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briefs

Districts eligible for grant

Times Staff Report

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Approximately 90 of Kentucky 176 public school districts are eligible to apply for a share of \$89 million from the U.S. Department of Education to implement the Reading First program over the next six years, the department announced Friday.

Reading First, a component of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 is an intiative designed to improve the reading levels of primary children in kindergarten through third grade.

The program focuses on several priorities, including coordination, early and family literacy, basic reading instructional practices, among others.

Statewide professional development will train teachers in the five essential components of basic reading instruction.

A competitive grant process will be established for eligible districts. the department said, resulting in about 70 schools selected to recieve about \$150,000 annually for six years, beginning in 2004.

Eastern Kentucky counties eligible to apply for the funding are Floyd, Pike, Perry, Lawrence, Martin, Magoffin, Knott, Letcher and Breathitt.

MCA bus involved in wre No students hurt after pickup slams into rear

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN - A serious accident occurred early Friday morning on Route 80 involving a Mountain Christian Academy school bus. reportedly carrying 11 children, and a Chevrolet pickup driven by Wayne Stephens, 43, who had reportedly been traveling from Louisa.

According to the driver of the bus, Jeff Gayheart, weather conditions were "extremely foggy" and he and fellow driver, Denver Ousley,

who was driving another MCA bus just ahead of Gayheart, were attempting to pull over to the side of the road as both buses traveled south toward the city of Martin.

"I don't know exactly what happened," Gayheart said, "except that we were pulling over and he (Stephens) followed us. We stopped and he didn't,"

The impact pushed MCA bus #4 into a neighboring guardrail and completely crushed the entire front

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A pickup truck collided early Friday morning on Route 80 with a Mountain **Christian Academy** school bus, reportedly carrying 11 schoolchildren. Foggy weather conditions creating low visibility reportedly were a contributing cause of the accident. The schoolchildren, as well as could be ascertained at press time, were uninjured, but the driver of the pickup was hospitalized.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

TAKING CARE OF HISTORY



Parker gets 18 months for barn pot operation

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG -An Ohio man was sentenced Friday to a yearand-half in prison after pleading guilty to cultivating marijuana in a barn he was renting along the Floyd-Magoffin county line.

Stephan Parker, 50, was sentenced Friday afternoon in Floyd Circuit Court on one count of cultivating marijuana, one count of possession of drug parapossession of a police radio.

Parker pleaded guilty to the charges he practically led police to in the first place

When police responded to a complaint from a local resident saying they suspected Parker was tapping into their electricity to run lights nearly night and day in his barn, the last thing they expected to uncover was a highly evolved marijuana-growing operation.

But that's exactly what

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storm High: 74 . Low: 60 For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see

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Eddie Campbell, Prestonsburg **City Utilities** financial officer, explained a loan resolution to meet 50 percent of the cost of a \$1.48 million project to upgrade the treatment plant's intake system to accommodate its capacity. Loretta Blackburn

photo by Loretta Blackburn The Brethitt County High Junior ROTC visited the Middle Creek Battlefield on Friday, where they planted trees and cleaned up the roadside as part of a service learning project.

JROTC prepares field for 'battle'

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The Breathitt County High Junior ROTC visited the Middle Creek Battlefield on Friday, where Senior Army Instructor Mark Carroll said the students were participating in a service learning project that would include a reenactment of the battle. The U.S. Army Junior ROTC

website proposes that what a student studies in the program "isn't found in any textbook", because the subject is "you". It teaches students communication skills, leadership, physical fitness, first aid and drug abuse prevention, as well as history and citizenship.

Carroll said that Breathitt High was at the battlefield to study military history and would reenact the battle at a later date.

Part of the group was cleaning up the area by removing garbage near the David entrance, while another group, as part of public service, was planting trees, compliments of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Brethitt County is one of 52 high schools in Kentucky that offer the ROTC program. The history of

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phernalia and one count of (See SENTENCE, page three)

Another syndicate charge dropped for plea

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG -Burnett Little, who was arrested last year along with several others in a countywide drug roundup, was sentenced to two years in prison Friday.

But his sentence did not include a criminal syndicate offense he was originally charged with at the time of his arrest.

Instead, Little was sen-

tenced to five years for charges of first-degree trafficking in cocaine and second-degree trafficking in controlled substance.

Floyd Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill sentenced Little in court Friday afternoon in accordance with a recommendation from the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office which ultimately probated the

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sentence from five years to

Council calls on school board to accept money for new school

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The Prestonsburg City Council held a special meeting Friday at noon. where the discussion primarily pertained to sewer and schools, with the latter being the subject of a proclamation to request that the Floyd County Board of Education accept the special by state Rep. Greg Stumbo for

funds allocated for a consolidation.

Mayor Jerry Fannin questioned the school system's motto "Children First", stating that it didn't pertain when they didn't take care of kids. He was referring to the board's decision to table a motion by District 1 board member Mickey McGuire to accept special funds set aside

consolidation the Prestonsburg Clark and Elementary.

Council member C.E. Branham said that the school board had until June 6 to accept the funds of \$7.4 million or they would be lost. He proposed that the majority of the board, excluding Chandra Varia, who

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Odds and Ends

KANSAS CITY, Mo. -Charlie Scott is often needled for his choice of hobby.

He's the only man in the 150member Nitetime Needlers quilt

guild in Kansas City. He makes sure his fellow Needlers keep an open mind.

"I would always have to say something because when they made announcements, they would say 'ladies,"' Scott said. "Now they make an effort to say, 'ladies and gentleman' or 'ladies and Charlie.""

Scott joined the group about three years ago after he saw his former mother-in-law quilting.

"I was fascinated with what she was doing, so I went out and bought some fabric and made a quilt," said Scott, who at that time didn't know how to sew. "I basically just taught myself."

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The 30-year-old developed his hobby into a career. He began teaching beginning quilting at a fabrics and crafts store, and for more than a year now he has been the store's education coordinator.

Scott said he expects more men to take up quilting.

"It's no longer just for grandmothers," he said Thursday.

PORT HURON, Mich.

Getting one hole-in-one is lucky enough. Golfer Dave Ladensack scored two aces in a single round.

According to the odds, Ladensack will have to wait 335,000 years to again accomplish what he did last weekend.

Bucking odds mightier than lightning-strike proportions, the 47-year-old notched two holesin-one in one round Sunday at

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the Port Huron Elks Golf Club. "I was in disbelief," Ladensack, a golfer since the 1970s. "It really doesn't sink in right away."

Chances of pulling off the feat, while hardly scientific, are 67 million-to-1, according to a representative of the magazine Golf Digest.

