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# Gunnels murder trial to be moved



James Gunnels

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Although lawyers for both sides agree that the location of the murder trial of James Austin Gunnels, 23, should be changed to ensure a fair trial, their motivations are different.

In circuit court on Friday, Danielle Johnson and James Barrett, public advocates for

Gunnels, requested that his trial be moved due to the fact that their client didn't believe that he could get a fair trial due to extensive local media coverage of the case.

Johnson and Barrett claimed that letters, in which Gunnels admitted to raping and killing convenience store clerk Bonnie Jean Fraley Hall last July, were sent to the prosecution, were publicized in local newspapers and that Paintsville newspa-

per The Big Sandy News had "publicized misinformation" in its coverage immediately following the crime, therefore causing damage to the case.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner agreed that, given the extent of publicity and the details that were in the letters, he believed the motion to change the location of the trial was proper.

Judge John David Caudill said

he didn't like the defendant deciding on a venue and questioned the attorneys as to how they planned to keep the publicity down in another county.

"Moving the trial to another county won't save you from the Lexington Herald," said Caudill.

Caudill said that the court would not consider the reasons given for a change of venue, but according to Turner, he approved the motion

because he agreed that Gunnels would not be able to get a fair trial and therefore the court would risk an appeal.

"The judge wasn't concerned about the extent of the coverage, but the type," said Turner in reference to the letters written to his office and a reporter at The Floyd County Times. The letter sent to

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## Letcher man to wait for trial in jail

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Letcher County man will remain in custody without bond after a decision in U.S. District Court in Pikeville on Friday.

Timothy Lynn Baker, 40, of Letcher County, was arraigned in U.S. District Court and also had a detention hearing to determine whether he should remain in custody until his trial date or if he should be released on bond.

Baker was arrested on Tuesday at his home in Letcher County and charged with possession and distribution of Vicodin, Lortab, Xanax, hydrocodone, morphine and OxyContin.

Baker was also charged with possession of a firearm upon his arrest.

Baker pleaded not guilty to all charges against him at the

(See DRUGS, page seven)



Darvin Johnson pleaded guilty on Friday to the 1991 rape of a 13-year-old female and agreed to testify against his wife, Amy Johnson, for her part in the crime in exchange for a five-year recommendation from prosecutors.

photo by Loretta Blackburn

## Johnson agrees to plea deal, will testify against wife

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Although he initially backed out of a plea agreement on Friday, a Floyd County man finally relented after consulting with his attorney.

Darvin Johnson pleaded guilty to a 1991 charge of rape in exchange for a recommendation of five years from the prosecution on the condition that he testify against his wife, Amy Johnson, who allegedly assisted in the assault of a juvenile female.

According to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, Johnson had been a fugitive since 1991 and when

he started prosecuting in 1997, the charge of second-degree rape was still pending. Johnson was eventually found living in Florida and was extradited to Floyd County.

Johnson's wife, Amy Johnson, was also charged for allegedly participating in the crime by holding down the 13-year-old while she was assaulted.

The commonwealth offered Johnson a five-year sentence in exchange for a plea to a charge of third-degree rape and testimony against his wife, who had opted to go to trial.

However, when Johnson was informed by Judge John David

Caudill that he would have to tell what he was guilty of if he did enter a guilty plea, he refused.

After talking with his attorney, Dan Rowland, Johnson agreed to make the plea and stated that there had been a misunderstanding on his part. Johnson went before Caudill and when the judge told him, "You are charged with having sexual intercourse with a 13-year-old-girl," Johnson replied, "Yes, sir."

The commonwealth's recommendation was five years, to be probated after he served four, to register with the sex offender registry, to complete the sex offender program, and to testify against Amy Johnson.

## Settlement fails; board lawsuit heading to trial

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A settlement hearing in the U.S. District Court in Pikeville on Friday involving a lawsuit by John Hicks against the Floyd County Board of Education did not end with a settlement Friday, and it appears the case is headed for trial.

After a brief meeting in the courtroom, Magistrate Judge Peggy Patterson and attorneys for Hicks and the board adjourned to the judge's chambers to discuss a possible settlement of the case.

Hicks' attorney, Mickey McGuire, said that he was previously under the impression that the school board was prepared to offer a settlement, but thought that they seemed uninterested when they appeared in court on Friday.

The lawsuit, which was filed on Jan. 30, 2001, alleges that John Hicks was discharged from his position as special education teacher at South Floyd Middle School by Floyd County Schools Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning for conduct unbecoming a teacher on findings of an investigation of the

(See BOARD, page eight)

## Booth nixes plea deal, will go to trial

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Formal sentencing for Anna Booth, 44, of Wheelwright, was "at least temporarily" delayed Friday after she changed her plea to not guilty.

Judge John David Caudill then got everyone's attention by ordering Booth to be held on a \$1 million bond.

(See BOOTH, page eight)



photo by Loretta Blackburn

After conferring with her attorney, Ned Pillersdorf, Anna Booth decided to avoid formal sentencing on Friday and pleaded not guilty to several charges, including attempted murder.

## Man duped into jail sentence

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Jerry L. Kidd, 34, was remanded to the Floyd County Detention Center on Friday, after being "slip-shucked" by Assistant County Attorney Jimmy "Blue" Marcum.

As part of a plea agreement, Kidd had agreed to plead guilty to misdemeanor in exchange for a sentence of no jail time.

What Kidd apparently failed to realize, however, is that the plea would place him in violation of probation from a previous charge

(See DUPED, page seven)



photo by Loretta Blackburn

Stephanie Estep, who was involved in the sex scam that landed several in jail last year, was happy to be released from jail on Friday after pleading guilty to a felony count of theft by unlawful taking.

## Last sex scam defendant pleads guilty

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — After entering a guilty plea to theft by unlawful taking, Stephanie Estep, the last defendant involved in a sex scam from last year, was happy to be released from jail on Friday.

Estep, who was charged with theft as a result of her involvement with Patricia Shepherd and Tammy Woods in

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# Odds and Ends

■ **NEW YORK** — The creator of a Web site about a jobless man can keep his unemployment money.

Todd Rosenberg, who created the cartoon site after he was laid off last year, does not have to return the \$2,237.50 in benefits he received, an administrative judge ruled.

"Justice prevails!" read a message Thursday on Rosenberg's Web site — www.oddtodd.com. "I was

cleared of all charges! Yea!"

Officials at the state Department of Labor had challenged Rosenberg's filing for unemployment, alleging that the Web site was a moneymaker for the man who dubbed himself "Odd Todd."

"As a joke, the claimant started a Web site poking fun at the day in the life of an unemployed person," the decision said. "It was simply a lark that turned into something lucrative."

## Prosecutor seeking change in bond for clerk accused of murder

The Associated Press

McKEE - A prosecutor is asking that bond be revoked or changed for Jackson County Clerk Jerry Dean, who is awaiting trial on a charge that he murdered a woman who had once worked in his office and filed a sexual harassment lawsuit against him.

Dean was released from jail on bond in February but is supposed to leave home only to attend church or go to work at the courthouse in McKee.

Prosecutors say Dean has violated the terms and was seen in the Letterbox community, 10 to 15 miles west of McKee between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on July 16. The area is near the home of Beverly McQueen, a potential witness against Dean, according to a motion signed by Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Richard Couch.

Dean's attorney, Doug Reece, said Dean has not violated the terms of his bond and he will

oppose any changes.

Dean was on his way from McKee to London to meet with Reece on the 16th, and took a route through the Letterbox community to avoid roadwork on another road, Reece said Thursday.

Reece said Dean didn't know McQueen was a potential witness. He was not near her home and was not trying to intimidate her, Reece said.

"He knows better than that," Reece said.

Couch was not available for comment.

Couch requested a hearing for Dean to show why his bond should not be revoked or forfeited, or the terms changed. The hearing is set for Aug. 6 before Circuit Judge Cletus Maricle.

Dean, 58, is charged with shooting Audrey Marcum to death with a high-powered rifle on Nov. 17. Marcum, 31, had worked in Dean's office from

(See **MURDER**, page three)

Rosenberg filed for unemployment on June 13, 2001, after losing his job at a dot-com company. When he had trouble finding a new job, he launched his Internet site with cartoons about his job woes.

Rosenberg stopped collecting unemployment on Dec. 21, 2001.

What raised the state's interest was Rosenberg's November introduction of a "Tip Cup," which allowed visitors to contribute \$1 to Odd Todd. Rosenberg was surprised to receive several thousand dollars from Web surfers.

The Labor Department said taking the donations were tantamount to running a business, making Rosenberg ineligible for any benefits. Rosenberg challenged the ruling, and received word of the judge's decision on Wednesday.

"There was no willful misrepresentation on his part," the decision said. "He was eligible for the benefits he received."

■ **PROVIDENCE, R.I.** — Topsy the tortoise is back on his feet.

About a year after his handlers at Roger Williams Park Zoo noticed he had a bum left front leg, the 21-year-old year-old radiated tortoise has finished his rounds of physical therapy and is back munching on plants and scoping out the females in his pen.

The endangered tortoise from the African island of Madagascar had suffered tissue damage and spent a year getting around on a makeshift skateboard that allowed him to exercise without putting too much pressure on the injured limb.

After confirming the injury during tests at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine in Grafton, Mass., caretakers cobbled together an oval-shaped roller.

Topsy showed admiring onlookers Thursday just how well he could scoot around on his mini skateboard. He

bounced off walls, crashed into a door, walked over shoes and wiggled between legs.

"He seemed to really enjoy (the therapy) from the beginning," Dr. Janet Martin, director of veterinary services at the zoo. "He really got the hang of it."

Topsy's ailment was the first such injury veterinarians grappled with in the decades the zoo has housed tortoises.

■ **BATON ROUGE, La.** —

Anyone who won the Louisiana Lottery's Pick 3 daily game earlier this week should have tried again the next night, too.

Zero, five and one were winners for the Louisiana Lottery's Pick 3 daily game on Tuesday. They were winners again on Wednesday.

"That's the first time in the near 11-year history of the lottery that that's happened for Pick 3," said lottery spokesman Dudley Lehw. "What the odds are I couldn't even begin to calculate."

The selection was pure coincidence because one computer randomly chose the numbers Tuesday and a second computer randomly picked the numbers again Wednesday.

Winners of the Pick 3 on those two nights received \$40 to \$290, depending on the order of the numbers and the way the numbers were selected.

A member of the lottery security staff, a member of the legislative auditor's office and a security guard are on hand when the numbers are drawn in Baton Rouge. Members of the public can watch the computers through a pane of glass, Lehw said.

Lehw said he knew the double picks could look suspicious, and said he was grateful for one thing: "I'm glad we had two different computers."

■ **MANLY, Iowa** — A fundraising drive in this northern Iowa town gives the phrase "pay toilets" a new meaning.

People pay to have them

taken away.

Parishioners of Sacred Heart Catholic Church can plunk down \$10 to have one of three portable toilets - painted in neon yellow, pink or orange - put in a friend's front yard.

The toilet remains until the recipient pays \$10 to have it moved elsewhere. For another \$10, the recipient can make sure the troubling toilet doesn't come

(See **ODDS**, page three)

## Regional arts and entertainment

by RICHARD CROWE

Had a Branson type experience right here in the mountains last weekend. While the small Missouri town is well known for its many theaters — many owned by well-known entertainers who like the idea of performing in one place 100 to 200 nights a year by letting the crowds come to them — the enjoyment could not have been any better nor the appreciation by the audience any higher than it was in Prestonsburg last weekend.

Daughter Crystal and I headed for Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Friday night to watch live theater. The Jenny Wiley Theatre production of *Guys and Dolls* was very entertaining.

The voices were excellent for this musical parody of small time mobsters looking for a place to hold their crap game, their girlfriends hoping for marriage, and a small group of religious workers trying to win souls in the same neighborhood.

The costuming was excellent as was the moveable scenery which all blended well in telling this comic story. The dance numbers were also well done and added to the evening's enjoyment.

Damon Runyon wrote the story on which the musical was based and his story can be enjoyed as much now as when

first presented. There are a few lines that should be changed for the benefit of today's audiences (getting "stabbed by a Studebaker" doesn't make sense unless you remember the pointed dart in a circle hood ornament on the now departed 1950s automobiles).

Marc Cieniewrez, a recent music theater graduate of the Shenandoah Conservatory, played nicely — Nicely Johnson in a distinctive Nathan Lane style; Leah Rohrer, an Oklahoma City University Musical theatre graduate with many regional credits sang and acted well as Sister Sarah Brown; Adam Doran, a graduate student at Morehead State portrayed a believable Sky Masterson whose song style was good for the story telling songs in this production (*Luck Be a Lady and My Time of Day*) and the story was held together by the enthusiastic performance of Doug Nuttelman, a Southwest Missouri State graduate, who portrayed Nathan Detroit, the leader of the *Guys*.

We also enjoyed watching cousin Ryan Ray and his fiancé Larinda Combs in supporting roles. Both will be seniors at Eastern Kentucky University in the fall. Ryan is a theatre major and dance minor there and led in many of the dance numbers. One of the best things to know about Jenny Wiley Theatre is that about half of their \$600,000 annual budget is donated by local contributors which cuts ticket prices in half and enables many families to enjoy their live performances at a very reasonable cost.

Saturday afternoon was spent driving through the Breaks Interstate Park near Elkhorn City. It's about a three-hour roundtrip from Prestonsburg but the deep river cuts exposing hundreds of feet of sheer rock facing has earned it the title of the Grand Canyon of the East and the view from Pinnacle Rock on the Virginia side of the park allows you to see five ridges away. It is a beautiful spot on this earth of ours and more people should know about it.

We seem to want to keep this spot a secret when we should be telling everyone about its beauty.

Saturday evening found me at the Mountain Arts Center, where I ran into many old friends at the Kentucky Opry. Mountain youngsters performed in the Junior Opry. There were 21 local members in the Junior Pros who sang country, bluegrass and pop pieces individually and in trios.

Andrea Campbell sang an excellent Shania Twain song.

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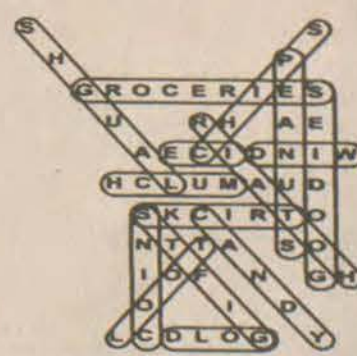
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# Mob informant scandal involved highest levels of FBI

by JEFF DONN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — For more than 20 years, FBI headquarters in Washington knew that its Boston agents were using hit men and mob leaders as informants and shielding them from prosecution for serious crimes including murder, the Associated Press has learned.

Until now, the still-unraveling Boston FBI scandal has been portrayed largely as the work of a handful of local agents — mavericks willing to deal with the devil to bring down a Mafia family.

Documents obtained by the AP directly connect FBI headquarters to a pattern of collusion with notorious killers.

The AP found 20 memos from Boston agents to the FBI director's office, along with six replies, showing that headquar-

ters was told of the abuses and condoned them.

Written between 1964 and 1987, the memos made it clear to Washington that the informants had killed and were likely to kill again, describing one of them as "the most dangerous individual known" in the Boston area. The memos also alerted headquarters that two of the informants were crime bosses, active "at the policy-making level" of criminal enterprises in Boston.

Headquarters also knew that its Boston agents were shielding the informants from other investigative agencies. It knew that one informant who masterminded a murder was allowed to go free as four innocent men were sent to prison in his place.

J. Edgar Hoover, William Sessions and William Webster headed the FBI in the years when the memos were written.

Hoover is dead; Webster and Sessions declined to be interviewed. It is unknown if any of them read the memos.

It is uncertain who at FBI headquarters did, but someone was paying attention. In the mostly unsigned responses found by the AP, the director's office welcomed the informants and praised their FBI field handlers.

A spokesman for the FBI in Washington declined to comment, citing ongoing investigations and lawsuits.

The AP found the memos in federal court files and in the records of a congressional committee investigating the abuses.

More than \$1 billion in lawsuits have been brought against the government by victims of crimes committed by the informants while they were under FBI protection.

The roots of the scandal lie in

the 1960s, when the FBI came under pressure from the public and Congress to crack down on the growing power of the Mafia.

In Boston, FBI agents responded by recruiting two hit men as informants and by forging an alliance with the Winter Hill Gang — vicious thugs eager to seize control of the rackets from the Patriarca Mafia family.

The nature of the arrangement, as disclosed in recent criminal proceedings: In return for information on the Mafia, Boston agents looked the other way as the Winter Hill Gang sold drugs, stole and murdered, even tipping them off when state police or federal drug agents were on their trail.

Both sides got what they wanted. The Patriarca crime family was devastated by federal prosecutions, and the Winter Hill Gang took over Boston-area

rackets.

The arrangement stayed secret until 1995, when Massachusetts state police and federal drug agents finally built

a racketeering case against the Winter Hill Gang, and the story began to tumble out.

(See SCANDAL, page five)

## Coal company, foreman charged in federal indictment

The Associated Press

LONDON — An Eastern Kentucky coal company and one of its supervisors have been charged in a federal indictment with four safety violations, including ordering miners to work under unsupported rock.

U.S. Attorney Gregory Van Tatenhove said Simpson Mining Co. and section foreman Mark Mills of Artemus were named in the indictment that originated from an investigation at the company's mine in Delphia in Perry County.

The indictment charges that

between December 2001 and May 2002, the company failed to follow federally approved roof control and ventilation plans, ordered miners to work in sections of the mine where the roof was not supported, and allowed miners to smoke underground.

Mills, as the section foreman, was charged with knowingly ordering, authorizing or carrying out the violations.

If convicted, Simpson Mining faces fines of up to \$800,000. Mills, if convicted, faces a year in prison and a fine of up to \$400,000.

## Appeals court overturns legislative pension increase

by MARK R. CHELLGREN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A late-night action by the 2000 General Assembly that has nearly doubled pensions for legislators in the last two years was improper and must be overturned, the Court of Appeals ruled Friday.

A divided court said changes in pension laws for public employees must be accompanied by an actuarial analysis before the bill is considered by either the House or Senate. The analysis must include such items as the projected cost of the change going out at least 10 years.

The court said the General Assembly asked for such an analysis, but the Judicial Form Retirement System, which oversees the pension plan for legislators, was unable to provide one

for reasons that were not outlined.

Donna Early, director of the retirement board, said she did not know if the ruling would be appealed.

Early said no pension benefits have been paid out under the terms of the 2000 change in the law, though the legislative branch has been making contributions at the higher rate, which could be refunded if necessary.

The statute requires more than a request for a study in pension laws, Judge Wil Schroder wrote in the 2-1 opinion. "It requires or mandates the study with certain results laid out and attached to the bill for consideration before the bill can be enacted," Schroder said.

Judge William McAnulty joined in the ruling. Judge David Barber dissented, but did not provide any reasoning.

Legislators do not receive an annual salary. They are paid for each day they spend on legislative work, increased each year for inflation — \$163.56 for most legislators this year. For pension purposes, the assumed salary for legislators has been \$27,500 since the retirement system was created.

Late in the 2000 session, Sen. Albert Robinson, R-London, added a provision to an unrelated retirement bill that the retirement system board said changed the assumed salary to more than \$40,000.

Some legislators complained about Robinson's action, which many said they did not know raised their pensions. But nothing was done to repeal the law when the legislature returned in 2000 or 2001. In 2002, there

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## Murder

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1995 until August 1999.

After quitting, she filed a \$30 million lawsuit charging that Dean had sexually harassed her and exposed himself to her. Dean denied the allegations.

One of Dean's sons, David, testified that his father was angry over the lawsuit and asked him to kill Marcum. David Dean said he saw his father walk toward Marcum's house with a rifle the night of the murder and later throw the dismantled gun into a lake.

Jerry Dean has said he did not kill Marcum, and Reece has questioned David Dean's veracity.

Jerry Dean was in jail from Thanksgiving until Feb. 18, when family and friends pledged property to cover his \$750,000 bond. It took twice that much in property to make the bond.

Darrell Smith, owner of Community Based Corrections in Big Stone Gap, Va., which monitors Dean's home incarceration with an electronic device, said there hadn't been any occasions when Dean was away from home when he wasn't supposed to be.

Dean narrowly lost his bid for a fourth term in the Republican primary in May. He will serve through the end of the year.

No trial date has been set in his case.

## Odds

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back.

"We had \$80 right away from people who said, 'Don't give it to me,'" the Rev. Daniel Kucera said of the "Have Toilets, Will Travel" campaign begun earlier this month.

The church pastor moonlights as director of potty placement. Kucera said people have been forgiving "when I am sneaking around the yards in the middle of the night."

He said the campaign has raised \$1,700 for the church so far.

## Regional

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Lori Thronsberry and Allison Lovely also sang well. There were over 20 Junior Pro Fiddlers who played together, and their up-tempo songs were real crowd pleasers.

The Kentucky Opry, made up of the older youngsters who have passed through the Junior Pro program, was very exciting. There were excellent individual performances, group performances, and an amicable patriotic closing.

Kristin Everage from Hindman sang several country favorites. Jonathan Estep, a longtime cast member from Dwale, charged up the audience with his beautiful voice and acrobatic dance routines and Laura Ford and Ron Vanover raised the audience to their feet with their duet from the Phantom of the Opera number.

The good news for you is that this show will be presented four more times this season: Friday, August 2 and 16, and Saturday, August 10 and 31. Each performance will be at 8 p.m. Individual tickets are only \$12 and there are group discounts for families, seniors, and students. Call 1-888-MAC-ARTS for more information.

Another upcoming event at the MAC is Ricky Skaggs on Aug. 9. Call the telephone number listed about for ticket prices and information or visit their web site at www.macarts.com

Jenny Wiley Theatre will be presenting plays through Aug. 17, when they will begin their school matinees and tours in local schools. But until then Guys and Dolls, Greater Tuna, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (which has been getting rave reviews) and the Legend of Jenny Wiley will be presented. Call 1-877-225-5598 for ticket information.

Carl Hurley's Cavalcade of

Comedy will be presented at Renfro Valley on July 25 and 26. Besides Carl and his Eastern Kentucky humor will be several other comics and musicians. Tickets are \$29 and can be held for you at the door by calling 1-800-765-7464.

Congratulations to fellow Hazard Community College faculty member Venita Caldwell, who has been selected as a featured speaker this year for the Kentucky Humanities Council.

Venita will speak on two topics, "Kerosene Salad Bars and Other Signs of Our Times" and "An Eastern Kentuckian on the Road: You Can't Buy Ice in Iowa."

The Kentucky Humanities Council makes her and many other presentations available to local non-profit groups at no cost. If you would like to book Venita for your group call her at (606) 436-5721, ext. 8033 (work) or (606) 279-3360 (home).

If you would like to see the complete speakers offerings call the Kentucky Humanities Council office in Lexington at (859) 257-5932.

If you are an actor looking for a role to play this fall you should contact Tim Couch at (606) 436-5721, ext. 211. Tim will direct Arsenic and Old Lace for the Little Theatre of Hazard.

Production will start in late September for 11 men and three women's parts. The dinner theater production will be presented at Hazard Community College on Nov. 1 and 2 in the evening and Nov. 3 will be a Sunday matinee.

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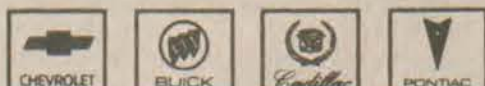
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# expression

Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society.

— Felix Frankfurter

## Guestview

# Mounting malpractice crisis needs answers

When the president of the Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys calls recent huge increases in malpractice insurance premiums for some doctors "outrageous," you know there's a serious problem brewing.

After all, trial attorneys represent the patients who file suit against doctors, hospitals and clinics when they believe they have been harmed. And those who insure Kentucky doctors against malpractice justify their huge rate increases or outright cancellation of coverage on the number of lawsuits filed and the amounts of damages awarded.

The state Department of Insurance held a recent hearing into the rise in medical malpractice rates, even though the department does not regulate commercial insurance companies. After listening to physicians from throughout the state spell out the problems they are encountering obtaining and paying for malpractice insurance, Commissioner Janie Miller suggested she may require insurers to file information about the malpractice coverage rates with her agency.

That's certainly a beginning, and a necessary one to get a solid handle on what exactly is happening in the medical malpractice industry.

In particular, so-called "high risk" specialties like emergency room physicians, obstetricians and surgeons are seeing their insurance rates jump four and five times their previous rates. Dr. Preston Nunnally, former president of the Kentucky Medical Association, told Miller many doctors are leaving their specialty or the state altogether or they are simply retiring rather than pay the higher insurance rates.

But Academy of Trial Attorneys Chuck Adams told Miller that fewer than 4 percent of Kentucky physicians account for 45 percent of the malpractice claims in the state.

