: "They've got the high school chemistry 101 class and think they are chemists."

Associated Press correspondent Steve Bailey contributed to this story from Lexington.

The Ties that Bind...

Bond between child and parents runs deep, effects are lasting

No matter what the relationship is like, experts say a child's bond with his or her parents is among the most important. This is the first in an occasional series of stories aimed at illustrating the complexities and influence of that child-parent bond.

by **MARTHA IRVINE**
AP NATIONAL WRITER

RICHMOND, Ind. - He is gone - torn from her life by cancer when she was 15 years old. Seven years later, Connelly Stokes-Prindle still finds herself longing for her father's advice.

Would he like her boyfriend? What would he say about her decision to take a break from college?

"I wonder every day what he'd think of my life now," she says.

The strength of the bond, even beyond death, startles her a bit, as does the approval she still seeks from her mother, who lives 800 miles away.

But that tug - that craving for a parent's approval, even an absent one - is universal.

Child and family experts see it in their research. Teachers deal with its effects every day in their classrooms. Therapists

work through it with their patients, often well into adulthood.

It's that lingering pull that gets to Stokes-Prindle. At age 22, she is independent and, by her own estimation, "a grown-up."

She has a steady income and has worked a few jobs - from substitute teacher to temporary jobs coordinator - since leaving her religion studies at nearby Earlham College. She drives her own aging but trusty Honda Civic. She pays her bills and shares the rent on a weathered, clapboard house, tucked away in a small college and farming town, roughly midway between Indianapolis and Columbus, Ohio.

And still, when it comes to her mother, "It's impossible to make a choice and not worry about whether she'll approve or not."

As maddening as that can be, experts say that - even in adulthood - the bond between a child and parent reaches to the core of who we are, molds our sense of self and, at its best, gives us a place to belong.

Experts also point to countless studies that show quality child-rearing - developmental psychologist Peter Scales calls it

a combination of "warmth, firmness and democracy" - is closely related to everything from school readiness to better mental health.

"No other sources of socialization come close to parents in the breadth and depth of their potential effects on children, both positive and negative," says Scales, who has compiled results from scores of studies in his work as a senior fellow at the Search Institute, a Minneapolis-based youth research center.

Indeed, many call the relationship with a parent or parent figure - grandparents, steppar-

ents or any adult who steps in as the main caregiver - the most important relationship in a child's life.

"What seems to be important is having someone there for you, someone who is just for you - 100 percent," says James Garbarino, a professor of human development at Cornell University.

For Stokes-Prindle, those someone were the two people who combined lives and last names to create hers.

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photo by Caria Davis
Ella Pryor, of Dema, helped with the fund-raising yard sale, all proceeds of which went to the family of John Brandon Turner, 3, of Martin,, who was diagnosed with cancer three weeks ago.

JobStart students chip in to help sick child

by **CARLA DAVIS**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

WAYLAND - When illness strikes, it is always tragic. But it is most tragic when it attacks a child.

John Brandon Turner, of Martin, went to the hospital for a tonsillectomy three weeks ago. When the doctors began the procedure, they discovered the deadly disease of cancer in young John's throat. He is 3 years old.

When JobStart program manager Sheila Patton learned about her young friend's illness, she felt she had to do something. Patton, who teaches adults how to hone skills that are job-worthy, decided to involve her students.

As a class, the participants of JobStart decided to have a community yard sale, one in which

everyone could be involved by either donating items, working or buying items.

Immediately students began collecting donated items from friends, neighbors, everyone. Not only did they collect items from others, but most all of the JobStart participants donated items from their own closets as well.

Margie Howard, a community volunteer, donated items to the cause as well as weathered the heat to ensure the goods sold. Items were also donated by local agencies such as Dema Fire Department, the Big S Market, Salt Lick Community Church and employees of the Christian Appalachian Project.

"[The students] are getting a lot out of this because they get to give back to their community," said Patton, who managed to coordinate the event in about

four days. "This wasn't a class assignment. They were very much into this."

The one-day event was held at the Wayland Community Center. All proceeds, which totaled close to \$400, were given to the family of John, who is hospitalized at St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., for traveling expenses.

JobStart is a program of the Christian Appalachian Project, 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.

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Guestview

The lady could sing

The lady could flat-out sing. Rosemary Clooney, who hailed from a region best known for producing country and bluegrass musicians, gained international fame as one of the best pop vocalists of the last 60 years. And late in her life Clooney remembered her native Maysville, returning each of the past three years for the Rosemary Clooney Music Festival. Her funeral will be Friday in Maysville.

Clooney began her professional career in 1945 singing with her younger sister, Betty, on WLW in Cincinnati. Band leader Tony Pastor hired "The Clooney Sisters" as the vocalists for his band, and they began touring in 1947.

When Betty decided to quit the music business, Rosemary went to New York, and in 1951, she recorded "Come on-a My House," a song she later wrote that she disliked and recorded only under pressure.

She may have hated the song, but it made her an international star. A string of hit records for Columbia Records soon followed.

So did a brief career in the movies, including co-starring with Bing Crosby in "White Christmas." Twenty years later, she revived her career by joining Crosby in a highly successful tour.

Clooney had a long and stormy relationship with actor Jose Ferrer, with whom she shared five children. She was twice married and divorced from the Academy Award-winning actor.

Clooney also battled drug and weight problems, and her career had its ups and downs. But she never lost her distinctive voice and her ability to enchant an audience. Her annual returns to Maysville were one of the highlights of the year for the small, Ohio River community.

"She was one of America's finest pop vocalists, with a clear, pure voice filled with warmth and sincerity," singer Tony Bennett said in a statement. "She was a wonderful person."

Like all of us, Rosemary Clooney had an imperfect life, but when it came to singing a pop standard, her voice was just about as close to perfect as possible.

— The Ashland Daily Independent



SPEAKING OF PROFILING...

— beyond the beltway

Pre-emptive strike, or aggression?

by DONALD KAUL

Well folks, it looks like we're going to have a "first strike" capability pretty soon. That's a military term for what, in my old neighborhood on the near-west side of Detroit, we would have called the "do-it-to-them-before-they-do-it-to-you" strategy.

The details of the plan have not yet been precisely laid out but the general outline is clear from a speech the president gave to West Point cadets earlier this month.

"If we wait for threats to fully materialize," he said, "we will have waited too long. We must take the battle to the enemy, disrupt his plans and confront the worst threats before they emerge."

Well, why not? It worked for the Japanese at Pearl Harbor, didn't it? One's man's "sneak attack" is another's "pre-emptive strike."

But seriously, it does seem to make a kind of sense on the face of it, doesn't it? I mean, if you know your sworn

enemy is preparing a nuclear attack against you, or you find out he's loading up on chemical and biological weapons, it makes perfect sense to bomb him silly before he can act.

That's on the face of it. We must never forget that we're talking about the George W. Bush administration here. Do you really trust those yo-yos to decide who deserves to be obliterated and who doesn't, who's stockpiling chemical weapons and who is manufacturing weed killer? And more important, would you expect them to tell you the truth about it?

I certainly wouldn't. If there has been a more secretive, lying administration with worse judgment as to our friends and enemies, I haven't run across it in my history books.

Take Cuba, for example. Mr. Bush and his gang insist on treating Fidel Castro as Joseph Stalin. Adolf Hitler and Darth Vader, rolled into one. He isn't.

He is a pathetic burned-out revolutionary who has long outlived his usefulness but won't admit it. His life's great mission was to throw over the corrupt

American puppet regime of Fulgencio Batista and install a true Cuban democracy. He got halfway there.

The road to democracy was sidetracked into a Castro dictatorship that brooks no political dissent and very little economic freedom. It seems to me that it is one of the great tragedies of the era that Castro failed to make Cuba a shining beacon of freedom and independence for the rest of the region. But that doesn't make him Hitler.

But even at that he has achieved a higher literacy rate and a more inclusive health care system on his poverty-stricken island than we have in most states here, despite the severe barriers we have put in his way.

I really think he'd been gone by now — thrown out by Cubans who were sick of his

incompetence as a leader — had we not made a hero of him with our stupid embargo.

The word is that we're laying the groundwork for a pre-emptive strike at Iraq, but I fear that once our first-strike machinery is in place, Cuba will be our

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— Jim Davidson

And then some ...

In our modern day society, we hear a great deal these days about the "secrets of success." In reality there are really no secrets, as this is simply a marketing gimmick used to sell many of the success motivation programs that are around today.

True success can be summed up by these words of former President Harry S. Truman: "I studied the lives of great men and famous women, and I found that the men and women who got to the top were those who did the jobs they had in hand — with everything they had of energy, enthusiasm and hard work."

Some time ago I had a wonderful, unique experience that brought this truth home to me in a very special way. During a "How To Plan Your Life" seminar at one of the many high schools where I've been privileged to work, I met a young man by the name of Danny Sanders. Danny was a member of the senior class, and a few weeks after my seminar, to my surprise I received a three-page handwritten letter from him. Just the fact that a high school senior had taken the time to write was very gratifying, but he shared something in his letter that may be of value to you.

In his letter Danny told me about a

young man who had become very successful at a young age. When someone asked him how he did it, he said, "And then some." When asked what he meant, he replied, "When I was in school and my teachers asked me to do something, I did it — and then some. Later, when I got a job and my employer told me to do something, I did it — and then some. (You will notice we have gone from "asking" to "telling".) Finally, when I started a business of my own, I did what my customers expected — and then some."

You see, this successful young man had been applying the universal natural law of cause and effect. This law, simply stated, means that for every cause there must be an effect, and for every effect there must be a cause. By rendering more service than was actually required, he was using this universal law to get more rewards in return.

When it comes to achieving success, one of the biggest mistakes many people make is wanting the rewards before they render the service. This could be compared to a man standing in front of a cold, wood burning stove and saying, "Give me some heat and then I will put in the

wood."

A real understanding and application of this universal law which has been stated as "And then some", will give you everything on earth you desire. If you are having trouble making ends meet, or having trouble in school or on your job, pause here and ask yourself this question: "Am I doing everything that is expected

of me with the right attitude — and then some?" If you're not, then you are needlessly holding yourself back.

When you apply this principle to the success of a business, that little extra — and then some — is the profit, and without earning a profit, you won't be around very long.

Until next time, here is something to think about that may be of great value to you. When a person

concentrates all available energies on one specific task, the possibility of success is greatly increased. When time and talent are divided between several enterprises, chances of success are proportionally reduced.

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Christian Care Medi-Share blocked from selling insurance

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE - A judge has issued a restraining order to blocking a Florida "biblical alternative to health insurance" from the unauthorized sale of insurance in Kentucky.

The state Department of Insurance sought the recent order by Franklin Circuit Judge William Graham in Frankfort against E. John Reinhold, chief executive of Medi-Share, a part of the Christian Care Ministry.

The two sides differ on whether Medi-Share's product is insurance.

Medi-Share describes itself as a medical cost-sharing program open only to proven Christians. Its roughly 45,000 member households make monthly payments that help cover the eligible medical bills of other members.

Limiting membership to Christians harkens back to days when "Christians took care of one another's needs," says a website that markets Medi-Share.

Also, Medi-Share says, excluding non-Christians holds down costs because "unbiblical lifestyles" can result in unnecessary care. Medi-Share members cannot smoke, use illegal drugs or abuse alcohol. They also cannot be homosexuals, a stance that could be illegal discrimination for a traditional insurer.

The 9-year-old program's members include hundreds of Kentucky families, said Samuel W. Townsend Jr., director of operations for the operation in West Melbourne, Fla.

The Kentucky Insurance Department moved against Medi-Share after learning it was being sold on the Web, which meant it could be purchased by Kentuckians, said Eva Smith-Carroll, spokeswoman for the department.

In a news release, the department warned that "Kentucky residents who have a policy with Medi-Share do not have insurance coverage. They might have to pay their own medical bills if the company fails to meet its financial obligations. These pol-

icyholders should immediately seek other health coverage."

Medi-Share resembles traditional health insurance in a lot of ways. Members have a choice of deductibles, for example, and there are limits on coverage of

pre-existing conditions.

But its product isn't insurance because there are no legal contracts guaranteeing that claims will be covered.

"We don't have policies. We don't guarantee anything - we

don't even call it 'coverage,'" Townsend said.

Medi-Share also doesn't maintain cash reserves, as insurance companies must. It depends on voluntary payments by members.

For such reasons, the non-profit operation says it isn't subject to states' insurance regulations.

Townsend said Kentucky is the first state to take Medi-Share to court.

Missionary in Peru plane tragedy rebuilds life in North Carolina

by GARY D. ROBERTSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GARNER, N.C. - When he got off the plane that brought him to North Carolina, Jim Bowers wondered aloud to his mother if he could ever get the images out of his mind.

The smoke from the guns of a Peruvian Air Force A-37 that shot through the small aircraft carrying his missionary family. The screams in Spanish of the Cessna's pilot: "They're killing us! They're killing us!" The blood on his infant daughter. His wife slumped over in her seat.

More than a year has passed since a single bullet took the lives of Bowers' wife, Roni, and his daughter, Charity, in the sky over the Amazon River. A Baptist, Bowers credits his faith with sustaining him and his 7-year-old son, Cory.

He says he's forgiven the U.S. and Peruvian officials who mistook his family's plane for a drug smuggler's. The two governments have acknowledged errors were made, and President Bush has called him to express regret.

But Bowers still longs for an apology from the CIA, who officials said hired the surveillance crew that first told the Peruvians about the flight - then never explicitly stopped

them from shooting.

"From the very beginning I wasn't expecting anything except for someone to admit they did something wrong and

to be punished for it," Bowers said recently from his mother's home in this Raleigh suburb. "Then I realized as the months went by that there wasn't going

to be anybody punished.

"It doesn't matter how much you forgive a person. When

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

The Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Big Sandy organization held a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony in downtown Prestonsburg on the morning of July 4. Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Big Sandy, which was originally organized under the auspices of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, is now operating independently. The organization, whose goal is to extend caring adult friendship to children of single-parent families, chose the Fourth of July as the day to publicly announce its own "independence." Shown participating, from left to right, are: David Bliss, consultant to the organization, Anna Meldin, Johnson County Commonwealth Attorney and board member, Margaret Rice, program director, Jerry Fannin, Mayor of the City of Prestonsburg, Dr. Paul Fanning, Superintendent of Floyd County Schools, Barry Adkins, board president, Michael Hicks, Tim Cornett, and Tom Dials, board member.

A story highlighting the organization will appear in the Wednesday, July 10, Floyd County Times.

Beltway

first first-strike. At least I wouldn't put it past these guys.

Did you notice how they tried to upstage Jimmy Carter's trip to Cuba last month by announcing that Cuba was developing bioterrorist weapons and making them available to other "rogue states?" (If you believe that, I have a terrific bridge I'd like to show you in San Francisco. Just your size.)

But really, just what is it you do trust this administration with? The economy? Don't make me laugh. We are heading for budget deficits that will make Ronald Reagan's look like spare change and all Bush can think of is tax cuts.

The environment? Oh sure.

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By the way, has your local drought-fed forest fire reached your backyard yet? Bush's response: What global warming?

So maybe striking first might be OK in a limited number of carefully defined situations, with plenty of safeguards in place. But the last thing I want George Bush to think is that he's got carte blanche to attack anyone he pleases any time he pleases. The very last thing.

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.

Bond

Geoffrey Stokes, her father, was a gregarious, bushy-bearded man who wrote for the Village Voice and The Boston Globe newspapers, among other publications. He died in 1995, about a year after being diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Her mother Janice Prindle, a quiet woman - also a writer - teaches high school and lives in Woodstock, Vt., where the family moved when Stokes-Prindle was 7.

The imprint each left on their eldest of two daughters is obvious.

It can be seen in the almond-shaped, brown eyes that are like her mother's and the dry wit she shared with her father. It's also plain that she comes from a literary family: stacks of books tell of the "addiction for the printed word" her parents instilled in her.

"It really does help paint a picture of who I am and where I came from," she says. "Who my parents were shaped who I am to such an extent that it's hard to separate who I would've been without them."

Many other young people agree with those thoughts, whether the relationships with their parents is good or bad.

Talking about his parents, 16-year-old Chito Trinidad of Chicago says: "If they didn't care about how I was doing, I wouldn't probably care if I succeeded in life."

Millie Thomas, a 21-year-old senior at the University of Texas, says she's "had friends whose parents have disowned them because of people they date or decisions they make in their lives. It's very sad, and it just seems like both the parent and the child suffer."

Psychologist John Mayer says problems with mom and dad almost always eventually surface in therapy sessions with the many troubled teens who pass through the doors of his Chicago office.

"For well over 90 percent, parents are the main issue," Mayer says. "Did the parents cause it? Not necessarily. But

either way, they can help them get out of it. They are my agents of change."

When children do well, parents often get the credit - even from their children.

But when something goes wrong, parents are frequently the first to be blamed and, increasingly, are being made to take responsibility for their children's actions.

In more extreme cases, including the Columbine High School massacre in Colorado, parents have settled million-dollar lawsuits aimed at holding them accountable for their children's actions.

But while it might be easy to point fingers, experts say we shouldn't.

"You look at some of these cases and think, 'But for the grace of God go I,'" says Robert Billingham, an associate professor of human development and family studies at Indiana University.

Janice Prindle still worries about the time she wasn't able to spend with her two daughters after her husband died. They were still in school - and Cecily, her youngest, was only 11. But Prindle had no choice but to return to work full-time to support them.

Then her own father fell ill with Alzheimer's disease.

"At a time when my children were most needy I was less available, physically and emotionally stressed more than they had ever known me to be, and I know this deepened their feelings of loss - and mine," Prindle says. "I still feel terrible about this."

Garbarino says the feeling is often much the same for parents whose child commits a heinous crime, despite their best efforts to get help for that son or daughter.

The professor traveled from Cornell to Colorado to interview the parents of teen Dylan Klebold, one of the Columbine shooters, and found the experience "very humbling."

"If everybody's family was put under a microscope, every-

body could be found guilty of doing something that would be scrutinized," says Garbarino, who wrote about the interviews in his book "Parents Under Siege."

To further complicate matters, experts also say it's not always as easy as simply looking at a how a child is being raised to predict how they'll fare in life.

"Some kids seem remarkably resilient," says Nadine Kaslow, a professor and chief psychologist in the department of psychiatry at Emory University and Grady Hospital in Atlanta. "And then there are families where the kid got good parenting and things don't turn out so well."

There are ways to strengthen the parent-child bond.

Garbarino says children and even teens are more likely to open up in a "you-can-tell-me-anything" relationship.

As a teen, Stokes-Prindle says she didn't always want to share things with her mother, whom she often saw as the disciplinarian of the family. Then her father died.

"I started to see my mom as an adult, as a woman, and not just my mom," says Stokes-Prindle, who understands that even more, now that she is an adult making her way in the world.

This summer, she has taken a job with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Richmond and hopes to earn enough money to return to college in the fall of 2003. Eventually, she'd like to work as a counselor or social worker.