That means Ladensack could play 200 rounds of golf a year and not duplicate his feat for another 335,000 years.

They were Ladensack's third and fourth career aces.

BOSWELL, Pa. -Maybe \$45 a month isn't enough, or the job is thankless. Whatever it is, this tiny borough is having a hard time finding a mayor.

Regina Felice resigned as Boswell's part-time mayor in March, and the council has been scrambling to find a replacement to serve out the final two years of her term.

"This is a very small town. Practically everybody knows everybody." said council President Mary Ann DeLuca. who is filling in as mayor. "Maybe people don't want to hear when people complain. I don't know.'

According to Felice, it's not that being mayor of this borough of 1,364 people about 60 miles southeast of Pittsburgh takes that much time; it just requires more than the 41-year-old woman can give. She's busy with her family and looking for a full-time job.

Nobody seems willing to step forward to assume the responsibilities, which include paperwork, oversight of the one-person police force, enforcing ordinances and casting the rare vote to break council ties.

Eventually, if the borough can't find a mayor, it could approach Somerset County officials, or the Court of Common Pleas, which could appoint one. That, however, may not be the answer either.

"If nobody wants it, you can't force anybody to take it," DeLuca said.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. - Most high school seniors look forward to graduating with their classmates.

For Luke Bremer, the Heartland Lutheran High School's first commencement will be a solitary experience.

Bremer, the lone member of the Class of 2003, will receive his diploma in a ceremony Sunday at the school.

"I see it's importance. It's a big thing, the first graduation for the school," he said. "I fully realize it's important to a lot of people."

Heartland Lutheran began three years ago with five students meeting in rooms at Peace Lutheran Church. It now has 26



The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, May 4, the 124th day of 2003. There are 241 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 4, 1970, Ohio National Guardsmen opened fire on anti-war protesters at Kent State University, killing four students and wounding nine others.

On this date:

In 1626, Dutch explorer Peter Minuit landed on presentday Manhattan Island. In 1776, Rhode Island

declared its freedom from England, two months before the Declaration of Independence was adopted.

In 1886, at Haymarket Square in Chicago, a labor demonstration for an eight-hour work day turned into a riot when a bomb exploded.

■ In 1927, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was founded.

juniors.

The Rev. Dan Bremer, the graduate's father and the pastor at Grace Lutheran Church, will be the commencement speaker. Luke Bremer also has some prepared remarks.

SEATTLE — Monika Culbertson sure is lucky for someone who claims she doesn't like to wager.

The 58-year-old Germanborn grandmother of four has won more than \$4 million in three separate state lottery drawings.

"I'm not a gambler," she said after learning she had won in the Washington State Lottery for a third time. "There really isn't any way to explain it."

She's already receiving \$200,000 in annual payments from the \$4 million jackpot that students, including eight she won in 1997. On Saturday,

the United Nations.

Unabomber

himself.

One year ago:

Five years ago:

Kaczynski was given four life

sentences plus 30 years by a fed-

eral judge in Sacramento, Calif.,

under a plea agreement that

spared him the death penalty. In

Vatican City, the commander of

the Swiss Guard, Alois

Estermann, and his wife were

found shot to death in their

apartment; a Vatican inquiry

concluded that a corporal,

Cedric Tornay, had shot the cou-

ple and then turned the gun on

A Nigerian airliner crashed in

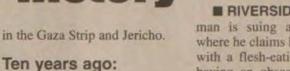
the northern city of Kano just

after takeoff, killing a total of

154 people on the plane and the

ground. War Emblem, a 20-1

shot, scored a down-to-the-wire.



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where he claims he was infected with a flesh-eating virus while having an obscene tattoo cov-The U.S. handed over control ered on his neck. of the relief effort in Somalia to

Michael Machetti, 31, had to have skin on his neck and under his arms removed after the procedure and may face additional surgeries, his attorney, Ron Bakal, said Wednesday.

"Pretty frightening stuff," Bakal said.

The negligence and product liability suit was filed April 11 in Riverside County Superior Court against Bullseye Tattoo in Banning and owner Sam Enriquez. It contends the studio used unsanitary equipment that caused the infection and seeks unspecified damages and payment of medical costs.

Enriquez did not immediately return a message left at the shop.

The suit does not name Swen Raulfs, the artist who covered the tattoo, but he called the suit 'ridiculous."

Raulfs said he has done hundred of tattoos and works only with single-use, prepackaged,

ferent stores.

Lottery officials had not yet computed the odds of winning three times in a six-year span.

Culbertson won the \$50,000

She also won \$1,000 in

"That's a lot of luck, don't

Culbertson is the first triple

For the past 10 years,

winner in the history of the

state's lottery, which began in

Culbertson said she's spent \$20

a week on lottery tickets, buying

them at 2:30 p.m. every

Wednesday and Saturday at dif-

1 in 7 million to win the jackpot

in 1997 and 1 in 11,000 for the

2001 Quinto, according to

The odds are mind boggling:

Lucky for Life drawing.

Quinto in October 2001.

you think?" she said.

1982.

The total: \$4,051,000.

Having grown up one of eight children in Germany, Culbertson said she knows how to stretch a dollar. "And that's not going to change," she said,

■ RIVERSIDE, Calif. — A man is suing a tattoo parlor

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In 1932, mobster Al Capone, convicted of incometax evasion, entered the federal penitentiary in Atlanta.

■ In 1942, the Battle of the Coral Sea, the first naval clash fought entirely with carrier aircraft, began during World War II.

In 1945, during World War II. German forces in the Netherlands, Denmark and northwest Germany agreed to surrender.

In 1961, a group of Riders" left "Freedom Washington for New Orleans to challenge racial segregation in interstate buses and bus terminals.

🔳 In 1980, Marshal Josip Broz Tito, president of Yugoslavia, died three days before his 88th birthday.

IIIn 1994, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat signed a historic accord on Palestinian autonomy that granted self-rule

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four-length victory over Proud Citizen in the Kentucky Derby.

Today's Birthdays:

The president of Egypt, Hosni Mubarak, is 75. Jazz musician Maynard Ferguson is 75. Opera singer Roberta Peters is 73. Jazz musician Ron Carter is 66. Rock musician Dick Dale is 66. Singer Tyrone Davis is 65. Singer-songwriter Nick Ashford is 61. Actor Paul Gleason is 59. Pop singer Peggy Santiglia (The Angels) is 59. Country singer Stella Parton is 54. Actorturned-clergyman Hilly Hicks is 53. Singer Jackie Jackson (The Jacksons) is 52. Country singer Randy Travis is 44. Actress Mary McDonough is 42. Comedian Ana Gasteyer is 36. Rock musician Mike Dirnt (Green Day) is 31. Rock musician Jose Castellanos is 26. Singer Lance Bass ('N Sync) is 24.