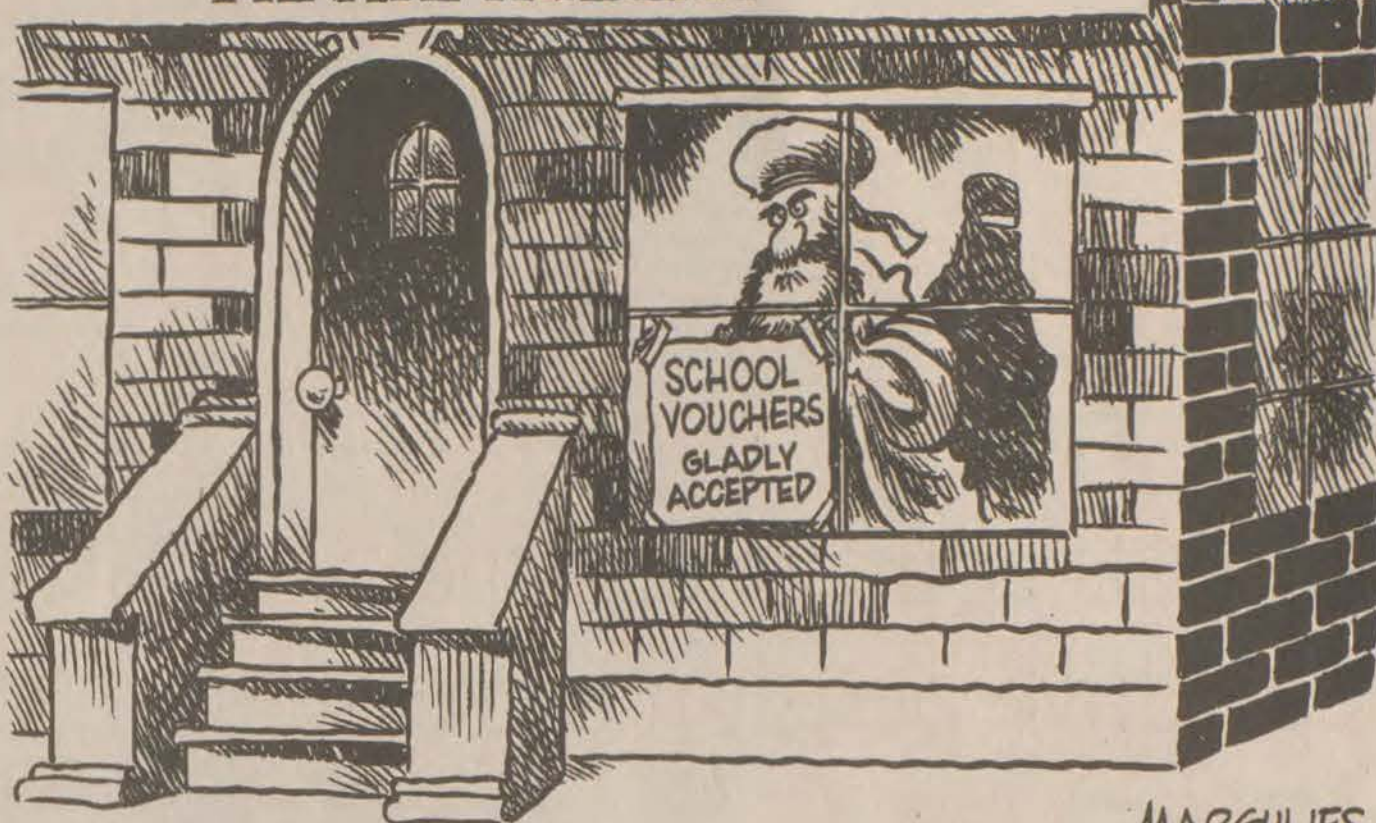
Since the issue is almost certainly destined to come before the General Assembly, perhaps as early as next year, Miller's staff should get as much information as it can gather on insurance rates, malpractice claims and what other states have done so that legislators can make sound decisions on what needs to be done.

If Adams' figures are even remotely correct, it may be that the remedy lies not with the General Assembly, but with the KMA disciplining or removing altogether those doctors who account for the most successful malpractice claims.

First, however, we need facts and figures before anyone can begin to understand this problem.

— The State Journal, Frankfort

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## — beyond the beltway —

# If it's 'fixed,' it'll stay broken

by DONALD KAUL

As we all know, President Bush is an inspirational speaker, able to move the nation to tears and laughter.

Why, just two weeks ago, when he gave that speech laying out his plan for reforming business, the stock market was inspired to fall nearly 700 points over the next five days.

This so concerned Mr. Bush that he made yet another speech, assuring the nation that the economy was strong. The market immediately fell another 440 points. (Late in the day the market rallied to take back 400 of those points, apparently on rumors that the president had promised to stop making speeches on the economy.)

My favorite Bush comment, however, was delivered at a press conference in Minneapolis (where he was about to speak at a fund-raiser). Seeking to still criticism of his own business resume - "How To Make A Fortune In the Energy Business Without Actually Being

Successful" is the text — he invoked the memory of 9/11 and said:

"I believe people have taken a step back and asked 'What's important in life?' You know, the bottom line and this corporate America stuff, is that important? Or is serving your neighbor, loving your neighbor, like you'd like to be loved yourself?"

I am reliably informed that, upon saying that, he did not pull out a tambourine and take up a collection from the assembled reporters, although that would have been a fitting touch.

Well, spellbinding oratory aside, I have news for Mr. Bush. People do think the bottom line and the corporate America "stuff" is important. It's important to them because the quality of their retirement depends on it. The education of their children depends on it. Their very futures, which they plan and save and invest for, depend on it.

Mr. President, the thieves, charlatans and mountebanks who have invaded the corporate world and virtually taken over our political system have stolen more than money. They've stolen the American dream.

Traditionally Americans have thought, rightly or wrongly, that if you were industrious, played by the rules

and had a few smarts, you could make it in this society. Now we find out that only suckers play by the rules and the road to wealth is paved with campaign contributions.

Invest in stocks, they tell us. Privatize Social Security. Let me ask you this: How can you tell the successful companies from the unsuccessful unless you get an honest count on the earnings statements?

Forget the fact that crooked accountants are kiting earnings statements right and left. How can you get an honest count when companies don't even subtract the cost of bloated stock options (an important element of executive pay) from their earnings? You can have a company that looks like it's making money, but all the money is going to its executives (who are preparing to jump ship at the first sign of trouble).

There is no sense to it. What you have instead is a terrific lobbying effort on the part of corporate interests.

All you can say for the Democrats on these corporate giveaways (or, rather, stockholder takeaways) is that they aren't as bad as the Republicans. They are merely awful. In 1994 the U.S. Senate, led by Democratic Sen. Joe

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## — Jim Davidson

# Your decisions will affect your family

Since the beginning of recorded history, the family unit has always been one of the essential building blocks in the success of an empire or a nation.

The late William Thayer expressed it this way: "If well ordered, they are the springs from which go forth the streams of national greatness and prosperity, of civil order and public happiness." As leaders in the homes of America, our decisions will often affect our family for years to come.

According to the Bible I've been reading for the past several years, not one of us is perfect. For example, in Romans 3:23 it says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," and I know this is true.

While I'm not perfect and certainly not a preacher, it's my heart's desire to share something with you that will help you become a happier, richer and more successful person. To do this, sometimes all we need is to be reminded of those things most important to us.

Some time ago I heard a true story that I believe can have a tremendous bearing on the traditional family in the years to come. In the 17th century there were two families in America by the names of Edwards and

Jukes. As the head of the Edwards family, Mr. Edwards was a Godly man and he did his best to provide spiritual leadership and also be a productive and law abiding member of society. Mr. Jukes, on the other hand, was more or less a common criminal, spending much of his time in jail, and was anything but a good example for others to follow.

Several years ago, someone did a study on the history of these two families, and here is what they found: the Edwards family produced the famous minister, Jonathan Edwards, who entered Yale University at the age of 13 and later became a great theologian, as well as an author of several books. Further research revealed the Edwards' family tree contained a long list of ministers, college presidents and other prominent members of society.

Research on the Jukes family revealed the virtues of the original Mr. Jukes were also passed on to his offspring. The Jukes' family consisted of many criminals and others of unsavory character.

The point here should be clear: If you are the leader of your home, the kind of person you are and the decisions you make will affect your family.

If you are living the kind of life, however, of which you are not proud and have personal vices and habits that would keep you from being a good role model, it doesn't necessarily mean that your children will

turn out the same way. People with this kind of background have risen above their circumstances to become outstanding successes.

In no way do I want you to take what I'm saying too personally, because we all have problems, burdens and challenges, but there is a principle we should all consider: "What's true in the root will be seen in the fruit." There is a lot of truth in the saying, "Like father, like son."

The one thing our children want from us more than anything else is our approval and they will often go to great lengths to get it. This is a free country where we have the opportunities to make our own choices and decisions that affect our lives.

Keep in mind, however, your decisions will affect your family and they will often have consequences for many years to come. A good example is the two young men who killed 13 people at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. I'm sure if their parents had the chance they would like to do it all over again. This is something that will haunt them for the rest of their days. Hopefully we can all learn from this tragedy.

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# Faith Extra

## The end, to be continued

by LINTON WEEKS  
THE WASHINGTON POST

What on earth is going on? Evangelical Christians Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins, authors of the apocalyptic — and fictional — "Left Behind" series, have sold more than 35 million books in seven years. The just-released 10th volume, "The Remnant," debuted at No. 1 on the hardcover fiction best-seller lists of USA Today, Publishers Weekly and the New York Times and No. 5 on The Washington Post list.

How do you explain this national hunger for made-up stories about the Book of Revelation? Are we so scared of death that we hope to crack the code of the Bible and uncover secrets of eternal life? Or does the books' success merely prove that there are lots of good stories in the Bible?

What we do know is that multitudes of people across the country are buying stacks and stacks of "Left Behind" books from Wal-Marts, Costco's, chain book stores and just about any place they can find them.

The premise is this: God has decided that it's time for the final reckoning. He draws mil-

lions of born-again Christians straight up to Heaven in what some call the Rapture. Millions of unworthy others remain on Earth; they are ... left behind.

The series covers a period of

**"The thing I find interesting," says LaHaye watcher Rob Boston of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, "is that the political agenda is a little subtle in the series.**

seven years called "the Tribulation," during which the earthbound ones still have a

chance to turn to Jesus. Among those left behind, four factions arise: Christians who muster a loose-knit coalition called the Tribulation Force; true believers of other religions, such as Judaism and Islam; followers of the Antichrist who band together in the Global Community to fight people of other religions; and a great number of people who don't know which way to go. At the end of the period, Jesus will appear and begin a 1,000-year glory-filled reign.

These books, and accompanying kids' versions, audiocassettes and videotapes, have generated hundreds of millions of dollars for the authors and their publisher, Tyndale House. According to the authors, some 3,000 people have found Jesus while reading the books.

The authors plan to be through by 2006. The end, as they say, is near.

Jenkins says he's "itching to do other things." LaHaye's signed on with another writer, T. Davis Bunn, to do another series of Christian adventure books for Bantam. It's a four-book contract for \$42 million. Even more startling than the Bill Clinton-level advance is the fact that they've broken into New York publishing, which has avoided Christian books. In a business of declining sales and shrinking expense accounts, this stuff could start looking good.

"There is a huge weight of accountability and stewardship," Jenkins says. "We feel we're going to have to answer for this stuff."

Jenkins says to LaHaye: "If I ever act like I deserve this, just punch me in the mouth."

Jenkins adds that he's giving a lot of his money to Christian endeavors. "The government shouldn't get more than God gets."

Simply put, Jenkins says, he and LaHaye are depicting the end of the world the way they think it will happen. "If readers disagree," he says, "we don't

hate them."

But, "if this is true, people need to know it."

Tim LaHaye has a long history of political evangelism, not the sort of resume you'd expect for half of a novel-writing duo, much less one of the most successful duos in literary history.

In 1979, he and his wife, Beverly, founded the Washington-based Concerned Women for America to support the traditional notion of family, oppose abortion and be highly

critical of the United States' participation in the United Nations.

He was on the first board of directors of Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority. He's been an outspoken opponent of homosexuality. He warns against a powerful, conspiratorial cabal called "the Illuminati" that he says has influenced major global occurrences for hundreds of years.

"The thing I find interesting," says LaHaye watcher Rob Boston of Americans United for

Separation of Church and State, "is that the political agenda is a little subtle in the series."

Jenkins may be one big reason for that. "Reverend LaHaye is a pretty outspoken conservative," Jenkins says. "We met in 1991. As far as I know, the height of his political activity was before that."

Jenkins says that if LaHaye had written the books, he might have just come right out and

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### Scandal

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So far, one former FBI agent, John Connolly, has been convicted of racketeering and obstruction of justice and awaits sentencing, and another was granted immunity for testimony. Both had accepted bribes, from the informants they were protecting.

### THE HIT MEN

Boston FBI agents recruiting Vincent J. Flemmi as an informant knew what he was from the start — and made sure the director's office did, too.

Flemmi spoke of "plans to become recognized as the No. One 'hit man' in this area," Boston agents told Washington in a June 4, 1964, memo.

At least four field memos informed headquarters that Flemmi planned to kill a small-time hoodlum, Edward "Teddy" Deegan, in a dispute over money.

Hours before the murder, Boston agents reported that mob enforcer Joseph "The Animal" Barboza, had joined the plot.

Deegan's body turned up in an alley in Chelsea, Mass., on March 12, 1965. A week later, a memo to headquarters named six men, including Flemmi and Barboza, as the killers and described the murder, right down to who fired the first shot.

The bureau, it seemed, didn't want Flemmi in prison. It wanted him on the streets, as an informer.

On June 4, 1965, FBI records show, the director's office demanded a progress report. Was he ready to inform?

Yes, Boston replied, adding that Flemmi was suspected in eight murders and that "from all indications, he is going to continue to commit murder."

Soon, FBI memos show, agents also recruited Barboza, convincing him that his Mafia employers had turned on him.

In a June 20, 1967, memo, Boston agents told headquarters that Barboza was the most dangerous man in Boston — "a professional assassin responsible for numerous homicides." He was also unreliable, Boston reported — a man willing to encourage perjury to avoid a long prison term. He had also vowed never to incriminate his friend, Flemmi.

With the promise of a light sentence for the Deegan murder, Barboza became star witness in three Mafia trials. A Massachusetts jury trusted his word and convicted six men in the Deegan case. Flemmi and two others identified as the killers in the memos to FBI headquarters, were never

charged.

Instead, FBI files show, the bureau stood by as Barboza's false testimony convicted four men who were innocent of the murder. Two died in prison. The others were released in recent years, exonerated when the scandal finally broke.

Barboza had implicated two of them to settle street grudges. The other two were known mob figures.

After the convictions, a July 31, 1968, field memo requested commendations for Barboza's handlers. Hoover sent a personal reply:

"The successful prosecution of these subjects was a direct result of your noteworthy development of pertinent witnesses."

In return for his testimony, Barboza was released after five months and relocated with a new identity.

Before long he was threatening to recant his testimony unless given \$9,000 for plastic

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## Jarrell completes Marine training

PENSACOLA, Fla. - Marine Corps Pfc. Stacy L. Jarrell, daughter of John M. Jarrell of Prestonsburg, recently graduated from Basic Cryptologic Technician (Operator) School.

During the self-paced course at Naval Technical Training Center in Corry Station, Pensacola, Fla., students are trained as Special Intelligence Communication Center Operators and receive instruction on communication systems, teletypewriter equipment, communication technical control and cryptographic systems. Course studies also include antennas, radio wave propagation and modulation, circuit operation message processing and communication center clerical functions.

Jarrell is a 2001 graduate of Henry Clay High School in

## Despite impressive debut, Voice of the Faithful faces tough road

by RICHARD N. OSTLING  
AP RELIGION WRITER

BOSTON - Operating on short notice with volunteer labor and a shoestring budget, the Voice of the Faithful staged an impressive debut rally.

The new group representing Roman Catholic laity agreed on ambitious goals and heard from respected speakers. The turnout of 4,000 followers punctuated last weekend's meeting with cheers and bursts of applause.

But in the long run, the Voice may have a tough time being heard.

Church leaders have already signaled opposition to reforms the group is pushing, and the organization is treading a fine line to avoid a liberal label that would blunt its impact.

Since emerging this year amid the fury over clerical sex abuse scandals in the Boston

Archdiocese, Voice says 19,000 supporters have joined, mostly via the Internet.

The group wants to plant chapters in every U.S. diocese and in other countries. Nearly a third of the rally's attendees came from beyond Boston, representing 35 states and seven nations.

Voice believes the laity should "actively participate in the governance" of the church, to make sure "these crimes and the abuse of power that made them possible will not happen again." Those words come from a petition to the Vatican that won unanimous support from Boston participants in a voice vote and was signed by 2,000 individuals.

The petition also asks Pope John Paul II to "hold accountable" bishops and Vatican officials who concealed abusers' crimes, and to approve the new sex abuse policy the U.S. hierar-

chy issued last month.

### Voice also announced three projects at its rally:

■ Distribution of checklists that members can use to monitor each bishop's compliance with the policy provisions, which will be used for a report prior to the hierarchy's November meeting.

■ A data bank to list abusive priests.

■ A fund so Catholics who don't want to contribute to the Boston Archdiocese can still support worthy programs.

Cardinal Bernard Law's spokeswoman swiftly responded that the archdiocese will reject such gifts because Voice's fund "does not recognize the role of the archbishop" in raising support, though Catholic Charities says it may resist Law's edict.

This month, Voice also began organizing for the long haul, issuing a newsletter, planning a \$500,000 budget, naming a new president (Boston University management professor James Post) and hiring its first full-time staffer (executive director Steve Krueger).

Protestants regularly form such independent caucuses. For instance, the evangelical Confessing Church Movement in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), launched last year, has won backing from congregations with 422,512 members. But most U.S. Catholics show little interest in agitating outside official channels.

Voice speakers cited ancient precedents for lay involvement. But in modern times no Catholic

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was another change made in the legislative pension law - adopted by a voice vote - that made the assumed salary for lawmakers retiring this year \$50,301.

Legislative pension is earned based on years of service and when an individual was elected. For lawmakers elected in 1978 or before, it takes 20 years to get full retirement. Others can earn full retirement in 24 or 28 years. Most current lawmakers have to serve 36 years to earn full benefits, but there are many different ways to obtain or buy service time in the retirement program.

Attorney General Ben

Chandler sued and on Friday was especially critical of the pension increase.

"This was a secret, greedy pension grab by the legislature," Chandler said. "We don't need another example of people in power lining their pockets at the expense of the public."

The Court of Appeals did not rule on Chandler's argument that the original change was unconstitutionally vague.

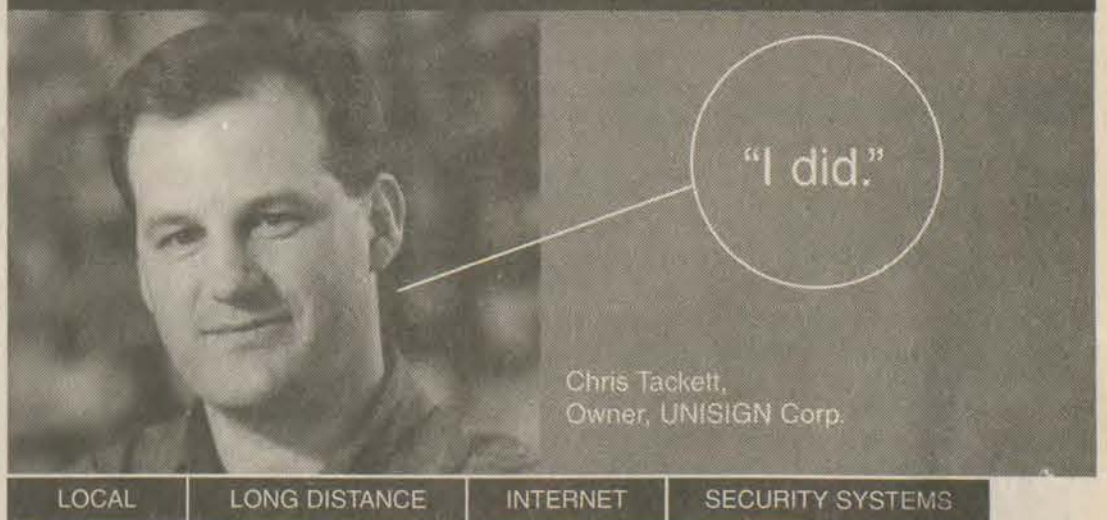
Because the actuarial report was not obtained, the change in the law is void and "the remaining arguments become moot," Schroder said.



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# Regional Obituaries

## Floyd County

Artie T. Amburgey, 89, of Bypro, died Wednesday, July 18, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 22, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Barbara Caudill, 64, of Beaver, died Thursday, July 18, in the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Arthur Caudill. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 21, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Betty Allen Frances, 77, a former Floyd County resident, died Saturday, June 29, at Hospice House Woodside, Pinellas Park, Florida, after a long bout with cancer. A graveside memorial service was held Monday, July 15, at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery, St. Petersburg, Florida—National Cremation Society, Clearwater, Florida.

Herbert Hoover Hall, 69, of Teaberry, died Thursday, July 25, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Vina Holbrook Hall. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

William Hite Martin Jr., 66, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, July 17, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Eugene Lawson, 69, of Edmonton, formerly of Floyd County, died Monday, July 8, in the T.J. Sampson Community Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 11, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ralph Lawson, 76, of Harold, died Tuesday, July 9, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Joe Martin, 78, of Hueysville, died Thursday, July 24, at the Prestonsburg Health Care. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 27, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Monique Mierzejewski Frasure, 56, of Lexington, died Monday, July 22, at her residence, following an extended illness. She is survived by her husband, Gary Frasure. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Whelen Pitts, 71, of Martin, died Monday, July 22, in the Riverview Health Care, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Frank Dean Reffitt, 51, of Martin, died Monday, July 8, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Joyce C. Slone, 70, of Winchester, native of Floyd County, died Monday, July 22, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 25, under the direction of Scobee Funeral Home, Winchester.

Tony Ray Walters, 43, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, July 12, at Ewing. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ronald E. (Whitey) Walls, 55, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, July 20, in Pike County, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## Lawrence County

Ruth Frazier, 83, native of Lawrence County, died Tuesday, July 16, at King's Daughters' Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 19, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Homer D. Moore, 62, died Monday, June 5, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 18, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

## Knott County

Eric Wayne Barger, 18, of Availla, Indiana, formerly of Knott County, died Tuesday, July

16, at Dekalb County, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 20, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Deborah Ann Breeding, 50, of Jeremiah, died Saturday, July 22. She is survived by her husband, Begie "Little Moose" Breeding. Graveside services were conducted Monday, July 22, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Alma Combs, 83, of Hazard, died Sunday, July 7, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 9, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Haywood Harris, 68, of Kite, died Thursday, July 18, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Artie Slone Harris. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Huey Hurley, 51, of Vicco, died Saturday, July 20, at the Hazard ARMC. He is survived by his wife, Robin Hurley. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 23, under the direction of Engle-Walker Funeral Home.

Zona Patrick, 80, of Emmalena, died Thursday, July 11, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 14, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Jesse James Roark, 81, of Carrie, died Wednesday, July 10, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Polly Miller Roark. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 14, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Luna Ritchie Rose, 59, of Emmalena, died Friday, July 19, at the Hazard ARMC. She is survived by her husband, George Rose. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 22, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Jennings Watts, 78, of Litt Carr, died Wednesday, July 17, at the Hazard ARMC. He is survived by his wife, Charity Hall Watts. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 19, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

## Pike County

James Carl "J.C." Adkins, 90, of Elkhorn City, died Tuesday, July 23, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 26, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Francis Justice Anderson, 81, of Kimper, died Wednesday, July 24, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 27, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Elster Eugene Childers, 49, of Pikeville, died Monday, July 22, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 25, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Belva June Ramey Childress, 85, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, formerly of Phyllis, died Saturday, June 22, at Sentara Bayside Hospital, Virginia Beach. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 25, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

Elsie Potter Cleek, 94, of Bloomington, Indiana, formerly of Pike County, died Tuesday, July 16. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 20, under the direction of Polly & Craft Funeral Home.

Rev. Arville Collins, 82, of Cedar Bluff, Virginia, died Friday, July 19, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Collins. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 22, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

Charles E. Conway, 50, of Las Vegas, formerly of Pikeville, died Tuesday, July 16, at

Mountainview Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Mary Conway. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 20, under the direction of Saunders & McFarlin Funeral Home.

Bertha J. Crawford, 84, of Beaver Creek, Ohio, native of Pikeville, died Thursday, July 18, in the Hospice of Dayton. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 27, under the direction of Belton Funeral Home.

Letty Damron of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Hylton, died recently in Columbus. She is survived by her husband, Jesse Damron. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 28, under the direction of Shoedinger Funeral Service.

Wesley Guy Hamilton, 87, of Virgie, died Sunday, July 21, at Jenkins Community Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Alpha Thomas Hamilton. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 24, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

James G. Hobbs, 72, of Shelbyville, formerly of Pikeville, died Tuesday, July 23, at Jewish Hospital, Louisville. He is survived by his wife, Dorcas M. Hobbs. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Lester Marshall Kelly, 84, of Shelby Gap, died Tuesday, July 23, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 25, under the direction of Polly & Craft Funeral Home.

Clyde Buster Plymale, 75, of South Williamson, died Monday, July 22, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Lorna Smith Plymale. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 24, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

William Johnnie Slone, 62, of Pikeville, died Sunday, July 21, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Catherine Thacker Slone. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 24, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Herman Spriggs, 72, of Daphne, Alabama, formerly of Marrowbone, died Sunday, July 14, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Corena Smith Spriggs. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 18, under the direction of Wolf Funeral Home.

Paula Gwynn Sturgill, 47, of Virgie, died Tuesday, July 23, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Danny Sturgill. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 26, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Timothy Swiney, 43, of Ashcamp, died Wednesday, July 24, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Douglas Dean Williamson, 64, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, July 23, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 27, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

## Martin County

Bertha Hodge, 70, of Columbus, Ohio, died Wednesday, July 17, at University East Hospital in Columbus. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 20, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

## Lawrence County

James Howard Burton, 71, of Louisa, died Thursday, July 18, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 21, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Ruth Frazier, 83, of Louisa, died Tuesday, July 16, at King's Daughters' Medical Center in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 19, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Homer D. Moore, 62, of Louisa, died Monday, July 15, at his home. Funeral services were

conducted Thursday, July 18, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Bonnie Jean Lewis Plegge, formerly of Boons Camp, died Tuesday, July 9, at her residence in Radcliff. She is survived by her husband, Col. John Plegge. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 13, under the direction of Nelson-Edelen-Bennett Funeral Home.

## Johnson County

Malta Hall Bailey, 94, died Monday, July 15, at Mt. Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 18, under the direction of Preston Funeral Chapel.

Jerry Jennings Blair, 60, died Sunday, July 21. Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, July 24, 2 p.m., at the Little Mud Lick Cemetery, Staffordsville.

Barbara Blair Bower, 67, of Athens, a Johnson County native, died Wednesday, July 10, at Arcadia Acres Nursing Home in Logan. Services were conducted Saturday, July 13, at Jager and Sons Funeral Home, Athens.

Pasco Music, 80, died Thursday, July 18, in Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 21, 11 a.m. at Walnut Grove Freewill Baptist Church at Ulysses and burial was in Highland Memorial Park, Paintsville.

Edward Thomas "Edd" Riley, 72, died Friday, July 19, in Dayton, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Alice Castle Riley. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 23, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Verlin Gene Vinson, 50, died Friday, July 19. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 22, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 880-5156, Major Revision No. 10

- (1) In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Pontiki Coal, LLC, HC 67, Box 615, Pilgrim, Kentucky 41231, has applied for a major revision to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 7.2 miles Southwest of Pilgrim, Kentucky in Martin, Pike, and Floyd Counties. The major revision will not add any surface disturbance acreage to the permit area. The major revision will underlie an additional 325.28 acres making a total area of 18,642.28 acres within the revised permit boundary.
- (2) The proposed major revision area is approximately 4.0 miles Northwest from State Road 194 junction with State Road 2061 and located 2.5 miles Southwest of Heenon, Kentucky and located at McCoy and Still Branches of Brushy Fork.
- (3) The proposed major revision is located on the Thomas USGS 7 - 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The major revision will underlie land owned by Irene Blackburn, Floyd and Deborah Blackburn, Elster and Fay Blackburn, Billy Gene and Justine Maynard, and Diana Lowe.
- (4) The major revision proposes to add 325.28 acres to its present permit boundary.
- (5) The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections or request for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.
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## Voice

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lay movement has achieved shared governance with bishops, says University of Notre Dame historian R. Scott Appleby. He thinks Voice must carefully balance "loyalty to the church, including the hierarchy" and "an assertiveness within that loyalty."