She's also learning, slowly, to let go of fear of judgment from her mother.

"There's a balance," Stokes-Prindle says, "somewhere between our parents' complete involvement in our lives and complete separation from our lives that I think most people in their 20s would love to find."

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Fort Knox, Army designing fighting force of the future

by **NANCY ZUCKERBROD**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT KNOX — The battle tank is beloved here at this Army post where soldiers learn how to drive it, fix it and shoot from it. However, a revolution of sorts is taking place here and it's one that Army planners say will likely render the tank extinct.

The Army this spring named Fort Knox as the hub for its efforts to transform the mechanized force into something leaders envision looking more like a futuristic movie set than current-day reality.

"It's not a product improve-

ment over the current force. It's a leap ahead," said Brig. Gen. Robert Mixon, the Fort Knox deputy commanding general and the person leading the transformation efforts here.

The idea is to replace the unwieldy tank and other armored vehicles with something more nimble and versatile while ensuring they are still lethal — and survivable. They might be armed with high-tech guns and be linked by a voice and data system that gives soldiers critical information about the battlefield.

The Army calls the project the "future combat system" and says it should be deployable

within a decade.

But much of the technology has not been developed, and that means Mixon and his team are spending long hours with sketch pads and computer simulators in the Fort Knox battle lab waiting for those "ah-ha" moments.

"It's a daunting challenge," Mixon said. "You kind of look over the edge and go, 'Wow that's a big jump here.'"

In addition to naming Fort Knox as the base where the future combat system would be developed, the Army announced in March that Boeing Co. and Science Applications International Corp. would get \$154 million to help identify the most

promising technologies. The Pentagon's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, which funds cutting-edge weapons development, is assisting.

Among the most vocal proponents of change is Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki. He has said he wants to be able to deploy heavy forces anywhere within four days. In the past, it has taken weeks to move them into combat. Each tank weighs 70 tons.

In Shinseki's view, the need to make the Army more responsive was crystallized a decade ago. When Iraq's army invaded Kuwait in 1990 and it appeared nearby Saudi Arabian oil fields were in danger of being over-

run, paratroopers of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division dug into the sands of northeastern Saudi Arabia. The Iraqis stopped short, but U.S. military leaders knew the 82nd Airborne was too small and lightly armed to hold off Iraq's armored forces if they had kept

coming.

"It's those 'what ifs' and dozens of more like it that have convinced us that the journey we're on is the right one for the nation," said Lt. Gen. John Riggs, who directs the Army's

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photo by Loretta Blackburn

Pamela Elkins, who James Henry Fields says is the community's "favorite postmaster," was modeling the logo for last year's homecoming at the meeting on Tuesday, June 25. Elkins says she retired three years ago after serving as Dwale postmaster for 26 years.

Dwale

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money, \$4,814 ending balance for 2001, to expand the shelter, add restrooms, and construct a kitchen. Blanton proclaimed that the committee plans ahead by using the current year's funds to finance the next year's homecoming. He said that they spent \$2,316 on the 2001 event.

The committee is planning an auction, which will have a concession stand, for Friday at 7 p.m. and is asking for donations of auction items. Donna Johnson voiced gratitude to the people who have already donated.

There is a pie supper/cake walk scheduled for August 2, at 7 p.m. and all proceeds gathered from a gospel group's appearance on August 10, will go toward the homecoming.

All fundraisers will be held at the Dwale Community Shelter.

Several people were assigned, on a volunteer basis, to help prepare for the many events that will take place on homecoming day. Some of the events are a horseshoe tournament; a king, queen, prince and princess pageant; and numerous kids games.

Another one of the events, says Garnett Lafferty, is a memorial remembrance in which a memorial service is held to honor all those that passed away during the past year. And as a reminder of the warm community spirit, trophies and plaques are given to the winners of all events, as well as to volunteers in appreciation for their contributions.

Pike man killed in crash on Mountain Parkway

by **AMANDA M. ARNETT**
STAFF WRITER

SALYERSVILLE — A head-on collision between a 1999 Pontiac Grand Am and a 2001 Honda Odyssey resulted in one fatality on Wednesday.

According to the police reports, Edmund C. Hamilton, the driver of the Pontiac Grand Am, was traveling eastbound on the Mountain Parkway in Magoffin County when he crossed the center line, striking a 2001 Honda Odyssey driven

by Cort Davisson.

Davisson, who had been traveling westbound on the Mountain Parkway, was transported to Paul B. Hall Medical Center.

Hamilton was transported by a University of Kentucky Air Medical helicopter to the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center, where he was later pronounced dead.

The accident is still under investigation by the Kentucky State Police.



Emma United Methodist Youth Group presented a Jacob Gardner a check for \$200 from the Emma United Methodist W.O.G. and the Emma United Methodist Church. Gardner, 3, has cerebral palsy and will use the money for treatment at a Michigan clinic.

Schools

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by the new law are Floyd, Breathitt and Knott counties, where three schools in each district are on the list.

In Floyd County, parents of students at Stumbo Elementary, Allen Central Middle School and South Floyd Middle School can now request to have their children transferred to other schools in the county.

Parents of students at Beckham-Combs Elementary, Caney Creek Elementary and Cordia Elementary in Knott County can do the same in their district, as can parents of students at Highland Turner Elementary and Marie Roberts Elementary in Breathitt County.

In addition, parents of students at Breathitt County High School, which is also on the list, have additional choices. Under the act, if there are no other better performing schools in a district, students would be allowed to transfer to a school in a neighboring district. That would be the case in Breathitt County, where BCHS is the only high school in the district.

Other schools on the list include Flat Gap Elementary in Johnson County, Middle Fork

Elementary in Magoffin County, Warfield Elementary in Martin County and Lookout and Mullins elementaries in Pike County.

But while the goal of the act is to reward schools which do well while punishing those which do not, State Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit blasted the implementation of the law in Kentucky, saying it is based on old data and could end up punishing schools which are already doing better.

"This is 1998-2000 test data," Wilhoit said in a statement released by the state Department of Education. "The Kentucky schools on this list have had time to make improvement, and we won't know until September how much improvement they've made."

The new law could also have a tactical, perhaps financial, impact as well.

Under the act, school district will be responsible for providing transportation to better schools. That could prove difficult for students of low-performing schools in isolated areas, such as Stumbo or South Floyd in Floyd County or Flat Gap in Johnson County.

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room assignments, the members discussed the issue of offering weighted college classes.

Karen DeRossett was not present; however she had written a letter addressing the discussion, held at the last meeting, concerning making the classes accessible to all students. She wrote that people were willing to donate to help students pay for the classes.

However, when addressing the issue of not knowing how many students would need assistance, Tammy Vance, parent representative, was still unsure that the classes would be made available to all students, thus creating an ethical dilemma.

Ron Hampton, principal and chairman, stated that the only reason the school has weighted classes was to get the top 10. The weighted classes have more influence on a student's GPA, thus encouraging students to take them. The reason for weighted classes from the educators' perspective is to encourage students to challenge themselves.

Vance made a motion to avoid weighting college classes until Karen DeRossett could check

with other schools that currently offer them, concerning how they had address funding. Tim Blankenship seconded the motion and after deliberation the motion passed.

Ruth Patterson, special education, said that she would like to see weighted classes omitted.

The Resource Center's quarterly report was proposed by Karen Vaughn, director, who said that the "Reality Store" activity held last November gave sophomores the opportunity to learn how to make a living in the real world. Various booths representing businesses were set up at the convention center and students, who had received a budget with Uncle Sam's money already debited, were given the opportunity to spend the money in order to live effectively.

In April the "Give Yourself a Break Day" was held at the Mountain Arts Center so that parents would have an opportunity to meet parents from other schools and discuss topics of interest such as stress and parenting skills. The resource center sponsored the event along with the games and lunch.

Vaughn said that "Project Prom Pride" was held after the prom at the bowling alley for the second year. The three-pronged program offers messages concerning drugs and alcohol, money and prizes to the students, and entertainment. Vaughn stated that the community donated to the project and prizes such as TVs, VCRs and DVDs were given away.

A "Back to School" fair will be held August 5, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. for the fourth year and will offer immunization, school supplies and free haircuts. Vaughn said that the resource center is also enlisting the help of Mary Schaffer, Cornerstone Counseling, in order to offer an alternative to juvenile detention for delinquent students by offering them classes, for parents and students, three hours a night, once a week, for 12 months.

Vaughn said that her most important role is being a student advocate and "just being there" to help troubled kids.

"I feel like that is the most important thing that I do," said Vaughn.

Cities

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believes the commission would be able to keep its regular meetings on a more regular basis.

Complicating the problem recently, Curtis Tufts said, is the recent hospitalization of Wayland Mayor Tommy Murphy. Murphy is currently undergoing treatment for complications from a kidney stone.

If history repeats itself, the Tufts both stand a good chance of both being elected to the commission. In the last race in 2000, no one filed to seek election to the three-spot commission, leaving the matter to be decided entirely by write-in vote.

Currently, the Tufts are the only ones seeking election to the commission in 2002.

Wayland is one of five Floyd County cities that will see races for mayor and city council this fall. The others include Allen, Martin, Prestonsburg and

Wheelwright.

Prestonsburg has watched its fall mayor's race develop for most of a year, after incumbent Jerry Fannin and councilman Thomas Hereford filed for the position last November.

Another mayor's race is shaping up in Allen, where Jerome Kinzer has filed to challenge Sharon Woods for the position.

No one has filed for any city races in Allen, Martin or Wheelwright, and the only other city council filings besides the Tufts in Wayland have been in Prestonsburg.

There, Robert R. Allen II, Roy Lee Compton, Carolyn Ford and Dr. Phillip Simpson are seeking election to the eight-person panel.

The deadline to file for any nonpartisan race, including mayor, city council or school board, is August 29.

Wreck in Pike proves fatal

by **AMANDA M. ARNETT**
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A motor vehicle collision that occurred on Wednesday left four people injured and one dead.

Pikeville Police dispatcher Ramona Campbell received a 911 call on Wednesday that reported a motor vehicle accident on U.S. 23 near Foxcroft. Two vehicles were involved in the incident, a blue 1996 Chevrolet Monte Carlo and a red 2000 Chevrolet Blazer.

Reportedly, the Blazer was

traveling northbound in the passing lane on U.S. 23 while the Monte Carlo was traveling in the southbound passing lane.

Following the accident, the driver of the Blazer, Jerri L. Thacker, and her three passengers were taken to Pikeville Methodist Hospital for treatment. Thacker was later airlifted to the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center for further treatment.

The 55-year-old driver of the Monte Carlo was pronounced dead at the scene by Pike County Coroner, Charles Morris.

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they do something wrong, they should still suffer the consequences."

Bowers, 39, has made dozens of speeches at Bible colleges and churches in the Americas and Europe about his experience.

A book, "If God Should Choose," and a dramatic video about the family are now serving to meet the Bowers' calling: evangelism and encouraging others to become missionaries.

"God has chosen Cory and me to represent him in a bigger way, a lot bigger than I would have imagined," he said at a memorial service for Roni and Charity last year.

Jim and Roni Bowers worked in relative anonymity for five years along the Amazon in northeastern Peru, spreading the Christian gospel among the riverside villages and training ministers through the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. The Bowers lived with their children aboard a houseboat that sailed up and down the river.

On April 20, 2001, the family, flown by fellow-missionary Kevin Donaldson, was returning from the Colombian border where they had picked up a permanent resident visa for Charity. CIA personnel aboard a surveillance plane spotted the aircraft and alerted Peruvian officials. A Peruvian interceptor arrived and shot the aircraft as the CIA crew debated whether the plane fit a drug smuggler's profile.

Roni Bowers and Charity, who had been adopted in Michigan only a few months earlier, were dead. Cory and Jim Bowers weren't injured. Donaldson was shot in the legs, but still managed to land the pontoon plane on the river. They reached land and got help.

In the months after the shooting, government reports blamed errors by the Peruvian military, procedural mistakes and the poor language skills of personnel from both countries for misidentifying the plane.

"They had no reason to suspect us," Bowers said.

Jim Bowers brought the bodies back to America and settled

in Garner, a town of 20,000 south of Raleigh, where tobacco fields are giving way to suburban subdivisions. There, he and Cory moved in with his mother, Wilma.

Bowers took a job at Bethel Baptist Church in nearby Cary, leading Spanish Bible studies and church services for the area's growing Hispanic population.

He said he's not bitter, though he does have strong words for the people involved. "It was an accident," he said. "It was terrible negligence and stupidity but it wasn't malicious."

Roni Bowers' parents have a more pointed assessment.

"It was the United States and Peruvian governments that murdered our daughter," Roni's father, John Luttig, said in an interview from Pace, Fla.

An \$8 million settlement from the U.S. government was reached this spring with the crash survivors, Roni Bowers' parents and the Bowers' missionary agency. The government didn't admit liability or assign blame to the CIA as part of the settlement.

When asked whether the CIA would apologize to the family, an agency spokesman referred to the White House statement released in March that said: "The United States government and the government of Peru deeply regret this tragic event and the resulting deaths."

All of the beneficiaries say they will give the money to support Christian ministries. Peru also has agreed to replace the missionary agency's plane.

Jim Bowers said he sees himself ultimately returning to overseas missionary work. He has gone back to Peru since the crash but doesn't plan to work there again.

With few answers about why this all happened, he leans on the positives that have come out of the tragedy: People have become Christians after learning about the crash, and his faith and that of others has grown.

"I got Roni stripped away from me. Basically, my main thing in life was my relationship with her," he said. Now, "God has seemed to be much more real and close to me."

Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Keniss Ervin Tackett, 59, of Harold, died Sunday, June 30, in Pike County, following a sudden illness. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ruby Hill, 58, of Buffalo Grove, IL, died Wednesday, June 26, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 30, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Paul Len Huff, 26, of Georgetown, KY, died Monday, July 1, in Georgetown, due to injuries sustained from a motorcycle accident. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ellen Ousley, 81, of Ypsilanti, MI, died Monday, July 1, at the Annapolis Hospital, Wayne, MI. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Betty Jo Craft, 66, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, June 27, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lola Evelyn Hamilton, 74, of Allen, died Wednesday, June 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Flem Wesley "Bud" Burchett, 73, of Maple Heights, OH, formerly of Prestonsburg,

died June 5, of cancer. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 10, under the direction of Kindrich McHugh Funeral Home.

Martin County

Donnie Moore, 40, of Pilgrim, died Sunday, June 30, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 3, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Lula Mae Litteral, 61, of Falcon, died Thursday, June 27, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 1, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

Patrick Calvin Blackburn, 34, of Louisa, died Tuesday, June 25, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 1, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Andy Kirk, 81, of Louisa, died Thursday, June 27, at Three Rivers Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 29, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Bula (Pune) Childers Castle, 86, of Ulysses, died Thursday, June 27, at J.J. Jordan Geriatric

Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 30, under the direction of Heston Funeral Home.

Ressie Blanton, 86, of Louisa, died Wednesday, June 26, at J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 29, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Stewart Belmont Conley, 86, of Van Lear, died Saturday, June 29, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 2, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Pike County

Lucy Mae Huffman, 70, of Shelbiana, died Tuesday, July 2, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were arranged by Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Janet Hall, 68, of Virgie, died Monday, July 1, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 5, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Edith Mae VanHoose, 86, of Pikeville, died Sunday, June 30, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 2, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Anna Naomi Preston, 89, of Pikeville, died Sunday, June

30, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 3, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Don Damron, 64, of Indian Creek, died Monday, July 1, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 5, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Hallie Lee Varney, 85, of

Williamson, W.Va., died Saturday, June 29, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 3, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Steward Church, 66, of Grundy, Va., died Sunday, June 30, at the Buchanan General Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 4, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

The child is always the victim

by PETER O. SAMPLES,
STATE CHAIRMAN

A seductive or promiscuous child often is the result, but never the cause, of sexual abuse.

One characteristic common to sexual abusers is a capacity for rationalizing their actions, mentally justifying an illegal, unacceptable, and inappropriate behavior as necessary and all right. Perpetrating the myth of the seductive or sexually promiscuous child by claiming its the child's fault is one way of doing this.

Through this type of reason-

ing, the abuser shifts the blame for his/her actions onto someone else.

In the same manner, incestuous parents often justify their own sexual behavior as a way of teaching the child or keeping him off the street. These justifications ignore the abuser's responsibility as an adult, the child's vulnerability and dependency on the adult, and the long-term harm to the child.

To obtain more information, about child abuse and neglect, call our hotline number at 1-800-468-8920.

Odds

Labrador retrievers and German shorthair pointers because of their natural drive to repeatedly retrieve objects.

But Humane Society officials were skeptical about exposing Kevin to the dog-eat-dog border patrol world.

"We were a little worried about Kevin," said Barry Ashenfelter, the Humane Society's community

relations director. "He has so much energy, it would have taken a professional dog trainer to get him under control."

That's exactly what Kevin is going to get.

The Customs Service adopted him Monday. Now he's on his way to Front Royal, Va., where he'll be enrolled in a canine enforcement training program.

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Lawyer accused of bringing guns into courthouse

The Associated Press

GRAYSON - An Eastern Kentucky lawyer accused of carrying two concealed pistols into a courtroom pleaded innocent Wednesday.

Special Judge William Schmaedecke also lowered Philip D. McKenzie's bond from \$100 million to \$100,000 unsecured. McKenzie was released Wednesday.

The higher bond was set by Judge Susan M. Johnson of Paintsville on Monday, who serves as chief regional district judge in eastern Kentucky.

McKenzie, 52, of Grayson, was arrested Monday by a deputy sheriff after finding a gun in his coat pocket and another gun in a holster on his leg, authorities said.

"A \$100 million bond for a misdemeanor. We've got murderers in jail on much less bond," McKenzie's attorney William R. Woods said before the arraignment. "This is absurd."

Woods, a former judge, was removed from the bench two years ago for misconduct after displaying a handgun in a Morgan County courtroom. The incident occurred after he lost a re-election bid.

The incident on Monday began after the state Administrative Office of the Courts sent a security officer to Carter County in response to reports from "several elected officials and community members" of a threat against District Judge Kim Gevedon, said Melinda Wheeler, the agency's deputy commissioner.

"We were taking some precautions to work with the judge," Wheeler said.

Gevedon and the security officer, Gary Stevens, were in the Carter County Courthouse hallway when McKenzie was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Mark Harr, according to court records.

McKenzie "came into Carter District Court carrying two guns, one on his left leg, one in his coat pocket," the arrest citation said. The pistols were identified in the citation as a Smith & Wesson and a Beretta.

Woods said his client has a state permit to carry a concealed weapon. However, only judges and law-enforcement officers are allowed to carry guns in Kentucky's courtrooms.

"If it could be proved that Philip made a threat against the judge, I could understand why a high bond was set, but not that high," Woods said.

No formal allegations of a threat have been filed in the case, he said. The allegations, he said, are "third- and fourth- and fifth-generation" hearsay that Woods said his client denies.