Thought for Today:

"Love is blind; friendship closes its eyes." - Anonymous.

sterilized needles. In addition, the shop has annual health inspections and its sterilizing equipment is checked monthly, he said.

"I have never in all the tattoos I've done, ever had a problem like this," he said.

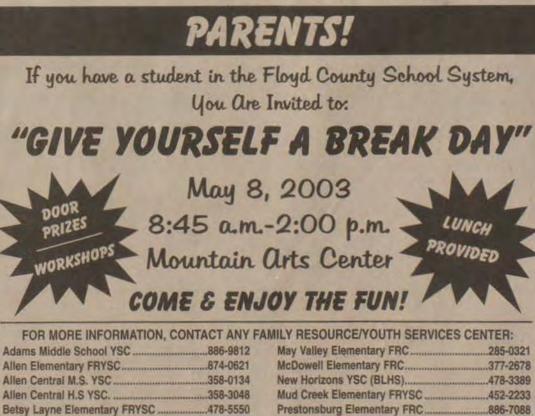
Raulfs said the tattoo featured an obscene word and the numerals "666."

Machetti, a telephone operator for a hotel chain, had the tattoo covered in June because it was bothering fellow employees, Bakal said.



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Moore gets two years for possession

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - A Lackey man, Stephen Moore, 28, was sentenced Friday in Floyd Circuit Court to two years, pursuant to charges from a May 2002 event in which he was accused of trafficking within 1,000 yards of a school.

As previously reported, Moore was pulled over for speeding near Allen Central High School on May 9, by Tpr. Jason Eversole, of the Kentucky State Police, who clocked him by radar going 69 mph in a 55 mph zone. Upon approaching the vehicle, it was reported that Eversole detected a strong odor of marijuana, which prompted the officer to search Moore's vehicle.

Upon searching the vehicle Eversole located bags of marijuana that appeared to be for individual sale, marijuana seeds, a box of

sandwich bags and several twist ties. Eversole also discovered a loaded Ruger .40 caliber handgun in the back seat covered by a shirt.

Moore was charged with speeding 14 mph over the limit, no license in possession, trafficking in marijuana, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, carrying a concealed deadly weapon and possession of drug paraphernalia, as well as using restricted ammunition during a felony.

Moore was also charged with first-degree possession of a con-

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two.

Three years of the sentence was probated and a third charge of criminal syndicate was dismissed as part of an agreement on Little's part to cooperate with the Commonwealth's Attorney's

Carl D. Perkins Job Corps instructor Roy Picklesimer taught participants how to handle plumbing emergencies at the Survival Skills for Parents workshop held Wednesday at Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State **Resort Park.**

Workshop teaches 'survival skills'

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG People from 11 counties attended the 12th annual Survival Skills for Parents Making Career Choices at Wilkingsonmaintenance, checking fire pressure, making their own extension cord and repairing dry wall.

Survival Skills introduced non-traditional occupations, such as commercial truck driving, which was accented with a

trolled substance following the discovery of a spoon and pipe with residue that the officer believed to be cocaine

According to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor, Moore pleaded guilty to possession of cocaine, carrying a concealed/deadly weapon, possession of marijuana while in possession of a firearm and possession of drug paraphernalia two weeks ago. He was sentenced to two years on Friday.

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Office in an upcoming drug case. According

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, Little has agreed to cooperate and testify if needed during his office's trial against father and son Columbus and Donald Quillen.

The Quillens were also arrested during a 2002 drug roundup.

Columbus Quillen is facing a criminal syndicate charge as well as charges of first-degree trafficking in cocaine, six counts of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and a persistent felony offender charge.

His son, Donald Quillen, is also set to go to trial to face a criminal syndicate charge, firstdegree trafficking in cocaine and a third charge of persistent felony offender.

The Quillens were also in court Friday, where Judge Danny P. Caudill set their trial dates for Sept. 22.

JROTC

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JROTC website states that the established by program, Congress in 1916, has "demonstrated over the decades that it works" and cadets generally graduate from high school at a higher rate than the school as a whole.

Other JROTC schools in the area are Allen Central High, in Floyd County, and Pike Central High, Belfry High and Shelby Valley High, in Pike County.

Council

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end of Stephens' pickup.

A retired emergency medical technician, Gary Little, witnessed the accident and rushed to Stephens' aide.

"He appeared to be pretty seriously injured," Little said. "He appeared to have a possible fractured shoulder. He was having difficulty breathing and had multiple scratches, cuts and bruises. He was complaining about pain in his legs. I held his neck in stabilization until ambulances from Respond and Trans-Star showed up and then I turned him over to paramedic Darrell Sparks. We suspect that he most likely has some internal injuries as well.

"They tried to get a helicopter in to him, but they couldn't due to the weather conditions. The copters said they couldn't fly because of the thick fog and low visibility."

Stephens was taken to Our Lady of the Way Hospital for further treatment. Hospital officials said that he was stabilized and then transferred to the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center via ambulance.

Responding to the scene of the accident were the Kentucky State Police, Martin Fire Department and Martin Police and Sheriff's Departments, as well as the two ambulance services

Children on the bus, according to Gayheart, were transport-

ed from the scene of the accident to their school by other MCA parents as well as the school administrator, who arrived in a mini-van to help remove the children from the scene. School principal Parker Tiller later said via a school employee that he had "no comment on the matter at this time.

license plates and it was speculated by eyewitnesses on the

Sentence

scene that perhaps he did not know the layout of the road on which he was traveling which, in addition to the foggy weather conditions, may have caused him to become confused. "I hate that this happened." said Gayheart, "but I'm just glad that all our kids had seat belts on. That's one thing we really stress,

Stephens' truck bore Alabama that everyone wears their seat belt. All our buses are equipped with them.'

Kentucky State Police found when they arrived at Parker's rented barn along Route 114 just inside the Floyd County line near

Magoffin County. According to the prosecution's files, Parker reportedly told police, "Come on in and look," when they approached him at the barn, adding, "There's no marijuana in here

Police, who were originally out to investigate the electricity complaint, said they immediately detected a strong smell of marijuana around the building and noticed that Parker then went quickly to the back of the barn when they entered, according to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor.

They noticed Parker, who had already denied consent to search and forced them to return with a search warrant, placed a piece of board across what appeared to be wall and focused there, said Taylor.

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What they uncovered was a fake wall which opened to a set of stairs leading into the barn's loft.