"Any attempt at renewal has to proceed in unity with the bishop," insists Carl Anderson, chief executive officer of the Knights of Columbus, the largest U.S. lay organization.

Voice supports abuse victims and otherwise styles itself as a centrist group promoting governance reform, not ideological changes. "Labels divide people," Post said. Voice "is about bringing people together."

The group does not endorse either the conservatives, who say church discipline must be enforced anew to overcome scandals, or the liberals, who want to alter church teachings.

However, one speaker in Boston is an organizer for the Europe-based We Are Church, which agrees with Voice's power-sharing agenda but also advocates liberal views on birth control, sexual morality, priestly celibacy and women priests.

Another speaker was Temple University's Leonard Swidler, who campaigns for a Catholic constitution to give lay Catholics not only powers but sweeping freedom of con-

science. Voice's policy-making council will discuss joining that cause at its next meeting, Aug. 8.

A tactical challenge for Voice is to win an equal following among conservatives, who are understandably wary. Russell Shaw, one-time spokesman for the U.S. bishops who considers Swidler's plan "absurd," says the group should beware of becoming "the voice of the not-to-faithful."

Shaw wants greater collaboration in decision-making between bishops and the laity. But he warns that this cause was "set back by a quarter-century" when a 1976 conference summoned by the U.S. hierarchy was "taken over by enthusiasts of the left" who wanted to alter church teachings.

William Donohue of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights predicts that it's only a matter of time before liberals "hijack" Voice, while the Rev. Richard John Neuhaus of First Things magazine, another conservative, calls himself "sympathetically skeptical."

Still, Post insisted to the Boston crowd that Voice's future existence is nonnegotiable, and vital for the church.

"The hierarchy that failed to protect our children cannot be trusted to exercise sole control over the property, money and the fate of our church," he said.



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**Fires**

said, stripping the soil bare and causing rain to cascade off the steep mountainsides much faster than it ordinarily would.

"All that litter on the ground can act like a sponge to help retain some of the rainfall," McLane said. "Without that, a lot more of the precipitation ends up as runoff."

Forest fires charred an estimated 173,000 acres in Kentucky last year. Mountains were shrouded in thick smoke. Motorists had to drive with headlights on during daylight hours because so many forest fires were spewing smoke and ashes. It was the worst year for fires in the state since 1987, when 285,000 acres burned.

McLane said the forest fires are one of three factors that contribute to flooding in the Appalachians. Coal mining and logging, he said, also play roles in the recurrent flooding, the latest of which destroyed four homes in Pike County last weekend.

Doug Tackett, disaster and

emergency services coordinator for Pike County, said some people might blame mining, logging and fires, but in many cases locally heavy downpours would have caused flooding even without ground disturbances.

"Forest fires burn everything off the forest floor," Tackett said. "Absent of forest fires, you have good ground cover, so it does contribute to the problem."

Robert Murgallis, a

spokesman for the U.S. Fire Administration in Emmitsburg, Md., said the impact of forest fires on flooding is severe. "Obviously, there's nothing there to slow the water down or to soak it up," he said.

More than 300 residents were displaced in March by flooding that inundated communities along the Cumberland River, especially in Harlan County where forest fires were rampant

last fall. Another round of flooding in May destroyed 120 homes along the Tug Fork and its tributaries in Pike County, which also had large numbers of forest fires last fall. Several lesser floods also have been reported. The community of McRoberts in Letcher County has been flood-

ed twice this month.

Last weekend, Tackett said flash floods destroyed four homes in the Freeburn area of Pike County. Residents blamed mining for contributing to those floods.

McLane said any activity that lessens the amount of vegetative

cover on mountains increases the chance of flash flooding.

"With forest fires, the soil surface becomes somewhat impermeable with the creosote that burns out of the trees," McLane said.

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**Drugs**

arraignment.

James Wiley Craft, attorney for Baker, argued that his client was not a threat to flee due to his health and size, along with the fact that he turned himself in to the Kentucky State Police.

"As you can see, my client is a large man and holding him would be a burden to his health," Craft said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney

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Teresa Reed, however, said Baker should remain behind bars because of possible danger to the community.

"He was dealing from his home, he had a handgun behind his back and pills in his chair when he was arrested," Reed said.

Magistrate Judge Peggy Patterson ruled that Baker should stay in custody until his trial.

"Because of the nature of the crimes, I recommend that he remain detained pending trial," Reed said.

Baker has the right to appeal the ruling in an additional bond hearing.

A trial date has been set for Sept. 30.

**Duped**

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and return him to jail anyway.

Kidd was on probation for theft charges when he was arrested on July 8 for cultivating more than five plants of marijuana. Marcum said that he had checked Kidd's record and knew that he was on probation, so he offered Kidd probation and an amendment from a felony to a misdemeanor in exchange for a plea.

Kidd entered a guilty plea on July 17 to the charges of cultivating fewer than five plants and was given 12 months probation.

Marcum then issued a request to revoke Kidd's probation from his previous conviction, because his admittance of guilt on the 17th violated the terms of that probation.

"I slip-shucked him," said Marcum.

Marcum said that it was not "a very legal term," but the phrase described the transaction. Kidd was not a very happy person on Friday when told he would spend the next six months in jail.

**Court says zoning rules apply to gun shops**

by MARK R. CHELLGREN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT - A state law that pre-empts most local government regulation of gun sales still allows planning and zoning rules that dictate where a gun shop may locate, the Court of Appeals ruled Friday.

"Without the power to control the location of gun shops and firearms dealers, a city could find itself at the mercy of the firearms business that could begin operating wherever they choose, for example in the heart of a community surrounded by single-family homes," Judge David Buckingham said in the unanimous ruling of the three-judge panel.

Peter Garrett, who operates a gunsmith and firearms dealership, wanted to expand to locations in the cities of Bellevue and Dayton, which are located in northern Kentucky.

In Bellevue, he was denied permission to located in an area zoned for historic preservation. And in Dayton, he was not allowed to open a shop in the

central business district. Garrett was allowed to open stores in other areas allowed by the local zoning rules.

Garrett took the two cities to Campbell County Circuit Court and said a 1984 law passed by the General Assembly outlawed any local regulation of the gun business.

The law, passed at the behest of the National Rifle Association, prohibits local governments from "any part of the field of regulation of the transfer, ownership, possession, carrying or transportation of firearms, ammunition or components of firearms..."

Buckingham noted that the legislature covered a wide range of topics that local governments could not regulate, but did not include land use planning or zoning of firearms sellers.

"If the legislature had intended to prohibit all regulation affecting firearms and firearms dealers, including zoning regulation that affect location, it could have easily done so," Buckingham wrote.

**Scandal**

surgery to change his appearance.

If Barboza recanted, convictions "might be overturned and plunge the government into protracted and acrimonious litigation," federal prosecutors Edward F. Harrington and Walter T. Barnes warned their supervisor in Washington. In their Feb. 12, 1970 memo, they urged that Barboza be given the money.

Six months later, Barboza did recant — but soon changed his mind and stood by his original story.

Barnes, now retired, said that, as best he can recall, some money was approved for Barboza. At the time, he had no reason to believe Barboza's testimony was false, he said. Harrington, now a federal judge in Massachusetts, declined comment.

In 1976, the New England Mafia found Barboza and exacted its revenge, shotgunning him on a San Francisco street.

Flemmi died in prison in 1979 after Massachusetts authorities convicted him of attempted murder in another case.

**THE BOSSES**

James J. "Whitey" Bulger and Vincent Flemmi's big brother, Stephen, nicknamed "The Rifleman," were just rising in the crime world when Boston agents recruited them as informants. Agents told headquarters what kind of men they were.

On Feb. 8, 1967, Boston agents told the director's office that Stephen Flemmi was being upgraded to a "top echelon" informant — even though he was "suspect of possibly being involved in gangland slayings."

By 1981, the bureau had adopted new rules saying that informants "shall not participate in acts of violence" or "initiate a plan to commit criminal acts."

In 1983, when Bulger was upgraded to "top echelon," a field memo said he was "the titular head of the Winter Hill mob and as such sits as an equal at the policy-making level" with New England Mafia leaders.

Throughout the 1980s, state police tried to build a case against Stephen Flemmi and Bulger, but the pair was always one step ahead of them. The reason: Boston agents tipped them off, testimony in recent criminal cases has revealed.

There is evidence that FBI headquarters sometimes lent a hand.

In 1983, FBI agents in Oklahoma suspected the pair in the murder of Roger Wheeler, the head of World Jai Alai, who was shot in Tulsa after discovering that someone was skimming money from his business.

When Oklahoma agents sought to question Bulger and Stephen Flemmi, Robert Fitzpatrick, then deputy chief of the bureau's Boston office, blocked the interrogations.

He was instructed to do so during a meeting in Washington with top FBI officials, Fitzpatrick told the AP.

"It was to protect Whitey Bulger," said Fitzpatrick, now retired.

Even the FBI could not protect the informers forever.

Today, Stephen Flemmi is serving 10 years for obstructing justice and other offenses. He awaits trial on federal racketeering charges linking him to 10 murders.

Tipped by an FBI agent, Bulger fled and remains at large. He is under indictment for racketeering and blamed, with his gang, for 21 killings — 11 while he was an informant.

**End**

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named the Trilateral Commission and the Bilderbergers as villains. "There are enough hints in the series, like the secret meetings of financiers, to satisfy people who want that," he says.

Born in 1926, LaHaye grew up in Detroit. Jenkins was born in Kalamazoo, Mich. Jenkins, like LaHaye, went to Moody Bible Institute for a year or so.

"All I ever wanted to be was a sportswriter," Jenkins says. Over the years he's written about 150 books, including as-told-to autobiographies of baseball stars Hank Aaron, Orel Hershiser and Nolan Ryan. He also helped Billy Graham write his memoir "Just as I Am."

"I'm not a theological scholar," Jenkins says, "and Dr. LaHaye's not a novelist."

Before Jenkins hunkers down to write each volume, LaHaye passes along a thick

notebook of comments and commentary on the part of Revelation that Jenkins will be writing about.

Originally, Jenkins says, he was going to write one book about the Rapture. That became a trilogy. Then six. Then 12. (No. 11, tentatively titled "Armageddon," is due at the publisher Sept. 11, and should be out next spring. Book 12, "The Glorious Appearing," is scheduled to be published about a year later.)

Now Jenkins believes there's enough material for 14 books, including a prequel, which explores the lives of major characters before the Rapture, and a final book, perhaps called "Final Judgment," about life in Heaven.

Asked why they chose to use fiction to tell this story, Jenkins says, "It can convey truth with a capital T."

**Patton pledges support to higher education**

The Associated Press

DANVILLE - The Council on Postsecondary Education is engaged in the most important job it has - hiring a new president to lead reform efforts, Gov. Paul Patton told members Monday.

Patton said he wants a new president in place and on top of the issues and politics by the time he leaves office in December 2003.

The new council president must be "an adviser and an articulator of our cause to the next governor," Patton said. If reform efforts can remain intact through the next administration, they will become institutionalized and less subject to political winds, he said.

Patton is largely the reason the council is seeking a new president because he essentially asked that Gordon Davies not be rehired earlier this year. While Davies was a forceful advocate, Patton said he was also not skilled enough in the politics of higher education and the General Assembly and alienated too many influential lawmakers.

Davies, on the other hand, said those very same lawmakers are helping to undermine higher education by angling for the financial and political interests of hometown schools while ignoring the larger goals of the entire system of universities, colleges and technical schools.

Patton took a surprising turn

early in his administration by taking on a higher education system that had become root-bound and caught up in turf wars with flagging enrollments, undistinguished academic pursuits and scattered public service. He even made it the centerpiece of his inaugural address in 1995.

By 1997, Patton managed to persuade the legislature to overhaul the system, including the delicate political maneuver

of taking control of community colleges from the powerful grasp of the University of Kentucky and creating a new technical and community college system.

The result has been 23,000 more students enrolled throughout the system and more directed research and development efforts.

Patton said higher education still has his "unwavering support."

**Beltway**

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Lieberman, passed a non-binding resolution urging the group that writes accounting rules not to require that options be counted as an expense. The vote was 88 to 9. The group complied.

Moreover, President Clinton (Remember him? Bad guy, a cad with women. Whitewater. Ugh.) vetoed a bill to weaken the Securities and Exchange Commission's powers, cut its budget and make it harder for stockholders to sue malfeasant companies. The House and Senate overrode the veto, with scores of Democrats crossing party lines to be with their corporate paymasters.

The other day the Senate passed an overhaul of business fraud laws by a 97 to 0 vote, but an amendment by Sen. John McCain that would have required companies to count stock options as expenses was blocked. By the Democratic majority.

"The fix is in," McCain said. He's right.

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

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The investigation concluded that Hicks provided students with answers and also wrote answers for some students during special tests.

The lawsuit says that Hicks did not receive any special training for administering the special tests and he did not give any answers to any of the students, but assisted them in an "acceptable" manner as the students' handicaps required.

The lawsuit also contends that while Hicks was employed at the school, he was given a classroom that was vastly smaller than that of a female teacher at the school, and that the office was inadequate for the space needed for a learning environment.

Hicks also alleges that the

other teacher was given a computer, telephone, abundant supplies and sent almost yearly to special education seminars held in Louisville, with expenses paid, while Hicks' requests for equal space, a computer, a telephone and permission to attend teaching seminars were refused.

After being discharged, Hicks filed a grievance and requested a tribunal hearing.

According to the lawsuit, in an agreement on the day of the hearing, attorneys for both sides agreed that Hicks "would agree" to voluntarily quit upon the conclusion of the 1999-2000 school year and that the board agreed to withdraw the charges against Hicks and reinstate his contract for the 1999-2000 school year.

Hicks agreed to be reassigned to any position within the district but outside of South Floyd High School and its feeder

schools.

Hicks was assigned to continue the school year as a home-bound elementary teacher working directly from the board of education's office.

According to the lawsuit, Hicks was prevented from returning to work for the spring semester of 2000 because the board accepted the resignation submitted during the agreement at the tribunal hearing.

The lawsuit alleges that the act was discrimination against Hicks in whole or in part because of his gender.

Hicks is seeking both compensatory and punitive damages, and to be rightfully employed in the Floyd County School System.

A trial date has not been set for the case, but McGuire said he expects it to be relatively soon.

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# Coal company, foreman charged in federal indictment

The Associated Press

LONDON — An Eastern Kentucky coal company and one of its supervisors have been charged in a federal indictment with four safety violations, including ordering miners to work under unsupported rock.

U.S. Attorney Gregory Van Tatenhove said Simpson Mining Co. and section foreman Mark

Mills of Artemus were named in the indictment that originated from an investigation at the company's mine in Delphia in Perry County.

The indictment charges that between December 2001 and May 2002, the company failed to follow federally approved roof control and ventilation plans, ordered miners to work in sections of the mine where the

roof was not supported, and allowed miners to smoke underground.

Mills, as the section foreman, was charged with knowingly ordering, authorizing or carrying out the violations.

If convicted, Simpson Mining faces fines of up to \$800,000. Mills, if convicted, faces a year in prison and a fine of up to \$400,000.

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# State opens online vehicle registration renewal

by MARK R. CHELLGREN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT - Forget the lines at the county clerk's office. And you won't need any stamps. You can now renew the registration of your passenger vehicle with a few clicks of the computer.

The computerized registration will cost a few dollars more and is now limited to motorists who get their insurance coverage from the four companies participating in the program. But more companies are signing on, and computer access in Kentucky, although among the lowest in the nation, is also improving.

Jefferson County Clerk Bobbie Holsclaw has been a test site for the online registration for several months and declared it a success on Wednesday.

"We have had absolutely no problems. It's great," Holsclaw said.

Gov. Paul Patton, on hand for a demonstration of the renewal system at a Capitol

press conference, said it was part of the effort of his administration to change some of the culture of the bureaucracy.

"We fully recognize that they are our customers, and we in government intend to treat them that way," Patton said.

The system will not be available to everyone. Only people renewing registrations on vehicles they own - not lease - will be eligible. The first page of the Web site on registration renewal includes all the information required, such as the latest vehicle registration and title certificates, plus a Visa or Mastercard credit card.

The registration will include payment of property taxes on the vehicle, and there can be no overdue taxes.

As of this week, only Kentucky Farm Bureau, The Hartford, Prudential and USAA insurance companies are providing the electronic information about proof of insurance required for renewal on line. Mack Bushart, director of the Division of Vehicle Regulation, said those compa-

nies insure about a third of Kentucky motorists and more than 40 companies have expressed interest in participating.

There will be a \$5 fee charged for online renewals. That is \$5 more than the cost of renewal in-person at a county clerk's office and \$3 more than registering through the mail. The additional fee is designed to cover the charge from the credit card company on the transaction.

Bushart said there should be no change in receipts to state government or county clerks.

Aldona Valicenti, the state's chief information officer, said surveys indicate that only about half of Kentuckians have easy access to a computer. But computers are available at all public libraries.

The Web site also includes information on the availability of vanity plates and specialty license plates, though they cannot be ordered online. Forms commonly needed for vehicle and boat renewals can also be printed or downloaded.

## Gunnells

The Times was later published.

Turner said that obtaining a conviction that would stand on an appeal in a high-profile case such as Gunnells' is a task. He said that there had been trials in which the case was poisoned by exposure and the convictions are appealed because of the defendant's inability to get a fair trial.

Judge Caudill approved the motion to move the case, but did not decide where. He suggested that the case be heard in a county not covered by either of the local newspapers, and Ashland was one thought entertained. However, Caudill said he would hold a conference to determine where the trial would take place and he would be open to suggestions.

Gunnells allegedly stole a 1991 Buick Regal on July 10, 2001, and a .32 revolver on July 11, and used them in an armed

robbery at Cardinal Mart in Watergap. That incident resulted in the murder and rape of Bonnie Jean Fraley Hall, an employee who was working that morning. Gunnells then allegedly left the scene, taking with him a .22 Magnum and 1995 Ford Contour, both belonging to Hall.

Gunnells was arrested at 7:42 a.m. on Wilson Creek in Floyd County soon after police arrived on the scene.

Gunnells pleaded not guilty to 12 felonies on July 18, 2001, and was indicted on 10 felonies in September 2001.

On Friday, May 10, Turner filed a notice of his office's intent to seek the death penalty for Gunnells. The notice stated that at the time Gunnells murdered Hall, he was engaged in the commission of rape, first-degree robbery and first-degree burglary. All three crimes are

listed as aggravating circumstances to be considered by the judge and the jury concerning the death penalty.

Gunnells is charged with murder, first-degree robbery, four counts of theft — two for autos and two for a firearms — two counts of possession of a gun by a convicted felon, and being persistent felony offender.

## Booth

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Booth was scheduled for formal sentencing on July 12, but the event was continued due to the fact that she had just acquired Ned Pillersdorf as her attorney, and he had not had time to get acquainted with her case.

When Booth appeared before Judge Caudill on Friday, he questioned her about a statement in the pre-sentencing investigative report in which she made the statement, "This whole thing is made up."

Caudill then repeated a statement familiar to regular observers of his courtroom: "I won't allow anyone to plead guilty in my courtroom, if they don't think they are guilty."

After conferring with Pillersdorf, Booth pleaded not guilty, sending the case to trial.

Judge Caudill set a shocking \$1 million bond for Booth. Later when asked why such a large bond, Caudill replied that if it got others' attention, it got hers.

Booth pleaded guilty May 28 to one felony count of first degree criminal mischief in the, four felony counts of wanton endangerment and one felony count of possession of a handgun by a convicted felon.

The charges were incurred from a 2001 incident in which Booth allegedly attempted to shoot her son's former mother-in-law, Barbara Keathley, in the presence of her juvenile son, Jessie Keathley, and her two small grandchildren. Booth then left her former daughter-in-law's house and told people in a nearby restaurant that she thought she had killed Keathley.

Pillersdorf said that Booth was presumed innocent and they would ask for a speedy trial.

## Estep

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the sex scam that landed several in jail last year, had originally agreed to enter a plea to a misdemeanor charge of theft by unlawful taking four months ago, but backed out of the plea.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor said that the judge would not allow Estep to enter a plea to a misdemeanor because of her previous decision, therefore she had to plead to theft by unlawful taking, a class D felony.

Estep was ecstatic to get out after "getting a taste of jail" for

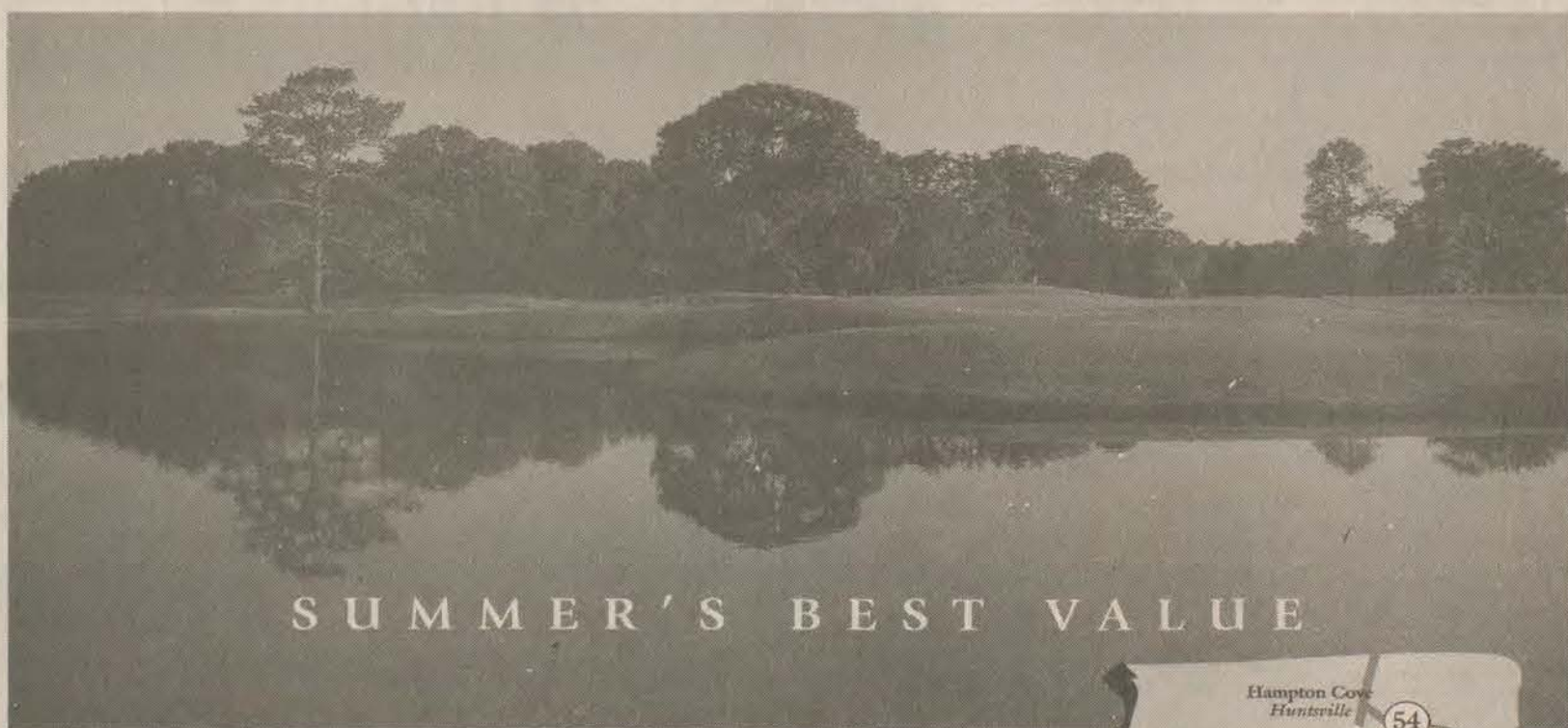
60 days. She was appreciative of the opportunity to enter a plea.

"Thank you, judge," Estep said at the conclusion of her hearing.

Taylor said that the court was more concerned with getting the \$600 in restitution that Estep had previously neglected to pay, which landed her in jail for the 60 days.

The judge handed the bailiff Estep's "get out of jail free card" and wished her luck after asking her "Why in the world didn't you take the plea before?"

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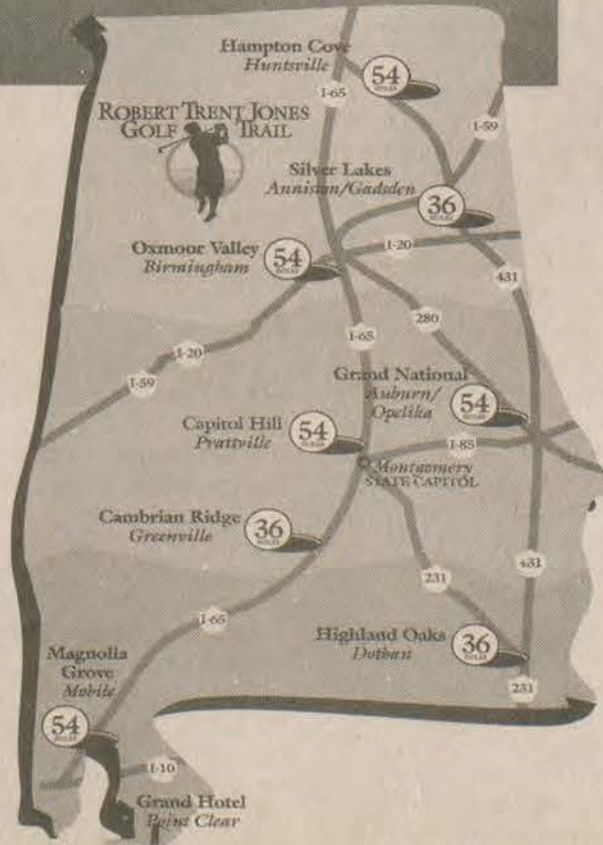


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## Fires

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency has warned property owners who live near areas burned by wildfires that they face a greater risk of flash floods.

In the Appalachian region, McLane said the bowl-effect of the mountains magnifies the problem because all the rain that falls on the slopes runs rapidly into the valleys below.