Woods said he and his client have overlapping ties with both judges.

Woods served 13 years as district judge in Carter, Morgan and Elliott counties before he was removed from the bench for misconduct by Judge Johnson. McKenzie, who was Wood's attorney in the case, challenged Johnson's action in a lawsuit that was dismissed.

Gevedon later won a special election to fill Woods' term. Woods is now running against

Gevedon in November's election.

Woods said he thinks the high bond that Johnson set for McKenzie was "obviously retaliation for Philip filing a lawsuit against (Johnson) on my behalf two years ago."

Johnson, who serves as district judge in Johnson, Martin and Lawrence counties, declined to comment on the bond but denied retaliating against anyone.

A pretrial conference was scheduled for Aug. 20.

Highway deaths up in Kentucky

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky State Police stepped up patrols as the Fourth of July weekend got under way, mindful of an increase this year in the number of highway fatalities.

Records show more people have died on state roads through June this year than during the same period for the previous five years.

The six-month period has been the deadliest since 1998. That year, 424 people died during the first half of the year in traffic accidents, compared with 433 this year.

Last year, 383 people died on the state's roads in the first half of the year.

Jerry Pigman, a research engineer analyst with the Kentucky Transportation Center at the University of Kentucky, said it's hard to tell why the numbers are up

this year, but the increase doesn't necessarily indicate a trend since traffic deaths sometimes fluctuate.

"Fatalities do tend to jump up and down," Pigman said. "The difference between fatalities and serious crashes is often just fate."

Justice Secretary Ishmon Burks said the fatality figures indicate that more than 900 people will die on Kentucky roads this year.

"Every hour, someone dies simply because they did not take the time to buckle up," he said in a letter on highway safety last month. "Wearing seatbelts is the single most effective means of reducing fatalities and serious injuries resulting from traffic crashes."

Burks, in an interview Wednesday, blamed the increase in road deaths on inattentive drivers, speeding and tailgating, and said he believes more people are driving since the Sept. 11 terrorist

U.S. forces are, allowing Americans to launch surprise attacks more easily.

"If we don't have to get to the gunfight at the OK Corral until we are only dealing with the survivors of a dazed and confused force, then the odds are a lot different," Nixon said.

Riggs says another reason for transformation is that the current mechanized force is based on the Cold War model in which the enemy was the former Soviet Union.

The enemy of the future is different, he said.

During recent battles in Afghanistan, Somalia and the Balkans, enemy forces took to cities and towns. It's not always easy to rely on tanks in those situations, and it is important to have a communications system that can identify allies, enemies and noncombatants, Army leaders say.

The Sept. 11 attacks and additional threats have made transformation all the more relevant, Riggs said.

"It's been a long time since our homeland was actually threatened, so I'd be less than candid with you if I didn't say that it added great urgency to what we're doing, because it has," he said.

The Bush administration has signaled its support, saying much of the \$475 million it initially sought for the Crusader artillery system should go to accelerate the future combat system. The Senate recently

approved a measure generally backing that plan. The Crusader is a self-propelled cannon that the administration says is too big to fit in with the new lighter force.

Development and production of the new combat system will cost billions, though a firm price tag has not yet been set. A member of the Armed Services Committee, Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., says Congress is prepared to pay.

"Right now, there is already broad bipartisan support for this military transformation," he said. "It is something that is inevitable, and it is something that the Armed Services Committee is ready to fund at the levels needed."

But Thompson, of the Lexington Institute, said there may be resistance from lawmakers whose districts stand to lose military contracts as old weapons systems get phased out.

"American political history is full of examples of weapons systems that were great at getting congressmen re-elected, but not great for winning wars," Thompson said.

The first deadline the team at Fort Knox has to meet is April 2003, when it must outline what the future combat system will look like and estimate its cost.

Riggs says he thinks the answer will be clear.

"If you ask me can we afford not to do it, I'd say the answer is no," he said.

ing features. "What Tree Is That?" is organized to make it easy to identify trees in a simple step-by-step fashion.

"Helping people enjoy and appreciate trees is central to the educational mission of the Arbor Day Foundation," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "Being able to identify trees is important to knowing how to care for them and how to plant the right tree in the right place."

To obtain your tree ID guide, send your name and address and \$3 to "What Tree Is That?," The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

While 900 fatalities would not

be a record for traffic deaths in Kentucky, it would place 2002 among the worst in the past 25 years. In the 1960s and early 1970s, before modern safety devices were required on cars, it was common for Kentucky fatalities to top 1,000, according to federal transportation data.

Lisa Rudzinski, a spokeswoman for the Kentucky State Police, said state troopers will be out in force this weekend in an attempt to cut down on the number of fatalities.

Rudzinski said all but a few state troopers — even detectives and commanders — were required to work the highways Wednesday and will be out on Sunday — the two busiest travel days of the weekend.

An additional 250 troopers will take to the road, bringing the total working highway duty to 900.

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Outdoors

2002-03 hunting
seasons
getting close

DEER

■ Modern Gun November 9-24,
2002, Zones 1-2; November 9-18,
2002, Zones 3-4

■ Archery September 21, 2002 -
January 20, 2003, Statewide

■ Muzzleloader October 26-27;
December 14-20, 2002, Statewide

■ Youth Weekend October 19-
20, 2002, Statewide

■ Crossbow December 2-11,
2002, Statewide

Zone restrictions determine
which days either sex deer or
antlered deer only is permitted.
Hunters must check the 2002-03
Kentucky Hunting & Trapping
Guide for county zone assignments,
harvest restrictions & other deer
hunting requirements.

TURKEY

■ Fall (archery only)
September 21, 2002 -

January 20, 2003, closed
during a county's modern
gun deer season

■ Fall (shotgun)

December 4-8, 2002

SQUIRREL

■ Spring June 1-14,
2002

■ Fall August 17 -
November 8, 2002;

November 11, 2002 -
January 31, 2003

RABBIT & QUAIL

■ November 11, 2002 -
February 10, 2003, in the following
counties: Allen, Ballard, Butler,
Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle,
Christian, Crittenden, Daviess,
Fulton, Graves, Hancock,
Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins,
Livingston, Logan, Lyon, Marshall,
McLean, McCracken, Muhlenberg,
Ohio, Simpson, Todd, Trigg, Union,
Warren and Webster.

■ November 1-8, 2002;

November 11, 2002 - January 31,
2003, in all
other counties.

GROUSE

■ November 11 through the end

(See HUNTING, page three)

Baseball

White getting
close
to normal

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - Considering
what he's been through, it's remark-
able that Gabe White is pitching at
all these days.

The Cincinnati Reds' only left-
handed reliever has overcome a
major infection in his pitching arm
and returned in an unexpectedly
short time. He was in and out of a
hospital and sidelined for only a
week before rejoining the club.

Although he hasn't entirely
recovered, he's close enough that
he can get batters out.

"I think I'm all right," he said
Tuesday. "I'm just a little stiff. The
back of my shoulder has been tight,
but that's to be expected. I don't
feel that bad."

Dr. Timothy Kremchek thought

(See REDS, page three)

Blackcat Golf
Scramble
set for tomorrow

The Prestonsburg High
School Blackcat Golf Scramble
will be held tomorrow at
StoneCrest Golf Course. The
event, which was rescheduled
once, is set to begin at 8 a.m.

HAP 13&14s beat Morgan County

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - The Harold-
Allen-Prater Little League 13&14-
year-old All-Stars
scored a 12-1 win
over Morgan
County early

this past week in tournament play at
Charlie Adkins Field in Paintsville.

HAP's Brandon Thacker put a
first-inning run on the board after
reaching on an error. In all, HAP
plated five runs in the
opening frame and
never looked back
in doing so.

Patrick Stapleton, cleanup batter
Brandon Kidd, Derrick Case and
Kyle Hall also came around to score
in the first inning.

Morgan County got its only run
of the contest in its final at-bat.
The biggest run-producing

(See HAP, page four)



photo by Steve
LeMaster

Blake Martin
took a cut at a
pitch Tuesday
night in a
game against
Prestonsburg.



courtesy photo

Rowe is one
of the state's
top
motocross
athletes.

DUSTY
ROWE
qualifies
for MX
Nationals

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Amazingly, even though he's only
been racing five years,
Prestonsburg's Dusty Rowe has
qualified for his fourth national
motocross National Championship. The
long road to the National Championship
began in March when an estimated
5,000 amateur racers from all over the
world begin regional qualifiers
throughout the United States. Those
who are good enough to finish in the
top eight at each area qualifier
advance to one of eight regional
qualifiers throughout the country.
Depending upon which region a
racer attends, he must finish in the
top six or seven positions to qualify
for the National Championship.
The Nationals are held each year at
Loretta Lynn's ranch in Hurricane
Mills, Tennessee.

Rowe qualified in the area quali-
fiers in Kentucky and Georgia. He
then advanced to the regional quali-
fiers in Tennessee and Ohio. He quali-
fied in three classes, the 85cc 12-13
stock, the 85cc 9-13 mod and the
105 cc supermini classes. Since you
can only participate in two events at the
Nationals, Rowe has chosen to stay in his
age group and not run the supermini class.

Rowe, who is backed by American Suzuki, is considered by
most to be one of the top five riders in his classes in the world.
While most kids have been enjoying their summer vacation,
Rowe actually left school two days early to begin training in
southern Georgia under the leadership of Colleen Millsaps,
whose son Davi, has won numerous world and national champi

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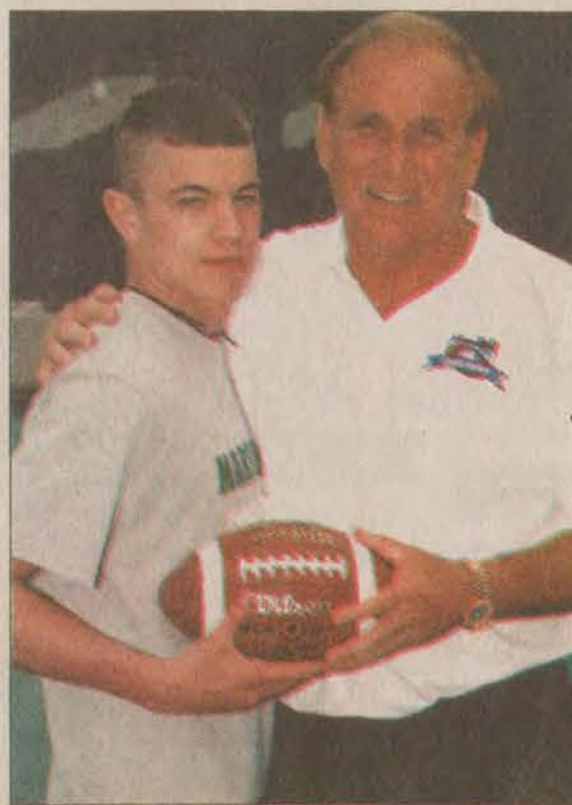
AC QB attends
Herd camp

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - Allen Central High School quarter-
back Alex Patton attended the recent Marshall
University Thundering Herd Football Camp in
Huntington, W.Va. The camp, under the direction of
MU head football coach Bob Pruett, was held June
16-19.

During the camp, Patton and his fellow campers
attended three practices a day where they were taught
skills, techniques and fundamentals for the
Thundering Herd coaching staff. Individual instruc-
tion and weight room demonstrations were also a part
of the this year's annual camp.

Patton recorded a 4.82 40-yard-dash time. He ran
4.53 in the shuttle run and registered a vertical jump
of 32" during the week. Also attending the camp
from Allen Central High School was Randy O'Neal.
O'Neal's camp statistics were unavailable at press
time.



Alex Patton (left) got together with Marshall
University head football coach Bob Pruett.

The Cats' Pause
Kentucky Football
edition on
newsstands

Issues puts Blackcats back
at the top of their region

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Cats' Pause Kentucky Football 2002
special preseason edition is now available on
newsstands throughout the state. This year's
edition explains the tale of a Southeastern
Conference football program reeling 18
months after its head coach and the rest of
the coaching staff fell apart.

Prestonsburg High School grad Jeremy

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TURKEY HUNTING

FC NWTF
chapter
elects new
officers

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

FLOYD COUNTY - The
Floyd County chapter of the
National Wild Turkey
Federation has elected its offi-
cers for 2002. The newly
elected officers are as follows:
President - Johnny Lafferty,
Vice-President - Paul Hagans,
Secretary and Treasurer - Paul
Robinson, and Banquet
Chairman - Mark Wallace.

The chapter also appointed
its 2003 Banquet Committee:
Jerry Bailey, Pete Castle, Rick
Caudill, Kevin Davis, Shawn
Davis, Ralph Goble, Paul
Hagans, Gary Hicks, Gerald

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UP CLOSE

Harmon
plays in
East-West
Junior series

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE -
Paintsville High School
three-sport standout Tate
Harmon, a senior-to-be,
keeps busy these days.
Harmon, whose brother
Chas has signed to play
baseball at the next level in
college, is also gearing up
for a high school gridiron
season in the fall. Harmon
(5-10, 150) plays halfback
on offense and cornerback
on defense for the Tigers
and head coach David
LeMaster. He has also seen
time under center and may
step in for his graduated
brother. If not under center,
Harmon will once again line
up in the backfield. Last sea

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SPORTSBOARD

Briefs

TENNIS

WIMBLEDON, England — Amelie Mauresmo ended Jennifer Capriati's streak of six consecutive Grand Slam semifinals with a rain-interrupted 6-3, 6-2 victory at Wimbledon.

Serena Williams, meanwhile, continued her easy run through the draw with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Daniela Hantuchova and will meet Mauresmo in the semis. She hasn't dropped a set in five matches and remains on course for a possible meeting with her sister, Venus, in the final.

Top-seeded Venus Williams and No. 6 Justine Henin will meet in the other semifinal Thursday.

And after three days, the men's quarterfinal bracket was filled. Richard Krajicek, the only former champion left in the men's draw, completed a 6-7 (2), 7-6 (4), 6-7 (1), 7-6 (5), 6-4 victory over Mark Philippoussis in a fourth-round match originally set for Monday.

— Martina Navratilova, who has played more matches than anyone at Wimbledon, doesn't think she's finished yet.

Navratilova, teamed with Australian doubles expert Todd Woodbridge, lost 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 to Jonas Bjorkman and Anna Koumnikova in mixed doubles.

Adding the two matches she and Nalasha Zvereva played in the women's doubles before being knocked out, Navratilova has played 293 matches.

The total for the nine-time singles champion puts her ahead of nearest rival Billie Jean King with 265 matches. The men's record is held by France's Jean Borotra, who played in 223 matches starting in the 1920s.

— Serena Williams is a win away from replacing sister Venus at No. 1.

If she beats Amelie Mauresmo in a Wimbledon semifinal Thursday, Serena will move from No. 2 to the top spot in next week's WTA Tour computer rankings — no matter what else happens in the tournament.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK — Boston reliever Ugueth Urbina was picked to replace teammate Pedro Martinez on the American League roster for next week's All-Star game.

Urbina, 28, has 21 saves, and also has a 2.70 ERA and an 0-3 record.

It will be his second All-Star appearance. He was on the 1998 NL All-Star team when he was with Montreal.

NEW YORK — Cleveland Indians slugger Jim Thome homered in his seventh straight game, leaving him one shy of the major league record.

Thome hit a 3-2 pitch from David Wells over the fence in left-center against the New York Yankees. The solo shot gave Thome an AL-leading 26 homers this season.

AUTO RACING

INDIANAPOLIS — Five weeks after the checkered flag fell, another Indianapolis 500 victory finally goes to Spideeman.

Indy Racing League president Tony George said he had rejected an appeal of the disputed finish between Helio Castroneves and Paul Tracy and declared the Brazilian known as Spideeman the race winner.

George said the split-second decision by IRL vice president Brian Barnhart —

that Tracy's pass occurred after the yellow caution flag flew — was unappealable and that even if it was, Barnhart still made the right call.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — A judge upheld a Florida law restricting public access to autopsy photos that was being challenged by several newspapers.

The law was passed in March 2001 after the death of race car driver Dale Earnhardt, who was killed in a crash in the final lap of last year's Daytona 500.

HOCKEY

DETROIT — Defenseman Chris Chelios re-signed with the Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings.

The two-year, \$12 million deal came less than two days after Chelios became an unrestricted free agent for the first time in his 20-year NHL career.

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — The New York Islanders acquired center Jason Wiener from the Florida Panthers for defenseman Branislav Mezel.

The Islanders also announced they signed 22-year-old forward Mattias Weinhandl of Sweden, their third-round pick in the 1999 NHL Entry Draft.

DALLAS — The Dallas Stars signed right wing Bill Guerin, one of the NHL's top free agents this offseason, to a five-year deal.

SOCCER

ZURICH, Switzerland — The United States tied its highest spot in the FIFA rankings at 11th place and World Cup champion Brazil reclaimed the top spot.

The United States advanced to the quarterfinals last month before losing to Germany, and the Americans moved up two spots in the rankings. They began the year 24th, and their only other month with a ranking as high as 11th was May 1998, before the U.S. team finished last in the 32-nation field at the World Cup in France.

Brazil, which beat Germany 2-0 Sunday to win its record fifth World Cup, moved up from second to overtake France.

TRACK AND FIELD

PARIS — American sprinter Justin Gatlin was reinstated by the governing body of world athletics after serving one year of a two-year doping ban.

Gatlin was banned in July 2001 after testing positive for amphetamine at the 2001 U.S.A Track & Field Junior National Championships in Richmond, Va.

The drug, banned in athletic competition, was contained in prescription medication Gatlin has been taking for 10 years to treat a form of attention deficit disorder.

FOOTBALL

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BOXING

PORTLAND, Ore. — The former president of USA Boxing pleaded guilty to sex abuse charges and was sentenced to more than 10 years in prison.

had 4,700 yards rushing and 62 touchdowns.

Gordon is the third player in the Rams' draft class to agree to contract terms, following defensive backs Travis Fisher and Chris Massey.

The contract is worth \$1,969,000, including a signing bonus of \$609,000. Gordon will get base salaries of \$225,000, \$300,000, \$380,000 and \$455,000.

Former NFL star Jim Brown released

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"I served my time — maximum. I did it as a gentleman," Brown said outside Ventura County jail. The 66-year-old former running back, who starred with the Cleveland Browns, was surrounded by friends, his wife, Monique, and their young son.

"This is a blessing," Monique Brown said. "It's just the beginning of a new start. You know, we're putting everything behind us and going on with our lives."

Brown was allowed to serve his time in Ventura County although the case originated in Los Angeles County. Richard Pena, a sheriff's spokesman in Los Angeles, said he was not familiar with Brown's case but that it is not unusual for inmates to be given credit for good behavior or for being productive in jail.

In September 1999, a Hollywood Superior Court jury convicted Brown of misdemeanor vandalism, but acquitted him of a more serious misdemeanor charge of making a terrorist threat. The latter charge stemmed from an allegation that Brown had threatened to kill his wife during an argument at their Hollywood home.