Upstairs, in the expansive loft, police found about 55 marijuana plants, hot lights, humidifiers, fans and air conditioners, as well as a scanner presumably used to keep abreast of police activity.

Taylor said police considered the operation one of the largest found locally in some time.





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Stumbo Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park on Wednesday, where various agencies sponsored an event geared toward more than financial self-sufficiency.

Attendants were encouraged to "get their hands dirty" in workshops beginning at 9 a.m., followed by career choices and stress management workshops after lunch. The event gave KTAP parents an introduction to career choices in skilled trades, while instructing them how to do things such as home repair and plumbing, first aid, auto

truck parked in front of the convention center for inspection.

Early registration had 81 people attending from Greenup, Harlan, Floyd, Pike, Martin, Johnson, Magoffin, Perry, Lee, Rowan and Letcher counties.

The workshop was sponsored by the Education Pay\$ Career Development Center, Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, UK Wood Utilization Commonwealth Center, Educational Opportunity Center at MSU, Cooperative Extension Service, and Mountain Comprehensive Care,

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he said appears to make decisions in the best interest of all children, had declined to accept McGuire's motion to accept the money for reasons of avoiding the \$1.2 million bond necessary to receive the funds. He pointed out that the LPC plan of over \$6 million in the budget for 2003-2004 includes a mere \$375,000 for District 1 for the roof of Clark Elementary.

The council adopted a proclamation, which is basically a public request, for the school board to accept the funds for a new school, after stating that McGuire wanted to speak to the council in a forum in order to determine a site for a new school, as the "board did not want to find one"

Explaining a loan resolution, Eddie Campbell, Prestonsburg City Utilities financial officer, said that the request for a \$740,000 loan came as a result of the 50 percent cost of a \$1.48 million "state of the art" treatment plant proposal.

Campbell said that the treatment structure of the Prestonsburg sewer plant was built in 1956 with a 1 million gallon capacity, was upgraded in 1983 to 3 million gallons, and again in 1992 for 5 million gallons. However, the intake had been upgraded. never Consequently, the treatment plant is only treating 2.6 to 2.7 million gallons for a mere 50 percent of its capacity, with a constant problem due to the strain on the pumps.

The plan would also include a new chlorination system, proposing to use less chlorine, and a sludge press to dry out some of the sludge.

Campbell reported that an alternative source for water, as stated in a grant by U.S. Sen. Mitch McConell's office, was Dewey Dam. He said that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had suggested the company pump the water below the dam in order to avoid red tape and expenses. A suggestion was made to build a second plant there at the north end, which would make both plants more efficient.

You are invited to a public forum at 6:30 p.m. on May 5 at the Prestonsburg Community College J102. Join us to voice your opinion.

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

GuestView Defending the indefensible

Vote hauling is nothing more than a thinly disguised way to pay people for a vote.

Yet efforts to end this sleazy practice in Kentucky have gone nowhere.

Recently, a candidate for attorney general, the state's top law enforcement officer, defended it.

For those unfamiliar with the practice, money — \$50 to \$100 a day — is paid by political campaigns to individuals to "haul" voters to the polls. Payment must be by check and a report must be made. Outside of that there are no other restrictions.

More often than anyone knows or would ever admit, those paid to haul voters actually only haul themselves or maybe their spouse to the polls to vote. In other words, "vote-hauling" is just "vote buying." The reports on file may say transportation, but the money buys votes.

In some parts of the state, like eastern Kentucky and in other rural areas, vote hauling is a tradition.

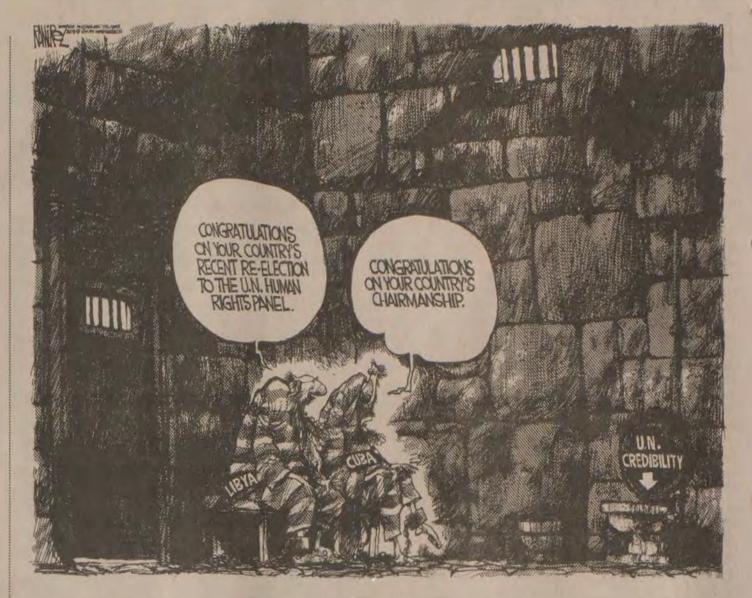
Maybe that's why Greg Stumbo, one of the three Democratic candidates for attorney general, defended the practice in a televised forum while the other candidates, Chris Gorman and Ed Hatchett, condemned it. Maybe Stumbo, a legislator who represents Floyd County as the powerful majority leader of the Kentucky House, is just tradition bound.

Stumbo said that providing transportation for people who cannot drive themselves to the polls "is a legitimate function" and vowed, "Getting people to the polls is a right I'll defend."

It speaks volumes to voters when candidates either don't have the courage to end or cannot see the problems of a tradition so wrapped up in fraud and chicanery.

- The Kentucky Post, Covington





-Jim Davidson -We have a new

state flower

While it's not official, here in our state we jokingly say we have a new state flower. It is called "The Orange Barrel" and can be seen all up and down our interstate highway system.

This is probably true in your state as well since our nation's interstate highways are in a constant state of repair. The orange barrels serve to maintain a normal traffic flow and to provide a refuge for construction workers.

Tragically, this method of protection, along with reduced speed limits, is not always successful, as many workers are killed each year in accidents. Most of these could have been avoided if motorists would slow down and be more careful. One of the major problems in our community is traffic, as city planners had no idea 20 to 30 years ago that we would experience the rapid growth in population that we have. Consequently, we have street and highway construction projects going on all the time here as well. One of the best ways to control traffic is something that has come to be known as the bypass. This may be good for improving the flow of traffic, but it is often very bad for existing businesses. Within a short period of time however, new businesses spring up along a new highway or bypass. This is a case of build it, and they will

come.