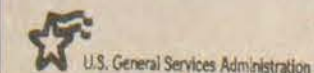
"The further you go down the watershed," he said, "the more water and the greater the frequency of flooding."

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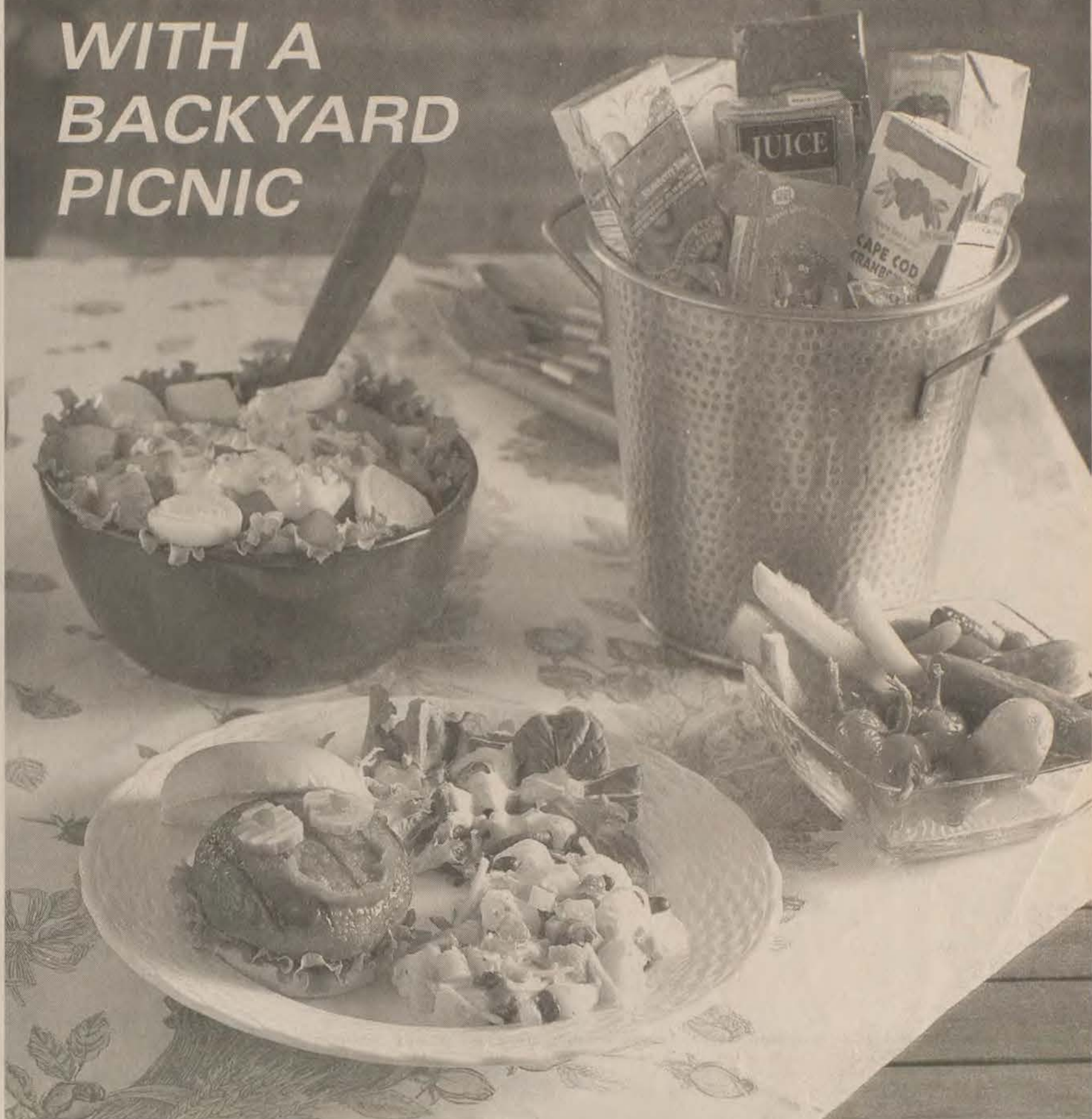
# CELEBRATE SUMMER

## WITH A BACKYARD PICNIC

Summer fun often means enjoying meals outdoors. Regardless of the occasion—Father's Day, after-the-game get-together or just tonight's dinner—a backyard picnic makes it extra special, particularly if most of the dishes can be made ahead. This backyard picnic menu uses many common ingredients most families keep on the pantry shelf, including pickles, potatoes and aseptically packaged beverages and tomatoes. Prepare these fast and easy recipes in advance. Then, when guests arrive, all you need to do is light the grill!

When the final inning of the baseball game is over, surprise your team with Green-Eyed Monster Burgers. They will delight kids and grown-ups alike. And no picnic is complete without potato salad. Potato salad connoisseurs value the pickle as much as the potato, because of its versatility. Pickles, pickled peppers and sauerkraut also have a long shelf life—and have no fat and few calories.

Fresh, in-season fruit or a green salad is easy to prepare and delicious to eat when topped with one of these smooth and creamy dressings. And fill up on nutrients as you enjoy this healthy frozen berry custard. The dressings and the frozen custard are made with a tofu base. Aseptically packaged tofu products can provide a healthful alternative to other ingredients. Soy (in beverages or tofu) is a complete protein that actually helps lower cholesterol levels. Thanks to the aseptic process and package, additive- and preservative-free soy in its many forms can be kept in the cupboard, unrefrigerated, for six months or more.



Clockwise from top: Red, White and Blue Savory Potato Salad, Soy-Good Zesty Salad Dressing, Southwest Potato Salad and Green-Eyed Monster Burger

### Green-Eyed Monster Burgers

- 2 pounds lean ground beef
- 30 to 40 dill pickle chips
- 1/2 cup aseptically packaged tomatoes (optional)

Divide ground beef into 12 thin patties. Arrange 2 to 3 dill pickle chips and a spoonful of aseptically packaged tomatoes in the center of six patties; cover with remaining patties and seal edges well. Grill or pan-fry 5 to 6 minutes per side. Top with pickle eyes and pickled red pepper mouth. Serve on toasted hamburger buns. Serves 6.

### Red, White and Blue Savory Potato Salad

- 6 large red potatoes, unpeeled
  - 6 slices maple smoked bacon
  - 4 hard-boiled eggs, peeled
  - 4 small green onions, thinly sliced
  - 1/2 cup blue cheese crumbles
- Dressing**
- 1-1/2 cups mayonnaise
  - 1/3 cup minced bread & butter pickles
  - 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
  - 2 tablespoons reserved bacon drippings
  - 1 tablespoon prepared mustard
  - 1/4 teaspoon celery seed (ground or whole)
  - 1/4 teaspoon hot sauce
  - 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt

In large pot of salted boiling water, cook potatoes until fork tender. Drain; set aside. Cook and crumble bacon, reserving 2 tablespoons drippings. Set aside. In medium bowl, stir together all dressing ingredients; if thinner dressing is desired, add small amounts of liquid from pickle jar.

While potatoes are still warm, cut into small chunks. In deep glass bowl, layer 1/3 potatoes, eggs and onions. Top each layer with 1/3 portion of dressing. Repeat two more times ending with dressing. Top with crumbled bacon and blue cheese. Serves 8 to 10.

### Southwest Potato Salad

- 6 cups cooked, peeled and cubed potatoes
- 1-1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
- 2/3 cup chopped sweet pickled peppers
- 1/2 cup sliced celery
- 1/3 cup sliced green onions
- 3 tablespoons fresh minced cilantro
- 3/4 cup ranch-style salad dressing
- 1/2 cup salsa
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

In a large bowl, combine potatoes, cheese, beans, sweet pickled peppers, celery, onions and cilantro. In a small bowl, combine salad dressing, salsa and salt. Pour dressing over potato mixture and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Serves 12 to 16.

### Soy-Good Zesty Salad Dressing

- 1-1/2 cups aseptically packaged silken tofu
- 1/2 cup aseptically packaged plain soy beverage
- 1/2 cup aseptically packaged chopped tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon chopped pickled jalapeño peppers
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh cilantro or parsley
- 2 teaspoons minced carrot
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic

Place silken tofu and soy beverage in blender; process until smooth. Pour into nonreactive (glass or plastic) bowl. Add remaining ingredients; mix until combined. Chill at least one hour before serving. Use as a creamy salad dressing or as a dip for crunchy vegetables. Yield: 2 cups.

### Summertime Fruit Dip

- 1 cup aseptically packaged silken tofu
- 1/4 cup aseptically packaged soy creamer
- 2 ripe bananas
- 1/2 cup fresh or frozen, thawed berries
- 2 tablespoons aseptically packaged orange juice
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Place tofu, creamer, bananas and berries in a blender or food processor and process until smooth. Add orange juice and vanilla and mix only until combined. Chill for at least one hour prior to serving. Use as a dipping sauce for fruit or sweet crackers, as a dressing for fruit salad or melon cubes, as a cake topping or as a topping for baked or grilled sweet potatoes. Yield: 2 cups.

### Three Berry Frozen Tofu Custard

- 3 cups aseptically packaged silken tofu
- 1/4 cup fresh or frozen, thawed blueberries
- 1/4 cup fresh or frozen, thawed raspberries
- 1/4 cup fresh or frozen, thawed strawberries
- 2 tablespoons sugar or to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Place all ingredients in blender or food processor. Process until smooth and blended. Pour into 1-quart bowl or individual dessert cups. Freeze at least 2 hours, stirring once after one hour. Serve frozen. Makes about 3-1/2 cups or seven 1/2-cup servings.

## COOL TIPS

- Fill a galvanized steel pail with frozen, single-serve size aseptically packaged beverages for a day-long supply of frosty, refreshing, healthy picnic drinks.
- Add crunch, color and a punch of flavor to many favorite warm-weather dishes, including potato, tuna and chicken salads by stirring in diced pickles or pickled peppers.
- Substitute frozen aseptically packaged 100% juice drinks for ice cubes in your glass, the punch bowl or as a substitute for ice in your favorite frozen drink recipe. Just pour into ice trays and freeze.
- Use the leftover juice from pickles, pickled peppers and sauerkraut to marinate foods for the grill.
- Pour aseptically packaged beverages into ice cube trays, cover tray with plastic wrap and stick toothpicks or craft sticks through the wrap into the beverage to create a healthy frozen treat.
- Insert a popsicle stick into a chilled whole dill pickle for a hand-held "Chilly Dilly." Or, cut open a pickled pepperoncini pepper and stuff with a strip of Monterey Jack or cheddar cheese.

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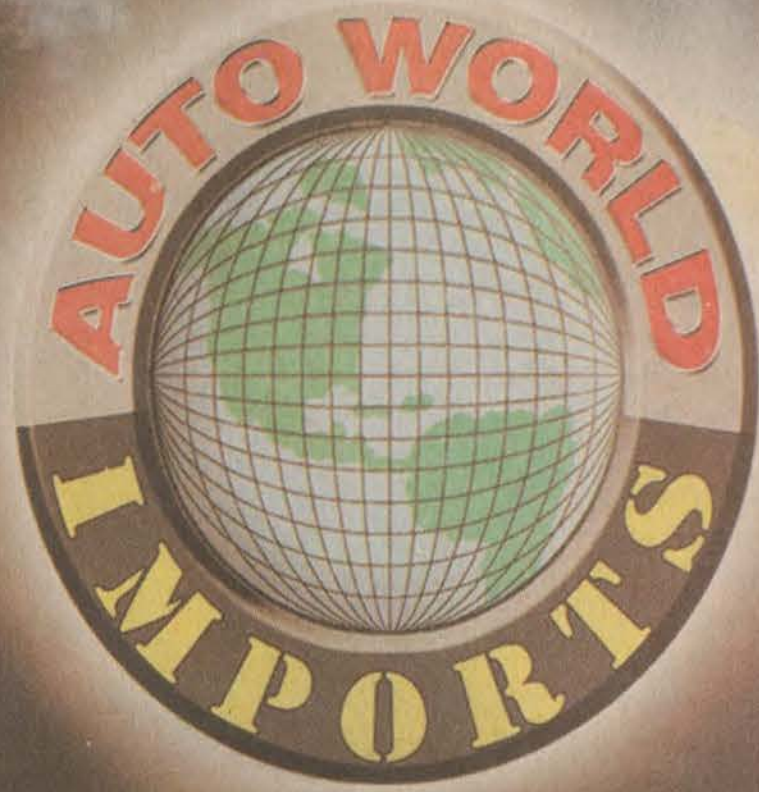
For more potato salad recipes, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-sized envelope to: "Pickles Make the Potato Salad" at PPI; c/o DHM Group, Inc.; P.O. Box 767; Dept. FF; Holmdel, NJ 07733 or visit [www.ilovepickles.org](http://www.ilovepickles.org).

For additional recipes and ideas using aseptically packaged products, visit the Aseptic Packaging Council at [www.aseptic.org](http://www.aseptic.org) or write to them at P.O. Box 3794; Washington, D.C. 20007.

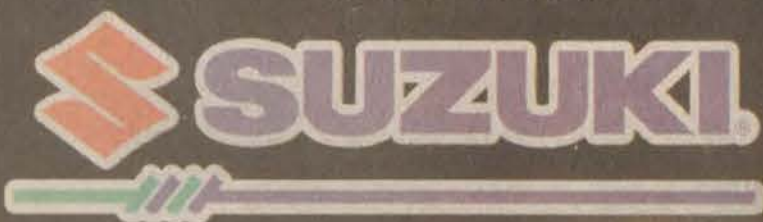


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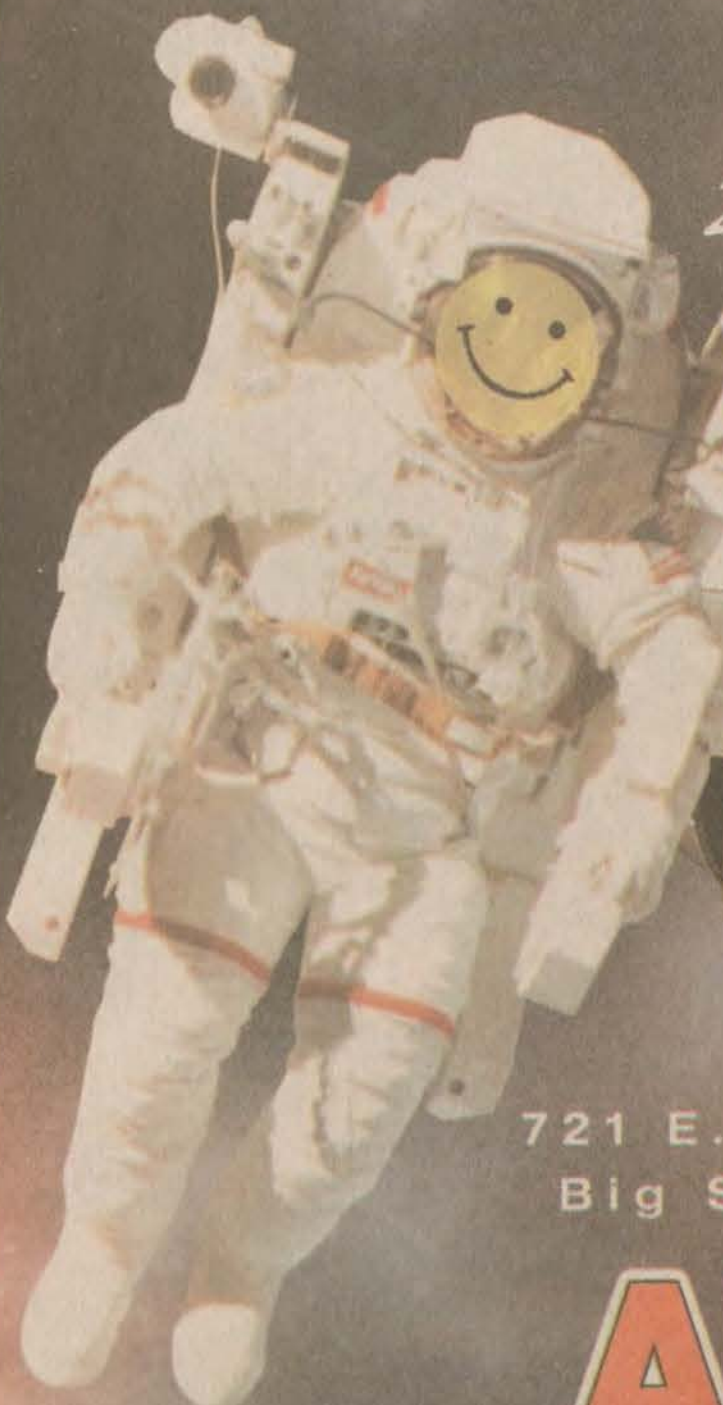
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## Williams named assistant commissioner; Cope promoted

"We get a great deal of input from our member schools and he will provide additional insight from the school-administrators' perspective."

— said DeVries

**SPECIAL TO THE TIMES**

LEXINGTON — Bardstown High School Athletic Director Roland Williams has been hired as an Assistant Commissioner with the Kentucky High School Athletic Association,

KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries has announced. Williams fills the vacancy created with the naming of DeVries, formerly Executive Assistant Commissioner, to the Commissioner's role earlier this month.

Williams comes to the Association with over 29 years of experience in high school athletics, the last 12 as Athletic Director for Bardstown. He has previously served on the KHSAA Board of Control, including serving as president 2000-01;

worked with the Kentucky Coaches Education Program, the Kentucky High School Athletic Directors Association, the Fifth Region Coaches Association and other professional organizations.

In addition to his adminis-

tration experience in athletics, Williams has coached, officiated and participated in a variety of sports at the interscholastic level. He also served as fast-pitch softball

(See NAMED, page three)

**Awareness**

### Study: Heat football's worst risk

by MARGARET LILLARD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH, N.C. — Heat-related football deaths at all levels have steadily increased, replacing direct fatal injuries as the sport's biggest on-field safety concern.

Eight football players died nationwide last year due to injuries, while another three died from heatstroke, according to a study released yesterday by the University of North Carolina. Twelve more deaths were due to natural causes aggravated by exercise, such as a heart attack.

The number of injury deaths reflected a substantial drop since stricter rules about tackling and blocking were enacted in the mid-1970s, when fatalities regularly reached double digits.

(See STUDY, page three)

**College Football**

### Herd caravan concludes with Huntington Mall stop

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Marshall University's Football Ticket Caravan will be at the Huntington Mall on Sunday, July 28, between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Head coach Bob Pruett, selected members of Marshall University's football team, and athletic department staff will be on hand distributing posters, schedule cards, ticket information, and signing autographs.

Sunday's Huntington Mall stop will be the last ticket caravan stop of the year. The highly successful Marshall Ticket caravan has helped MU reach the 12,000 season tickets-sold mark faster than ever before. Marshall has sold more than 12,100 season tickets to date.

**Fishing**

### The art and science of landing fish

by STEVE VANTREESE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — Murphy's law for fishermen maintains that if something can go wrong while landing a fish, it will — and while battling the biggest fish of the day.

Tales of "the one that got away" are common among Kentucky anglers because bigger fish put a greater strain on tackle and more stress on the fishermen, revealing flaws in equipment and tactics.

A fisherman can cut his losses of hooked fish beginning with tackle preparation. Fresh line of an appropriate size for the species sought

(See FISH, page three)

## NASCAR FEVER 2002



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Dale Jarrett heads in as the favorite in today's Winston Cup race.

# JARRETT A FAVORITE AT POCONO

"I don't think you could pick anybody anywhere," Jarrett said. "But if it plays out green for a long period of time towards the end, then you're going to see the better race cars up front."

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

LONG POND, Pa. — Dale Jarrett is glad to be back at Pocono Raceway.

"It's been kind of a place that when we've been struggling we can always say, 'Good, we're coming to Pocono,'" he said. "We know we have a chance."

That's precisely the way it worked out last month. Jarrett was poised to finish second

when teammate Ricky Rudd developed a tire problem and fell out of the lead with just five laps to go in the Pocono 500.

Jarrett took advantage and booked his third victory on the mountaintop. A win Sunday in the Pennsylvania 500 would match the record shared by four drivers for the most in a career on the 2 1/2-mile triangular track.

History and the power of

the Robert Yates Racing Fords makes Jarrett one of the favorites. But NASCAR is more competitive than ever, and 13 drivers have won in the first 19 Winston Cup events.

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(See JARRETT, page three)



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The debate over the 15th Region Tournament format continues.

### Furthering the discussion of the regional tournament format

REGIONAL — Since girls' basketball was reborn on the high school level in the 1970s, we in the 15th Region had cruised along making only minimal adjustments in our tournament formats.

Generally, the only time changes were made was when the girls' tournament would be played before the boys' event, which would result in the females needing

(See TOURNAMENT, page three)



RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

**BASEBALL**

## East Kentucky Stars local players

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — The East Kentucky Stars U16 baseball team has best busy this summer by playing the sport for which so

many childhood dreams are made of. East Kentucky began play back in May, and since that time has played games against in and out of state opponents,

(See STARS, page three)



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The 2002 edition of the Prestonsburg Blackcats will take the field for Media Day activities today at 7 p.m.



# SPORTSBOARD

## MLB Baseball Standings

| NATIONAL LEAGUE                           |    |    |      |        | AMERICAN LEAGUE                      |    |    |      |        |
|---|----|----|------|--------|--------------------------------------|----|----|------|--------|
| East Division                             |    |    |      |        | East Division                        |    |    |      |        |
|   | W  | L  | Pct  | GB     |                                      | W  | L  | Pct  | GB     |
| Atlanta                                   | 66 | 36 | .647 | —      | New York                             | 63 | 37 | .630 | —      |
| New York                                  | 52 | 49 | .515 | 13 1/2 | Boston                               | 59 | 41 | .590 | 4      |
| Florida                                   | 50 | 52 | .490 | 16     | Baltimore                            | 47 | 51 | .480 | 15     |
| Montreal                                  | 50 | 52 | .490 | 16     | Toronto                              | 44 | 55 | .444 | 18 1/2 |
| Philadelphia                              | 47 | 54 | .465 | 18 1/2 | Tampa Bay                            | 32 | 68 | .320 | 31     |
| Central Division                          |    |    |      |        | Central Division                     |    |    |      |        |
|   | W  | L  | Pct  | GB     |                                      | W  | L  | Pct  | GB     |
| St. Louis                                 | 56 | 43 | .566 | —      | Minnesota                            | 61 | 42 | .592 | —      |
| Cincinnati                                | 53 | 48 | .525 | 4      | Chicago                              | 47 | 56 | .456 | 14     |
| Houston                                   | 50 | 51 | .495 | 7      | Cleveland                            | 44 | 56 | .440 | 15 1/2 |
| Pittsburgh                                | 47 | 55 | .461 | 10 1/2 | Kansas City                          | 43 | 58 | .426 | 17     |
| Chicago                                   | 43 | 57 | .430 | 13 1/2 | Detroit                              | 38 | 62 | .380 | 21 1/2 |
| Milwaukee                                 | 35 | 67 | .343 | 22 1/2 | West Division                        |    |    |      |        |
|   | W  | L  | Pct  | GB     |                                      | W  | L  | Pct  | GB     |
| Arizona                                   | 61 | 41 | .598 | —      | Seattle                              | 62 | 40 | .608 | —      |
| Los Angeles                               | 57 | 45 | .559 | 4      | Anaheim                              | 60 | 40 | .600 | 1      |
| San Francisco                             | 57 | 45 | .559 | 4      | Oakland                              | 59 | 43 | .578 | 3      |
| Colorado                                  | 48 | 54 | .471 | 13     | Texas                                | 42 | 59 | .416 | 19 1/2 |
| San Diego                                 | 43 | 59 | .422 | 18     | Thursday's Games                     |    |    |      |        |
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| Philadelphia 6, Chicago Cubs 2            |    |    |      |        | Detroit 5, Kansas City 2             |    |    |      |        |
| St. Louis 4, San Francisco 3              |    |    |      |        | Anaheim 5, Oakland 4                 |    |    |      |        |
| Houston 8, Pittsburgh 0                   |    |    |      |        | Boston 6, Tampa Bay 0                |    |    |      |        |
| Arizona 10, San Diego 0                   |    |    |      |        | Seattle 7, Texas 2                   |    |    |      |        |
| Florida 3, Montreal 2                     |    |    |      |        | Friday's Games                       |    |    |      |        |
| Saturday's Games                          |    |    |      |        | Saturday's Games                     |    |    |      |        |
| Philadelphia (Roa 0-0)                    |    |    |      |        | Baltimore at Boston, 1:05 p.m.       |    |    |      |        |
| at Atlanta (Maddux 9-3), 1:05 p.m.        |    |    |      |        | Detroit at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.      |    |    |      |        |
| Cincinnati (Fernandez 7-1)                |    |    |      |        | N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 1:15 p.m. |    |    |      |        |
| at N.Y. Mets (Laiter 9-8), 1:15 p.m.      |    |    |      |        | Toronto at Minnesota, 2:05 p.m.      |    |    |      |        |
| Chicago Cubs (Wood 8-5)                   |    |    |      |        | Oakland at Tampa Bay, 1:15 p.m.      |    |    |      |        |
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| San Diego (Lawrence 9-5)                  |    |    |      |        | Oakland at Tampa Bay, 1:15 p.m.      |    |    |      |        |
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| Florida (Burnett 9-7)                     |    |    |      |        | Oakland at Texas, 8:05 p.m.          |    |    |      |        |
| at Montreal (Ohka 8-5), 7:05 p.m.         |    |    |      |        | Oakland at Texas, 8:05 p.m.          |    |    |      |        |
| Colorado (Jennings 10-5)                  |    |    |      |        | Oakland at Texas, 8:05 p.m.          |    |    |      |        |
| at Milwaukee (Sheets 4-12), 7:05 p.m.     |    |    |      |        | Oakland at Texas, 8:05 p.m.          |    |    |      |        |
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## Briefs

### BASEBALL

**NEW YORK** — Major league baseball umpires threatened more legal action against owners over management's insistence that union representatives leave dressing rooms 30 minutes before games begin.

**ANAHEIM, Calif.** — Second baseman Ray Durham, the subject of recent trade rumors, was finally dealt by the Chicago White Sox to the Oakland Athletics for Triple-A pitcher Jon Adkins.

**DETROIT** — Outfielder Hiram Bocachica was traded from the Los Angeles Dodgers to the Detroit Tigers for minor league pitcher Tom Farmer and a player to be named.

**NEW YORK** — Nine representatives of publicly owned ballparks used by major league teams urged players and owners to solve their labor dispute without a work stoppage.