Brown was initially sentenced to a year of domestic violence counseling. He was also ordered to spend 40 days on a work crew cleaning up streets or put in 400 hours of community service, pay \$1,800 in fines and serve three years' probation.

When Brown refused the counseling and community service orders, the judge imposed the jail term. He began his sentence on March 13.

Brown said after his release that he chose jail to prove a point.

"The conditions of my sentence were ridiculous. If I had accepted those conditions I would have been condoning something that could have represented the way that the law was administered for many, many years," Brown said.

One of the greatest running backs in NFL history, Brown was No. 6 on The Associated Press' list of top athletes of the 20th century.

Transactions

BASEBALL

NEW YORK YANKEES — Options LHP Randy Choate to Columbus of the International League. Called up RHP Brandon Knight from Columbus.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Placed RHP Todd Stottlemyre on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to June 27. Recalled RHP Erik Sabel from Tucson of the PCL.

CINCINNATI REDS — Placed RHP Luis Pineda on the 15-day disabled list.

FLORIDA MARLINS — Signed INF Daniel Ortiz and assigned him to Kane County of the Midwest League.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Placed OF Marvin Benard on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled OF Tom Goodwin from Fresno of the PCL.

BASKETBALL

LOS ANGELES LAKERS — Signed F Kareem Rush.

MIAMI HEAT — Signed F Caron Butler.

FOOTBALL

BUFFALO BILLS — Agreed to terms with S Coy Wire. FB Jarrett Ferguson and LB Dominique Stevenson.

CHICAGO BEARS — Promoted Bobby Slater to director of rehabilitation.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Named Russ Ball senior football administrator.

ST. LOUIS RAMS — Agreed to terms with G Travis Scott on a three-year contract.

HOCKEY

BUFFALO SABRES — Re-signed F Rob Ray.

DALLAS STARS — Signed RW Bill Guerin to a five-year contract. Re-signed D Sami Helenius. Agreed to terms with RW Aaron Downey and D Alexei Komarov.

DETROIT RED WINGS — Re-signed D-Chris Chelios to a two-year contract.

FLORIDA PANTHERS — Traded C Jason Wiener to the New York Islanders for D Branislav Mezel.

MINNESOTA WILD — Signed RW Bill Muckalt to a multiyear contract.

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Named Trevor Timmins director of player personnel.

Bodybuilding

Bodybuilder smashes computers

TAIPEI, Taiwan — A bodybuilding champion burst into government offices in northern Taiwan on Thursday, smashing computers and igniting a box of firecrackers in a bathroom to protest alleged corruption.

After he was arrested, Lin Chih-cheng told police that he won several bodybuilding titles in northern Taipei County, but sports officials kept his award money.

From the time I started until now, the country owes me money. Taipei County owes me money, too," Lin told TVBS cable news as he sat chained to a wall in a police precinct.

The mass-market China Times Express newspaper quoted a county statement as saying Lin had received his fair amount of the award money along with scholarship funds.

Lin — a top bodybuilder in the 1990s — began his rampage at the county offices by exploding a large box of fireworks in a bathroom stall. One of the boxes didn't explode and a bomb squad had to remove it. He then smashed computers and glass desktops with a baseball bat.

College

Big Ten cultivates big dreams with traveling women's sports exhibit

by KAY HAWES
THE NCAA NEWS

This year, the Big Ten Conference took its "Dream Big" initiative on the road to pave the way for increased interest in girls' and women's sports.

Dream Big is a program the conference began in 1998 as a vehicle to bring attention to and awareness of girls' involvement in sports and the benefits sports play in girls' lives.

"Dream Big shows young girls the physical, emotional and social benefits of playing sports," said Andrea Williams, director of promotions for the Big Ten.

This year, Dream Big traveled to college campuses in the conference through its "Catch the Action" tour. The tour featured a traveling Dream Big exhibit and also celebrated the 30th anniversary of Title IX, the federal legislation prohibiting gender discrimination in education.

This year's tour included stops at the Big Ten men's and women's basketball tournaments, as well as stops at several conference sporting events and also visits to community youth organizations and schools.

"In taking Dream Big on the road with 'Catch the Action,' we not only bring attention to the importance of sport in young girls' lives, but we also provide additional exposure and enthusiasm to a woman's sporting event or championship at Big Ten universities," Williams said.

The events visited this year included field hockey, volleyball, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, and track and field.

In addition to the many exhibits and reference materials that were part of the tour, fans also received free promotional items such as T-shirts, sport towels, bags and key chains. Attendees also were able to have their photo taken while they slumped a basketball.

Part of the Dream Big initiative is a sizeable Web site that provides information for coaches, parents, girls participating in sports, interested volunteers and others. The variety of information on the Web site includes a sports fun page with Big Ten trivia and word searches; a list of resources for grants to support youth sports; suggestions for those who work with kids in sports; and also tips for at-home exercises and practice drills in several sports.

The Big Ten's television advertisements promoting the program also are available, as are profiles of prominent female student-athletes and coaches in the Big Ten.

For more information, see www.bigten.org and click the Dream Big button.

Wrestling

New AWF website
The Appalachian Wrestling Federation has a new website. Visit the AWF at www.awfwrestling.50megs.com.

Southern States Wrestling

FunFest card
Challenge Match
Tim Homer vs. "Nature Boy" Buddy Landel
IRW Title Match
Champion Jeff Tankersley vs. Eddie Golden
Gauge Match
Jimmy "Bunkhouse Buck" Golden vs. Jesse Taylor
SSW Tag Title Match
Champions The Duke's Dynasty vs. SSW Champion Beau James & Brian Overbay
US Ladies Title
Champion Brandi Alexander vs. Sheri Martell plus more

Results

Southern States Wrestling
Friday, June 28
Kingsport, Tenn. @ National Guard Armory
Jason King pinned Rick Karloff
Duane Holiday beat Joey Bravo
Kid Apollo pinned Scotty McKeever
Henrich Franz Keller destroyed Holiday
SSW Champ Beau James & Brandi Alexander beat McKeever & Steinbrenner in a very bloody Cage match
SSW

Saturday, June 29

Bristol, Tenn. @ National Guard Armory
TV Taping
Dune Holiday beat Steinbrenner
SSW Champ Beau James w/ Brandi pinned Joey Bravo
Iron Ring Wrestling Match Jesse Taylor beat Eddie Golden with Help from IRW Champ Jeff Tankersley
Henrich Franz Keller w/The Duke killed Mr. Wildside
Kid Apollo beat Scotty McKeever
TV Champion Ray Idol pinned Steinbrenner
Brian Overbay beat K.C. Thunder w/The Duke by DQ

Scotty McKeever draw with Kid Apollo
Keller w/The Duke pinned Holiday
SSW Champion Beau James pinned non TV Matches
James Overbay and Brandi Alexander beat McKeever, Thundar and Steinbrenner in a Cage
TV Champion Ray Idol pinned Chic White in a Cage
SSW TV

Every Saturday at 11:30 Am on UPN 30 WAPK.

Join Joe Wheeler and Mike Williams (1050 WGAT) for all the news on "The Curtis" and the best wrestling action in the Mountain Empire

Upcoming Events- Summer Sizzler
Thurs., July 11 - Hazard @ Hillbilly Palace
Fri., July 12 - Bristol, Tenn. @ Nat'l Guard Armory
Wed., July 17 - Kingsport, Tenn. @ Civic Auditorium

Sat., July 20 - Cambridge, Ohio @ Rec. Building
Fri., July 26 - Kingsport, Tenn. @ Nat'l Guard Armory

Sat., July 27 - Hampton, Tenn. @ High School
Sun., July 28 - Kingsport, Tenn. @ Skate City (TV)
Thurs., Aug. 8 - Kingsport, Tenn. @ Nat'l Guard
Fri., Aug. 9 - FREE WRESTLING IN KINGSFORT

Starting in September SSW will be at Kingsport, Tenn. National Guard Armory every Tuesday night.

New rankings as of July 1
Steve Flynn and K.C. Thunder
SSW Tag Team Champions
"Handsome" Beau James
SSW Champion

1. Ray Idol (TV Champion)
2. Steve Flynn
3. Brian Overbay
4. K.C. Thunder
5. Kid Apollo
6. TN Equalizer
7. Chic White
8. Scotty McKeever
9. Jesse Taylor
10. Eddie Golden

Tennis

Tennis Ahead of Most in Drug Tests

WIMBLEDON, England — Tennis is showing some guts and wisdom about drug testing. Baseball is still standing at the plate, bat on shoulder, doing nothing.

Tennis has long been far ahead of baseball with a policy that opposes the use of anabolic steroids and recognizes the need for testing. Now tennis is going further.

The women's tour is joining the men's tour in random, out-of-competition testing, and the International Tennis Federation is ready to bring in blood tests for the endurance-boosting hormone EPO if the World Anti-Doping Agency deems it necessary.

Meanwhile in baseball, commissioner Bud Selig says he would like to set up a testing program, union chief Donald Fehr is worried about invasion of the players' privacy, and the players themselves are divided on the issue.

When it comes to testing, the biggest difference between the sports is that tennis players realize that performance-enhancing drugs, aside from posing health threats, help one player at the expense of another. Matches can take up to four hours and players who train hard and stay clean don't want to see opponents on the other side of the net getting a boost from drugs.

In baseball, there has been no outcry from pitchers about batters who might be juicing up on steroids to hit more homers.

Tennis' drug-testing programs aren't perfect. Cheaters can slip through, just as they do at times in the Olympics. There are complaints about how the random testing is conducted and questions about whether it's extensive enough. And the ITF policy of not announcing positive tests or suspend-

ing players until all appeals are exhausted can allow drug-users to win tournaments and be stripped of the title later.

Yet, for all the flaws, tennis is on the right path. The women's tour has not done out-of-competition testing until now because of budgetary constraints. Testing isn't cheap but it's worth it if the sport's credibility is at stake — something baseball has failed to appreciate.

"It was determined recently that we had the budget and the need to do it to make sure things are on the up and up," WTA Tour spokesman Chris De Maria said Tuesday in announcing that random tests will be conducted the rest of the year and in the future.

Venus Williams, the top-ranked woman and two-time defending Wimbledon champion, doesn't believe performance-enhancing drugs are a factor on the women's tour but she's not against the testing, in general. She just doesn't want testers showing up without notice.

"I wouldn't let anyone in my house if I'm not expecting them," she said. "Showing up at the door — you kidding?"

Jennifer Capriati, who once was arrested on marijuana possession charges, strongly opposed random, offsite testing.

"I think that's a bit of an invasion," she said. "I don't think they have any right to kind of see what's going on inside your body, even if you're not doing anything."

"I've never heard of anything to be concerned about anyways. I don't see really what the point would be."

When told some male players have tested positive in recent years, she said, "Well, the guys are another story."

She's probably right that men are more likely to use steroids. But the WTA Tour is committed to protecting its image as well as its players and is doing what it knows it must. The tour will proceed with the testing program no matter who objects.

"I appreciate players having security concerns and we would use collectors that players are familiar with," said Tandy O'Donoghue, the WTA Tour's vice president and head attorney. "We can respect the players and their ability to have their time and still make sure we're enforcing the anti-doping program."

ATP Tour spokesman David Hodgson said the men's tour already does unannounced, out-of-competition testing. He said 50 tests were conducted last year and 100 were scheduled for this year. Hodgson said players fully support the testing.

"They are very adamant in making sure the program is as tough as possible," he said.

As Todd Woodbridge, president of the ATP players' council, put it, "It is extremely important that we are reputable."

So far that kind of thinking has escaped baseball players.

Navratilova says she'll be back

WIMBLEDON, England — Martina Navratilova, who has played more matches than anyone at Wimbledon, doesn't think she's finished yet.

"Next year, I don't know," the 45-year-old Navratilova said after her third-round loss in mixed doubles Wednesday. "Might as well flip a coin. Probably. You know, chances are, yeah."

Navratilova, teamed with Australian doubles expert Todd Woodbridge, lost 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 to Jonas Bjorkman and Anna Koumnikova in a rain-affected match.

"I thought I played pretty well," Navratilova said. "We certainly didn't deserve to lose 6-2 in the third. If you do everything you possibly can to win, and you still lose, there's nothing to hang your head about."

Adding the two matches she and Natasha Zvereva played in the women's doubles before being knocked out, Navratilova has played 293 matches.

The total for the nine-time singles champion puts her ahead of nearest rival Billie Jean King with 265 matches. The men's record is held by France's Jean Borotra, who played in 223 matches starting in the 1920s.

Navratilova says she feels fitter now than when she was in her 30s.

"Physically, I feel better than I did about 12 years ago," she said. "Physically, certainly the body — I feel like I could keep going like this for a long while."

"I need to see some results pretty soon. Again, we played well enough to win, we didn't. I haven't done as well, I feel, as I'm playing. But I'll keep going for the rest of the year and see what happens."

In May, Navratilova became the oldest woman to win a title following her victory in doubles at the Spanish Open with Zvereva.

She then entered the Wimbledon tuneup event at Eastbourne on a bet with her trainer, and won her first singles match in eight years in beating No. 22-ranked Tatiana Panova. She was beaten in the second round by Daniela Hantuchova.

Woodbridge, who won 61 doubles titles — including seven at Wimbledon — with fellow Australian Mark Woodforde, was asked by Navratilova at the French Open to team up at Wimbledon.

"At 45, she was training probably harder than 70 percent of the women on the tour," Woodbridge said. "For me, that's like 'Wow, this is amazing that this lady has this much inspiration and goal to continue to train that hard at that age'."

"She still has the drive and the motivation to do well. Usually, if a champion asks you to play, it's hard to knock that back."

Navratilova won 167 singles and 166 doubles titles in her career, including three Australian Opens, two French Opens and four U.S. Opens.

The Czech-born U.S. citizen came out of retirement in 2000 to play doubles.

Soccer

Looking ahead to the next World Cup

by NESHA STARCEVIC
ASSOCIATED PRESS

YOKOHAMA, Japan — On to 2006. The next World Cup will be held in Germany, which staged the world soccer championship in 1974 and won it.

Organizers picked 12 cities as game sites: Berlin, Nuremberg, Hamburg, Leipzig, Cologne, Stuttgart, Dortmund, Gelsenkirchen, Munich, Kaiserslautern, Hanover and Frankfurt.

FIFA president Sepp Blatter was confident Germany "could allow us in 2006 to carry out perhaps the best World Cup ever."

Munich is expected to hold the opening game at a 66,000-seat stadium that has not yet been built.

The preliminary draw to set qualifying groups will be in Frankfurt in December 2003. The final draw will be in Leipzig two years later.

German organizers who visited the World Cup in South Korea and Japan were impressed.

"In terms of politeness and hospitality, Asia is unbeatable," said Franz Beckenbauer, president of the organizing committee and one of Germany's greatest players and coaches.

"The quality of grass is such that you almost don't want to step on it so as not to spoil it. Even players seem reluctant to damage it."

"The conditions are perfect. Maybe the security is a bit too much, but I'd rather have too much than too little security. It's been a great tournament despite all the naysayers before."

Germany outbid England and South Africa for the tournament. It hopes to put on the kind of show the South Koreans and Japanese did, with facilities to match.

But it won't be easy, according to Horst R. Schmidt, executive vice president of the 2006 organizing committee.

"The stadiums and the infrastructure are of

Hunting

of February in the following counties only: Adair, Bath, Bell, Boyd, Bracken, Breathitt,

■ Campbell, Carter, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Floyd, Garrard, Greenup, Harlan, Harrison, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Lincoln, Madison, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, McCreary, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Owsley, Pendleton, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Robertson, Rockcastle, Rowan,

Russell, Wayne, Whitley and Wolfe.

EARLY RACCOON & OPOSSUM HUNTING ONLY

■ November 1 - noon
November 11, 2002

ALL FURBEARER HUNTING & TRAPPING

■ Noon November 11, 2002 through noon February 1, 2003 (Includes raccoon, opossum, mink, muskrat, beaver, red fox,

gray fox, weasel and striped skunk. Beaver trapping season extends through February 28, 2003.)

BOBCAT

■ November 11, 2002 - January 31, 2003 in the following counties only:

■ Eastern Bobcat Zone: Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Clay, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Greenup, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee,

Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Wayne, Whitley and Wolfe.

Western Bobcat Zone: Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Daviess, Fulton, Graves, Hancock, Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, McLean, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Todd, Trigg, Union and Webster.

COYOTE

■ Open year-round. When

firearms are permitted for deer hunting, coyotes may be taken only by a legal deer hunter.

CROW

■ September 1 - November 7, 2002
■ January 4 - February 28, 2003

WILD HOG

■ Open year-round in all counties except McCreary County*.
■ When a firearms deer season is open, a wild hog may only

be taken by a legal deer hunter.

In McCreary County, wild hogs may be taken from Sept. 21 through Jan. 15 by persons legal to hunt deer. From Jan. 16 through the last day of February, hogs may be taken by any legal hunter using any legal hunting method.

NOTE: Seasons on Wildlife Management Areas may be different from those above. Check the 2002-03 Kentucky Hunting & Trapping Guide for season dates and special hunting requirements on WMAs.

Reds

there was little chance that White could recover so quickly from an infection that started in his pitching hand and spread up his arm.

It's the type of infection that could become life-threatening if not treated quickly. He was taken to a hospital in Cincinnati a few hours after pitching in a 3-2 loss to Seattle on June 20 for emergency care.

"I was pretty scared, actually," White said. "I couldn't stop it from swelling. I'm pitching, then a few hours later I'm in a hospital and some dude is cutting on my pitching hand."

A doctor made an incision to drain the infection and gave him intravenous antibiotics. Rather

than put him on the disabled list, the Reds waited and hoped that he could be ready to rejoin the bullpen for a series last weekend in St. Louis.

He was. White made two appearances and gave up only one hit in two innings, even though the layoff left him a little rusty. With White back in the bullpen, the Reds won two of three in St. Louis, tightening the NL Central race.

CHEAP SEATS, BIG CROWD:

The Reds' throwback promotion proved a point: Fans love cheap seats.

To commemorate the opening of Riverfront Stadium in 1970, the

Reds offered reserved seats for \$3 on Monday night. Fans formed long lines before the game, which the Reds won 7-5.

The Reds sold 13,000 tickets on the day of the game, 8,600 of them after ticket windows opened at 5:40 p.m. It was their biggest walk-up sale since a July 3, 1998 game against St. Louis, when Mark McGwire was closing in on Roger Maris' home run record.

The gate of 32,233 was the Reds' biggest since May 31.

Attendance has started to pick up in the last few weeks as the Reds and Cardinals have challenged for first place.

Attendance is down 61,154 from last season after 39 home

games.

"If and when we keep hanging in there, I think they're going to get excited," manager Bob Boone said.

"I think they're going to notice that we're in a pennant race."

DOWN ON JUNIOR:

Ken Griffey Jr. was the target of a couple of banners that were unfolded briefly before Tuesday's game.