In the larger cities, these bypasses soon connect and you have a complete circle around the city. In time, like the circles in a tree, they keep moving out as the city grows and new bypasses are added to keep up with the demands of traffic control.

Back in the days when I used to travel more, I would dread driving in a major city like Dallas or Atlanta. There are few things as dangerous as driving

on an interstate highway in a large city if you do not know exactly where you are going, especially during the rush hour.

This reminds me of a story I heard one time about an ol' country boy who came to Little Rock to visit some of his city kinfolks. Somebody had drawn him a map of how to get to their house and he got on loop I-430 that goes all the way around the city and he drove along to where he was supposed to turn off but something happened that caused him to miss his turn. He missed the exit ramp because some young men passed him in a hot rod, threw a few beer cans at him and welcomed him to Little Rock. At this point the only thing he knew to do was go all the way around the city and pick it up when he got back to this same spot. Would you believe about the time he was ready to get off a woman in a big Cadillac car came along and made an improper lane change and he missed the

exit again.

Of course the only thing he could do was to go back around again. He was getting low on gas but he finally made it and "Lo and behold!" about that time they had a five-alarm fire in the area and with sirens blaring, three fire trucks, the rescue squad and the fire chief came along and caused him to miss his turn for the third time.

By now he was almost completely out of gas and he was also very frustrated so he pulled off at the next exit and pulled into a service station and stopped. About this time four men came running out of the station, they put on a new set of tires, filled up his tank with gas, checked all his belts and fluids, washed his windshield



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- beyond the beltway

How do they do this with a straight face?

by DONALD KAUL

Some have said that the 9/11 attacks marked "the death of irony," the point being that things had gotten too serious for irony (as if irony were somehow unserious).

Hah! That's all I can say to that. As recent events have proved, irony is not only alive and well; it is in the saddle and has gone to the whip.

For example, we invade Iraq because the Saddam the Evil has weapons of mass destruction that threaten us. (The president even gave us a precise list— 500 tons of chemical weapons, 25,000 liters of anthrax, 38,000 liters of botulinum toxin, several mobile labs.) But Saddam doesn't use any of those weapons to save his skin and when we try to find them, we can't.

So we produce a convenient but anonymous Iraqi scientist who, we are told, says that Saddam destroyed his chemical and biological weapons only a

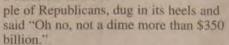
and one of them stuck his head in the window and said, "Get back in there boy, you are running in third place!"

As I said, this is an old story and, with a few modifications, it's one that I heard my friend Bob Murphy from Nacogdoches, Texas, tell several years ago. Hadn't talked with Bob in a long time and I know he's up in years. I just hope he is still alive and doing well. We have a lot of fine Texas papers that run this column and if any of you see Bob, tell him I said hello. God bless America.

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few days before our invasion took place. (Isn't that what all tyrants do on the eve of war, destroy the weapons that might do them the most good?) But not, the mystery scientist says, until he had sent some to Syria, the country we seem to be targeting next. The joke is, all of this is said with a straight face and we're supposed to believe it. That's not ironic? Then there's Capitol Hill, where

Congress hangs out. The president, in the face of an exploding federal budget deficit and mounting war costs, proposed a \$726 billion tax reduction, most of which would go to rich people. The House said "Yessir, Mr. President," but the Senate, led by Democrats and a cou-



Here's the irony: The media reported this as a defeat for the president. A \$350-billion tax cut, on top of the tax cuts he's already gotten for his pals! A couple more defeats like that and rich people won't pay any taxes at all. The death of irony, my foot. This is the stuff of which "Saturday Night Live" is made.

President Bush hasn't given up on his reverse-Robin Hood plan. He's out



in the country, flogging a "compromise" \$550-billion tax cut; not as good as the \$726-billion model — which, he says, would create 1.4 million jobs — but still good.

Forget that there's hardly anyone with a clue who believes that the president's tax cut would create 1.4 million jobs (most economists think it wouldn't create any); let's suppose it did. That

still comes to \$500,000 per job created. Heck, give me a half-mill and I'd create TWO jobs — one for me and one for my butler.

The sad thing is that there's no way for the president to lose on this issue. If Congress passes a \$350 billion tax cut and the economy tanks, the president will say it's because the cut wasn't big enough. If it recov-

ers, he'll say it was because of the cut but that it would have recovered even more had the cut been bigger.

Nor will the public ever catch on to this shell game. A recent report indicates that the president is planning to spend \$200 million on the primary campaigns next year, an unheard-of amount for a sitting president without primary opposition. By the time the Democrats get through chewing on each other, he'll be home in the barn.

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Faith Extra

Minister's Moment: Visions of glory

tioned that way previously and

hasn't done so since (with no

technical repair). I saw something

like this on television recently,

supposedly a factual report. But

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of a young person in danger.

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net that are harmful to the soul.

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I have also heard the account

Prestonsburg, could it?

by PASTOR STEVE PESCOSOLIDO COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Have you ever dreamed what heaven will be like? Have you ever experienced or even had a vision of the risen Lord Jesus? In the course of ministry over the last month I have heard the remarkable testimonies of two men. One has experienced heaven and the other was granted a vision of the Lord Jesus. Now 1 didn't hear these accounts on the radio or on the television. And I didn't read about them in Guideposts magazine. These two men are from Prestonsburg.

One man had a serious accident. As his life hung in the balance, his soul began its journey to heaven. The description was beautiful. There was the commonly reported tunnel and there was great peace. This person had privately asked Jesus to come into his heart and life at an early occasion. Now, this man holds no anger or resentment against persons with whom he had once been in conflict. Now he feels pity for them - what they don't know.

The other man endured two surgeries in one day and was at the point of giving up. It was later in the evening when the Lord Jesus appeared to him and told him that he would be alright. Now this man would not make this up. As a matter of fact, he didn't volunteer this information: I had to ask about his spiritual experiences while under such duress.