### CYCLING

**CLUSES, France** — Italian rider Dario Frigo won the 17th stage of the Tour de France, while Lance Armstrong kept the overall leader's yellow jersey and remained almost certain to take a fourth straight title on Sunday.

The leg was the last of the grueling mountain stages. The remaining three legs are easier and give rivals almost no opportunity to cut Armstrong's big lead of 5 minutes, 6 seconds.

The Texan finished the 88-mile stage from Aime to Cluses in 24th place, 4 minutes, 36 seconds behind Frigo, who clocked 4:02:27.

### SOCCER

**LOS ANGELES** — Defending champion Andre Agassi needed just 54 minutes to defeat Robby Ginepri 6-3, 6-1 at the Mercedes-Benz Cup.

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### HORSE RACING

**MIAMI** — A New Mexico thoroughbred owner, Kelly Winter, of Albuquerque, faces 10 years in federal prison after being convicted of conspiracy, mail fraud, wire fraud and interstate transportation of a counterfeit foal certificate. Winter helped falsify documents to enter

a horse under another horse's name in a maiden race at Calder Race Course.

### GOLF

**SILVIS, Ill.** — Mike Heinen, trying to regain full PGA Tour membership, shot an 8-under-par 63 to take a one-stroke lead over Fred Funk in the John Deere Classic at Deere Run.

**NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y.** — Kathryn Marshall and Minny Yeo shot 3-under 68s to share the first-round lead in the Big Apple Classic.

**HILVERSUM, Netherlands** — Tobias Dier matched the PGA European Tour record with a 10-under 60 to take a five-stroke lead in the Dutch Open. Dier had 10 birdies in his bogey-free round, the 10th 60 in European tour history.

**NEWCASTLE, Northern Ireland** — Noboru Sugai shot a 4-under 67 to take a one-stroke lead over Russell Weir after the first round of the Senior British Open.

### FOOTBALL

**CARLISLE, Pa.** — Five children were kicked out of the Washington Redskins practice area for selling drinks and cookies to fans going to see the team practice.

During the first two days of training camp, the children said they made \$112 from their stand at the public entrance to Biddele Field. But then security guards told them to leave after vendors inside the stadium complained.

### HOCKEY

**BUFFALO, N.Y.** — Five groups are interested in buying the NHL's Sabres and keeping them in Buffalo, commissioner Gary Bettman said, a day after the team's outgoing owner was arrested on fraud charges.

Bettman did not identify the potential ownership groups. John Rigas and two sons were arrested in connection with the financial meltdown of Adelphia Communications.

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

**DENVER** — An Olympic moguls skier who wants to play football for the University of Colorado sued the NCAA, saying it unfairly restricted his ability to continue skiing professionally.

In the lawsuit filed in Boulder County District Court, Bloom argues that if he plays for the Buffaloes this year, he would be forced to give up professional skiing, a modeling contract and a developing acting career because of the NCAA's interpretation of its regulations.

### BASKETBALL

**PHILADELPHIA** — The Philadelphia 76ers signed Dallas guard Greg Buckner and Orlando forward Monty Williams.

### OLYMPICS

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.** — Three candidates for U.S. Olympic Committee president have cleared an ethics review.

The USOC Executive Committee will hold a special meeting Monday in Chicago for interim president Mary Mankmyer, Boston lawyer Paul George and Olympic silver medal rower Larry Hough to determine a single nominee.

The Hall of Fame game also will mark the debut of John Madden as the new analyst on ABC's NFL Monday Night Football.

On Thursday night, Aug. 8, the Buccaneers will host the Florida- rival Miami Dolphins in Gruden's debut as Tampa Bay's head coach. Gruden led the Oakland Raiders to division championships in each of the past two seasons.

## Complete 2002 NFL preseason schedule

**Saturday, Aug. 3**  
 ■ American Bowl, Osaka, Japan  
 ■ Washington vs. San Francisco, 10 p.m.

**Monday, Aug. 5**  
 ■ Pro Football Hall of Fame Game, Canton, Ohio  
 ■ Houston vs. N.Y. Giants, 8 p.m.

### PRESEASON WEEK 1

**Thursday, Aug. 8**  
 ■ N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 9**  
 ■ Cincinnati at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.  
 ■ Jacksonville at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
 ■ Detroit at Baltimore, 8 p.m.  
 ■ Oakland at Dallas, 9 p.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 10**  
 ■ Green Bay at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.  
 ■ Cleveland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
 ■ Denver at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
 ■ Houston at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
 ■ New England at N.Y. Giants, 8 p.m.  
 ■ St. Louis at Tennessee, 8 p.m.  
 ■ Washington at Carolina, 8 p.m.  
 ■ Kansas City at San Francisco, 9 p.m.  
 ■ Arizona at San Diego, 10 p.m.  
 ■ Indianapolis at Seattle, 10 p.m.

**Monday, Aug. 12**  
 ■ Miami at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

### PRESEASON WEEK 2

**Thursday, Aug. 15**  
 ■ New Orleans at Miami, 7 p.m.  
 ■ N.Y. Jets at Baltimore, 8 p.m.  
 ■ Oakland at Tennessee, 8 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 16**  
 ■ Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.  
 ■ Minnesota at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.  
 ■ Chicago at St. Louis, 8 p.m.  
 ■ Seattle at San Diego, 11 p.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 17**  
 ■ N.Y. Giants at Atlanta, 4 p.m.  
 ■ Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 7 p.m.  
 ■ Dallas at Carolina, 8 p.m.  
 ■ Detroit at Cleveland, 8 p.m.  
 ■ Philadelphia at New England, 8 p.m.

**Sunday, Aug. 18**  
 ■ Pittsburgh at Washington, 8:00 p.m.

**Monday, Aug. 19**  
 ■ San Francisco at Denver, 8:00 p.m.

### PRESEASON WEEK 3

**Thursday, Aug. 22**  
 ■ San Diego at St. Louis, 9 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 23**  
 ■ Baltimore at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.  
 ■ Carolina at New England, 8 p.m.  
 ■ Jacksonville at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
 ■ Tennessee at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 24**  
 ■ Pittsburgh at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.  
 ■ Buffalo at Indianapolis, 7 p.m.  
 ■ New Orleans at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.

- Atlanta at Dallas, 8 p.m.
- Miami at Houston, 8 p.m.
- N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, 8 p.m.
- Washington at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
- Denver at Arizona, 9 p.m.
- San Francisco at Oakland, 9 p.m.
- Kansas City at Seattle, 10 p.m.

**Monday, Aug. 26**  
 ■ Cleveland at Green Bay, 8 p.m.

### PRESEASON WEEK 4

**Wednesday, Aug. 28**  
 ■ San Diego at San Francisco, 9 p.m.

**Thursday, Aug. 29**  
 ■ Chicago at Miami, 7 p.m.  
 ■ Atlanta at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.  
 ■ Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.  
 ■ Baltimore at N.Y. Giants, 8 p.m.  
 ■ Buffalo at Detroit, 8 p.m.  
 ■ Dallas at Jacksonville, 8 p.m.  
 ■ New England at Washington, 8 p.m.  
 ■ Arizona at Oakland, 9 p.m.  
 ■ Seattle at Denver, 9 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 30**  
 ■ Indianapolis at New Orleans, 7 p.m.  
 ■ Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, 7:30 p.m.  
 ■ Carolina at Cleveland, 8 p.m.  
 ■ Tampa Bay at Houston, 8 p.m.  
 ■ Tennessee at Green Bay, 8 p.m.  
 ■ St. Louis at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

## Transactions

### BASEBALL

**American League**

**BALTIMORE ORIOLES**—Announced 1B-OF Chris Richard has not been activated from the 60-day disabled list. Recalled INF Brian Roberts from Rochester of the International League. Sent OF Luis Matos to Bowie of the Eastern League.

**DETROIT TIGERS**—Agreed to terms with OF Robbie Sovie and RHP Troy Pickford. Optioned RHP Fernando Rodney to Toledo of the International League. Recalled RHP Brian Powell. Acquired INF Hiram Bocachica from Los Angeles for RHP Tom Farmer and a player to be named.

**KANSAS CITY ROYALS**—Fired Bob Hegman, director of minor league operations.

**OAKLAND ATHLETICS**—Acquired 2B Ray Durham from the Chicago White Sox for RHP Jon Adkins.

**National League**

**HOUSTON ASTROS**—Activated RHP Dave Milcki from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Tim Redding to New Orleans of the PCL.

**SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**—Placed OF Tsuyoshi Shinjo on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled OF Tony Torcato from Fresno of the PCL.

### BASKETBALL

**National Basketball Association**

**MILWAUKEE BUCKS**—Announced the resignation of Terry Stotts, assistant coach.

**PHILADELPHIA 76ERS**—Signed G Greg Buckner and F Monty Williams.

**UTAH JAZZ**—Signed G Calbert Cheaney.

### FOOTBALL

**National Football League**

**ARIZONA CARDINALS**—Agreed to terms with QB Josh McCown on a four-year contract.

**ATLANTA FALCONS**—Placed DE Shane Dronett on injured reserve.

**BUFFALO BILLS**—Signed WR Josh Reed to a four-year contract. Waived WR Reggie Germany and WR Clarence Coleman.

Placed OL Jerry Ostroski and TE Jay Riemersma on the physically unable to perform list and QB David Dinkins on the non-football injury list.

**CINCINNATI BENGALS**—Agreed to terms with T Levi Jones on a five-year contract and DB Lamont Thompson on a four-year contract.

### DALLAS COWBOYS

—Agreed to terms with FB Jamar Martin and CB Pete Hunter.

**DENVER BRONCOS**—Agreed to terms with PK Jason Elam on a one-year contract and WR Walker Lile and RB Clinton Portis.

**DETROIT LIONS**—Signed WR Kevin McKenzie. Released WR Latif Grim.

Announced the retirement of FB Brock Olivo. Placed LB Brian Williams and DT Shaun Rogers on the physically unable to perform list. Activated WR-KR Desmond Howard from the physically unable to perform list.

**JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS**—Signed DT John Henderson to a five-year contract.

**MIAMI DOLPHINS**—Waived WR Joey Getherall and WR Shawn Terry. Signed DB Omare Lowe, WR Sam Simmons and RB Leonard Henry to three-year contracts and TE Randy McMichael to a four-year contract.

**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS**—Signed DL Bernard Holsey. Released DL Chris Sullivan.

**NEW ORLEANS SAINTS**—Agreed to terms with S Mel Mitchell, QB J.T. O'Sullivan and DE Demius Monroe on three-year contracts.

**NEW YORK GIANTS**—Signed QB Jason Garrett and WR Tim Carter.

**NEW YORK JETS**—Signed DT Alan Harper.

**OAKLAND RAIDERS**—Signed RB Larry Ned. Agreed to terms with CB Phillip Buchanon on a five-year contract.

**PHILADELPHIA EAGLES**—Signed DB Sheldon Brown to a five-year contract.

**PITTSBURGH STEELERS**—Agreed to terms with OL Kendall Simmons on a six-year contract. Placed QB Charlie Batch, TE Mark Bruener and LB Pernell Griffin on the physically unable to perform list.

**SEATTLE SEAHAWKS**—Signed RB Maurice Morris, DE Arnton Palepoi, CB Kris Richard, S Terreal Bierria, TE Ryan Hannam, T Matt Hill and P Craig Jarrett.

**TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS**—Agreed to terms with OT Lomas Brown on a one-year contract. Signed TE Todd Yoder and K Rob Hart to one-year contracts.

**TENNESSEE TITANS**—Released LB Antuan Bradford. Placed CB Mike Echols on the active physically unable to perform list and Orlando Iglesias on the non-football injury list.

### HOCKEY

**National Hockey League**

**ATLANTA THRASHERS**—Re-signed F Patrik Stefan to a two-year contract.

**BUFFALO SABRES**—Re-signed D James Patrick to a two-year contract.

**COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS**—Signed Gary Agnew, coach of Syracuse of the AHL, and Ross Yates, assistant coach of Syracuse, to contract extensions through the 2003-04 season.

**LOS ANGELES KINGS**—Agreed to terms with F Michael Cammalleri on a multiyear contract.

### Running

**Frustration, Homesickness, Burnout Led Runner to Turning Pro**

by JEFF PASSAN  
 THE WASHINGTON POST

For Alan Webb, the Mount San Antonio College Relays last April had the potential to be a noteworthy day. Webb had returned from the nagging Achilles' tendonitis that kept him out of indoor competition at the University of Michigan and even talked about running a blazing 3-minute 38-second time in the 1,500-meter race.

Instead Webb, who became a national celebrity after running a schoolboy-record 3:53.43 mile as a senior at Reston, Va., South Lakes High School in 2001, finished ninth in 3:44.74. His teammates and coaches at Michigan called the meet the peak of Webb's frustration in a year marked by injury

and disappointment.

Two months later, Webb left Michigan and turned professional.

Webb, 19, has declined to comment about his year at Michigan or his decision to turn professional. But teammates and coaches say that as Webb's year at Michigan wore on, the freshman withdrew from teammates, found solace in the words of his high school coach and left Ann Arbor with a combination of frustration, homesickness and burnout.

"He looked at his 3:53 and said, 'I'm already the fastest guy in the NCAA,'" said author Chris Lear, who shadowed the Michigan track team from January to June for a book. "He was looking for that coronation so he could say, 'I'm ready for the next level.' I don't think anyone expected him to struggle like he did."

Webb started his college career facing high expectations, and they stayed high throughout the fall. Shortly after arriving in Ann Arbor, Webb and the team were whisked to camp in Glen Arbor, Mich.

There, five hours from campus, the Wolverine runners got their first look at Webb. His upper body, strong and toned; his face, frozen in determination; and his legs kicking at an otherworldly pace.

"He was leading the workouts," said Ron Warhurst, Michigan's coach for the past 28 years. "Every one of them... He was more advanced than any other freshman I'd had in my career. He was even more advanced than anyone on the team," including all-American seniors Mike Wisniewski and Mark Pilja.

"Your gut reaction is to be in awe of the fact that you're running with someone who's famous," Pilja said. "It's like a basketball player finding out Michael Jordan is coming to your team. He just became one of the guys right away. You wouldn't know he was Alan Webb, the high school star."

On Oct. 14, Michigan charged \$4 to watch its lone home meet—the first time the school charged for a cross-country meet. Webb won. He then blew away the field at the Big Ten championships, placed second in the Great Lakes regional meet and 11th at the NCAA meet, good enough to earn all-American honors.

Webb wasn't the best in the nation, but he was close, and being a bridesmaid in his second sport, cross-country, sat well with him, teammate Tom Greenless said.

But Webb's successful fall turned into a frustrating winter because of an injury he suffered while training for indoor track season on Dec. 15.

As he ran hills in Ann Arbor, his right foot landed strangely. He had injured his Achilles' tendon. Give it a couple weeks, Warhurst told him, and you'll be fine.

But the tendonitis lingered. Webb's desire to run grew. A month went by, then six weeks. Eventually, Webb decided to redshirt the indoor season.

"There was some separation from the team" after the injury, Stanko said. "He totally worried about himself. Didn't worry about the team. He would go off and do his own thing. During the fall, he loved being around the guys. He was really having a great time. That was reinforced because he was running well."

Said Pilja, "He was getting upset his injury wasn't healing fast enough. That was the first hint you could sense he wasn't altogether happy with things."

Webb's first race after the injury was the 1,500 at Mount San Antonio College in California—and he talked about running a 3:38 there, Pilja said. He was ninth, and six days later, he finished ninth again as part of Michigan's distance medley team at the Penn Relays. He posted the second-best time in his leg of the race with a 3:59.82 mile, but it wasn't enough to lift the Wolverines.

After the season, Webb said he fought homesickness all year long. Others say more was bothering him.

Warhurst also said another struggle developed in the spring—one between him and Scott Raczko, Webb's high school coach. Raczko would call Webb's dorm room two to three times a week, sources said. In local running circles, the sources said, Raczko would call Webb "my guy," indicating their runner-coach relationship still existed. Raczko denies doing so.

Warhurst said he felt his authority being undermined. Raczko said, "We had a great relationship with Ron Warhurst and felt very comfortable with Alan going there."

The two coaches said they agreed that they would wean Webb off Raczko. Webb could continue to train using the personalized workouts he adopted with Raczko, but tips, tricks and advice were Warhurst's domain.

But by April, Warhurst, 58, felt the plan wasn't working. Raczko was still the coach who led Webb to the 3:53, and because of that and perhaps his age (30), he was a more natural confidant. By late April, Warhurst felt he had to issue an ultimatum.

"I said to him, 'If you think your high school coach can coach you better than I can, we're wasting our time,'" Warhurst said. "You can't serve two masters. Either you have to buy into the program or not."



# Reds pick up Bob Boone's contract option

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Bob Boone will get to manage the Cincinnati Reds in their new ballpark.

The Reds picked up the option on Boone's contract Tuesday, giving him a chance to lead the transition to the Great American Ball Park next season.

The additional year was a reward for the Reds' unexpected success in the National League Central Division. The tight-budget club led the division for 51 days earlier this season and was 4 1/2 games behind St. Louis on Tuesday.

"Not many people expected out of spring training that the Reds

would be in a pennant race as we enter August," general manager Jim Bowden said.

Boone, 54, got the job on Nov. 3, 2000, after Jack McKeon was fired and Ron Oester turned it down amid controversy. Oester said Bowden had told him to hold out for more money — an accusation the general manager denied.

Instead, the Reds offered Boone a two-year contract with an option for 2003. He didn't care that he was among the lowest-paid managers in the majors — Boone made \$300,000 and \$350,000 in the first two years and will get \$400,000 next year.

After a stormy two-year stay as the Kansas City Royals' manager in 1989 and 1990, Boone just

wanted to manage again. After his first season in Cincinnati, it appeared he wouldn't last long there, either.

The Reds lost 96 games for only the fifth time in franchise history. They lost a franchise-record 54 at home and Boone was criticized by fans for overmanaging.

Things have gone much better the second time around, even though Ken Griffey Jr. again has been sidelined by injuries for most of the season.

"He deserves it," Griffey said. "He's done a great job and he should be rewarded with another year. At the beginning of the year, he was on the hot seat list. His only rules are you come here and you play hard. That's it. He lets

everything else take care of itself."

McKeon was the NL manager of the year in 1999, when he led the Reds to a wild-card playoff game against the Mets. But some of the team's stars didn't like his laid-back approach, and he was given only a one-year extension through 2000. Griffey's first season in Cincinnati.

Boone, who played 19 seasons in the majors as a catcher, has a little more security than McKeon, but not much.

"He's been great," shortstop Barry Larkin said. "I'm happy to see that. Some stability is important in that position. It will be nice to go into the off-season knowing he's going to be here. It makes

everybody more comfortable."

Perhaps the most uncomfortable thing for Boone has been managing his son, Aaron, who struggled offensively but stayed at third base in the first half of the season while other slumping hitters got time off.

"I think, to a man, everybody in this clubhouse respects him," Aaron Boone said. "With all that's

been going on, to have us in this position speaks loudly for him."

Players like the way Bob Boone handles their mistakes by pointing them out without singling them out.

"Oh, he gets hot, but he doesn't show you up," outfielder Adam Dunn said. "Of course, if we have any problems with him, we just beat the tar out of Aaron."

## Fishing

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and the waters worked should be spooled on his reel.

A secure knot connecting lure or terminal tackle is mandatory. The line should be inspected regularly during the fishing day to detect wear from abrasion.

The drag on the reel should be adjusted for optimum performance before hooking a fish. The built-in slippage should be set to provide the resistance needed for setting the hook and turning a fish, but it must have enough give to allow a run or sudden burst of power from a fish without snapping the line.

When a fish strikes a lure or takes a bait, the angler must act to ensure a solid hookup. If fishing bait with an exposed hook for a big Kentucky catfish or striped bass, or an exposed jig hook for a smallmouth or walleye, a firm pull may be adequate.

If it's driving a hook through plastic worm to get to the jaw of a largemouth bass, however, the angler may need a hard, fast sweep to deliver the point. When using a rig where hook-setting is more difficult, a second or third setting motion may be advisable for a past-the-barb hold.

The amount of pressure a fisherman puts on his prospective catch depends on the fish and its environment. A whopper largemouth bass that is hooked amid wood cover must be quickly wrestled away from the snaggy stuff to prevent a fish from

wrapping up the line.

With all species, a rule of thumb is to constantly maintain at least some rod pressure, avoiding a slack line that would raise the odds of a loose hook coming "unbuttoned." On slack line, a hook might simply fall out of the hole.

In the case of black bass, another challenge for the fisherman is to hang on when a fish goes airborne. Largemouth, smallmouth and Kentucky spotted bass all tend to jump clear of the water in attempts to throw the hook.

To some fishermen, the leap of a good fish is coveted. It may be the biggest thrill of the day, although it may be that fish's best ploy to part with the hook. Some anglers prefer to reduce rod pressure during a jump — "bowing to the fish" — to prevent it from tearing free with a head-shaking motion.

Others may opt for light pressure during a jump, maintaining the notion that a totally slack line will increase chances of a lure being shaken loose.

For best results, "play" a hooked whopper as long as is necessary — but only that long. That is, a fish that hasn't tired enough will tend to be too rambunctious at boat-side to be landed. Force one in too quickly and its remaining strength will be multiplied on a short line and increase the chances of it tearing loose or breaking the line at close range.

## Tournament

finishing up before the guys.

For the most part, that was it. Until a couple of years ago.

Now it seems to be an ever-evolving process.

Last week's meeting of the 15th Region Policy Board brought even more changes, and for the first time since the tinkering began, I'm afraid we've hit on a clunker.

We began noticing the changes before the 2001 tournaments when it was decided the boys and girls would play their events at the same site. In an effort to squeeze them into one week, we had two sessions lasting three games each, and that wasn't fun for anybody.

So before last March's tournament, it was decided we'd play no more than two games per night. On Saturday, the girls played their semifinals while the guys finished up that night. The girls' title game was held on Monday.

If you're going to play them at one place, this is probably your best bet.

This year's modifications will be even more major, however.

Now, first-round games will be played at the site of the district winners, meaning the regional tournament could be held at as many as nine different places before our champions are decided.

With all due respect to the board and those responsible most of them friends of mine who have been very kind to me in the past this isn't a good thing.

In Kentucky, we allow you one slip. If you get to your district finals, we'll let you into the regional tournament even if you lose. Why we do this I'm not sure, but it's worked a good many years and everybody seems to like it, so we go with it and no one complains.

But the idea has always been that — other than forcing them to play a champion in the first round — they had as much as of chance to win the region as the district champs.

That idea is compromised by asking them to not only beat a district winner, but also to go on its home court to do it.

I know what you're thinking. The runners-up who were going to advance to the semifinals could probably win on the road as easily as a neutral floor. For the most part, you'd be correct.

However, that isn't always the case.

Nearly every year when we gather for the regional-tournament draw, there's a game on one side of the board or the other that coaches and media alike point to, labeling it a can't-miss game. It's the one everyone will want to see.

Now, not only will everyone not be able to watch it, but also much of the luster could be gone from it because the team that lost in the district finals will have the added task of winning a road game.

I understand the thinking here. Hosting seven or eight days of basketball is a lot to ask of a school staff when you're also telling it to show up for bus duty and teach all day. It can't be an easy thing, and I'm sure some things are compromised during the school hours.

But my solution is to separate the tournaments again. Why was this change made to start with?

Many believe it was another misguided effort for gender equity.

If you know me or have read my writings through the years, you know I enjoy girls' basketball more than most. After nearly 15 years in this way of life,

I still maintain the best and most exciting game I've had the privilege of covering was the 1990 girls' regional-semifinal contest between Elkhorn City and Sheldon Clark.

That event had everything you could want — two very skilled teams, tremendous coaches, a rivalry that had been heated by two regular-season meetings and a crowd so large it should have never been allowed in the James

V. Powell Education Center.

But the fact remains that if people don't want to watch girls' basketball — or women's hoops on the college level — there's nothing you can do to force them. If they want to watch, they will; if they don't, they won't. It's that simple.

Playing the tournaments at the same place isn't going to make them watch, and in the last two years, we've seen the same thing we've always had during the tournaments — 75 percent capacity for the boys, maybe 40 percent for the girls.

I'm sure there are other reasons for the decision, but it says here most of them are better than the idea of spreading the tournament all over the region.

I appreciated the attitude of the board as they made this decision. They seem to have the best interest of the schools involved at heart, and they admitted they'd try it this way for a year or two and if it doesn't work, they'd be open to further changes.

I'm glad they're taking that approach. Maybe, hopefully, they'll find a way to put on these tournaments that can maximize interest and revenue and minimize the burden placed on host schools.

Perhaps they found it with this move. But I don't think the idea of taking the tournament off a single floor is the answer.

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## Jarrett

cars up front."

Among them should be Jarrett and Rudd, in part because they drive for Yates.

"Our strength is our horsepower and it's a very good place to take advantage of that," Jarrett said.

Essentially, Pocono is three drag strips connected by very sharp turns with various degrees of banking. A car down on power will not compete, but Jarrett insists speed is not the only factor.

Dale Jarrett has not cracked in the top 10 in points at any time this season. Currently, he is 11th. Credit: Autostock

"It's about handling and knowing your strengths," he said. "Making a fast lap around there is totally different from making a 35-lap run during the

race.

"We've found a very good balance with our cars at Pocono, so I look for Ricky and I to both be strong."

The loss last month was difficult for Rudd's team to accept, and another example of bad luck. A late tire problem also ended Rudd's chance to win a week earlier in Dover, Del.

"You sure don't want to take me to Las Vegas with you," crew chief Michael "Fatback" McSwain said after Rudd crashed at the end of the Pocono 500 and finished 17th with a dominant car.

Jarrett's victory last month was his second top-five finish in a row, and the 1999 series champion now has four in his last seven starts. He had only one top five in the first 12 races.

## Named

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coach until his resignation from Bardstown.

"Roland brings a great deal of experience to our staff," DeVries said. "We get a great deal of input from our member schools and he will provide additional insight from the school-administrators' perspective."

Williams has managed numerous athletic events including KHSAA postseason district, region and semistate level competition. The Milwaukee, Wisconsin-native holds degrees from Morehead State University and Western Kentucky University.

"I'm very excited about the challenges this new opportunity will bring," Williams said. "I look forward to working for the KHSAA and the member schools of the Commonwealth of Kentucky."

Williams is married to the former Rita Franklin of Ashland. They have two children, RaShawn, a sophomore at the University of Louisville, and Monika, a senior at Morehead State University.

Williams will assume his duties on July 29.