One in left field said, "Nice Without Griffey." Another in right field said, "4 Reds Tickets - \$30, 4 Sodas - \$10, 4 Hot Dogs - \$15, Ken Griffey Jr. - Worthless."

Griffey is on the disabled list for the second time this season and won't return until after the All-Star game. He missed 6 1/2 weeks with a torn tendon in his right knee, returned for two weeks and pulled his right hamstring.

The Reds are 7-13 with Griffey in the starting lineup.

BIRTHDAY SERENADE:

The crowd sang "Happy Birthday" to Sean Casey before his at-bat in the second inning. Casey turned 28 on Tuesday.

Rowe

onships. The training regimen consists of about two hours per day of conditioning and six hours per day of practice, usually six days per week.

When asked about the Nationals, Rowe stated "that it is a very difficult format". Each class must run three motos, which are each about

Harmon

son, in a balanced Paintsville attack, he thrived.

Three area baseball standouts competed in the recent East-West Junior All-Star Game at Slugger Field in Louisville. Harmon was one of them.

Kevin Workman of

Lawrence County and Harmon combined to work three no-hit innings.

Russell's Dustin Shafer went 2-for-5 with a walk in the two games.

The East beat the West 3-2 in the first game and the second game finished in a 9-9 tie.

FOOTBALL

Southeastern La. hires Mumme

by MARY FOSTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAMMOND, La. — Hal Mumme, a coach without a team for the past 18 months, will have another 13 months to wait before stepping onto the field again.

Mumme, who coached Kentucky to the postseason before the Wildcats were placed

on probation, will oversee the reinstatement of the football program at Southeastern Louisiana.

"We have one football and one helmet, no players and a head coach," Mumme said. "We have a lot of work to do."

Southeastern has not fielded a football team in nearly two

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AUTO RACING

Second half of NASCAR season should provide drama

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Strap in and get ready for what's expected to be a wild ride. The second half of the NASCAR season is here with no shortage on drama and intrigue.

From the expected flurry of driver changes, Ricky Rudd's looming retirement decision and a tight points race, there should be plenty of bumping and banging in the 20 straight weeks of racing that begin Saturday night.

"It's looking like it's going to be a real good summer for racing," said points leader Sterling Marlin. "There's a lot of stuff going on with the rules and the cars, then you got all these drivers who may or may not be switching teams. And the points race should be real good, too."

"I'm guessing it's going to be a long, busy summer, and I'm looking forward to it."

After a one-week layoff — the final break before the season wraps up in November — racing resumes Saturday night with the Pepsi 400 at Daytona International Speedway.

It's a critical event in the chase for the Winston Cup title, and the hunt is wide open.

Marlin has been the points leader since the second race of the season, but a string of poor finishes has tightened up the pack behind him and created a logjam that's got as many as 15 teams eyeing the title.

Like Marlin, veteran driver Mark Martin is seeking his first-ever championship and sits in second place, just 62 points behind him.

Four-time Winston Cup champion Jeff Gordon is in third, but he holds just a four-point edge over rookie Jimmie Johnson. Tony Stewart, in fifth, is six points out of third and trails Marlin by just 88.

Rusty Wallace, Rudd, Matt Kenseth, Kurt Busch and Bill Elliott round out the top 10, with Elliott 228 points out of first

place. "I don't think anyone is out of it. If you're within 300 points of the lead, I think you have a chance," Rudd said. "If one person can put together a string of consistency, they can gain some ground and really put the pressure on. Hopefully, it's us."

If it is Rudd, the champion's banquet could be his final NASCAR event. He'd been considering retirement over the first half of the season and is expected to make his decision by July 15.

Whatever he decides — continuing his career but with a

COLLEGE

O'Leary's resignation sparks continuing bio controversies

by NANCY ARMOUR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

From simple clerical errors to half-truths and long-forgotten lies, some coaches and athletic administrators aren't always what they say they are.

College degrees were worked on but not completed. Letters claimed to be earned in a sport were never received. Awards are made to sound better than they really were.

"I hope most of them are just honest mistakes, not an ethical problem," said Wally Groff, the athletic director at Texas A&M. "I'd like to believe that."

Last December, George O'Leary left Notre Dame in disgrace after admitting he'd lied about his academic and athletic credentials. Since then, resumes and biographical sketches have been scrutinized as never before, and at least a half-dozen coaches and athletic directors — even the president of the U.S.

team other than Robert Yates Racing is an option — his decision is expected to start a flurry of hiring and firing.

Elliott Sadler is leaving the Wood Brothers at the end of the year, and he could land in Yates' storied No. 28 if Rudd turns in the keys.

The Wood Brothers will need a driver for the No. 21 Ford, and Dale Earnhardt Inc. could be looking for as many as two drivers if Steve Park or Michael Waltrip are not retained when their contracts expire at the end

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Olympic Committee — have lost their jobs.

Everyone is suspect. Athletic directors as well as graduate assistants. And at universities around the country, the on-the-spot process of updating existing bios now often comes with official forms to be kept on file.

"I guess we just have to appreciate it comes with the territory," said John Heisler, associate athletic director at Notre Dame. "You would have to have your head in the sand to not understand why there are questions being asked."

In athletics, practical experience has always mattered more than fancy credentials. A resume was something to be passed around at the introductory news conference and then forgotten.

When biographical information was put together, most sports information departments would simply pass out last year's bios, ask coaches and staff to read them over and let them know if any changes were needed. Some read them carefully, others gave them only a passing glance.

"We've gone on the honor system that, 'Yes, you looked at this and yes, it's accurate,'" said Pete Moore, associate director of athletic communications at Syracuse and the president of the College Sports Information Directors of America.

"What has happened has caused all of us to re-evaluate and take a look at how we acquire and maintain that information."

The challenge now for schools and organizations is avoiding becoming the next headline. At the annual convention of sports information direc-

tors earlier this week, one seminar was called "The Resume Crisis."

Most schools now have coaches sign forms acknowledging they've read their biographical sketches and that the information was accurate. The forms will be kept on file.

"It's not a legal form," said Scott Reed, the sports information director at DePaul. "(But) we don't want people to say, 'When he was at DePaul he did this, this and this.' This way, we have it in the file that the coach signed off on this before the 2002 academic year."

Within days of being hired as Notre Dame's head coach, O'Leary admitted he'd lied on his resume. He'd never lettered in football at New Hampshire as he claimed, and he didn't earn a master's degree from New York University.

O'Leary, now an assistant with the Minnesota Vikings, won't comment on the matter anymore, a Vikings spokesman said.

If it had happened at any other school, it might not have sparked such a furor. But this was Notre Dame, where the spotlight is bright and far reaching.

Within weeks, inaccuracies were discovered in information for Georgia basketball assistant Jim Harrick Jr. and Charlie Partridge, the director of football operations at Iowa State. At Georgia Tech, where O'Leary had worked for seven years before leaving for Notre Dame, two assistants hired by new coach Chan Gailey were found to have misleading bios.

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Turkey

Jones, Johnny Lafferty, Paul Robinson, Glenn Spears, and Mark Wallace.

If anyone else would like to be on this committee or help with other activities come to our meetings the first

Thursday of the month at the Martin City Hall at 7 p.m. The next meeting is August 1. Treasurer Paul Robinson also

noted that the Floyd County chapter had several other things in the works.

"We are now making preparations for a combined third annual Youth Hunt (Safety and Squirrel Hunt Camp Out) and 1st annual Jakes Day on August 16-17 at the German Bridge Campground," said Robinson. "This event is sponsored by the Floyd County Hunter Education Organization, Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club, Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, Ky. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, and the German Bridge Campground and Harold Ratliff.



Gov't. woes impact Tenn. athletics

by ELIZABETH A. DAVIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Some University of Tennessee coaches not already on vacation were told to stay home, and planned recruiting trips were in limbo Tuesday, the second day of a partial shutdown of state government.

The start of a second session of summer school that some football players need to meet NCAA eligibility requirements also was pushed back from Friday until next Monday.

Athletic department officials were concerned about the university having to shut down completely and call off the second session if the state Legislature does not pass a budget.

A normally busy athletic ticket office also was closed.

"We have a very, very skeleton crew that is working," associate athletic director Gary Wyant said.

Under an emergency bill passed late Sunday, only state employees considered essential were allowed

to work during the shutdown.

Less than half of the 5,800 faculty and staff at the Knoxville campus reported to work. Only about 10 percent of the athletic staff were in their offices Tuesday.

In preparation for a possible shutdown, each university department submitted a list of suggested essential employees.

Assistant football coaches Randy Sanders and Larry Slade, assistant basketball coach Kerry Keating, and training and conditioning staff were on campus Tuesday because many of their players are in town for voluntary workouts and summer school.

Head football coach Phillip Fulmer and athletic director Doug Dickey were on vacation, and head basketball coach Buzz Peterson was out of town.

Lady Vols coach Pat Summitt was allowed to work because of an ongoing basketball camp.

"Phillip Fulmer is very essential to the football program. He just happens to be on vacation this week," Wyant said. "So we have

coaches assigned to be in the office. They are the essential people."

Even though the athletic departments have their own budgets and do not receive state funding, they must abide by the same rules that govern other university employees and services.

Coaches of other sports such as baseball, tennis and swimming were on furlough when they would otherwise be recruiting.

Evaluation periods for basketball recruiting begin July 8, but Tennessee coaches won't be able to travel if the shutdown continues, Wyant said.

Athletic department officials have discussed the possibility of the second summer school session being canceled, but were waiting to see what happens in the state Legislature.

If it does occur, the school would have to petition the NCAA for restoration of eligibility even though it wouldn't be the students' fault they couldn't attend class, Wyant said.

Nearly all the football players stay in Knoxville for voluntary workouts in the summer, and some take summer school so they can graduate early or fulfill NCAA credit hour requirements.



photo by Jamie Howell

Coach John Martin welcomed several players in for his annual basketball camp this year.



photo by Jamie Howell

Players of all ages and ability levels took part in this year's Runnin' Rebel Basketball Camp.

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Caudill is included in the edition, as well as the rest of his UK football teammates. The edition also includes a high school football season preview section. In the preview section, nearly all state schools with football programs are mentioned. The Prestonsburg Blackcats, last year's Class AA state runners-up, are picked to repeat. Fullback Mikeal Fannin, quarterback Joey Willis and center Andrew Burchett are picked among the top players in Class AA,

Region IV.

Paintsville, last season's Class A, Region IV champs, are picked to finish third, behind Hazard and Middlesboro, ahead of Pikeville and Cumberland. Ryan Brown is ranked as the second in the region among individual players. He ranks only behind Cumberland quarterback Eddie Creech. Pikeville High fullback Jarrod Frasure is ranked third. Another Paintsville senior-to-be, Tate Harmon, ranks eighth.

HAP

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inning for HAP came in the fourth stanza when Kidd got things going with a single, eventually scoring. Case, Hall, Justin Slone, Eric Rice

and Raymond Spurlock then followed the lead of Kidd by getting on base and coming around to score.

Martin County beats Prestonsburg in shortened game

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE

Prestonsburg pitcher Chris Schoolcraft had a rocky start against Martin County on Tuesday evening, and just may have been able to see his team battle back, had the host squad on the scoreboard had its final two at-bats. However, Mother Nature and Little League rules wouldn't cooperate and Prestonsburg dropped a 5-1 contest to a consistent Martin County team.

Schoolcraft saw Martin County batters total four runs in the opening inning of the contest. Martin County's leadoff batter got on with a triple. To help his cause, MC pitcher Brady Horn brought a run

in with a single. In the inning, Martin County went eight batters deep before letting up when Bill Chapman struck out to end the inning.

Billy Robinson and Prestonsburg got a run back in the bottom half of the first stanza. After doubling, Robinson came home to score on a Josh Rodebaugh single. Robinson also had a single in the third inning.

For Prestonsburg, Schoolcraft was tagged with the loss, while Horn registered the win for a victorious Martin County.

O'Leary

One of the assistants was forced to resign and director of communications Mike Stamus was demoted.

"While we do have an obligation to get our facts straight, there's a debate out there as to who should actually be checking those facts or checking those backgrounds," Stamus said.

"I certainly don't want to have false things in anything we produce," he added. "That's where I'm responsible. It doesn't matter what the source is."

While newspapers throughout the country scrambled to examine

NASCAR

of the season.

Jerry Nadeau needs a job, car owner Cal Wells could add a teammate to Ricky Craven, and Chip Ganassi could add a third driver to his stable of Marlin and Jimmy Spencer.

Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones is expected to venture into NASCAR by joining forces with car owner Andy Petree. It's no secret they want a big-name driver — Petree already approached Dale Jarrett, who said he told his old friend he was content at Yates.

All the speculation has turned the NASCAR garage upside down months earlier than usual.

"It all started a lot earlier this year, and I don't know what's causing it," Spencer said. "It's awfully early to be announcing that drivers are going to leave at the end of the year — you're even seeing crew members getting jobs with contracts."

Eyes will also be on Gordon

and Johnson for the rest of the season.

Gordon, the defending champion, is riding a 24-race winless streak but has been a constant in the top 10 most of the season. It's got him in position to actually win the title without winning a race, something that's never been done before.

If he wants a fifth title, he'll likely need to win a race. Three drivers — Bill Rexford in 1950, Ned Jarrett in 1961 and Benny Parsons in 1973 — took the title with just one victory, and 1996 champ Terry Labonte won just twice.

Gordon likes his chances of driving into victory lane at Daytona, where he has four wins and was leading the 500 in February before the final caution.

"It's going to be a wild race under the lights," said Gordon, who is eligible for a \$1 million bonus if he wins. "If we're up front with about five laps to go,

then I like our chances."

Johnson, Gordon's protege at Hendrick Motorsports, also likes his chances this weekend. He won the pole for the 500 in February and has been a force almost everywhere this season.

It's put the pressure on the 26-year-old rookie, who doubts he can win the title.

"We'd like to be there. I mean, I guess we are right there in the thick of things," Johnson said. "But it will be hard to do. We'll try and give it everything, but it's a little ahead of where we thought we'd be."

The closest any rookie has ever come to winning a Winston Cup title was in 1966 when James Hylton finished second to David Pearson.

Johnson, who has two wins and is 86 points behind Marlin, probably has better equipment than any other Winston Cup rookie has ever had. With Gordon as his teammate and part car-owner, he'll have his

mentor nearby at all times.

Teams also will be waiting to see if NASCAR resolves its aerodynamic issues. As the cars have become more aerodynamically sensitive, "aero push" has become the biggest driver complaint of the season.

Because of aerodynamics, passing is difficult, running in traffic is impossible, and restrictor-plate events are white-knuckle affairs.

But if NASCAR tries to fix the problem by making changes to the cars, drivers feel it will affect the championship because no one is sure how the different makes will respond to tinkering.

"I would say it's almost in NASCAR's hands who wins this championship if, all of a sudden, it throws a rules change in there," Rudd said. "You look at it right now, everybody is really close. If one manufacturer gets something, that could sway this thing one way or another."

Mumme

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decades.

Mumme built an offensive powerhouse at Kentucky that went to two bowl games during his four years there, including its first New Year's Day bowl in 47 years. But then the NCAA placed Kentucky on probation for three years and stripped the football program of 19 scholarships for more than three dozen recruiting violations committed during Mumme's tenure.

"It really doesn't have any effect on me doing the job here at Southeast," Mumme said. "When people want to know, did this guy do this or did this happen, I'm just not going to address that, because I've already done that with the people that matter."

Although Mumme resigned from his job at Kentucky after the violations surfaced, the NCAA did not penalize him. He said his only mistake was not monitoring the program closely enough.

Southeastern athletic director Frank Pergolizzi said he had no qualms about hiring the 50-year-old Mumme. Although there are no special rules or regulations governing the coach, the program will be closely monitored.

"Coach Mumme and I have already talked about our desire to set up a compliance system that is thorough and complete and has multiple levels of checks and balances," Pergolizzi said. "We know there is going to be more scrutiny on him, so I think it's in all our interests to have as much control as we can."

Not everyone feels that way. Before the announcement, state Sen. John Hainkel of New Orleans said he felt the state could not afford to associate

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itself with a candidate who had been brushed by scandal.

"I am perhaps extraordinarily sensitive to the message that Louisiana sends out," said Hainkel, who has helped secure millions of dollars in state funds for Southeastern. "Deserved or not, we've had a bad reputation for political corruption and ill dealings and so forth. ... Simply given the time and place, I don't think we ought to take a chance."

Mumme said he realized that people were emotional about football.

"All I can say is I hope he gets to know me and changes his mind," Mumme said of Hainkel.

Mumme has a 5 1/2-year contract that will run through the 2007 season. His base salary is \$75,000 a year, with incentive clauses including one that would give Mumme 10 percent of ticket revenue each season once the school has earned \$100,000.

Southeastern Louisiana, which dropped football in the mid 1980s for financial reasons, begins playing again as a Division I-AA independent in 2003. After two seasons as an independent, SLU's football team will join the Southland Conference.

Small college football is nothing new for Mumme, who spent three seasons at Iowa Wesleyan and five seasons at Valdosta (Ga.) State. He went 25-10 at Iowa Wesleyan, an NAIA school, and 40-17-1 at Valdosta State, a Division II school.

"My goal is to make Southeastern the conference champion and a national championship contender, and I really think we can do that," Mumme said.

Tracy

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Spiderman because he scales fences after victories, wasn't surprised by the verdict. He said he had no celebration plans beyond what took place in Indianapolis.

After the May 26 race, Castroneves climbed the outside fence near the start-finish line. The Brazilian then climbed the fence near his garage when Barnhart made the results official, giving him a second straight Indy 500 victory.

"We had enough of that race day," Castroneves joked from Miami. "I don't have a fence around the office, but I'm glad I'm where I am."

The dispute began when Castroneves, leading on the next-to-last lap, was passed by Tracy at about the same time an accident behind the leaders prompted a caution flag. Speedway officials ruled Tracy's pass came after the yellow was shown and put Castroneves back in the lead.

He won under yellow.

Green said the pass came before the yellow appeared and it could be appealed. Rival owner Roger Penske contended the pass was late and Barnhart's judgment call could not be challenged.

When Green protested the result, Barnhart upheld his own decision one day after the May 26 race. A week later, Green filed his appeal, which was heard by George on June 17.

Castroneves' victory makes him the first back-to-back winner of the Indianapolis 500 since Al Unser in 1970-71.

No Indy win has been overturned since 1981, when Bobby Unser crossed the finish line first, then was penalized one lap for passing cars under the yellow. Mario Andretti was then awarded the victory.

But 4 1/2 months after the race, the penalty was overturned and Unser was declared the winner. Unser also drove for Penske.

the resumes of the coaches they cover, many athletic directors told their coaches and staffs to reread their bios — and this time, do it closely.

"Mistakes can be made and we don't catch them," said Texas A&M's Groff. "I said, 'read what you've got and make sure it's accurate.' Just don't get caught in the same traps others have gotten caught in."