I share these two local testimonies to encourage the reader to realize afresh that what God has said in His Word and what God's Spirit says to our hearts is real and true. These men will never be the

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same after such close and genuine experiences with God. The way that God cares for His children is personal and powerful. What God has prepared for His children in heaven is perfect and permanent. It makes one wonder why in the world everyone does not flock to Jesus Christ and stay close to Him all our lives? There is no One better, wiser, kinder, or more generous. God has proved Himself to these two. He has proved Himself to me in many ways also. The resurrection of Jesus is probably the greatest proof that God means what He says and does what He says

Yet in this same time period I have heard a personal testimony of unusual things happening in a home. Temperature too high (over 80F) when the furnace is set down (64F) and the weather cool. Cabinet door opening repeatedly when it shouldn't. A stove and lights turned on when no one turned them on. A light bulb bursting. A phone line repeatedly

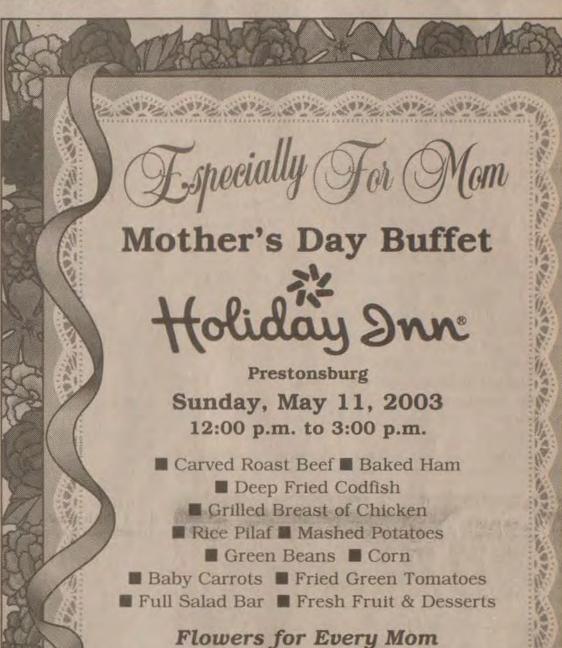
disconnecting that never funchere does it?

The point of these contrasting accounts is that there are clearly two kingdoms present on the face of this earth. One for our good. One for our harm. Springtime is beautiful when one is abiding in and receiving from God's Holy Spirit. Yet springtime can be very heavy emotionally if one is apart from God's Kingdom and God's way in Christ Jesus.

Let me encourage you to seek our Creator. God the Father; and His Son, Jesus Christ. Outdoors is a great place to get in touch with

God (hopefully, not with a serious accident). But certainly with an open heart to God. For the Bible says in Isaiah 55:6, "Seek the Lord while He may be found"; NKJV.

God makes Himself very approachable and available in this life. But please find Him in this life. There is no hope in the next life without Him. We have heard about peace in heart and encouragement in serious illness. Interested in these good things? "Seek the Lord ..." Isaiah 55:6 NKJV.





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And where will he get the \$200 million? Why, from the people whose taxes he cut, of course.

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fear. I find myself in agreement with Andy Rooney, the "60 Minutes" curmudgeon, who a couple of weeks ago said:

"I've lived a long while now and I don't remember any more unpleasant times than these. I'm not even interested in reading the sports pages. I hate everything about this war except that we're winning, You can't even be critical, either, without sounding unpatriotic ... There aren't any good wars, but this one is especially bad ... The only real good news will be when this terrible time in American history

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is over. Amen.

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. For more information, email: vzelwc4z@verizon.net.

Obituaries

Will Nelson

Will Nelson, 77, of East Point, died Thursday, May 1, 2003, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born September 8, 1925, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Hiland and Martha Osborne Nelson. He was a retired Department of Transportation employee for the Floyd County Board of Education; a W.W. II veteran of the U.S. Army; and a member of the East Point Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include five brothers, Arvel (Mush) Nelson of Tutor Key, Grady Nelson, Ed Nelson, and Donald Lee Nelson, all of Prestonsburg, and Hargus Nelson of Fargo, North Dakota; a sister, Mary Ellen Powers of Leander; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Sam Nelson, Jack Nelson, and Ted Nelson.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, May 4, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Tom Nelson and Buster Hayton officiating.

Burial will be in the Webb Family Cemetery at East Point, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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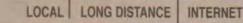
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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Raymond Arnett, 55, of Fritz, died Thursday, April 24, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 27, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

James "Jim" Arnett, 81, of Royalton, died Sunday, April 27, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 29, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

James Garner (Gank) Crager, 45, of Wayland, died Tuesday, April 29, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital emergency room. He is survived by his wife, Anna Hall Crager. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Sula Patrick Harmon, 85, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, April 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Mack Harmon. Services were held Thursday, May 1, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home.

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Hueysville, died Monday, April Funeral Home. 28, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Corinne Allen Hill, 81, of Scott Depot, West Virginia, died Sunday, April 27, at Broadmore Assisted Living. Graveside funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 1, at Richmond Cemetery, Memorial Prestonsburg, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Geraldine (Geri) Howell, 55, of McDowell, died Sunday, April 27, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Edward Regional Hospital. She is sur-(Eddie) Howell. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Andy Kiser Jr., 77, of Beaver, died Wednesday, April 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Margie Tackett Kiser. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier

Jeffrey W. Osborne, 42, of Louisville, formerly of Floyd County, died Friday, April 25, at the Norton Suburban Hospital. Graveside services were conducted Thursday, May 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Mary Alice Reynolds Ray, 81, of Beaver, died Sunday, April 27, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 30, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Luberta Hall Tackett, 57, of Beaver, died Thursday, April 24, at McDowell Appalachian vived by her husband, Virgil Tackett Sr. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Myra Ellen Thomas, 72, of Harold, died Monday, April 28, at the Kingston Nursing Home, Ashland, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 2. under the direction of Hall Funeral Home,

Rex Wright, 65, of Martin, died Monday, April 28. at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin. He is survived by his wife, Billie McCoy Wright. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Radie Howard, 71, of Gunlock, died Sunday, April 27, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Jane Shepherd Howard. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 30, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Oma Jayne Kennard, 89, a Magoffin County native, died Sunday, April 13. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 16, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Roxie Bailey Keeton Reed, 90, of Salyersville, died Friday. April 25, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 28, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Vicie Marie Skaggs Tackett Blevins, 75, of Staffordsville, died Friday, April 25, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Claude Blevins. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 27, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Jerry Michael Boggs, 40, of Stambaugh, died Thursday, April 24, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Kim Stambaugh Boggs. Graveside funeral services were conducted Saturday. April 26, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Roger Jennings, 57. native of Van Lear, died Saturday, April 12. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Jennings. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 15, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Larry Lewis, 58, died Friday, April 4, at University Specialty Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Graveside services were conducted Friday, April 11, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Eva Rigsby, 84, of Oil Springs, died Sunday, April 27, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 30, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Esta Maynard Smallwood, 77, of Paintsville, died Thursday, April 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 28, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

William Spears, 86, a native of Boons Camp, died Thursday, April 17, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Icie Mae Spears. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 20, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Lillian Burchett VanHoose, 78, of Wittensville, died Wednesday, April 23, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center,

Geanna Lee Cox, 57, of Detroit, formerly of Hellier, died Friday, April 18, at Henry Ford Medical Center, Detroit. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 25, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Lydia Margaret Gillispie, 76, a Pike County native, died Thursday, April 24, at home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 27, under the directionof Wright's Funeral Home.