Commissioner DeVries also announced the promotion of Sports Information Director Butch Cope to Director of Promotions and Media Relations.

Cope, a graduate of the University of Kentucky, joined the Association in 1995 as Sports Information Director. He will continue to serve in that capacity with added duties that will include supervision of fulfillment of corporate partner agreements and special programs as well as managing the day-to-day efforts of the KHSAA's marketing partner, iHigh, Incorporated.

Cope will continue to handle the KHSAA Student Leadership Conference as well as coordinating the Dawahares/KHSM Hall of Fame program, the First Southern National Bank Sportsmanship Recognition Program and the Academic All-State Program as well as in-house marketing and public relations efforts.

That start has hurt Jarrett, 11th in the standings in a season that was supposed to develop into another run for the championship.

Defending race champion Bobby Labonte has struggled even more, and is 20th in points with just one victory. But the 2000 series champion also is looking for his fourth career victory at Pocono, so he's optimistic.

"I'm not sure what it is about the place, but I am very comfortable here," Labonte said. "I may not always qualify up front, but we have always seemed to have a decent car for the race."

Labonte and crew chief Jimmy Makar were never better than in 1999. Labonte became the first driver since Tim Richmond in 1986 to sweep the Pocono races.

But he's had his down times on the track.

"In 1996, I didn't finish either of the races," Labonte said. "One of them was a wreck on the second lap."

"But since then, I have been running at the finish every other time here. Jimmy seems to know what I like as the race progresses and the track starts to get a little slippery."

Perhaps that also could help Ward Burton, who won last Sunday at New Hampshire International Speedway. A new asphalt surface, not fully cured, began to come apart and mixed with worn rubber to create a racing surface some likened to driving on ice.

But Burton, having a terrible year since winning the season-opening Daytona 500, managed to persevere in the crash-filled New England 300. He finished 33rd last month at Pocono, but is confident of a better result Sunday.

"This time we're bringing a different car and a new attitude to the track," he said.

## POCONO FILE

Dale Jarrett at Pocono:  
Wins: 3 (1995, 1997, 2002)  
2001 Record: 41st (Accident)  
3rd (led 55 laps)

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## Stars

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including teams from as far away as Beckley, W.Va., Kingsport, Tenn., and Pound, Va.

At press time, the Stars were scheduled to host a tournament, the East Kentucky Summer Slam. The team is based out of Pikeville, but has players who hail from different Eastern Kentucky cities and towns. Team members include Brandt Spears, Justin Anderson, Cory Miller, Cory Hamilton, Wade McCown, Cullen Hall, Chad Walls, Adam Blanton, Jeremy Vanhoose, Hunter Smith, Dave Fish, Justin Blanton and Brenton Hamilton.

The Blanton brothers, Justin and Adam, along with Jeremy Vanhoose, all hail from Johnson County.

On Thursday, the team was scheduled to travel to Big Stone Gap, Va. for a double-header. Results from that game were unavailable at press time. Going into the Thursday night game, Adam Blanton was leading the team in hitting with a .433 mark. He was also leading the team in hits and RBI with totals of 26 and 22. Smith led the team in runs scored with 25 and McCown had drew the most walks with 17. Fish had the highest on-base percentage with a .586 mark.

John Blanton, father of Adam and Justin Blanton, is pleased with the way the added summer ball has helped his two young baseball players.

"This summer ball has helped my kids tremendously," said Blanton. "I can already see some things they're doing better as a result of the added play this summer."

Following this weekend's tournament, the East Kentucky schedule didn't show another game until August 30 when the Stars are slated to travel to Morristown, Tenn. for the Labor Day Classic. However, the team is likely to add more dates between now and then.

Mike Spears coaches the East Kentucky squad.

## Study

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Heatstroke deaths nearly doubled in the 1990s over the previous decade, the study showed.

"We are concerned about all these deaths, of course, but especially those that resulted from heatstroke, which are almost always preventable," said Frederick Mueller, a professor and chairman of physical education, exercise and sport science at North Carolina.

All three heat-related deaths occurred within one week at the end of July and start of August last year.

Minnesota Vikings tackle Corey Stringer collapsed during practice July 31 and died the next day, as did Travis Stowers, a high school player near Michigantown, Ind.

Less than a week earlier, Eraste Autin, an incoming freshman at the University of Florida, died of complications of heatstroke. He collapsed at the end of a voluntary summer conditioning session and was in a coma for six days.

Mueller is also the chairman of the American Football Coaches' Committee of Football Injuries and directs the National Center for Catastrophic Sports Injuries, based at North Carolina.

He said 20 football players suffered heat-related deaths since 1995. In the previous five years, only two football players' deaths were attributed to heat. From 1980 to 1989, 13 players died of heatstroke.

"The trend is really up for those, and it's a real concern," he said Wednesday. "Coaches, players and even parents need to remember how to prevent these tragedies, and that's not hard to do."

Mueller said the number of "direct" injury-related football deaths has generally held level in recent years. Forty players died of "direct" causes from 1995 to 2001; 50 died in the 1990s overall. In the 1980s, 71 "direct" deaths occurred.

Seven of the eight players who died from injuries in 2001 played for high school teams, and one was in a Pop Warner league. Six of those deaths resulted from brain injuries, one from a fractured neck, and the other from a ruptured spleen.

Injury-related deaths have dropped considerably since rule changes, adopted in 1976, prohibited use of the head as a first point of contact while blocking and tackling.

From 1976-2001, 162 players died from injuries; during 1966-75, 213 players died.

Mueller said team officials should keep close track of the temperature, and schedule regular water and cooling-off breaks during hot weather. He also suggested shorter practices and non-contact drills without helmets, as well as holding practices at cooler times of day.

At Florida, where this season's conditioning sessions have already begun, flyers showing the warning signs of heatstroke were posted in each player's locker as well as around the locker room, team spokesman Zack Higbee said.

Gators strength and conditioning coordinator Rob Glass said all of Florida's new athletes, not just football players, meet with the school's nutritionist to discuss how each athlete reacts to heat.

"We spend a lot of time with them one on one, trying to educate them," Glass said.

Before Autin's death, the football team was already holding its voluntary workouts early in the day. The start time was moved up gradually to match the hour of regular practices that start in August, acclimatizing players to the weather.

Officials with the Indiana High School Athletic Association are urging coaches to pay special attention to heat-related problems during preseason conditioning. Health and safety data being sent to schools includes extra material on how to measure heat and humidity.

"Hopefully, we can increase the awareness and the attention given to outdoor conditions at practices and contests," IHSAA Assistant Commissioner Robby Cox said Wednesday.

The annual survey of football deaths, started at Yale University in 1931, looks at amateur and professional football players across the nation. It is based on news reports and on data from the NCAA and the National Federation of State High School Associations.



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## Enroll now at HCC and change your life

Students are encouraged to register soon for fall semester classes, which begin Monday, August 19 at Hazard Community College.

Hazard Community College, part of the Kentucky Community and Technical

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"We offer a wide variety of

programs, so if a student wants to work on a bachelor's degree or obtain training for a job, we have the classes to help them achieve their goal," noted Dr. Jay K. Box, president of Hazard Community College. "Access to higher education is

better now that we have campus locations throughout the region," Dr. Box also said.

"KCTCS colleges offer the best value in postsecondary education in the Commonwealth," said Michael B. McCall, president of the

System. "Our programs prepare students for success in the university, in the workplace, and in life."

Here are just a few of the reasons that prospective students of all ages should consider enrolling at HCC:

■ Transfer programs prepare students well for continuing their education at universities. The liberal arts/university transfer program provides the first two years of a college edu-

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## ALC Enrollment Nearing Capacity

Alice Lloyd College, in Pippa Passes, wishes to announce that enrollment is nearing capacity for the 2002-2003 school year.

Students who have been accepted for the fall semester, but have not yet sent in their deposits MUST DO SO IMMEDIATELY in order to be considered for a spot for the 2002-2003 school year. Students whose deposits are received after maximum enrollment is reached will be placed on a waiting list and notified as soon as possible.

It is very important that the ALC Admissions Office receive all student information and deposits as soon as possible. Please contact Sean Damron, Director of Admissions, at 1-888-280-4252 immediately if you are planning to attend ALC in the fall, but have not yet sent in your deposit.

## MSU dean's list

Forty-six students from Floyd County were named to the Morehead State University Dean's list for the 2002 Spring Semester.

To be named to the list, a student must be enrolled on a full-time basis and achieve at least a 3.5 point average on a 4.0 scale, for the current semester.

The Dean's list includes:

Cynthia Akers, Martin senior; Leslie S. Allen, Martin senior; Sarah Allen, Prestonsburg sophomore; Janet Austin, Prestonsburg sophomore; Paula Bailey, Prestonsburg senior; Stephanie R. Baker, Lackey freshman; Edna Blackburn, Prestonsburg senior; Brittany Blankenship, Stanville junior; Matthew Caldwell, Weeksburg sophomore; Christopher D. Case, Garrett junior; Tara Clark, Hueysville senior; Sheree Conley, Prestonsburg senior; Jarrod Compton, Weeksburg senior; Kandance L. Cook, East Point freshman; Maggie Cook, Bevinville sophomore; Katie Fultz, Wayland senior; Charla Goble, Prestonsburg senior; Vanessa Goble, Hueysville senior; Deanna Greer, Prestonsburg senior; Melanie R. Hagans, Langley senior; Aaron N. Halbert, Langley senior;

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## ENJOYING A SUMMER PICNIC



The Big Sandy Community and Technical College District (Mayo Technical College and Prestonsburg Community College) gathered on the Prestonsburg Campus July 17 to enjoy a summer picnic. Despite the muggy weather many came out to enjoy the delicious food. Dr. George D. Edwards, college president, and Bobby McCool, CAO of the Big Sandy District, traded in their suits and ties for aprons and oven mitts as they grilled hot dogs and hamburgers for all to enjoy. The picnic served its purpose as faculty and staff from all campuses sat at tables on the campus courtyard and enjoyed lunch.

## Higher education officials confident of next round of research money

by MARK R. CHELLGREN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - Bucks for Brains, the seed money planted starting in 1998 to undertake serious research and development in Kentucky higher education, may be growing dividends.

University of Kentucky President Lee Todd said Thursday the school received a record \$211 million in research grants and contracts in the fiscal year just ended, 20 percent more than the previous year.

Yet the state financing for that research is the one thing still in limbo as Kentucky began its fiscal year July 1 without a legislatively enacted budget.

Todd, acting University of Louisville President Carol Garrison and even Gov. Paul Patton said Thursday they expect the General Assembly to keep its commitment to the \$120 million research undertaking once a budget gets passed. Garrison is leaving U of L to become president at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

"I'm confident we'll get it," Todd said. Still, "We'd like to have it now."

Garrison said there has been no apparent

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## My HCC Upward Bound experience

By: Connie Hagans  
INTERN

"This program has helped me discover different aspects about myself that I never knew existed," says Connie Hagan, "When I first began to participate in the program I was sort of lost."

The Upward Bound Program at Hazard Community College has been a pathway to meeting new friends and discovering myself. It is not only a place I come to every five weeks out of the summer but also in a way it is a home.

Over the past two years I have taken classes to better prepare myself for the high school courses I plan to take during the school year and to introduce myself to college courses. I have interned at a job that could very well be the job I choose later in life. The friends that I have made in this program are all like brothers and sisters to me. And the teachers are my friends as well as counselors.

The Upward Bound Program means a great deal to me because it has taught me lessons about life and it boosted my confidence by having such wonderful and positive people surrounding me.

This program has helped me discover different aspects about myself that I never knew existed. When I first began to participate in the program I was sort of lost. I was starting to go through my teenage years (I still am) and I didn't understand where I was going to fit in. I had changed my idea of who my true friends were many times before, so I guess you could say that I was also confused. In the beginning I was shy and I thought spending so much of my time going to summer school would waste my time (as if I had anything better to do), but soon it all changed. From day one I was interested in everything that happened. It was a new and complicated situation for me. The environment was different and the unique people that surrounded me taught me things, even though I hadn't realized it at the time. I found out I could now express myself which in the past was very difficult for me to

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## Local students among spring graduates at EKU

Eleven Floyd Countians received degrees from Eastern Kentucky University at the conclusion of the Spring 2002 semester.

The University recognized 1,233 graduates at its spring commencement, held May 11, in Alumni Coliseum.

Local EKU graduates include: Rachael Dawn Woods of Auxier; Rebecca L. Rogers of Betsy Layne; Christopher Alan Kidd of Dana; Kevin Bernard Hays of Harold; and Amanda Darlene Cantrell, Shannon Denise Collins; Cori Michelle Duty; Jillian Gay Fitzer; Tiffany Amber Steffey; Stephanie Marie Wells; and Julie Rachele Yates, all of Prestonsburg.

The commencement address was delivered by former White House correspondent Helen Thomas, a Winchester native, Nick Bertram, a marketing major from Stanford, spoke on behalf of the graduating class.

In addition to the University-wide ceremony, the academic colleges sponsored receptions for the new graduates.

The new degree holders join more than 80,000 Eastern alumni in Kentucky and across the United States.

Eastern Kentucky University is a comprehensive university serving more than 14,500 students on its 725-acre Richmond campus, at its educational centers in Corbin, Danville, and Manchester, and throughout Kentucky.

## Students graduate in Centre's largest class ever

Seven area students received bachelor's degrees from Centre College during recent commencement exercises on the campus. They were among 257 members of the college's class of 2002, Centre's largest graduating class ever.

Kristin Duff, of Prestonsburg, earned degrees in psychology and French; Bryan Fitzpatrick, of Prestonsburg, earned degrees in history and international relations.

Les Fugate, of Prestonsburg, earned

a degree in economics. He graduated cum laude. He was the winner of The Ormond Beatty Alumni Prize, awarded to a senior with a distinguished record, and was a John C. Young Scholar.

Wes Fugate, of Prestonsburg, earned degrees in dramatic arts and economics. He was the winner of The Ormond Beatty Alumni Prize for seniors with a distinguished record, and The James D. Johnson Memorial Prize awarded to an outstanding Phi Delta Theta senior.

Andy Jarvis, of Lexington, earned degrees in economics and history; Wes Samons, of Banner, earned a degree in psychology.

Lesley Stout, of Prestonsburg, earned a degree in international relations. She graduated magna cum laude, and was a member of both Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society and Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society.

Duff is the daughter of Lisa Chrispen, of Prestonsburg, and is a

graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

Fitzpatrick is the son of Franklin and Kathy Fitzpatrick, of Prestonsburg, and is a graduate of Woodberry Forest School.

Les and Wes Fugate are the sons of Marshall and Jackie Fugate, of Prestonsburg, and are graduates of Prestonsburg High School.

Jarvis is the son of Dick Jarvis of Pikeville, and Cynthia Jarvis of Lexington, and is a graduate of

Prestonsburg High School.

Samons is the son of Wilburn and Gina Samons, of Banner, and is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

Stout is the daughter of James and Carolyn Stout, of Prestonsburg, and is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

Kentucky's highest ranked national institution, Centre is listed by U.S.

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concern on the part of prospective donors, who are tapped to raise the money needed to match the public funds with private donations.

"Certainly, if it didn't come through for some reason, we would have to retrench," Garrison said.

And if there is an interruption, it could not be at a worse time.

"It's crucial," Garrison said. "The University of Louisville and UK have gained such momentum."

Bucks for Brains, as it was dubbed, was a critical element of the 1997 overhaul of higher education promoted by Patton. The state set aside \$100 million to be

divided two-thirds at UK and one-third for Louisville. The money was matched in 2000, with another \$20 million added for division among the comprehensive universities.

Even with tight budget times, the legislature seemed ready to provide another \$120 million this budget, even though the money would come from the unusual sale of bonds.

At UK, it has meant a tripling of endowed chairs and professorships.

Richard McCann, a researcher in cell biology was lured away from prestigious Johns Hopkins University with a research position financed with Bucks for

Brains.

McCann said the program has helped attract a core of research that can grow on itself. "You'd like to keep that going as much as you could," McCann said.

The program has also touched the university in different ways. McCann had an undergraduate assistant in a special program this summer through Bucks for Brains. She now appears headed for medical school instead of a business career, McCann said.

"That's why we have the program. That's what it's for," he said.

Patton administration officials concluded that without a budget, there would be no authority to sell bonds. The legislature failed to pass a budget during its 60-day regular session and then in a following eight-day special session. Since May, there has been a little talk, but no action on a budget. House and Senate members are hopelessly divided on whether the \$15 billion General Fund budget should include \$9 million or so for a public financing program for gubernatorial campaigns in place for a decade.

Patton, who will be leaving office before the next biennial budget, said he does not envision Bucks for Brains as a recurring expense.

"We may need it once or twice more," Patton said. "It's got a finite life to it."

Patton and Todd took part in a ceremony Thursday to recognize noteworthy students who took part in the summer research program, including some minority students.

Todd, a UK graduate lured back from the private sector to become its president, said the research endowment, which now surpasses \$400 million at UK and Louisville from Bucks for Brains, was a critical investment.

# Upward Bound, on the move

By Amber Huff & Connie Hagans  
INTERNS

Every year for the past 13 summers, Hazard Community College has hosted the Upward Bound Program. This Program is designed to assist high school students in getting prepared for success in post-secondary education. For the 77 participants in this year's Program, there have been numerous changes and challenges.

The most drastic change has been in the physical location of the Program. Upward Bound summer classes (which last for five weeks)

have always been held on the Ky. 15 campus at Hazard Community College, but due to construction, the area that had been utilized was no longer available. Luckily, Upward Bound Director Venetia Strunk found a new home in the basement of the Gorman Education Center in downtown Hazard. Former Upward Bound participant and now Academic Specialist for the Upward Bound Program, Heather Musick was instrumental in securing space at the First Baptist Church for Upward Bound use, which is ideal because it's across the street from the Gorman Center.

Participants continued to utilize

Hazard Community College food service and computer labs. The grill at Hazard Community College is one of the few local places large enough to accommodate the large number of participants in the Upward Bound Program. In addition to the use of computer labs on campus, three laptops and two desktop computers are being utilized for technology instruction. The students walk to the Perry County Public Library as needed for individual research and computer use.

With a new staff of teachers, a new location, and a crew of upcoming freshman, over the past five weeks the program had to adjust to the large amount of change taking place.

## Combs receives chemistry achievement award

Becky Combs, right, is shown receiving the CRC Press Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award from Dr. John Hoppe, left, chemistry professor at Hazard Community College. Dr. Hoppe said Ms. Combs was chosen to receive the 2001-2002 award because she had the best overall performance in freshman-level chemistry courses for science majors. These courses are General College Chemistry I and II (CHE 105/CHE 107) and General Chemistry Laboratory I and II

(CHM 105/CHM 107).

CRC Press, a publisher of scientific reference books and journals, sponsors the award. The CRC Press Freshman Chemistry Award Program has been maintained for 55 years in an effort to help encourage and sustain student interest in the sciences.

Ms. Combs will receive a complementary copy of the CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, 77th Edition. She is a graduate of Hazard High School and the daughter of Roy and Jeanette Combs.

## MSU

Martin Hall, Prestonsburg senior; Amber Hamilton, Prestonsburg senior; Judy Hancock, Printer sophomore; Sherry Hilton, Prestonsburg senior; Adreanna Isaac, Prestonsburg junior; Brian Jones, Prestonsburg sophomore; Penny Lewis, Prestonsburg senior; Ethan Martin, Langley senior; Nick Martin, Langley senior; Jennifer McKinney, Harold senior; Donell Murray, Banner senior; Mary Osborne, Grethel sophomore; Heather R. Ousley,

Prestonsburg sophomore; Leigh A. Patton, Martin junior; Jamie Price, Drift senior; Don Riley, Harold senior; Melissa G. Roop, East Point senior; Merrial Slone, McDowell sophomore; Mary Spitzer, Morehead junior; Leslie J. Steele, Harold sophomore; Vickie Lynn Stephens, Prestonsburg senior; Debra Tackett, Grethel junior; Kevin Tackett, Teaberry senior; Malinda Wallen, Garrett senior; and Teresa Younce, Prestonsburg senior.

## HCC

cation at a great value. Also, KCTCS colleges are offering a growing number of transfer programs in occupational/technical fields.

HCC offers programs that are relevant to the workplace, assisting students in preparing for every one of the 25 hottest jobs in America, as defined by Money magazine.

HCC moves rapidly to respond to the needs of employers and students. KCTCS offers more than 2,600 program options, including more than 600 approved in just the last four years.

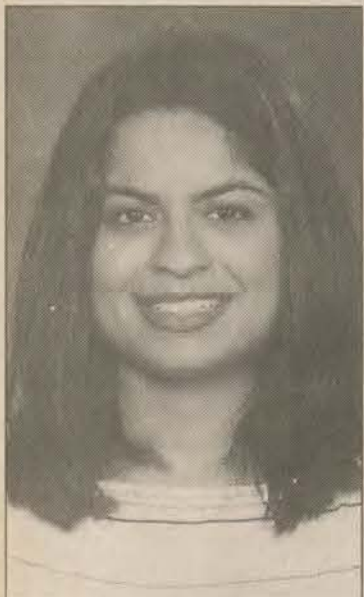
Creative new programs are increasing options available to students. For example, the associate degree in occupational/technical studies

allows a flexible format that gives credit for appropriate work experience.

Distance learning expands opportunities available to students. Last fall, more than 5,000 KCTCS students benefited from Internet-based or Internet-enhanced courses. KCTCS colleges now offer two totally on-line associate degree programs, with more under development.

The colleges of KCTCS operate in a seamless system that facilitates student success. Once students are registered at a home college, they are eligible to take courses offered by any KCTCS campus. In fall 2001, nearly 4,000 students took classes at more than one KCTCS campus.

HCC's tuition and fees remain the least expensive of any Kentucky college or university, while quality remains high. About 90 percent of HCC students receive financial assistance to defray the cost of their education. To learn more about how to enroll, call 436-5721 or 800-246-7521 or visit the college web site at [www.hazcc.kctcs.net/](http://www.hazcc.kctcs.net/)



Monica Majmundar

## Majmundar is Transylvania graduate

Piarist School graduate Monica Majmundar received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Transylvania University during commencement exercises on May 25. Majmundar, a biology major with minors in art history and chemistry, graduated "summa cum laude" and with honors in biology. She is the daughter of Drs. Gopal and Mina Majmundar, of Martin.

## Bound

do. It was finally possible for me to be honest with myself more than I had ever been before, thanks to my new friends.

Upward Bound is more than just another program to everyone who is associated with it. It can more appropriately be called a family. This family has been a pathway to success for me, and a way to keep out of trouble. How can you possibly get yourself into trouble with all of these older adults watching out for you? Anyway, this program has treated me well and when it is time to leave, I hope I will never forget anyone or the experiences that we have all shared.

## Kevin B. Hall named director of MSU's East Kentucky Appalachian Regional GEAR-UP Project



Kevin B. Hall

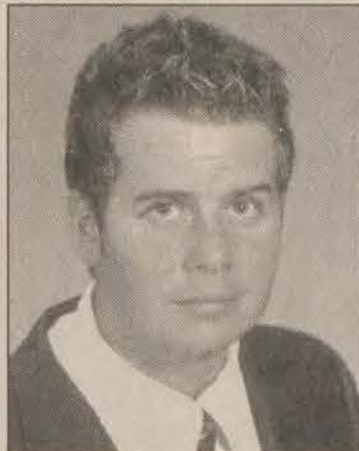
Hall, who graduated from MSU with a bachelor's and master's degree in business administration, returned to campus in 2001, as GEAR-UP assistant director. He had previously worked at MSU as an assistant in the Office of Information Technology.

He succeeds Coy Samons, who left to become the principal of Paintsville High School.

MSU's GEAR-UP Project is a five-year, \$7.6 million program targeting thousands of middle school students in Kentucky's poorest districts to help them prepare for college. Administered through MSU's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy, GEAR-UP, or Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs, focuses primarily on improving math and science skills for students in Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Pike counties.

"Thirty-seven percent of students in these four counties live in poverty," said Hall, a Pike

## Lafferty founds own business while pursuing university degree



Matthew Brandon Lafferty

Matthew Brandon Lafferty, of Martin, recently graduated from the University of Kentucky's Gatton College of Business and Economics with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He is also a graduate of Prestonsburg Community College, where he earned an associate of arts degree and graduated with a 3.2 GPA. He is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

While attending the University of Kentucky, Lafferty was named a member of the University's Chapter of the Lambda Chi Alpha Social Fraternity. He also worked in the University's financial aid department.

In his senior year at UK, Lafferty co-founded Alpha Communication Technologies, Inc., now located in Pikeville. The communications company was initially developed to meet a

requirement of his senior business "CAP" courses. Presently, Lafferty is serving as president of the newly founded company which is a retailer of wireless telephone services, satellite internet services and satellite TV services. The business also retails cellphones, televisions, and computers. Plans for additional offices are being developed now for the Allen-Prestonsburg area, Lexington, Ky. area and Florida.

Lafferty is the son of Janie and Jim Hammond, of Martin, and Marvin and Sheila Lafferty, of West Liberty. He is the maternal grandson of Juanita Howell Shepherd, of Prestonsburg, and the late Bud Shepherd. His paternal grandparents are Sammy and Edith Crider Lafferty, of West Liberty.



## College of business honors students

Students enrolled in Morehead State University's College of Business were recognized for academic excellence at the college's Honors Banquet, a part of the University's Academic Awards Week. Each department within the college presented academic, scholastic and achievement awards to outstanding individuals. Nicholas Martin, Langley junior, was presented the Accounting Faculty Scholarship. Making the presentation was Deborah Madden, instructor of finance. (MSU photo by Tim Holbrook)



## Learn Automotive Mechanics at HCC's Tech Campus

When it comes to automotive education, the Technical Campus of Hazard Community College offers a variety of courses. In the area of Transportation Technology the following programs are offered:

Auto Body Repair, Automotive Technology, Diesel Technology, Heavy Equipment Operation. To find out more about the classes or other program offerings, contact Elaine Cross at 436-5721.



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# Kentucky unemployment rate rises slightly in June

FRANKFORT - Although 18,000 more Kentuckians were working, the state's unemployment rate increased slightly in June to 5.3 percent from 5.2 percent in May, according to the Department for

Employment Services, a Cabinet for Workforce

Development agency. Kentucky's June 2002 jobless rate was below the 5.5 percent recorded in June 2001. The U.S. jobless rate rose from 5.5 percent in May to 6 percent in June 2002.

"June 2002 was the first time in 21 months that the cur-

rent month's unemployment rate was below the rate for the same month a year earlier, so that is a positive sign," said Carlos Cracraft, the department's chief labor market analyst. "It is normal for both the unemployment rate and unemployment figure to rise in June.