Most of the errors were innocuous, not lies. At Texas A&M, an assistant football coach had his biographical sketch rewritten when he couldn't find proof that he'd earned a letter in college — in a sport other than football.

Still, major inaccuracies kept coming. In May, USOC president Sandy Baldwin was forced to resign after admitting she'd lied about the academic credentials on her resume.

The head football coach at tiny Allegheny College was forced out. Charles Harris stepped down the day before he was to be introduced as Dartmouth's new athletic director after questions were raised about his resume. Last week, an assistant at Richmond was fired, reportedly because of an inaccurate bio.

"Even though there's been these high-profile cases, it's really amazing to me there hasn't been a stop," Moore said.

As the embarrassments mounted, so did the schools' wariness. Tom Collen was hired as Vanderbilt's women's basketball coach May 1 after a successful stint at Colorado State that included a 129-33 record and four trips to the NCAA tournament in five years.

When Vanderbilt checked his credentials, records at Miami of Ohio listed one master's degree

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I T S Y O U R M O N E Y

Leaders looking for ways to stop predatory lending



by JONATHAN MILLER
KENTUCKY STATE TREASURER

For many lower-income Kentuckians, borrowing money for a home or other personal expenses can be a daunting challenge. For others, it has turned out to be a nightmare.

In the past decade, a whole new fringe loan industry has

emerged - ranging from check-cashing firms to home improvement contractors to other short-term lenders. While many of these lenders provide a legitimate service in lower-income communities, some cross a line into what is known as "predatory lending."

Predatory lending occurs when a lender engages in prac-

tices that involve fraud, deception or the manipulation of a borrower through aggressive sales tactics. Generally, a borrower is duped by a scheme promising easy, immediate cash, only to find out much later there is a catch: extremely high interest rates, extraordinarily expensive administrative fees, unnecessary insurance policies or other

obligations.

Many times the predatory lender's intent is to tie borrowers to loans they cannot pay and ultimately foreclose on their homes. Often the victims of predatory lending are the poor, elderly and minority groups.

Last month, the third hearing of my Commission on Personal Savings and Investment - co-

chaired by Sen. Brett Guthrie (R-Bowling Green) and Rep. Susan Westrom (D-Lexington) — focused on the issue of predatory lending. After hearing from experts on the issue of predatory lending - ranging from consumer advocates to experts on financial

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Medicare AND YOU



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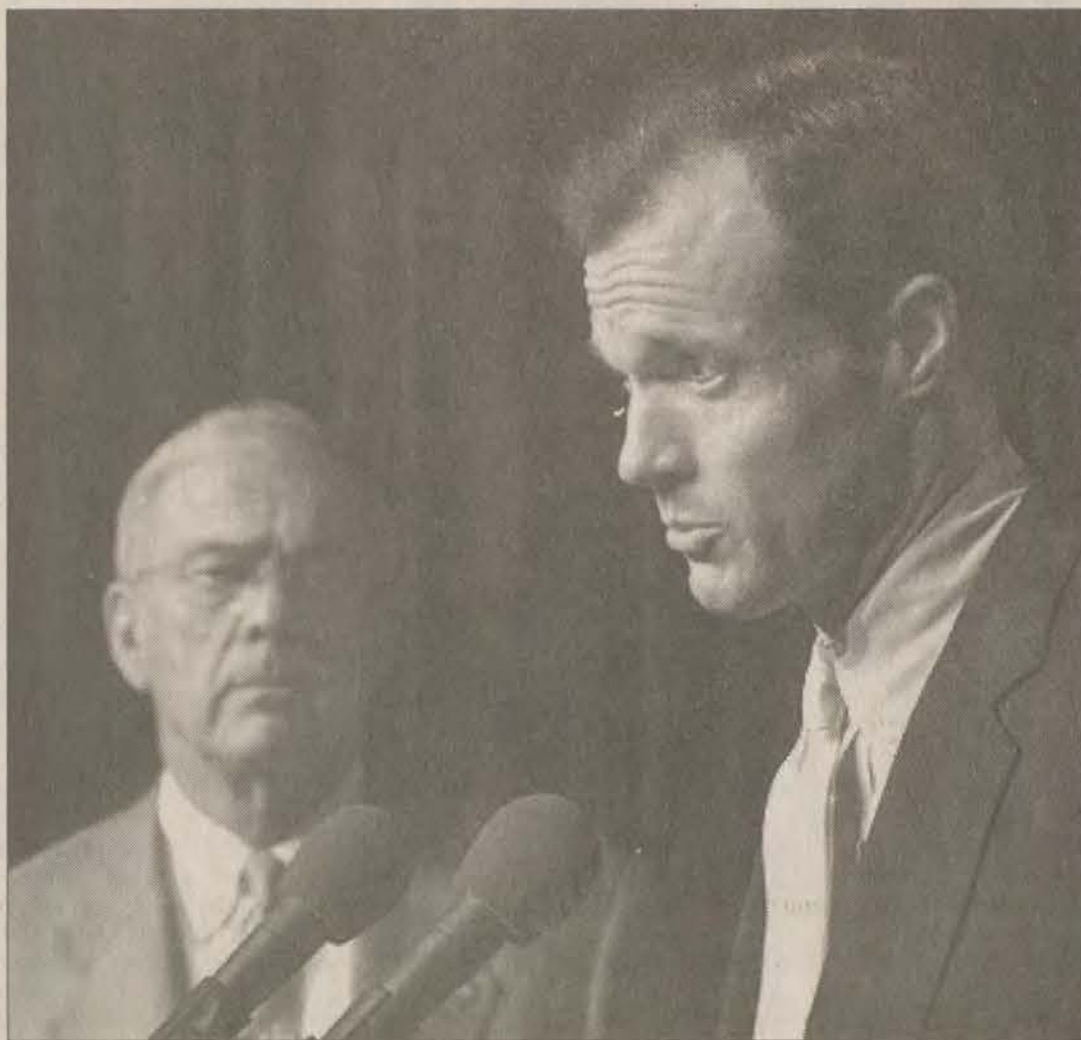
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KENTUCKY SPENDING PLAN



Patton's General Counsel Denis Fleming spoke to the press during a briefing Monday on the Governor's \$18 billion spending plan.

PATTON ANNOUNCES SPENDING PLAN, REASSURES KENTUCKIANS

"The governor cannot step into the role of the General Assembly so the plan I implement today will not include everything that a budget would include," Patton said. "Most notably are tax changes, bond issues and certain language provisions. My actions today, however, will ensure that the vital services of state government will continue to be delivered."

FRANKFORT — In an effort to reassure Kentuckians that the state will continue key services like law enforcement, child support and education, Governor Paul Patton announced an \$18 billion spending plan June 27 that he will implement in absence of a state budget.

Through an executive order, Patton will operate the state with a detailed spending plan that closely mirrors the budget he offered the legislature earlier this year during the 2002 General Assembly. When lawmakers failed to reach an agreement and pass a budget for the upcoming fiscal year that began July

1, Patton developed a spending plan that continues the operation of state government.

"It's time today to ensure that we move forward as a state. As Governor, I am committed to keep state government operating smoothly so that we can continue our focus on the more important issues of quality jobs and quality education," Patton said. "What's important to the citizens is the future economic prosperity of our state — people don't want to hear any more about the partisan bickering that has led us to this impasse."

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PROMOTION

Adkins named president of Bluegrass Wire Harness

BEREA — Bluegrass Wire Harness has announced that Kevin Adkins has been promoted to president and will assume day-to-day operations.

Adkins is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, with a bachelor's degree in accounting. In his 10 years with Bluegrass Wire Harness, his duties have included finance, purchasing and production.

Adkins is a native of

Floyd County, but has resided in Madison County since 1986 with his wife,

Andrea (Wicker) Adkins, also of Floyd County, and three children — Farrah, Evan and Kristy. Adkins is the son of Charles and Maggie Adkins of Harold.

Bluegrass Wire Harness is a global industry leader for high volume, short lead

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Kevin Adkins

FINANCIAL

Today's teens know less about finances

LEXINGTON — A recent report by the JumpStart Coalition showed that many American high school seniors know less today about the proper use of money and credit than did their counterparts of five years ago. On average, the students answered 50.2 percent of the survey questions correctly. In 2000, the average score was 51.9 percent and, in 1997, 57.3 percent.

"This is a very disturbing trend. Our teen-agers clearly are becoming more financially illiterate," said Robert Flashman, a family resource management specialist with the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension System and College of Human Environmental Sciences.

Flashman serves as the Kentucky coordinator of a national program that is attempting to rectify the situation. The National Endowment for Financial Education's High School Financial Planning Program was developed in 1984 as a

public service to increase the financial literacy of the nation's young people. Focused on teens, it

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BUSINESS MIRROR

Sliding dollar could give boost to U.S. economy

by EILEEN ALT POWELL
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK - After five years of high flying, the dollar has begun weakening. That's not necessarily bad news for the U.S. economy.

To be sure,

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UNEMPLOYEMENT

Unemployment rates decrease in 67 Kentucky counties in May

FRANKFORT - Unemployment rates fell in 67 Kentucky counties between April and May, rose in 42 and remained the same in 11 counties, according to the Department for Employment Services, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency. Kentucky's jobless rate remained at 5.1 percent from

April to May. From May 2001 to May 2002, jobless rates dropped in 62 counties, went up in 54 counties, and stayed the same in Adair, Garrard, Owen and Pulaski counties. In May 2002, four counties had jobless rates at or above 10 percent. Four counties recorded double-digit rates in April 2002 and 10 in May

2001. Oldham, Jessamine and Woodford counties' 2.7 percent jobless rates were the lowest in the commonwealth. Other low rates were recorded in Franklin County, 2.9 percent; Campbell County, 3 percent; Baren County, 3.2 percent; Fayette

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Deana Williams

Deana Williams, a graduate of Prestonsburg High School, made the Dean's List for the spring semester at Nashville State Technical Institute with a 4.0 grade-point average. She is enrolled in the school's photography program and will graduate next year. She is the daughter of Donnie Williams of Hindman and Deane Reid of Banner. Her grandparents are Pina and the late Rutherford Williams of Betsy Layne and Charles and Annabelle Reid of Ivel.

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American travelers will pay more for hotels and souvenirs when they travel overseas. And foreign investors - hit by the double whammy of depreciating dollars and corporate accounting scandals - have begun pulling their money out of U.S. markets.

At home, however, a lot of people stand to benefit from a weaker greenback.

"The biggest gains will be for U.S. industries and workers that compete internationally," said C. Fred Bergsten, director of the Institute for International Economics in Washington, D.C. "So will exporters and the firms that make products that compete with imports."

That's because the weaker dollar will make U.S. goods less expensive abroad, stimulating sales. And it will make imports more expensive, improving the competitiveness of American-made goods.

A weaker dollar also will benefit companies that earn money overseas. Their profits in euros or

yen will buy more dollars and translate to improved earnings statements back home.

Why is this happening now? Experts point to the U.S. trade deficit, which grew to nearly \$350 billion last year - a level that can be sustained only if the United States continues to draw investment capital from the rest of the world to finance it. But low interest rates and the slumping stock market have made American investments less attractive.

Bergsten said the dollar has fallen 5 percent over the past five months on a trade-weighted basis, which factors in the value of the currencies of major U.S. trading partners. He believes it could drop 20 percent before it stabilizes.

The National Association of Manufacturers has been complaining for months that the dollar was inordinately strong. The Washington-based industrial trade group estimates the strong dollar cost the U.S. economy

\$140 billion in lost exports and 500,000 in lost manufacturing jobs over the past year and a half.

Frank Vargo, NAM's vice president for international economic affairs, believes that one

reason the dollar dominated other currencies for so long was the U.S. Treasury's "strong dollar" policy.

"People took this to mean that the administration was happy

with the dollar as strong as it was and would intervene (in the currency markets) to keep the dollar where it was," Vargo said.

He noted that after Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill told a

Senate committee in early May that the market should set the value of the American currency, "traders picked up on that and the

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Teens

addresses the areas of personal finance, goal setting, budgeting, saving, credit and risk management through games, simulations, case studies and interactive exercises. Studies of the program have shown dramatic improvement of participants' understanding of and actions in financial areas.

"Bankruptcies have reached an all-time high in this country. You only have to consider the Enron employees who had all their retirement savings in their company's stock, always a bad risk, to realize how little most people understand of the financial matters affecting their lives," Flashman said. "That so

many Americans turn to check-cashing services, which provide loans at 390 percent interest, when most could qualify for a loan at 32 percent interest, attests to the need for educational institutions to provide financial education for their students and others who need this information in order to make better financial decisions."

Elements of the High School Financial Planning Program have been used in several Kentucky schools, senior 4-H clubs and by other organizations to educate Commonwealth students.

"The program encourages students to save their money and

invest wisely for their future," Flashman said. "The most important factor is that they spend less than they make; and, by investing just a little in a Roth IRA each month, these high school students should be millionaires when they retire. That is the value of compound interest and investing at a young age."

"We also stress the value of lifelong education, both formal and informal. Education does not end when the student graduates high school."

Flashman said the program and others like it offered through Cooperative Extension are not only for young people.

"Most of our clientele realize they need to keep updating their knowledge because of changes in tax laws and others affecting money management," he said. "It's those who never have taken a financial management course in high school or college who most need us; and, unfortunately, most only come to us after filing for bankruptcy."

To learn more about the High School Financial Planning Program, e-mail Flashman at rflashma@uky.edu or call (859) 257-7753. Information also is available at the program's website at www.ca.uky.edu/fcs/hsfp or local county Cooperative Extension offices.

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County, 3.3 percent; and Hart, Marion and Metcalfe counties, 3.4 percent each.

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time and out-of-production products for the material handling industry. The company's present customers include NACCO, Clark, Terex, Kalmar, Impco, Tecogen, Komatsu and others in the materials handling field.

Bluegrass Wire Harness has entered into a contract with the Kentucky Manufacturing Assistance Center to provide consultant and implementation services for ISO-9000-2000 certification. Funding for the ISO-9000-2000 certification is being partially subsidized by the Bluegrass State Skills Corporation, which is an entity of the state Cabinet for Economic Development. Certification is expected by this fall and will strengthen and increase the company's market share in the wire harness marketplace.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate - 13 percent. It was followed by Carter County, 11.4 percent; Elliott County, 11.3 percent; Clay County, 10.4 percent; Harlan County, 9.4 percent; Morgan County, 9 percent; Breathitt and McCreary counties, 8.9 percent each; Russell County, 8.8 percent; and Nicholas County, 8.6 percent.

Patton

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With advice from his legal team, Patton said that as governor he has the broad authority to operate government when the General Assembly fails to enact a budget. Accordingly, Patton created his spending plan by asking the Office of the State Budget Director (OSBD) to perform a detailed analysis to determine the specific provisions of the Legislature's budget bill - House Bill 1 - that could be incorporated into his spending plan, and those elements of HB 1 that could not be included in

the plan. "The governor cannot step into the role of the General Assembly so the plan I implement today will not include everything that a budget would include," Patton said. "Most notably are tax changes, bond issues and certain language provisions. My actions today, however, will ensure that the vital services of state government will continue to be delivered."

Patton added that his office has had ongoing discussions with Treasurer Jonathan Miller and Attorney General Ben Chandler as part of developing the spending plan, and he expects Miller will seek clarification from the courts concerning any legal questions surrounding Patton's action of developing a spending plan and issuing an executive order to implement it.

Money

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institutions - the Commission made plans to tackle the issue of predatory lending on three fronts:

■ Legal - Clearly, legislation is needed to crack down on some of the more egregious practices engaged in by predatory lenders. These include the disturbing practice of firms that send people into the homes of vulnerable Kentuckians to sell them loans they do not need and cannot afford. The Commission will bring together all interested parties to develop legislation that is both fair and effective.

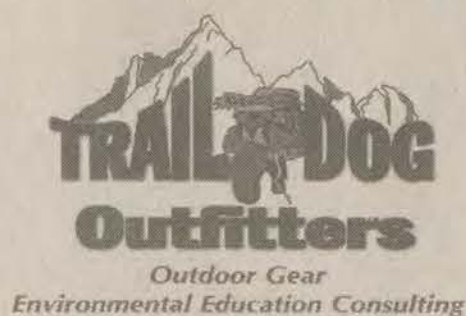
■ Educational - A variety of organizations have already begun efforts to educate lower-income Kentuckians about the practice of predatory lending, and to empower them to resist plans that could drive them into significant debt. The Commission will work with these existing groups to ensure that information on predatory lending reaches more Kentuckians, particularly the usual victims: the poor, elderly and minority groups.

■ Developing Alternatives: The greater problem of enabling the working poor to finance their American dream must also be addressed. The Commission will work to develop legislation to promote programs such as Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) that enable the working poor to develop assets in order to pay for a home, afford higher education or start a small business.

We look forward to your input and experiences. Please feel free to contact us on the web at www.kytreasury.com, or call our Commission's Executive Director, Brooke Parker, at (502) 564-4722.

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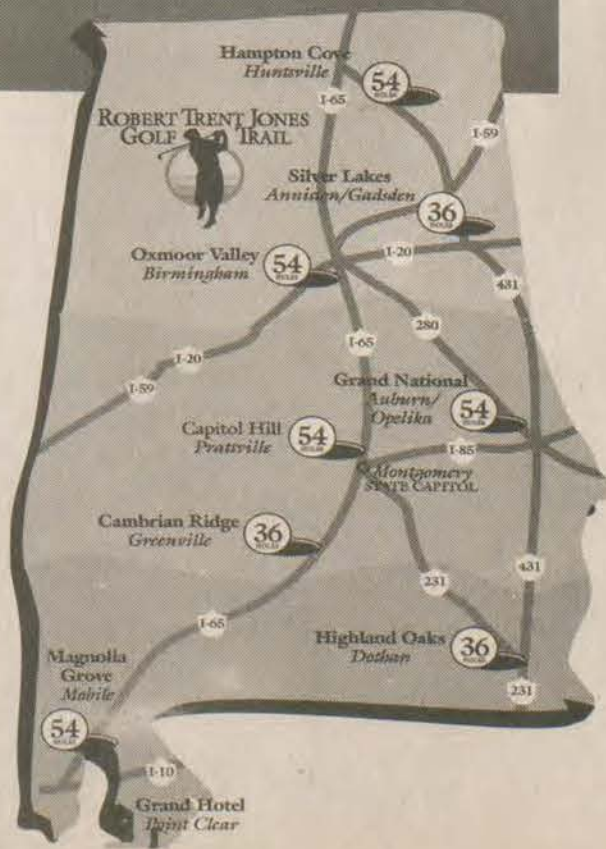


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Pikeville College announces Dean's List for spring 2002

PIKEVILLE, — Pikeville College Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Wallace Campbell, has released the names of the top students for the spring 2002 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must receive a grade-point average of 3.5 (B+) or better.