Eva Rigsby, 84, of Oil Springs, died Sunday, April 27, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 30, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

James Douglas Senters, 69, of Elkhorn City, died Friday, April 25, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Faye Williamson Senters. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 28, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Elbert Salyer, 83, of Morristown, Tennessee, native of Pike County, died Thursday, April 24, at Morristown-Hamblen Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Thelma Robinson Salyer. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 26, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Esta Maynard Smallwood, 77, of Paintsville, died Thursday, April 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 28, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Jeffrey Thomas Smith, 22, of Slaters Branch, died Friday, April 25, at South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 29, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

William Spears, 86, died Thursday, April 17, a native of Boons Camp, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. He is survived

Hobert Tackett, 83, of Ohio, native of Dorton, died Friday, 🐗 April 25. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 30, under the direction of Redmon Funeral Home.

Bobby Williams, 69, of Ransom, died Saturday, April 26, at his home. Funeral services were enducted Tuesday, April 29, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Martin County

Marlene Carter, 41, of Franklin, Ohio, a native of Tomahawk, died Thursday, April 24, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Chris Carter. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 28, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Mary Elizabeth Maynard Lowe, 83, of Urbana, Ohio, a Martin County native, died Thursday, April 24. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 28, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Bradley Preece, 81, of Inez, died Thursday, April 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Arcona Cline Preece. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 26, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

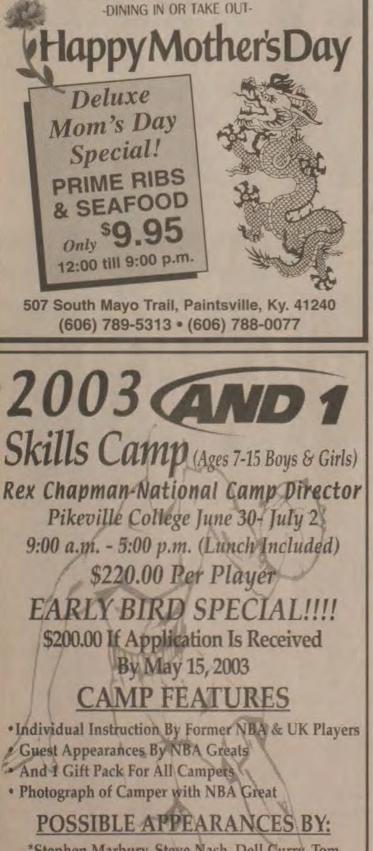
Lawrence County

Jewell Mae Sparks Ross, 97, of Sandy Hook, a Lawrence County native, died Sunday, April 27, at St. Claire Medical Center, Morehead. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 2, under the direction of Lewis and Ferguson Funeral Home.

Richard L. Muncey, 50, of Louisa, died Thursday, April 24, at UK Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Bessie Muncey. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 27, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

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Knott County

Bonnie Mae Baker, 62, of Garner, formerly of Leslie County, died Monday, April 28, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Shade Stacy, 82, of Lexington, formerly of Brookville, Indiana, native of Knott County, died Monday, April 21, at home. He is survived by his wife, Pauline Compton Stacy, Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 24, under the direction of Phillips and Meyers Funeral Home.

Becky Thornsberry, 86, of Garner, died Wednesday, April 30, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Hazel Thornsberry, 84, of Garner, died Friday, April 18, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, McDowell. She is survived by her husband, Earl Thornsberry. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 21, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

John Caleb Watts, son of Phillip Dewayne Watts and Karen Hicks Watts of Mallie, was stillborn Wednesday, April 16, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, Whitesburg. Graveside services were conducted Saturday, April 19, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Johnson County

Franklin Pierce Blair, 75, native of Johnson County, died Sunday, April 13, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 15, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 26, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Pike County

Vicie Marie Skaggs Tackett Blevins, 75, of Staffordsville, died Friday, April 25, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Claude Blevins. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 27. under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Jerry Michael Boggs, 40, of Stambaugh, died Thursday, April 24, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Kim Stambaugh Boggs. Graveside funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 26, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Clifton "Ted" Castle, 77, a Johnson County native, died Saturday, April 26, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Vertie Music Castle. Funeral services were conducted under the direction of Craven Funeral Home.

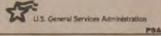
by his wife, Icie Mae Spears. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 20, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Alma Jewell Tackett, 66, of Virgie, died Thursday, April 24, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 27, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.



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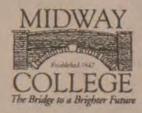
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COMMENTARY Gone, but not forgotten

by RICK BENTLEY TIMES COLUMNIST

For an all-too-brief minute, Dick Fick was the hottest coach in the country. Unfortunately, however, it wasn't because of his team's play on the court. Yes, Fick was named coach of the year in the



Ohio Valley Conference in 1995 while at Morehead State University, but make no mistake about it: He was nationally known and recognized thanks to his charisma, his animation and his friendship with maybe the most popular coach in

Bentley

all of college basketball history.

Dick Fick died Monday morning in his apartment in Joliet, Ill., apparently alone to be found by a friend. Police maintain they suspect no foul play, and no one else has any reason to question it either.

Who would want to harm Dick Fick? No

(See GONE, page two)

ON TAP Ladycats schedule banquet for May 18

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE - The Betsy Layne girls' basketball team will hold its banquet on Sunday, May 18. The banquet will be held in the cafeteria of the school.

Under head coach Cassandra Akers, the Ladycats won both a 15th Region All "A" Classic title and a 15th Region crown. The Betsy Layne girls went on to the state tournament, winning a first-round game before ending an outstanding season.

The girls' and boys' basketball teams at



Regional

photo by Steve LeMaster The left side of the Prestonsburg Little League Mets' infield awaited the pitch during a game Tuesday against the

Braves.

by JOSH DUBOW ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - The impact of baseball's midsummer classic will be felt all the way through October.

Baseball players agreed to a two-year experiment Thursday to give home-field advantage in the World Series to the league that wins the All-Star game.

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– P'burg senior signs with Georgetown College –



Prestonsburg senior Mikeal Fannin signed Thursday to play for NAIAfootball power Georgetown College.

nin makes it

H.S. NOTEBOOK Breathitt will look for new boys coach

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

Breathitt County High School will soon be looking for. a new boys' basketball coach." Breathitt County will not renew the contract of current boys coach Chris Baker, who was 50-29 in three years at the helm, of the Bobcat post.