Thousands of students and others wanting jobs start looking for employment in June. Many wanting jobs were hired but in some areas of the state available openings could not keep pace with all those looking for employment."

Seven of the nine major job

sectors had employment increases in June, while one sector decreased and another stayed the same from May to June, Cracraft said.

Kentucky's job growth in June was led by the agriculture sector, which added 6,000 jobs in June. "Farmers stayed busy

with hay harvesting, tobacco, corn and soybean planting and cultivation and other general farm work," Cracraft said. Construction sector jobs jumped by 2,100 positions in June. More than half of those jobs (1,300)

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## Medicare AND YOU



Donna R. Morton  
Medicare Beneficiary  
Outreach Coordinator  
AdminaStar Federal

**Q** Are there any self-administered prescription drugs that I would purchase at the pharmacy that are covered by Medicare?

**A** As a general rule, self-administered prescription drugs taken on an outpatient basis are not covered by the Medicare program at this time. However, there are a few exceptions to the rule. Immunosuppressive drugs for organ transplant patients, oral-anticancer medications, and medicines used with a nebulizer are covered. As with all Medicare covered items, the medical need for the drug must be established and other program requirements specific to the drug must be met.

**Q** Which part of Medicare helps pay for the drugs?

**A** Part B is the part of Medicare that helps to pay for this item. You must first meet your annual \$100 Medicare Part B deductible. The payment is 80 percent of the Medicare approved charge.

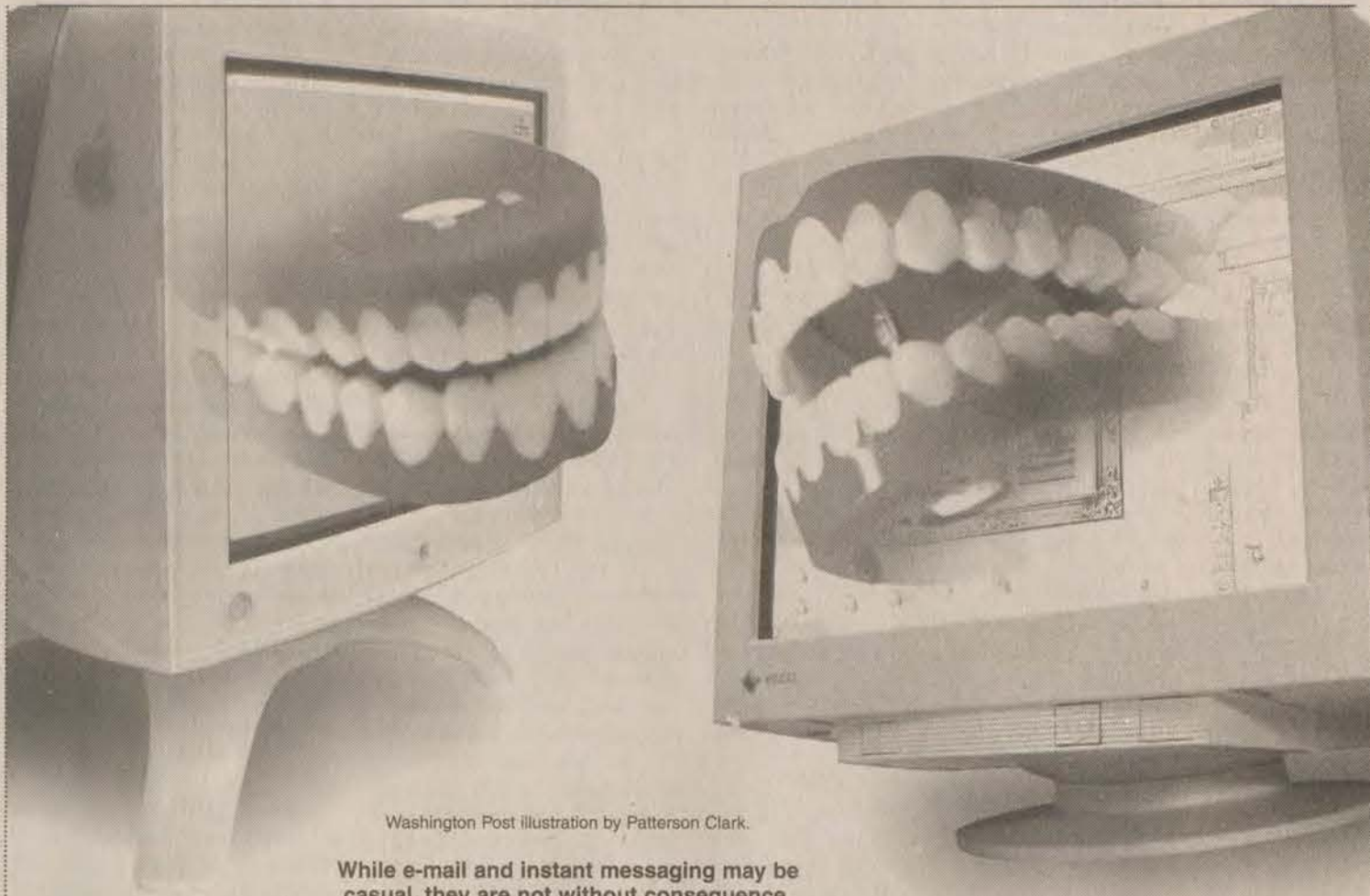
**Q** Can the pharmacy or supplier charge me more than the Medicare approved amount for the covered drugs?

**A** No. Under section 114 of the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000, suppliers including but not limited to pharmacies, must accept assignment on all claims for drugs and biologicals that they bill to the Medicare Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers. This law became effective Feb. 1, 2001. Mandatory assignment does not apply to the code E0590, which represents the dispensing fee for nebulizer drugs.

**Q** Since the supplier or pharmacy cannot charge me more than the Medicare approved amount, how much will I have to pay?

**A** That depends on the item that is billed to Medicare. Different codes billed to Medicare may have different approved amounts. All that you can be billed in this situation is any unmet deductible and 20 percent of the Medicare approved amount. The Medicare Summary Notice that you receive after your claim is

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Washington Post illustration by Patterson Clark.

While e-mail and instant messaging may be casual, they are not without consequence, particularly in business. Personal embarrassment pales when compared with the ramifications of a business message getting into the wrong hands.

# INSTANT MESSAGING ISN'T PRIVATE

## Causing a problem for firms, workers

by SHANNON HENRY  
THE WASHINGTON POST

"I think Mark is doing the right thing by going into rehab," Tim Gordon, vice president of an online concierge service, typed quickly to a friend. Sitting at his office computer, Gordon was multi-tasking in cyberspace as usual, holding several instant-messaging conversations at once.

And that's why he accidentally sent the message to a co-worker, not to his friend.

Sound familiar? Even people who successfully navigated earlier

methods of communication, who never put a thank-you note in the wrong envelope, or dialed one friend's number thinking it was another friend's, have by now experienced electronic-mail mortification. It may have been an offensive joke accidentally sent to the boss or a love note that got broadcast company-wide.

Personal embarrassment pales, however, when compared with the ramifications of a business message getting into the wrong hands. E-mail has made it easier to have

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## REGIONAL AWARDS

# SBA seeks nominees to compete for SBIR's high-tech Tibbetts award

The U.S. Small Business Administration is seeking nominations for companies, groups and individuals affiliated with or participating in the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program to receive the prestigious Tibbetts award.

The award is presented annually by the SBA to small businesses working in research and development to recognize them as "models of excellence" in the area of high technology.

Companies, organizations and individuals participating in the SBIR program are encouraged to review the nomination requirements on the SBA web site at

www.sba.gov/sbir. The deadline for submitting a nomination is July 31.

"These small business owners will be recognized for their contributions to the federal government and society by way of their innovative concepts, technological advances and research and development," said SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto.

This is the seventh year for the Tibbetts award, named for Roland Tibbetts, who spearheaded the creation of the SBIR program. In years past, the award was presented to companies and individuals from almost every state in the nation. This year's award presentation

will take place on October 2, at the Hotel Washington in Washington, D.C.

"The SBA is committed to representing small businessmen and women as an effective and efficient 21st century national organization that focuses on innovation, simplification and dedication, in order to create a climate in which entrepreneurship can be both encouraged and sustained," Administrator Barreto continued.

The SBIR program is administered by the SBA and implemented by 10 federal agencies with research and development

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## Weekly takes rival newspaper's name

The Associated Press

MAYSVILLE - A Nicholas County weekly newspaper has started using its rival's name.

The July 12 edition of The Nicholas Countian featured the words "and The Carlisle Mercury," in smaller type on its masthead.

"We had always wanted the name The Carlisle Mercury because it's been a part of life here since 1867," said Nicholas Countian publisher William Crawford.

The Nicholas Countian Inc. applied for The Carlisle Mercury name, after discovering its registration expired in 1991 and had not been renewed. It filed the name with the Kentucky secretary of state June 27.

Crawford says the change was prompted by a similar situation involving another Kentucky newspaper.

In that case, The Mountain Citizen had inadvertently allowed incorporation papers to

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## Summer entices day-off dishonesty

by AMY JOYCE  
THE WASHINGTON POST

Cough, cough. Sniff. Oooh, my aching head. (Quick, pack the sunscreen.) Yes, I'm sorry, but I'm just way too sick to come to work today. I hope it clears up by Monday.

Does that sound familiar, especially now that the sun is shining and you realize that we are already in July and you haven't done a thing with that new beach chair? Those sick days sure do come in handy sometimes.

But wait. You're not really sick. You're lying to your boss, and now your co-workers have to pick up the slack because you used up all your vacation time. But wait again. The beach beckons. Your daughter's soccer tournament is on a weekday afternoon. Your dog could really use some exercise. And your sick days will disappear if you don't use them.

It's the time of the year for the unsick sick day, and while corporate policies are changing to take this into account, employees and employers must still grapple with the reality that, no matter the guidelines, sometimes poring over a spreadsheet just can't compete with a day spread out on the beach.

Even those organizations that have begun lumping sick days and vacation days into a single time-off allotment for employees say they need to set some rules so the office isn't empty on Fridays during the summer. Other companies have a sort of loose "don't ask, don't

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## Instant

that happen. Click the mouse and, poof, there go those inventory figures your group needed. But you may, through inattention, have sent them to your competitor. And the use of instant messaging, those real-time electronic exchanges between friends and colleagues, is heightening the potential for disaster, or at least embarrassment.

Because while e-mail and instant messaging may be casual, they are not without consequence. Particularly in business,

The first big electronic wake-up call came when Microsoft Corp.'s internal e-mails were used against the software maker in the Justice Department's anti-trust case.

Despite warnings, many continued to believe (still do) that electronic notes disappear into the ether, never to be seen again. Not quite. Just ask

Merrill Lynch securities analyst Henry Blodget, whose e-mails became the cornerstone of a federal investigation into his company. When those internal e-mails became public, we read what Blodget wrote about stocks he'd recommended: "such a piece of crap," and a "dog."

And so our collective attention shifted once again to the consequences of our e-mail actions. As most people now know, it turns out it's much harder to shred an electronic document than a paper one, especially when it has been sent to numerous recipients, copied, saved and forwarded. Today no corporate malfeasance story would be complete without mention of the authorities seizing the hard drives of the company's computers.

By now e-mails sent most number in the trillions or beyond. As for the more recent instant messaging, about 16.9 million people "ping" others at work, according to ComScore Media Metrix in Reston, Va.

The casual nature of both—the teen-speak of BTW ("by the way") and LOL ("laughing out loud"), etc. — stems in part from the fact that both were devised for use in private life, for communicating with friends and family from a home computer. But it didn't take long for companies to recognize the obvious usefulness of ways to send company-wide memos (e-mail) and keep up an ongoing conversation among employees (instant messaging).

And so firms patched together their own systems. E-mail programs were an easy purchase. For messaging,

though, some use proprietary intranet-type programs that allow communication only within the organization. Others imported one of the top instant-messaging services created for consumers by AOL, Yahoo and Microsoft. And some have resorted to a patchwork of programs.

It's the instant messaging that now causes confusion. The technology-savvy (or just those who follow the news) know that e-mails can be retrieved from computers' hard drives. Many companies back up internal e-mails. For instance, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) requires all broker-dealers to keep for three years "originals of all communications received and copies of all communications sent by such member, broker or dealer (including inter-office memoranda and communications) relating to his business as such."

But most people think that instant messages are different, that once a message is sent, because it doesn't appear in any mailbox or sit on any server, that the thought is forever gone, the evidence irrevocably erased. In theory they're correct: Spokesmen for AOL Instant Messenger, Yahoo Messenger and Exchange 2000 IM from Microsoft all say that instant messages skip from server to server, but that no material is cached.

"People don't understand the nature of IM," says Michael Gartenberg, a research analyst with Jupiter Research in New York. Because of that, he predicts instant messaging will become much more of a problem to businesses than e-mails in the very near future. He expects companies to soon begin creating policies that monitor the message flow.

In a recent report titled "What May Lurk in Your IM Session," the Gartner Group research firm recommends that companies develop written policies on acceptable use of instant messaging. "IM can be used as an untraceable channel for leaking files, source code and financial information," the report warns. Untraceable, says the report's author, Richard Stiennon, because some companies are still not tracking the mail.

Although the major IM services do not archive messages, recipients can choose to save them. And the messages do travel through servers, at different speeds depending upon

the time of day and the system's configurations. While the mail may not be officially cached, it is possible to retrieve it at certain moments, like taking snapshots. "In theory, the FBI could monitor IM traffic over AOL," says Stiennon. "In practice, it's a difficult task."

Corporate message theft is the modern-day version of disgruntled employees walking out with boxes of sensitive files, says Stiennon. Now, he says, they just send company information to their personal accounts, where it can be disseminated more easily. Stiennon says he knows of a case at a dot-com where an angry employee logged into his boss' computer and posted the boss' messages to a public Web site.

Speaking of this medium where people often say things they wouldn't dare write even in e-mails, let alone on a piece of stationery, Stiennon advises, "Treat IM like it's going to end up on the front page of the (newspaper) the next day."

Businesses have at least three reasons to fear instant messaging: the liability from notes that come back to haunt the company, lost productivity as employees chat the day away, and the blocking of the network's pipes as conversations drag on.

"It started as recreation for teens, and then they brought it into the workforce with them," says Gordon, a vice president at VIPDesk.com, the online concierge service. He says every employee at his company is under 40 and about half are under 30. "It's a tool they expect to have."

Each of the 100,000 worldwide employees of GlaxoSmithKline has had access to the pharmaceutical company's in-house messaging system, Lotus Sametime, for about a year and a half. Philip Connolly, vice president for information technology communications at the company, says instant messaging has been a boon to its communication because it travels so much faster than e-mail and allows employees in different countries to have real-time conversations and make decisions more quickly. Many people also use it for "chitchat," he says, such as arranging lunch dates, and that's fine. The company has firewalls that prevent using AOL and other outside systems, he says.

Government is watching, even if some businesses aren't. "We have a number of enforcement matters currently underway involving electronic mail," says Nancy Condon, of the National Association of Securities Dealers. She wouldn't give details and directed any further questions to the SEC.

The SEC won't comment on instant messaging in particular.

Many workplace experts think asking employees to send only work-related messages is simply unrealistic. "People can't shut off their personal lives," says Bruce Pomerantz, a psychoanalyst in Chevy Chase, Md., who analyzes work and family issues. Pomerantz says businesses that peer too far over employees' shoulders will ultimately drive the workers away. "If you monitor people too closely, they'll want to leave the workplace," he says.

Douglas LaBier, president of the Center for Adult Development in Washington and author of the book "Modern Madness: The Hidden Link Between Work and Emotional Conflict," agrees. He says it's a mistake for companies to try to keep workers from using instant messaging for personal use. Sure, some will take advantage of the system. But those people would find a way around work without e-mail or IM.

And so messaging serves to blur the already muddled worlds of life and work. "IM is part of the careerization of life," says LaBier.

He worries there may be a backlash as some of us find it intrusive, and feel that we can be tracked down wherever we are. "The happiest and most fulfilled people are able to have a sense of integration of who they are at work and at home, who don't wear two hats," says LaBier.

## Rises

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were in special trade categories such as concrete and electrical work and the installation of dry-wall and roofing, he said. Another 500 positions were added in heavy construction, while 300 new jobs were seen in general building contractors, which include residential building. The services sector had the next highest gain with 1,800 new jobs in June. Membership organizations, such as YMCAs and country clubs had 600 more jobs as school let out and weather warmed. Due to the summer vacation period, hotels and other lodging places added 500 jobs in June. "Many hospitals and health facilities hired newly graduated physicians, nurses, therapists, technicians and other health professionals in June for an increase of 600 jobs in Kentucky's health services," Cracraft said. "Also, business services, including temporary help agencies, added 400 jobs in June."

Trade sector jobs rose in June by 800 with many of those positions occurring in retail trade establishments. Job growth in that area would have been higher but there was a decrease of 500 jobs in June in department stores which was partially due to a major chain closing some stores in Kentucky, Cracraft said.

Food stores and eating and drinking establishment added 400 jobs each in June and other areas such as automotive dealers and apparel and accessory stores showed increases in positions.

The manufacturing sector continued to show improvement with 700 new jobs in June. "The manufacturing sector in Kentucky has increased by 1,300 jobs in the past three months. That area of our economy has been of particular concern, so the trend is encouraging," said Cracraft. Within the manufacturing sector, nondurable goods manufacturing gained 900 jobs in areas such as

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## Summer

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textiles and apparel, paper, printing and publishing and food and kindred products. However, durable goods manufacturing fell by 200 jobs in June.

The transportation, communications and utilities sector recorded 400 additional positions in June. "The trucking and warehousing industry jobs in this sector have increased every month since March for a total of 700 positions in the last four months. "Increased consumer demand for products is increasing the movement of goods from warehouses and suppliers. This is a positive sign for the recovering economy," Cracraft said.

The finance, insurance and real estate sector had 100 more jobs in June.

The mining and quarrying sector was unchanged with 20,300 positions in both May and June.

Government was the only sector to show a job decrease in June. Overall, government had a 6,500-drop in jobs in June with most of that loss occurring in state and local education jobs (-10,100). Other gains in government jobs lessened the impact of the loss of jobs in education.

"Many school and college hourly employees such as cafeteria workers, custodians and bus drivers were not employed during June because schools closed for the summer. However, such seasonal losses will vanish when the schools and colleges and univer-

## Rival

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lapse in the secretary of state's office. Inez attorney John R. Triplett, who had been the subject of critical reporting, filed to claim the name for himself in May.

When The Nicholas Countian went to press with its Friday edition using the new name, The Carlisle Mercury announced plans to close in its Thursday issue, Crawford said.

The Carlisle Mercury closed its news office last summer and operates at the Morehead News office. Both belong to Community Newspaper Holdings Inc.

The Carlisle Mercury, which has about 55 subscribers, has struggled financially for some time, Publisher Jack McNeely said.

"We've done everything that we could have done in the last

sities reopen," Cracraft said.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics monthly estimate of the number of employed Kentuckians for June 2002 was 1,916,999. This figure is up 18,280 from the 1,898,719 employed in May 2002, and up 30,134 from the 1,886,865 Kentuckians employed in June 2001.

The monthly estimate of the number of unemployed Kentuckians for June 2002 was 106,954. This figure is up 2,755 from the 104,199 unemployed in May 2002, but down 2,931 from the 109,885 Kentuckians unemployed in June 2001.

The monthly estimate of the number of Kentuckians in the civilian labor force for June 2002 was 2,023,953. This figure is up 21,035 from the 2,002,918 recorded in May 2002, and up 27,203 from the 1,996,750 recorded for June 2001.

The civilian labor force includes non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. It does not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

Employment and unemployment statistics are based on estimates. They are compiled to indicate employment trends rather than actually to count numbers of people who are or are not working.

three years to save Carlisle," McNeely said. "It is the 10th oldest paper in the state. It's unfortunate it's come to this. It's hard to compete with a paper that's mailed out for free."

The Carlisle Mercury is mailed to paid subscribers and sold on newsstands, while The Nicholas Countian is free.

McNeely wouldn't comment on The Nicholas Countian's use of the Carlisle name. He said he plans to respond to it in the next edition of The Carlisle Mercury. The weekly will publish its last issue July 25.

Crawford said he did not ask The Carlisle Mercury to stop using the name.

"My only interest is in preserving a name that's been a part of Nicholas County life for years," he said.

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resources executives.

According to the Society for Human Resource Management, 66 percent of 551 employers interviewed for its annual benefits survey give general paid time off, with sick, vacation and personal days all rolled into one.

The reasons for the move toward general paid time off, said spokeswoman Kristin Bowl, is because employers know employees lie about sick days. With non-specific time off, they don't have to lie anymore. And this way, employees can plan better when an employee needs to take a day off to go hiking with the niece who's in town.

The Calvert Group in Bethesda, Md., has offered one chunk of paid time off for about four years. Depending on tenure, employees get between 16 and 26 days off a year.

Dennis R. Truskey, vice president for human resources, said the company tracked sick leave for about two years. It found that most people took an average of three or four sick days, so it decided to lump all paid time off together, partly so those who don't take sick days could have equal time off. The number of sick days taken now is about the same, he said.

"We tend to have a younger workforce. I think they'd rather use their days for vacation," he said.

Truskey said he still imagines people take last-minute days off, which is an inconvenience. Even though employees are allowed a certain number of days off, they are asked to plan ahead and first clear them with their supervisor. "If someone is always off on a Monday or a Friday, I tell their supervisor to track it and call it to an employee's attention," he said. "If I'm off five Fridays in a row, she has a right to get some sort of verification to make sure I'm sick."

Of course, the strictness of the sick vs. vacation time depends a lot on the company itself. One supervisor at an engineering services

firm in Old Town Alexandria, Va., said she would rather her employees just tell her a day or two in advance that they need to take a "sick" day.

"They can just be honest with me," she said. "As long as they don't do it when we're busy or a proposal needs to go out. There is work that needs to be done here." And in an office of her size — there are only 20 employees — when one person is gone, everyone feels it.

The organization offers employees seven days of sick leave a year. But it's "use it or lose it" time, so she understands the desire to take at least some of those days off.

"I'm an employee myself. I think about doing it," she admitted. Matthew, the not-for-profit employee, said his manager has never asked about it when he took a sick day off. "It's a 'don't ask, don't tell' policy."

As liberal as that unwritten policy sounds, however, he still keeps quiet when he takes an enjoyable day off. "I do feel awkward about the deception. We have a very social office, so if I've had a sick day but actually went to the Egypt exhibit at the National Gallery, that's something I would need to keep quiet about when chatting to co-workers."

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## Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

### Pack for the road

There's so much to see and do in the summertime. New adventures always draw out curiosity in everyone. Even the shortest excursions around the neighborhood can spur a bit of wonder. Being on the lookout for nature's treasures gives children a genuine appreciation of nature when they're watching for the acorn nestled in the leaves, the pine cone resting by a tree and that twisted twig almost lost in the shade of a fence post.

On the other hand, when you're in the car with your family in a very small space taking a long family road trip, nature becomes a blur! Unlike a walk where the experience is



DAVID LAROCHELLE

relaxing and spontaneity is everything, trips take planning to avoid those stressful "back-seat misadventures."

To hit the road on a positive note, get started ahead of time and get your kids involved. Let them choose a backpack, tote bag or even mom's or dad's old briefcase with all the tiny compartments that make it extra fun to sort and store their stuff. Then, divide your children's travel needs into three categories to cover the bases:

**FOR ENTERTAINMENT**

Include a cassette or CD player and tapes/CDs, coloring books, sketch pads and crayons, even hand-held electronic games. Basics like a deck of cards or string to play cat's cradle are easy to tuck in.

**FOR NOURISHMENT**

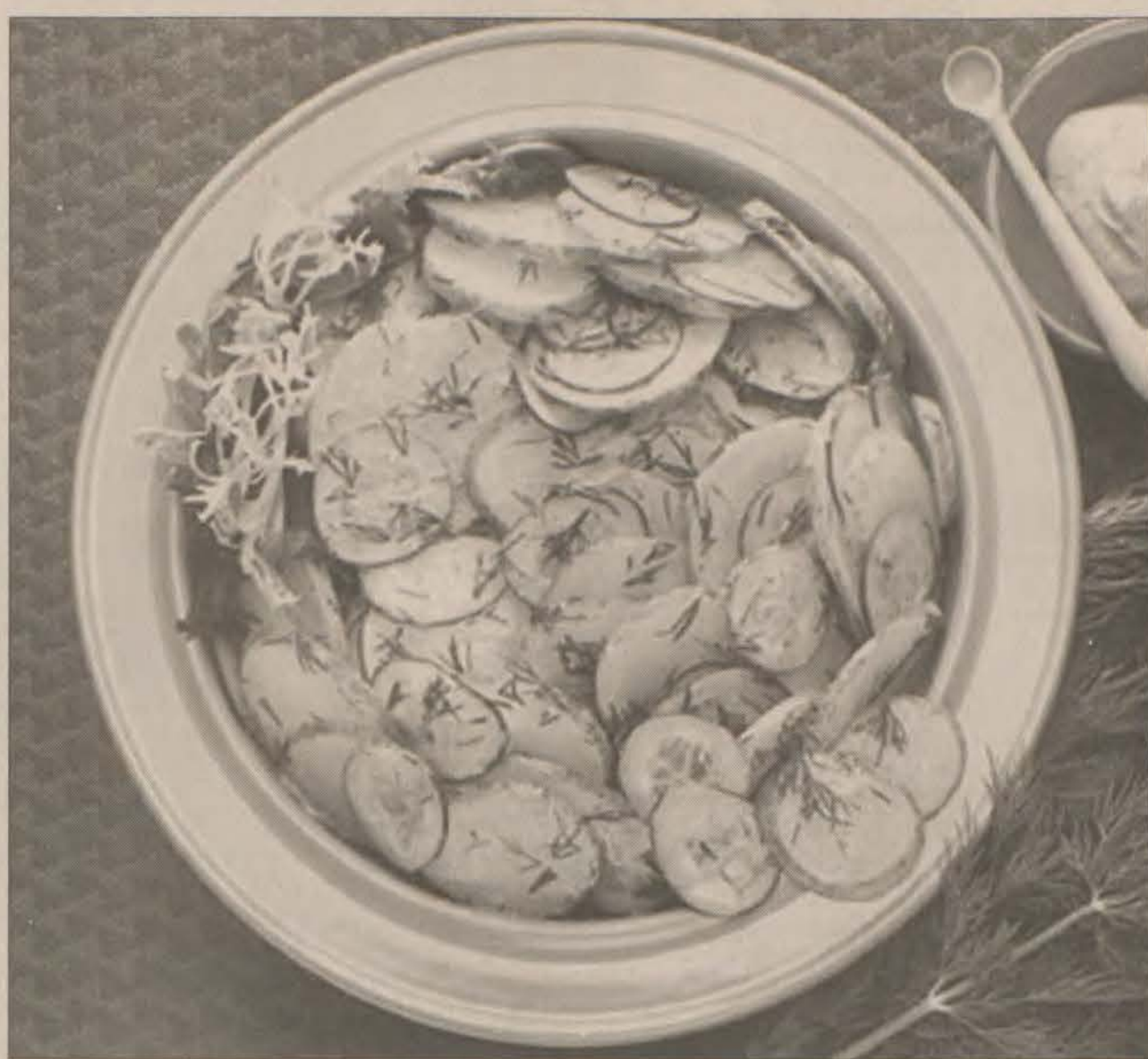
Choose healthy possibilities, such as cans of fruit juice, cheese sticks, dried fruit, grapes and yogurt with a straw poked through the top. Kids will think it's like drinking a shake.