Pike County full-time students are:

Ashley B. Sanders of Ashcamp; Loretta G. Green of Belcher; Jonathan E. Coleman, Carrie A. Crigger, Roger Edward Green, Angel R. Nelson, and Shyla M. Taylor of Belfry; Angela S. McKinney of

Canada; Candice Gilley and Betty C. Thacker of Dorton; Kyla D. Ahn, Deborah Puckett, Carrie A. Slone, Kathy A. Slone, and Bethanee K. Williams of Elkhorn City; Kimberly R. Casebolt of Fords Branch; Heather L. Leedy and Edna M. Slater of Hardy; Lana M.

Anderson of Harold; Jamie L. Montgomery of Hatfield; Sara Danielle Sykes of Hellier; Carla S. Bowns of Huddy; Crystal D. Phillips, Tiffany S. Slone, and Joetta L. Stiltner of Kimper; Nathan D. Rose of Lick Creek; Karen S. Biliter and Eleanor Smith of Majestic; Joshua J.

Murphy of McCarr; Devan M. Bingham and Melissa S. Meade of Mouthcard; Charity Spring Burke of Myra; Amanda M. Dotson, Erika Brooke Fannin, and Kayla N. Fields of Phelps; Sandi D. Good and Angel Justice of Phyllis; Crystal D. Charles and Stacey R. Hood of

Raccoon; Angela M. Goad and Lora R. Rutherford of Robinson Creek; Jessica L. Bentley, Stephen F. Hunt, Tonetta R. McCoy, Bonnie Katherine Potter, and Racheal D. Reynolds of Shelbyana; Lesley Anne

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Barbara Deaton honored

Barbara Deaton, a member of the science division at Hazard Community College, has been honored with the John Brown Outstanding Faculty Award. The award was presented by Ron Reed, left, Humanities Division Chair. Mrs. Deaton, of Jackson, was chosen due to her dedication to teaching.

HTC students place in state skills competition

Two Hazard Technical College students who attend colleges in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) recently won top honors in the Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) state competition for students interested in business and entrepreneurship. Vanessa Ritchie placed third in computer applications and Marilyn Feltner placed fifth in computer concepts. The Hazard Technical College chapter received an award for the largest percentage increase in membership. At the 2002 Spring Leadership Conference, students competed in testing, skills and interview events to determine how they compare to their peers. Approximately 325 people attended the state conference in Louisville.

Floyd students recognized at MSU luncheon

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

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Baker named All-American Collegiate Scholar



The United States Achievement Academy recently announced that Stephanie Baker, of Lackey, has been named as an All-American Collegiate Scholar. The USAA has established the All-American Collegiate Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disci-

plines. Those students recognized as All-American Collegiate Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school official or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These students then become eligible for other awards given by the USAA. These are awards few students can ever hope to attain.

Stephanie, who attends Morehead State University, was nominated for this national award by Deborah Abell, dean of Morehead's undergraduate program. Stephanie will appear in the All-American Collegiate Yearbook, a national publication. "Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before

in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Collegiate Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, executive director of the academy. Additionally, Stephanie

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'THE RIGHT STUFF'



Erica Newsome and Don Combs III, students at Saint Francis Catholic School, observe as Jessica Kitts attempts to build a Lego car under water. The exercise helped students understand the challenges astronauts face working in an environment void of gravity.

Videoconferencing adventure teaches students 'the right stuff' to be an astronaut

PIKEVILLE — Imagine taking a tour of a tropical rain forest, visiting the Baseball Hall of Fame in New York, or going on an underwater journey to study manatees in their natural habitat. These adventures and many more, are just a few of the virtual field trips available through Pikeville

College's Community Technology Center. During a virtual field trip, students are able to see, hear and talk simultaneously with a facilitator at a remote site using a monitor, a camera, and wireless microphones. The sound and video can be received via satellite downlink

or through telephone lines. At Pikeville College's center, field trips can be viewed on a six-by-eight foot rear-projection television screen and are supplemented by surround or theater sound. Students from Pikeville City

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Fourth and fifth grade students from Pikeville City Schools took a virtual field trip to the Louisville Science Center recently by way of Pikeville College's Community Technology Center. During the hour-long videoconference, students learned about the mental and physical training astronauts receive before going into space. The students were able to see, hear, and talk simultaneously with a facilitator at the science center by using a monitor, a camera, and wireless microphones.

Campus Connection Coming together to empower the future education

by RACHELLE BURCHETT
PRESTONSBURG COMMUNITY COLLEGE

July is here and now is the time to prepare for fall. As of July 1, 2002 Prestonsburg Community and College and Mayo Technical College are united and focused on making the fall semester a successful one. The combining of the colleges



has opened new doors for the future of Eastern Kentucky. There are so many great things to share, so many new opportunities to take advantage of so let's get started. One of the many advantages of consolidation is the tuition cost. Students are now

able to enroll at one of the campuses and take classes on all four if they desire. Tuition is set at \$64 per credit hours up to 15 hours and a set rate of \$960 for 15 hours and above. There are bookstores available at the Prestonsburg, Mayo, and Pikeville campuses with all you need to begin the semester.

Getting started is easy. First you need to fill out a KCTCS student application to attend school. The application is posted on the web at www.mayo.kctcs.edu or

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Shannon Sizemore of Martin, left, was one of five Floyd County students to receive awards when she received the Lifeguard Award.

Floyd students receive awards at ALC

PIPPA PASSES - Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes has announced that five Floyd County students received awards during ALC's summer work awards ceremony, held April 2. Kurastine Adkins of Tram received the Computer Lab Assistant Award, Shannon Sizemore of Martin received the Lifeguard Award, Rob Nelson of Prestonsburg received the Maintenance Award, Nathan Webb of Drift received the Men's Dorm Janitor Award and the Student Worker of the Year Award, and Deanna Bolen of Bevinville received the Student Center Janitor Award. Alice Lloyd College is a private, four-year, liberal arts college in Knott County. Alice Geddes Lloyd founded the college in 1923 to educate mountain students for positions of leadership and service in Appalachia. ALC offers its programs with tuition guaranteed to any student in its 108-county service area.

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dollar moved downward."

Depreciation of the dollar in the past has resulted in inflation. That's because imported goods become more expensive, and domestic producers have the incentive to raise their prices, too. Vargo doesn't think that will happen now.

"We have so much excess factory capacity, and there's high productivity growth in the United States," Vargo said of factors that mitigate inflation. "This is a good time for the dollar to come down."

Edward Yardeni, chief investment strategist at Prudential Securities in New York, said some of the current dollar weak-

ness reflects lower sales of corporate bonds and other investments to foreigners this year than last.

"In addition, the corporate accounting and governance crisis has made foreigners very suspect about buying U.S. equities and U.S. bonds," Yardeni said. "And foreign companies aren't jumping to buy U.S. companies when they don't trust the balance sheets and income statements."

Yardeni said "a major negative" was the impact on the stock market.

"The most aggressive sellers are foreign investors," he said. "The sharp drop in stock prices could feed back and hurt the economy."

"Tomorrow's Future, Today's Choice, Yesterday's Dream"

by RACHELLE BURCHETT

We face a world of change as technology advances and education becomes a priceless tool for advancement in any career. Tomorrow's future will depend upon the choices we make today. Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College have combined forces to expand the opportunities for a successful,

secure, and solid future for our communities.

As these two well-accredited institutions combine they will emit a collage of courses with affordable tuition and four accessible locations. The Big Sandy Community and Technical College District, Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College, is one of 16 seamless

districts in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. "Our goal is to focus on student success and I feel that this change will broaden the opportunities for all students," stated Dr. George D. Edwards, President and CEO of the Big Sandy District.

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Ethan Martin, senior, Langley, was recognized as Outstanding Student Majoring in Speech Communication.

Sarah Elizabeth Allen, freshman, Prestonsburg, received the Edwa Peters Young Award.

receive this award.

Stephanie is the daughter of Walter and Charlotte Baker, of Lackey. She is the granddaughter of D.C. and Jennie Baker, also of Lackey, and James and Leona Hall, of Topmost.

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Week, affords the college the opportunity recognize outstanding students.

Autumn Dobson, senior, Prestonsburg, was recognized as Outstanding Student with Emphasis in Advertising.

Baker

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has also been named to the 2001-2002 National Dean's List, an honor reserved especially for America's outstanding college students. Only one-half to one percent of the nation's college students

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Community College. The seminar, led by President Michael B. McCall, was designed to develop leaders within KCTCS. The President's Leadership Seminar is a professional development experience that encourages participants to

explore in a collegial environment such wide-ranging issues as leadership traits, national trends, ethics, professionalism and media relations. The seminar is a key element of the KCTCS New Horizons initiative, which focuses on developing leadership, service

and support among employees. The 2002 class was the second to graduate from the President's Leadership Seminar; another class will be selected next fall. Ron Reed is shown receiving a certificate from President McCall, left, upon graduation.

Students

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Schools and Saint Francis Catholic School recently took a virtual field trip to the Louisville Science Center in Louisville, Ky., sponsored by the Center for Rural Development in Somerset. More than 200 students participated in the interactive classroom experience, which included a question and answer session on the physical and mental training astronauts receive. A facilitator from the science center also guided students through various hands-on experiments to help them understand the challenges astronauts face while living and working in space.

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www.precc.kctcs.edu just fill it out, print it and send it in or applications are also available on the campuses.

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Virtual field trips are just one of the ways in which the community technology center uses videoconferencing technology. Businesses and government agencies in the region have also used the technology for meetings, depositions and workshops. For more information on programs or services, contact the Pikeville College Community Technology Center at (606) 218-5183.

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Rosen of South Williamson; Rebecka L. Chafins, Aaron M. Smith, and Graham P. Smith of Turkey Creek; Jessica R. Holbrooks, Lola M. Johnson, Mark E. Johnson, Amy E. Newsome, Anthony J. Tackett, and Jessica L. White of Virgie; Leslie Brooke Caudill of Whitesburg.

Students from Pikeville include: Jason Rush Adkins, Kevin A. Akers, Jessica L. Allen, Teresa G. Arias, Kelly A. Barker, Carie A. Bartley, Tracy M. Bertrand, Bethany Kayla Blackburn, Sarah R. Bliffen, Racheal R. Charles, Joshua Childers, Rachel R. Childers, Jody M. Damron, Stephanie L. Damron, Angela Kay Davidson, Kristin N. Dotson, Alexis Fanelli, Jessica L. Fields, Kimberly D. Fields, Lovella S. Fitzovich, Patrick L. Hall, Kendra Hamilton, Bert D. Holiway, Jeanie L. Hoskins, James R. Huffman, Kenneth T. Huffman, Bryna G. Jewell, Courtney S. Justice, John Douglas King, Lisa K. Little, Bethany Dianne Lockard, Bambi M. Lucas, John A. Lucas, Jack N. Lynch, Jonathan R. May, Robyn D. Mullins, Harold Douglas New, Mary E. Newsom, Mary Rebekah Norman, Jami T. Osborne, Joshua S. Potter, Travis G. Ramey, Julie Rogers, Jennifer L. Rook, Stephen J. Slone, Charity Sowards, Melanie A. Stevens, John A. Strosnider, Amy M. Stumbo, Lisa Michelle Syck, Candace L. Tackett, Jerri D. Tester, Stephanie L. Thomas, Stephanie L. Treap, Sonji N. Venters, Jeffery S. Williams, Josh D. Williamson, and Christian K. Zane.

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Matthew D. Crisp of Banner; Tina L. Adkins and Heather A. McCoy of Betsy Layne; Jenny Gerline Parsons of Beaver; Jennifer S. Shepherd of David; Amy J. Stephens of Dwale; Melissa A. Mullins and Amanda B. Rogers of Harold; Anthony S. Newsome of Hi Hat; Tyler J. Green and Shena Michelle Ratliff of Hueysville; Debra Jo Combs of Martin; Jennifer L. McKinney of Melvin; Loretta Blackburn, William F. Bottoms, Dana L. Compton, Paul S. Porter, Lois M. Rogers, and Jimmy D. White of Prestonsburg; Jillian D. Martin

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Martin County

Paula Jeanne Crum of Debord; Larry G. Mullins of Martin; and Shana N. Blake of Warfield.

Boone County

Caitlyn C. Ryan of Walton.

Carter County

Rebecca Underwood of Olive Hill.

Jefferson County

Joseph K. Smith of Fairdale; and Patricia L. Trusty of Louisville.

Madison County

Jillian M. Coleman of Berea.

Oldham County

Lindsey A. Durham of Prospect.

Perry County

Lyndsay L. Madden and Phillip L. Mosley of Hazard.

Powell County

Lana K. Sparks of Stanton.

Rowan County

Joseph Mitchell Mirus of Morehead.

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Diana M. Bovea and Margarita M. Bovea of Coral Spring Fla.; Charles J. Sanders of Hogansville, Ga.; Misty Lynn Stevens of Bloomington, Ind.; Teresa M. Sanderson of Garfield Heights., Ohio; Mark A. King of Inkster Mich.; Rebecca Amber VanMeter of Spartanburg, S.C.; Amber M. Simpson of Church Hill, Tenn.; Christina M. Fleming of Kingsport, Tenn.; Michelle L. Stanley of Haysi Va.; Ashley Paige Staggs of Chattaroy, W.Va.; Kendra Browning of Cyclone, W.Va.; Gregory C. Davis of Kermit, W.Va.; Melissa Diane Osborne of Lundale, W.Va.; George Philip Haydu of Matewan, W.Va.; Tristan N. Clark of Meadow Bridge, W.Va.; and Kristan M. Dotson, Andrea R. Layne, Candace D. Maynard, Kristi S. Parsley, and Sybil Renea Parsley of Williamson, W.Va.

International students

include:

Marcela V. Velez of Medellin; Francisca V. Agüero and Cristian A. Lopez of Vina Del Mar, Chile; Tereza Morano Varjota, Brazil; Emanuel Mehari Tekie Toronto, Canada; Vesna Taseva of Skopje, Macedonia; and Leonardo Lopez of Ciudad Del Este.

Part-time students

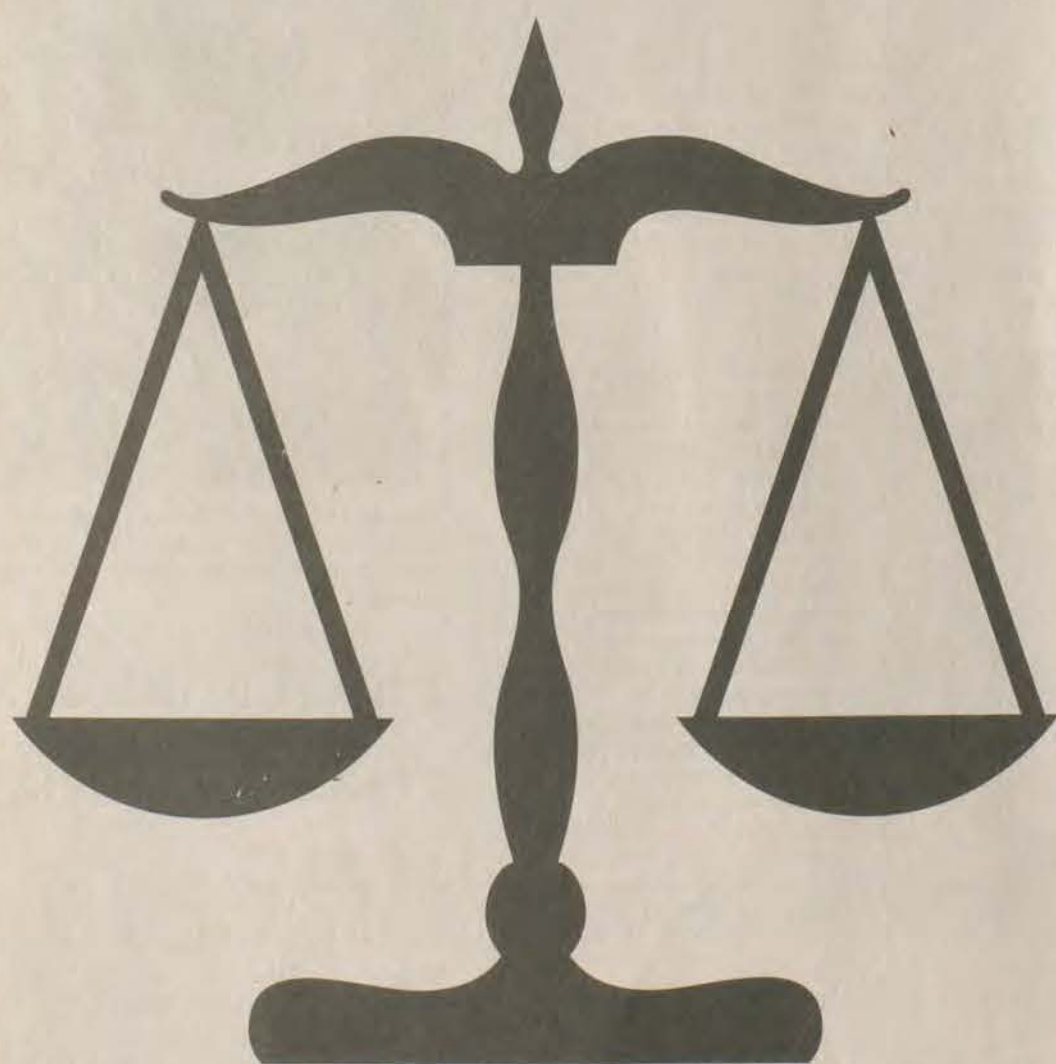
include:

Sarah E. Bray of Harold; Sherry C. Horne of McAndrews; Amy R. Bevins, Robert E. Foster, Manarka R. Foster, and Elizabeth A. Looney of Pikeville; Johnna Lynn Compton of Robinson Creek; Summer R. Jones and Andrea V. Vowels of Virgie; Barbara A. Moore of McDowell; and Stephanie Ann May of Williamson.

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Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Portable height chart

Have you ever marked your children's height on a closet door with a pencil and a tiny scribbled date — but then you moved? Or it was time for a paint job? When this happened too many times in our family, I finally realized that a portable height chart is the only way to go. And grow!

Get going on this project ASAP, and watch your kids grow this summer and in the years ahead. You don't want to miss an inch!

Starting from the bottom, mark "2 ft.," "3 ft.," "4 ft." and "5 ft." along one side of a

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long piece of poster board or foam core board (available at art supply or framing stores). Fill in the inches and hang the height ruler on the wall 2 feet from the floor. At regular intervals, mark your kids' heights and the dates directly on the growing chart.

As they grow, encourage your kids to think of some milestones they might want to draw that symbolize goals or accomplishments. For example, at 3 feet, 8 inches: "She rode a two-wheeler!" Draw in her bike minus the training wheels. Or at 4 feet: "He was tall enough to ride the roller coaster!" Draw in "The Wild Tornado."

If your kids are little and not quite ready to illustrate, paint handprints next to their heights. This way they can watch hands and heights grow at the same time. Make prints directly on the chart, or you might want to stamp those palms on paper, cut them out and glue them on.

Quick and easy tip: Glue a measuring tape to the side of the chart instead of drawing in the marks yourself so you and your kids can concentrate on jazzing up the drawings!