**FOR THE MIND**

Select books, coins for on-the-spot game inventions (How Much Am I Holding?), brain games and a list of license-plate activities (the first person to find a plate from a state that gets tornadoes wins!).

Write Donna with your questions and ideas at [www.donnasday.com](http://www.donnasday.com). Donna's newly released book, "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families," is now available in bookstores nationwide.

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# Potato salad gets a spicy new twist

Sometimes even a classic dish needs innovation. And what's more classic than an old-fashioned, homey potato salad with its diced celery, hint of onion, mayonnaise and a sprinkle of paprika.

Here's your chance to present these variations and still keep your reputation as the best potato-salad maker around. In the first of these recipes, thin slices of potato are microwaved, but there's no reason you can't boil them, if you prefer. The thin green rims of the unpeeled cucumber give the salad a pleasing color accent, and the dill, fresh if at all possible, adds unique flavor. The second recipe has the zesty lemon touch so often found in Greek cuisine and, of course, its tangy feta cheese.

**IDAHO POTATO-CUCUMBER-DILL SALAD**

- 3 large Idaho potatoes, unpeeled, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup canola or vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh dill or 1 tablespoon dried whole dill weed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 large cucumber, unpeeled, scrubbed, thinly sliced

Place potato slices in a 9-inch-square microwave-safe baking dish; cover with microwave-safe plastic wrap; microwave on HIGH 9 to 11 minutes or until tender, stirring gently every 3 minutes. Combine vinegar, mustard, oil, dill and salt in a small jar. Cover tightly and shake vigorously. Pour vinegar mixture over potatoes. Cover and refrigerate until chilled. Gently mix in cucumber before serving. Makes 4 servings.



**GREEK POTATO SALAD**

- 4 medium Idaho potatoes, peeled, cut into 1/2-inch chunks
- 8 ounces green beans, cut into 1-inch lengths
- 3/4 cup buttermilk
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 large cucumber, peeled
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 medium red onion, halved, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup snipped fresh dill or 2 teaspoons dried whole dill weed

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## Potluck...

You may want to "invite" this easy slow cooker dish to your family potluck. It just could become the hit of the meal and the start of a new family favorite.

**CHEESY CAULIFLOWER-RICE CASSEROLE**

- 2 cups cooked rice
- 2 1/2 cups frozen cut cauliflower, thawed

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 (4-ounce) jar sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1 (10 3/4-ounce) can reduced-fat cream of mushroom soup
- 1/3 cup no-fat sour cream
- 1/3 cup water
- 1 cup frozen peas, thawed
- 1 1/2 cups shredded reduced-fat

(See POTLUCK, page six)



by JoAnna M. Lund

## Dear Diane... Retirement Ark

**DEAR DIANE:**

My husband of 15 years, "Vern," has gone off the deep end. He has just turned 40 and has gotten into his head that he wants to build a boat so when he turns 50, we can sell our house and spend the rest of our lives sailing around the world together.

Vern has gotten a second job in order to pay for the materials. When he isn't working at his two jobs, he's down in the cellar banging away at our Retirement Ark.

Although I'm grateful to have some time to myself, I'd still like to spend time with the man I love and married. As it is, we never see each other, and I have a hard time sleeping at night for all the racket coming from the cellar.

I think it is romantic that my husband loves me enough to want to spend the rest of his life sailing around the world with me, but to be honest with you, I'd rather be spending time with my husband NOW.

Also, he's not much of a carpenter. Last year I asked him to make me a spice rack and what he banged together looked like it was ripped from the head of moose. What am I going to do?

— LANDLOCKED IN BILLINGS

**DEAR LANDLOCKED:**

First, ask Vern how he's going to get that ocean-worthy vessel of his out of the basement. Also, I don't think your basement is big enough to fit a ship large enough to sail around the world.

If Vern is committed to this plan of sailing around the world with you, then what the two of you should do is save the money earned from your three jobs and look at buying a boat that can make the trip.

Whatever you do to talk some sense into this man, make sure you do it with love. Remember, after 15 years, Vern still wants to spend the rest of his life with only you. You are a lucky woman.

## Acne treatment can safely go in for years

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:**

My daughter, who is now 15, has taken the antibiotic Dynacin for more than 19 months to treat her acne. She has improved, but the acne is not completely gone. The dermatologist suggests she continue to use Dynacin. I am concerned about the effects it could have on my daughter's body. Could it damage her immune system? Please give me some information, — C.M.



**ANSWER:**

Part of the acne story centers on a bacterium called Propionibacterium acnes. That germ lives in the skin pores of just about everyone.

At puberty, when there is a surge of hormones, oil glands associated with skin pores produce an equivalent surge of oil. The bacterium goes wild. It feasts on the oil and produces substances called free fatty acids.

Free fatty acids are irritants. The irritation progresses to the formation of a pimple.

Dynacin is a brand name for the antibiotic minocycline. Minocycline is a member of the tetracycline family of antibiotics. Dynacin kills off the bacterium and stops the production of free fatty acids. Acne improves.

This medicine can be used for months and years. In acne treatment, it is usually given in smaller doses than the ones used to treat a full-fledged infection.

It does not damage the immune system.

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# Chicken Soup for the Soul: Rebeccas' Rainbow

Tara M. Nickerson  
(FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE KID'S SOUL")

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From the time she was a small girl, 11-year-old Rebecca loved to paint rainbows on valentines, rainbows on drawings she carried home from school. "You're my Rainbow Girl," her mother would laugh, as she stuck another picture on the refrigerator with a big rainbow magnet.

Each bright band of color reminded Rebecca of something special in her life. Red, the color at the top, was like the sweet red ketchup she dumped on top of her favorite thing to eat, french fries — and anything else she could think of. Red was also the color of her favorite

food, lobster, which her mother rewarded her with at the end of every school year for a good report card. Orange made her think of pumpkins and the holiday she liked best, Halloween, when she could dress up and be whatever she chose.

Yellow was the color of her hair — long, straight, fairy-tale princess hair that hung down her back like Rapunzel's. Green meant the tickle of grass under the palms of her hands as she turned cartwheel after cartwheel, stretching her long legs toward heaven. Blue was the color of the morning sky, which she glimpsed from the skylight over her bed. Blue was also the color of her eyes, and

the color of the ocean she lived near. And purple, the band at the heart of each rainbow, was her mother's favorite color, and always reminded Rebecca of home.

It was the last weekend in May, and Rebecca was looking forward to all her end-of-school-year activities. In a few days, she would be center stage, making all her friends laugh as "the nerd" in the school play. Shortly after that, she would be doing arabesques in her annual dance recital. Her father was about to host his famous Memorial Day weekend cookout. The only unhappy note was that Rebecca's mother was going on vacation for a few days. It was the first

time her mother had been away from home since Rebecca's parents had divorced. Rebecca was unusually anxious about the separation and cried when they had to say goodbye. Perhaps she sensed something was about to happen.

Coming home late one night over the Memorial Day weekend, Rebecca, her father and his new wife were killed when a drunk driver traveling the wrong way down the highway hit their car. Only Rebecca's 9-year-old brother, Oliver, survived the crash, protected by his sister's body.

Rebecca's funeral was held on the day that she was to have starred in the school play. It was a beautiful spring day, as bright and sunny as Rebecca herself. Rebecca's mother closed her eyes and prayed. "Rebecca, I need to know that you are at peace. Please send me a

sign. Send me a rainbow."

After her funeral, Rebecca's grieving friends and relatives were gathered with her mother at her grandparents' house when, unexpectedly, it began to rain. It rained hard for a while. Then all at once it stopped. Suddenly, from the front porch of the house someone shouted: "Hey, everybody! Look! Look what's out here!"

Everyone ran outside. Out over the ocean, a rainbow had appeared. It was a great big, magnificent array of colors that came down out of the clouds as if by magic. Every hue was bright and vivid and true.

As aunts wept and uncles jostled each other to get a better look, Rebecca's mother gazed up at the beautiful picture her Rainbow Girl had painted in the sky and whispered, "Thank you."





# "The Summer of My Greek Taverna: A Memoir"

**The Summer of My Greek Taverna: A Memoir**  
By Tom Stone  
(Simon & Schuster, \$24)  
Reviewed by E.B. Waddell

American Tom Stone's sojourn in Greece was only supposed to last a summer, dedicated to writing and solitude. But then he made the fatal mistake of visiting Patmos, a far-flung island on the edge of the Aegean, home to oregano-scent-

ed hillsides, all-night parties and a lovely painter named Danielle. Nine years and two kids later, Tom and Danielle are drudging through a dull existence on the Greek mainland when Tom receives an unexpected phone call: A Patman friend offers him a partnership in his restaurant, or taverna, for the summer. Tom jumps at the chance to relive his glory days — but he soon learns that the offer is not all it's cracked up to be.

In chronicling "The Summer

of My Greek Taverna," Stone immerses the reader in a world of rugged, isolated beauty, idiosyncratic characters and a sacred, storied past (Patmos is the island where John the Theologian was living when he received the visions he recorded in the Bible's Book of Revelations). Stone even includes detailed recipes for a sample menu of his taverna, mouthwatering traditional Greek recipes with a dash of American creativity.

But the reader learns along with Tom that even life in sunny paradise has its shadows, and behind the quaint farmhouses and picturesque beaches lurks a land of harshness, deprivation and superstition. It's an ancient world that the reader suspects is fast disappearing — but perhaps the Patmos that Tom inhabited never really existed at all.

*Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.*

## Sam & Dave

explain it all to you

by Samantha Weaver and Dave Smith

### DEAR SAM & DAVE:

I am 16 years old and have a sister, "Sally," who is 14. Even though Sally is two years younger than I am, she has developed faster than me. The problem is that Sally is always going into my closet and "borrowing" my clothes. All my tops are stretched out, and whenever I go to find an outfit I want to wear, it's always in the hamper because Sally has already worn it. I have a job, and I've bought these clothes with my own money. They're mine! My mother says I'm acting like a spoiled, jealous child and that I should be "big about it" and share my wardrobe with my younger sister. Who's

## Forcing mother to take sides

right?  
— RAGING IN RACINE

### DAVE SAYS:

You are — on all counts. Sally is using your mother in a power play to gain favor. By acting like the victimized younger sibling, she's making you out to be the bad guy in this scenario, when in fact it is Sally who is the spoiled brat.

You are also right when it comes to your mother saying, "be big about it." Sharing is a virtuous trait to have, but if someone is forced to share, then the true meaning of sharing is lost. You paid for those clothes, and you have a right to say whether Sally — or anybody — can wear them. How would your mother feel if you went into her purse, pulled out \$50 and said, "Be big about it, Mom. I don't have as much money as you do, because you're older than me. So, I guess you'll have to share"?

Chances are she'd go through the roof.

Sit down with your mother and explain to her that Sally is manipulating her. By making you mad, Sally is forcing your mother to take sides. Then say to your mother that you would be happy to share some of your clothes with Sally as long as they don't get ruined, but you shouldn't be forced to share.

### SAM SAYS:

The ability to share is a virtue that parents try to teach their kids from a very young age, and it's a good one. However, sometimes parents are so concerned with the principle of sharing that they don't see the specifics of a situation. The lesson that your mom needs to be teaching right now is that personal property is just that — personal. And you're not the one who needs to learn it.

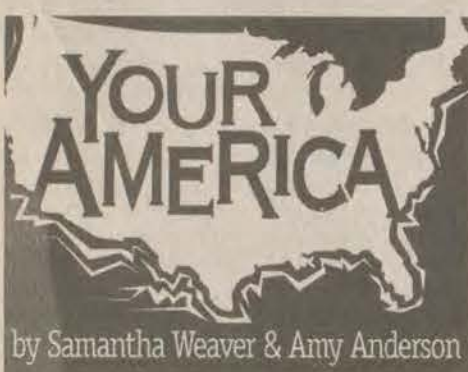
Explain the problems that

you're having to your mom in detail, giving specific examples. Just the generic, "Mom, she's taking my stuff!" won't do it — it sounds too much like whining. Tell her when you're late for school because you can't find any clothes to wear. Let her know when you have to do extra laundry to have clean clothes. When a shirt gets ruined because Sally stretched it out, show it to your mom — and tell her how much it cost.

Believe me, most moms are VERY concerned with the cost of clothing. With any luck, she'll come around to your point of view before too long.

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by Samantha Weaver & Amy Anderson

They call it the house that corn built. But why would anyone build a house, much less a palace, out of corn. Because they can, silly.

Mitchell, S.D., is home to the World's Only Corn Palace, the result of a tradition dating back to the late 1800s. Early settlers, in order to prove that the South Dakota soil was up to snuff, displayed their crops on the outside of the very first corn palace, the Corn Belt Exposition building.

The tradition has been continued in today's Corn Palace, the third such structure. Of course, the entire building isn't made of corn. Rather the entire structure (comparable with a large civic center or

## Where corn is king

concert hall) is covered with beautiful murals made with corn, corn husks, grains, wheat, grasses, etc. Every year, the outside murals are torn down and reconstructed of new materials. Local artists design the murals.

From Aug. 28 to Sept. 2, the Corn Palace Festival will feature five days of live entertainment, plus midway rides, games and lots of corn. To begin with, John Sedaka will appear at the Corn Palace on Thursday. He's followed by a night of country music, courtesy of the Rockin' Roadhouse Tour. Friday's 7 p.m. show will get you Joe Diffie, Mark Chesnutt and Tracy Lawrence for the low price of \$25 per ticket.

Saturday evening features a 1950s dance party, with appearances by Elvis impersonator Bill Schott (named one of the top 10 impersonators in the world by Elvis Images), and Bob and the Beachcombers, who are described as including "first-class

entertainment" and "total audience participation" to the evening. On Sunday, you can enjoy the free State Youth Talent Competition.

The Corn Palace midway and festival will be located in front of the Corn Palace, at 603 Main Street and will continue down First Avenue.

For more information on the Corn Palace Festival, call 1-800-289-7469 or log on to [www.cornpalacefestival.com](http://www.cornpalacefestival.com). The Corn Palace is located in downtown Mitchell, S.D., and is open year-round. There is no charge to visit the Corn Palace, and it is the location of many sports events and stage shows throughout the year.

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## A dentist invented the electric chair

■ Perhaps unsurprisingly, the electric chair was invented by a dentist.

■ Ever wonder where we got the word "curfew"? Before electricity and central heat, people kept fires burning in their homes in the evening for light and warmth. Because of the high risk of a large fire starting and spreading to neighboring buildings, however, fires could not remain unattended while residents slept. In France, there was a certain time designated for people to "cover the fire" — in French, the expression is "cuevre fue." The phrase became associated with bedtime and often had a specific signal such as a bell or horn, and it was eventually assimilated into the English language.

■ Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.



■ Ever heard of the word "sgriob"? Probably not. The Gaelic speakers of Scotland, though, use that word to refer to the itchiness that overcomes the upper lip just before taking a sip of whiskey.

■ It was Thomas Fuller who observed, "Men never think their fortune too great, nor their wit too little."

■ The cigarette lighter was invented before the match.

■ In Japan, space is at a premium. In apartment complexes in heavily populated areas, there's not enough room to build parking lots large enough to house all the residents' cars. They've come up with an ingenious solution, however: elevator parking. Each space of a ground-level parking lot can be made to accommodate two or even three vehicles. Several people are assigned the same spot, and are put on the upper, lower or middle level. There's enough room underground for one or two cars to be lowered into the ground. Each is given a device something like a garage-door opener; when it's time to park, they just push a button until the appropriate space is at ground level. Voila!

### Thought for the Day:

"I always avoid prophesying beforehand, because it is a much better policy to prophesy after the event has already taken place."  
— Winston Churchill

## INFOLINK Too much of a good thing

Man, I need a vacation. But hey, don't we all?

But for some of us, going on a vacation is a physical thing only, and somehow, the relaxation part never comes to fruition. Yeah, relaxation — you know, that part of the vacation where you think: "Hey I wonder how everything is going back at the office? Oh wait, I almost forgot! I'm on vacation, and this is where I'm not supposed to care." At which point you do something like kiss the Blarney Stone or sip a margarita or whatever relaxed people do while on vacation.

And technology doesn't help

at this point. It does when you are at work. We have PDAs, global cellphone plans, wireless broadband ... and no self-respecting hotel would be without an Internet hookup.

It still surprises me to find out that there are people who feel cut off and out of touch while on vacation if they can't log on and check their e-mail every three hours.

Calling these driven A-type personalities addicted to technology would be incorrect. Rather, technology enables folks who would otherwise know the joy of thumbing their nose up at their workplace for

two weeks to be addicted to work.

The Detroit Free Press cited a survey saying that 82 percent of executives can't resist checking e-mail or otherwise contacting colleagues while on vacation. And 68 percent take at least one tech gadget with them, while 42 percent carry at least two.

Why? Because they can. These people have some issues. Obviously, they believe that if you're going to do it right, you have to do it yourself. They think that this is the kind of behavior to which they owe their success. Delegating isn't something they relish, and

teaching someone else how to do their job may lead co-workers to believe that their job isn't that difficult to begin with.

Do you choose a hotel based on whether it has high-speed Internet connections? Does the idea of going a whole day without checking your e-mail make you uncomfortable? While on vacation, do you justify checking in because it would make returning to work less stressful? Returning to work? You never left in the first place.

Comments? Questions? Contact InfoLink at [robertvogel@earthlink.net](mailto:robertvogel@earthlink.net).

## Better safe than sorry

**Q** Do I need to talk to my doctor before starting an exercise program? I'm in good health, although I haven't done any regular exercise in years. — Jill S.



**A** Starting an exercise program is one of the best things that you can do for your body. Before you begin, it is important to know about your current and past health history so the exercise of your choice does not cause problems.

The majority of people beginning an exercise program do so gradually and with minimal exertion. This sort of activity most likely would not cause any health risks, but if you or someone in your family (such as parents, grandparents or siblings) has health risk factors, consulting a physician is very important. These factors include:

- Previous heart problems (heart attack, surgery), or if you have been told by a doctor you have a heart condition (abnormal heart beat, murmur) and medically supervised exercise is recommended.
- Current or past diseases such as diabetes, thyroid disorder, liver or kidney problems.
- Slight or severe chest pain in the past or present.
- Shortness of breath after minimal activity.
- Feeling faint or dizzy.
- High blood pressure.
- High cholesterol.
- Currently taking medication for blood pressure, cholesterol or any other disease or disorder.
- Present or past muscle,

bone or joint problems, such as broken bones, torn ligaments, sprains and disease that affect the muscular system. (Re-injuries can occur or be made worse by inappropriate exercise.)

■ If you were ever told not to participate in an exercise program for any other physical reason.

Check over this list; if you can confirm two or more situations to be true, definitely consult with your physician before beginning to exercise. Your physician more than likely will encourage you to begin exercise, but may have some guidelines for you to follow in order to produce the best benefits.

When starting a new program of exercise, get off on the right foot. The saying, "better safe than sorry" definitely applies to making sure you are truly ready to begin.

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## Potluck

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Cheddar cheese

(1 cup) servings.

Spray a slow cooker container with butter-flavored cooking spray. In prepared container, combine rice, cauliflower, onion and mushrooms. Stir in mushroom soup, sour cream and water. Add peas and Cheddar cheese. Mix well to combine. Cover and cook on LOW for 4 to 6 hours. Mix well before serving. Makes 8

■ Each serving equals: 152 Calories, 4 g Fat, 9 g Protein, 20 g Carb., 438 mg Sodium, 2 g Fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1 Meat, 1 Vegetable.

Visit JoAnna's Web site at [www.healthyexchanges.com](http://www.healthyexchanges.com)

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*The observation deck*

*If thou shouldst never see my face again, Pray for my soul. More things are wrought by prayer Than this world dreams of.*

Alfred, Lord Tennyson, 1809-1892

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## Block

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4 ounces feta cheese, crumbled

gently to coat.

In large pot of boiling salted water, cook potatoes about 12 minutes or until crisp-tender. Add green beans and cook 2 minutes longer. Drain well.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl, whisk together butter-milk, olive oil, lemon zest, lemon juice and salt. Add potatoes and green beans; toss

Cut cucumber in half lengthwise; seed it, if desired, and thinly slice. Add cucumber, tomatoes, onion and dill to potato mixture; toss gently. Cool to room temperature. Serve at room temperature or cover and refrigerate until serving time. Before serving, sprinkle feta cheese over salad. Makes 8 servings.

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## Health

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It can foster a vaginal infection in some women. It can make skin sensitive to sunlight, so your daughter ought to protect herself when she goes outdoors. Have her ask the dermatologist if she should use a sunblocker.

Acne is a rite of passage for most people. The acne report details how it is treated. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 39W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

### DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I'd like to share information on easing leg cramps. It will probably bring a smile to the lips of a doctor, and you'll probably say: You do what?

Squeeze the skin under your nose as hard as you can. In a few seconds, the cramp

relaxes and the pain goes away. This is far from a scientific solution, but it works for me. — D.S.

### ANSWER:

Your information does bring a smile to my face, but not because I find it a fanciful treatment. I usually mention the skin-squeeze for ending a cramp. Pinching the skin between the nose and the top of the upper lip is a method that many readers have offered to me in the past. I am waiting to have a cramp so I can try it.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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# Sunday Comics



## Super Crossword

- ALONG CAME JOANS
- ACROSS  
1 Spar  
5 Stomach remedy  
11 Tijuana two  
14 Bob Marley was one  
19 Literary pseudonym  
20 Deny  
21 Turner or Pappas  
22 Remove a corsage  
23 Joan Cusack film  
25 Joan Rivers line  
27 Hero's horse  
28 Brasilia architect Oscar  
30 Neighbor of Mont.  
31 Little spot in the sea  
35 Psychic Geller  
36 Triangle type  
39 Cut  
42 Coach Parseghian  
43 Blabby bird  
45 Zenith  
46 Rhine whine  
47 Dana and Seixas  
49 Precambrian  
51 Ho Chi Minh City, once  
55 Joan Jett's group  
60 Ms. Montez  
61 — firma  
62 Jedi instructor  
63 "— vous plait"  
65 Cherbourg chapeau  
66 Acted like a stallion  
69 "Yuck!"  
70 Bargain  
72 Raven maven?  
73 Joan Collins series  
75 Joan Osborne hit  
78 Mil. address  
81 Hit the Haagen-Dazs  
82 Fr. lady  
83 Showers, in winter  
86 Enjoy the weekend  
88 Behave like a bunny  
90 Gross subj.  
92 Rested  
94 Israeli airline  
95 Joan Didion book  
99 Declare  
102 Proverb  
103 European capital  
104 82 Across, farther south  
105 De Lesseps' canal  
107 Highflying agcy.  
110 "Krazy —"  
111 Director Peter  
112 Nursery noise-makers  
115 Gun the engine  
116 Guru  
118 — polloi  
119 Germs  
122 Certain marble  
126 Joan Sutherland's birthplace  
129 Joan Van Ark role  
133 Nome dome home?  
134 Habitually, to Herrick  
135 Clementi compositions  
136 Cultural grp.  
137 "Superman" star  
138 Carrere or Mowry  
139 Reduce in rank  
140 Disposition  
DOWN  
1 Cat calls?  
2 Heaps  
3 Father  
4 Comprehend  
5 Lodging  
6 Violin part  
7 Souffle ingredient  
8 First base man?  
9 Impressive lobby  
10 Dieter's snack  
11 Casino cubes  
12 Endorses  
13 Nero's tutor  
14 "Golden Girl" McClanahan  
15 Farm animal?  
16 Where to hear zarzuela  
17 Diacritical mark  
18 "Puppy Love" singer  
24 Drivers' lics., e.g.  
26 Shawls and such  
29 He gets down to work  
32 Etna ooze  
33 Hockey's Lindros  
34 Vulgar  
37 Meadow  
38 Ovid's fate  
39 "The Simpsons" creator  
40 Paint pigment  
41 "— ignorance is bliss..."  
44 Part of M.A.  
48 "Twist and —" ('62 hit)  
50 Out of the way  
52 Trail mix  
53 Butter sub  
54 Hoopster Archibald  
56 Nail type  
57 It's down in the mouth  
58 Nervous  
59 Contented sigh  
64 Composer Janacek  
65 Most morose  
67 Rock producer Brian  
68 Salt serving  
71 Workers' grp.  
74 Has a ball at the mall  
75 Bus starter?  
76 Peachy-keen  
77 Push a product  
78 Locality  
79 Lucre  
80 Norwegian name  
82 Merry month  
84 Make one's hair stand on end?  
85 "Heidi" author  
87 "He's making —"  
89 Scheme  
91 Chores  
93 Godunov, e.g.  
96 Cognizant  
97 Cabbage concoction  
98 Bit  
100 Furrow  
101 Diva Nellie  
106 Radical  
108 Socked a shuttlecock  
109 Pilot  
111 Little house on the prairie?  
112 It makes women blush  
113 Passageway  
114 Bookstore section  
117 Ginnie —  
118 It grows on you  
120 "Later!"  
121 Grad  
123 Singer Vannelli  
124 "So — You" ('77 song)  
125 "Heavens to Betsy!"  
127 "Mazel —"  
128 "Sheila" singer  
130 Ancient Tokyo  
131 Ensnare  
132 Nationality suffix

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- Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
- Candy
  - Chips
  - Coins
  - Gifts
  - Gold
  - Groceries
  - Hot air
  - Ice
  - Laughs
  - Loot
  - Mulch
  - Peanuts
  - Tricks
  - Wind

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