Write Donna with your questions and ideas at www.donnaday.com. Donna's newly released book, "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families," is now available in bookstores nationwide.

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In a rush? Try frozen pierogies

Preparing and cooking meals can be a very satisfying experience. (And tell your youngsters that!) But there are days when you just don't have the time. You're late getting home and are greeted with "What's for dinner?" and "When are we going to eat?" That's when a well-stocked pantry, freezer and fridge help get dinner in short order.

Frozen pierogies, ready to pop into boiling water for 5 to 7 minutes, to the rescue. Mrs. T's has a wide variety of fillings in both regular size and its mini-size 'Rogies. They have just introduced two new ones — Broccoli & Cheese in the regular and Cheddar and Bacon in the mini 'Rogies. Like all the varieties, they may be boiled, baked or fried, served plain or sauced, or combined with other ingredients for a hot dinner or salad, ready in almost as little time as it takes to open packages and cans.

Mrs. T (Twardzik) was a real, Polish mother whose son, Ted, 50 years ago took her recipe, adapted it for commercial production and built a successful business that is now run by his sons.

All that aside, try these salads even when you're not rushed for time.

PIEROGY AND FRESH VEGETABLE SALAD

1 (16.9-ounce) package Mrs. T's Frozen Potato & Onion or Potato & Cheddar Pierogies
1/2 cup broccoli florets
1/2 cup thinly sliced zucchini and/or yellow squash
2/3 cup green bell pepper, cut in thin strips
1/4 cup thinly sliced carrots
1/2 cup thinly sliced mushrooms
1/3 cup bottled Italian dressing
1/4 cup thinly sliced red onion
2 teaspoons chopped parsley

by Philomena
Corradeno

Cook pierogies according to package instructions. In a large pot, bring water to a boil. Add broccoli, zucchini, pepper, carrots and mushrooms; cook until vegetables are crisp-tender, about 20 seconds. In a large bowl of iced water, combine cooked pierogies and blanched vegetables until cold, about 2 minutes; drain. In a large mixing bowl, combine pierogies, vegetables, Italian dressing, red onion and parsley; mix thoroughly. Chill at least 1 hour before serving.
Makes 4 portions.

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Fourth of July celebration

What a Great Day to honor the birthday of the USA! And what a great dessert I've created just for the celebration. If your family is spread out all over this vast country, why not gather some neighbors or friends together and still celebrate this most patriotic occasion. By the way, don't forget the sparklers, because when twilight comes, we're all kids again!

YANKEE DOODLE DANDY PIE
1 (4-serving) package sugar-free

vanilla cook-and-serve pudding mix
2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder
1 cup water
1 (8-ounce) package fat-free cream cheese
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 (6-ounce) purchased graham cracker pie crust
1 cup sliced fresh strawberries
3/4 cup fresh blueberries
Sugar substitute to equal 2 tablespoons sugar

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by JoAnna M. Lund

Chicken Soup for the Soul: The scorecard

Marguerite Murer
(FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE COUPLE'S SOUL")

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As the movie came to an end, the room filled with chatter. The warm fire, twinkling Christmas lights and laughter from family brought a contented smile to my face. The minute Mom said, "Who wants ...?" the room emptied quicker than the stands at a losing football game.

My boyfriend, Todd, and I were the only ones left. With a bewildered look on his face, he asked me what just happened. Catching the laughter on my mom's face, I said to Todd, "We are

going to go put gas in my mom's car." He quickly replied, "It's freezing out there, and it's almost 11:30 p.m."

Smiling, I said, "Then you had better put on your coat and gloves."

After hurriedly chipping the frost off the windshield, we bundled into the car. On the way to the gas station, Todd asked me to explain why in the world we were going to get my mom gas so late at night. Chuckling, I said, "When my siblings and I come home for the holidays, we help my dad get gas for my mom. It has turned into a game with all of us. We can tell when mom is going to

ask, and the last one in the room has to go."

"You have got to be kidding me!" Todd responded.

"There is no getting out of it," I said.

While pumping the gas, we clapped our hands and jumped around to stay warm. "I still don't get it. Why doesn't your mom put the gas in the car herself?" Todd asked.

With mirth in my eyes, I said, "I know it sounds insane, but let me explain. My mom has not pumped gas in over two decades. My dad always pumps gas for her." With a confused look, Todd asked if my dad was ever

annoyed with having to pump gas for his wife all the time. Shaking my head, I simply said, "No, he has never complained."

"That's crazy," Todd quickly replied. "No, not really," I explained patiently. "When I came home for the holidays my sophomore year of college, I thought I knew everything. I was on this big female independence kick. One evening, my mom and I were wrapping presents, and I told her that when I got married, my husband was going to help clean, do laundry, cook, the whole bit. Then I asked her if she ever got tired of doing the laundry and dishes. She calmly told me it did not bother her. This was difficult for me to believe. I began to give her a lecture about this being the '90s and equality between the sexes.

"Mom listened patiently. Then after setting the ribbon aside, she looked me square in the eyes. 'Someday, dear, you will understand.'

"This only irritated me more. I didn't understand one bit. And so I demanded more of an explanation. Mom smiled, and began to explain:

"In a marriage, there are some things you like to do and some things you don't. So, together, you figure out what little things you are willing to do for each other. You share the responsibilities. I really don't mind doing the laundry. Sure, it takes some time, but it is something I do for your dad. On the other hand, I do not like to pump gas. The smell of the fumes bothers me. And I don't like to stand out in the freezing

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Books: "How Psychic Are You?"

"How Psychic Are You? 76 Techniques to Boost Your Innate Power"
by Julie Soskin
(Penguin Books, \$18)
Reviewed by David Smith

"Am I psychic?"
If you've ever asked yourself this question, then Julie Soskin's book may well give you the answer.
I asked myself the very same question, and after taking the tests provided in "How Psychic Are You?" I now know that I

have all the psychic ability of a dead clam.
Which is why this is a difficult review to write. I mean, even though I'm not psychic, does that make this a bad book? I don't think so. Perhaps some of you out there will take the tests, perform the psychic exercises included in the book and discover you have powers you never knew you had.
Lavishly illustrated with color photos and illustrations, "How Psychic Are You?" not only helps you discover how psychic you are, but also what

kind of psychic you are, from an "empath" (one with the ability to feel others' feelings), all the way up to "shaman" (one who is vividly aware of nature and possesses healing abilities and a highly tuned sense of danger).
Soskin also shows you how to read tarot cards, tea leaves, the I Ching, use numerology and read palms.
So, are you psychic?
Here are a few questions from the book. If you answer yes to any of them, you might want to consider picking up a copy:

- Can you "hear" someone's thoughts and verbalize them?
- When you close your eyes, do you sometimes see eyes or human faces?
- Have you instantly felt that a building was a happy or threatening place?
- When the phone rings, do you often know who is calling?

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.

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Abs? No sweat



Developing strong abdominals should definitely become a priority in your fitness routine. A strong core (lower back and abdominals) is essential to support almost every movement your muscle groups make, from reaching to bending to twisting.

However, you should always be aware that there are no shortcuts to strong abs. As the old cliché goes, if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Electronic muscle stimulation (EMS) abdominal belts fall into that category. Companies selling these products in slick infomercials claim the belts reduce inches and produce strong and defined abdominals — with no work and no sweat. The beautiful, well-defined, sweat-free people give you the impression that their fantastic abs are a result of wearing those belts.

What they DON'T show you is the actual fitness and nutrition routine that is required for strong abdominals and good overall fitness.

Doctors, physical therapists and other rehabilitation professionals have used electrical muscle stimulation as a safe and effective treatment for injuries. However, nowhere has it proven to be effective as a fitness tool.

Recently, the Federal Trade Commission filed complaints against companies selling these products for making false claims.

Furthermore, focusing your fitness goals upon developing

one part of your physique (such as abs) is a poor substitute for a complete fitness routine consisting of aerobic and resistance training. Your primary fitness goal should always be to have a functional and injury-free life.

To begin developing your abdominals, try this simple exercise (called the posterior reach): Begin by standing straight, with your feet shoulder-width apart and arms crossed (not folded) on your chest. Slowly lean back while pushing your hips slightly forward and bending your knees. Bend back WITHOUT discomfort to your back. Using your abdominals, return to the straight standing position. Repeat 10-12 times.

For added difficulty, raise your arms next to your ears and follow the first three steps.

If you currently have back problems, you should consult a physician or fitness professional before trying this exercise.

This small exercise can lead not only to stronger abdominals, but a more functional lifestyle as well. Don't give up, and remember that training your abdominals safely and effectively can truly be ... no sweat.

Sam & Dave

explain it all to you
by Samantha Weaver and Dave Smith

DEAR SAM AND DAVE:
I'm 17 years old, and my best friend, "Leo," is a guy. I've known him for four years, and we tell each other everything. Here's the thing: I think he's gay.
We live in a small town, and I think nobody here would understand — they'd all think he was a freak or something. I don't think there's anything wrong with it. I'd like to let him know that I'd be understanding and supportive if he wants to come out to me, but I don't

He might just be whimsical

know how to do that. Any suggestions?
—SUPPORTIVE IN SMALLVILLE

SAM SAYS:
First of all, kudos to you for being so open-minded and understanding. I grew up in a small town, too, and I know how hard it can be to disagree with everyone you know, especially when you're a teenager.
The problem is that Leo might not be as open-minded as you are. If he is gay, he could very well be in denial — after all, if there were something about you that would cause almost everyone you know to ostracize you, would you want to admit it, even to yourself? Probably not. So I don't recom-

mend that you go up to him and say, "Hey, Leo, are you gay? 'Cause if you are, that's OK with me." The sentiment is great, but there's just no good way to deliver it. You're just going to have to keep your suspicions to yourself for now.

The best thing you can do is to be a good friend to Leo. That way, when and if he ever does come to terms with his sexuality, he'll feel comfortable telling you about it. And then you can offer the support and encouragement you seem to have in such abundance. And he'll probably need it.

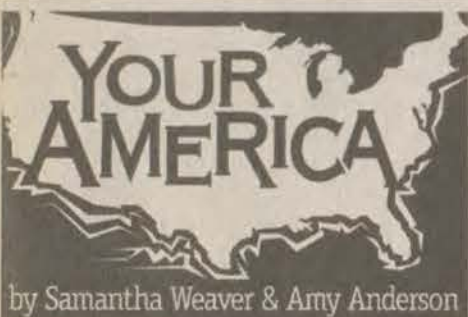
DAVE SAYS:
You don't need to say anything to Leo. If the two of you have been close friends for all

these years, he already knows that he can tell you anything and you would still be the same loving supportive friend you've always been.

Don't worry about if or when Leo will come out of the closet. He'll do it on his own time and in his own way. And here's something you need to consider: Leo may not be gay. He might just be whimsical. So, don't rush up to Leo and start asking him if he has any old Bette Midler CDs you can borrow, OK?

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by Samantha Weaver & Amy Anderson

From the Fourth of July bash in our nation's capital to pillow-fighting championships in California, July is a month of absolute freedom and fun. Have a ball!

July 4, Independence Day Parade and Celebration, Washington, D.C.

Celebrating the birthday of a country as wonderful as ours calls for a BIG party. And what better place to throw it than in our nation's capital — Washington, D.C. The National Independence Day Parade is hosted by the National Park Service, and it will feature approximately 1 mile of floats and marchers consisting of more than 50 different groups. The parade begins near the Capitol and moves west on Constitution Avenue. But that's not all; also for the Fourth of July you'll experience: the 2002 Folklife Festival of the Smithsonian and Park Service, a "living exhibition of the diverse cultural traditions that contribute to the

July festivals

American and human experience" (see the Smithsonian Web site www.folklife.si.edu for more details); concerts from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. by the National Symphony Orchestra on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, and more concerts on the grounds of the Washington Monument; and finally, the fireworks display at 9:10 p.m., which you will be able to see from all over the city (and surrounding areas).

July 4, World Pillow-Fighting Championships, Kenwood, Calif.

In Plaza Park this Fourth of July, the ingredients are two contestants each wielding a wet feather pillow balanced precariously on a slippery pole over mud. Add side dishes of live entertainment, concessions and kids' activities, and the result is a very fun time — for participants and spectators. Call (707) 833-2440 or visit www.kenwoodpillowfights.com for more details.

July 7, World's Largest Catsup Bottle Birthday Bash, Collinsville, Ill.

Stop off in Collinsville for a Summerfest and

July 18-23, Telluride Nothing Festival, Telluride, Colo.

Yep. Nothing happening here. Nothing at all. As a matter of fact, the town hangs a blank banner over Main Street and thanks you for NOT participating. For a closer look at the history of this tongue-in-cheek event, go to www.telluridenothingfestival.com. As the people of Telluride say, "The birds, the breezes, rippling waters, blue skies and the clear air are all back from a sold-out show from last year."

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Everyone on the earth is a 50th cousin to everyone else

■ It's not unusual for musical groups and music critics to butt heads in print, but they don't often get the chance to compete in person. In 1978, though, the rock group the Eagles and the staff of Rolling Stone magazine went head-to-head — in a game of softball. The rockers kicked the writers' butts.

■ Some geneticists have theorized that every person on Earth is a 50th cousin to everyone else.

■ When George Washington made his famous crossing of the Delaware River, silence was very important to his strategy, so the oars had to be muffled so they wouldn't squeak. However, materials were scarce. The solution: They used women's underwear to keep the oars quiet.

■ One C. Merton Tyrell once described the Pentagon as "a place where costs are

Strange BUT TRUE

always rounded to the nearest tenth of a billion dollars."

■ In case you ever need to know, "Ninafura hapa" is Swahili for "I am swelling here."

■ Many people believe that your hair continues to grow after you die. What actually happens is that the skin shrinks, giving the illusion of hair growth.

■ When the movie "Babe" was released

in China, its title was translated as "Happy Dumpling-to-Be Who Talks and Solves Agricultural Problems."

■ In 1949, Popular Mechanics magazine stated, "Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons."

■ The most popular sport in the world is soccer — and it's not just for humans anymore. Once a year there is a Robot World Cup Initiative. The three categories consist of small, medium-sized and legged contenders. In 2000, the winning team in the legged category was made up of robotic dogs.

Thought for the Day: "Television is a medium of entertainment which permits millions of people to listen to the same joke at the same time and yet remain lonesome." — T.S. Eliot

INFOLINK = Geeks get political

It's no accident that during the past year or so, this column has taken a rather political bent.

The Internet is indeed in the forefront of our legislators' minds. As politicians try to find a way to tame the Internet for whatever reason — in the name of the war on terrorism, protecting intellectual property rights, effective law enforcement — they are making decisions every day that impact how computer scientists and other techies conduct their business in a lawful manner.

Let's be honest: Explaining a technical issue to a politician is not a hard thing to do, but then contending with special-interest groups trying to buy said politi-

cian is another story. The result is laws that are created in haste, ignorant of the technical ramifications ... or worse, laws created by special interest groups in an attempt to "own the Web."

This alarms many techies, since the Internet was invented to be public domain, and was designed to engender research and the free exchange of information, not to stifle it. Many techs claim the new laws make research more difficult.

Consider Russian programmer Dmitry Sklyarov. Last year, at the behest of Adobe Systems, he was arrested when he came to the United States to talk about his work. Adobe considered his

speech to be a threat to its proprietary eBook technology. What was Sklyarov going to talk about? Technology that would allow a user to move an eBook from one computer to another. That's copyright infringement, a la the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

After the public outcry from the tech community, Adobe asked the government to drop the charges, which it did.

According to CNet.com, another programmer, Edward Felten, backed down last year from talking about his work on digital watermarks amid threats from Hollywood. A digital watermark is akin to how the govern-

ment uses watermarks to make currency less prone to counterfeiting.

Felten is now teaching an experimental policy research seminar at Stanford University to train techs how to explain technical issues to legislators and how to fight political battles.

Hopefully, Felten's decision to live to fight another day will pay off, and researchers will be able to publish their work without any industry calling the shots.

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1/2 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping

In a medium saucepan, combine dry pudding mix, dry milk powder and water. Cook over medium heat until mixture thickens and starts to boil, stirring often. Remove from heat. Blend in cream cheese and vanilla extract, using a wire whisk. Spread mixture into pie crust. Refrigerate for at least 3 hours. In a medium bowl, combine strawberries,

blueberries and sugar substitute. Evenly sprinkle fruit mixture over top of filling. Refrigerate until ready to serve. When serving, top each piece with 1 tablespoon whipped topping. Makes 8 servings.

■ Each serving equals: 178 Calories, 6 g Fat, 7 g Protein, 24 g Carb., 395 mg Sodium, 2 g Fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1/2 Meat, 1/2 Fat.

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Block

PIEROGY, GREEN BEAN AND SMOKED TURKEY SALAD

- 1 (16.9-ounce) package frozen Mrs. T's Potato & Onion Pierogies
- 1 (9-ounce) package frozen green beans, thawed
- 8 ounces smoked turkey, cut in cubes
- 1 small head radicchio (about 5 ounces) or escarole, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup sliced green

onions (scallions)
3/4 cup prepared ranch dressing

In medium-sized saucepan, cook pierogies according to package directions; drain and transfer to a large bowl. Add green beans, turkey, radicchio, green onions and ranch dressing; toss until well-combined. Cover and chill until ready to serve.
Make 4 portions.

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Health

important, for many asthmatics must use medicines even when they are breathing without difficulty.

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The asthma report clears up much misinformation on this

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE:
Enclosed are the ingredients from a formula that purports to reduce the appearance of spider veins. I find it hard to believe. Please address this issue. — M.D.

ANSWER:
I am with you. The ingredients include sesame oil, purified water, stearic acid, canola oil and many more. None of them has any effect on spider veins that I know of.

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Soup

cold. So, your dad always puts gas in my car. Your dad grocery shops, and I cook. Your dad mows the grass, and I clean. I could go on and on."

"You see," my mother continued, "in marriage, there is no scorecard. You do little things for each other to make the other's life easier. If you think of it as helping the person you love, you don't become annoyed with doing the laundry or cooking, or any task, because you're doing it out of love."
"Over the years, I have often

reflected on what my mom said. She has a great perspective on marriage. I like how my mom and dad take care of each other. And you know what? One day, when I'm married, I don't want to have a scorecard either."

Todd was unusually quiet the rest of the way home. After he shut off the engine, he turned to me and took my hands in his with a warm smile and a twinkle in his eye.

"Anytime you want," he said in a soft voice, "I'll pump gas for you."

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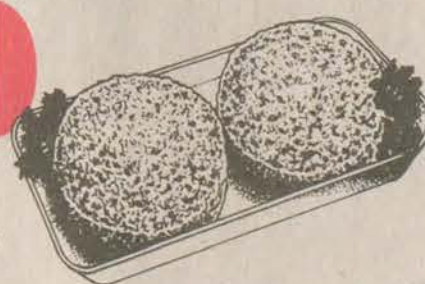
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