The leading scorer for the Powell County girls' basketball team this past season has found a college home. Lady Pirate. Brandy Lockard, who is Powell-County's all-time leading scorer with 2,021 points, has chosen Thomas More College and will play at the northern, Kentucky school. Lady Hornets in search of Feb.

(See NOTES, page three)

Betsy Layne High, along with Jenny Wiley Stables, will hosted a horse show on Saturday. Proceeds from the event go toward sending both teams to camps in the summer.

UPDATE

Hopkins ruled eligible

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - One of the 58th District's top athletes has been ruled eligible to play at her new school. Junior Sharee Hopkins, who transferred from South Floyd to Allen Central has been ruled eligible to play at the Right Beaver school. She led the Lady Raider basketball team in rebounding during the past season and on more than one occasion posted a double-double in points and rebounds.

Hopkins, who played the past three high school basketball season under her mother, now former South Floyd head coach Melinda Osborne, also plays softball and was recently notified that she was a Governor's Scholar and will have the experience many students and student-athletes across the state hope for year in and year out.

Hopkins, upon becoming eligible, suited up for the Allen Central softball team, hitting cleanup in the batting order. Allen Central reeled off wins over county rivals South Floyd Betsy Layne this past week.

official: He's a Tiger

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - With family members, coaches, teammates, friends and other supporters in attendance, Prestonsburg High School senior Mikeal Fannin signed to play football for Georgetown College Friday morning in a ceremony held

at the school outside the fieldhouse.

With Fannin, Georgetown gets a versatile athlete, who during his senior season, carried the football 165 times for 1,433 yards and 24 touchdowns. His longest touchdown run of the season was 90 yards. He led Prestonsburg in rushing and touchdowns with a grand total of 26 scores.

Georgetown College assistant coach Jack Ison was present at the signing. Before the signing ceremony, Ison addressed Prestonsburg High football players.

"Mikeal (Fannin) has a super work ethic," said Ison. " Georgetown College is very fortunate

(See FANNIN, page six)

201 finish was Kinzer's fourth top-10 of year

DIRT TRACK

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SITKA - Brandon Kinzer Motorsports traveled to the 201 Speedway last weekend to finish 10th at the one-fourth-mile raceway.

The No. 18 speed through qualifying to finish with the evenings third fastest time, and secure a second place starting position in the first heat race. An uneventful heat finished with Kinzer in the same position he started. With his second place heat finish, Kinzer guar-

(See 201, page six)

H.S. BASKETBALL Hatfield retires from Belfry post

BELFRY - One area high school is now looking for a new boys' basketball coach. David Hatfield is leaving the Belfry High School bench.

Hatfield officially tendered his resignation to Belfry High School last week after four seasons at the Pike County school.

Hatfield's departure leaves a huge coaching void in the area. A career that spanned 29 years include incredible accomplishments, the most memorable being the three state championships (1986, 88,89) and three state runner-up finishes that Hatfield earned at Williamson in 16 years as a head coach.

Hatfield went 264-132 at Williamson, which places him second in school history behind George Ritchie.

"After 29 years of coaching, I felt it was the right time," Hatfield said Wednesday. "I've had a great time,

and I've truly enjoyed each and every minute of coaching.

But Hatfield's final season saw an injury-riddled Belfry team finish with a 6-18 mark, which ended on a disappointing 58-57 loss to then-winless Phelps in the opening round of the 60th District Tournament.

The 6-18 record was the second worse of Hatfield's four seasons. In

(See HATFIELD, page two)

H.S. SOFTBALL Lady Rebs slip past Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

GARRETT - Eleven runs proved to be enough for the Allen Central softball team Monday night. The Lady Rebs held on to beat Betsy Layne 11-10 in a thriller.

Allen Central senior Tiffany Turner was the game's winning pitcher. Amanda Robinette took

The spring soccer season has brought out many youngsters from across Eastern Kentucky.

YOUTH SOCCER Rockets drop game

U8 ROCKETS

On an ever-soggy and swampy Floyd County field, the U8 Rockets hosted the Belfry Storm for their first match of the season. The Storm won the game by a score of 3-0.

Turning in their always tough defensive performance during the game were Tyler Harmon, Haley Howell,

Elizabeth Vaughn, and Gabe Walker, all holding the fort as Rocket defenders. Playing with heart and soul in the goalkeeper position were Alex Davis, Alex Holbrook, and Kaleb Rodebaugh.

Gabe Walker, Kaleb Rodebaugh, Haley Howell, Alex Holbrook, Tyler Harmon, Mitch Fields, Alex

Pro pitchers to extract bass from thick, shallow cover

by STEVE VANTREESE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH - Pitching is a mandatory technique for catching spawning season bass, says Kentucky tournament pro Dan Morehead.

The Paducahan has been perhaps the hottest of all the nation's competitive fishermen this season, presently leading the FLW Tour points race and most recently earning a \$200,000 first-place prize in the Wal-Mart Open on Beaver Lake in Arkansas.

And next the FLW Tour event swings to Morehead's local waters of Kentucky

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Number of Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome cases plummets

by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - At this time in 2001, equine doctor Bill Bernard had seen almost 50 horses affected by a mystery disease that caused the loss of thousands of foals. This year, he's seen no cases of Mare

Reproductive Loss Syndrome. As researchers have learned more about the disease, preventing it has become easier. Most researchers believe the culprit is the eastern tent caterpillar.

"I not only resigned, I retired

from coaching," he noted. "I'm

still going to be around, but I

won't be on the bench. I've been

blessed to work and coach so

many great players. I'm con-

Rumors swirl around

Pikeville girls program

head girls' basketball coach

Cindy Halbert leaving the Lady

Rebel program and heading to

Pikeville to coach the Lady

Panthers. Halbert, who played

for and later as a coach led

Belfry to the state tournament,

had the Lady Rebels in the final

four of the 15th Region this past

March. She remains the head

coach of the Lady Rebel pro-

Rumors have Allen Central

tent.

gram.

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Hatfield

his first season (1998-99). Belfry finished with a 4-19 mark

"I would like to thank all my players, assistant coaches, school administrators and all the people who have helped me over the years for their continuous efforts. All these individuals helped me do something I love coach the game of basketball."

Hatfield led the Pirates to a 40-60 record in his four seasons, which included two district championships and two 15th Region Tournament appearances. "I've had a great time coaching," Hatfield explained. "If there's one thing I can say it is that coaches learn a lot about life and a lot about people. It's just time to go now."

Hatfield said he has no plans to return to coaching.

Gone

one I've ever known.

I had the pleasure of meeting and interviewing Fick on a few occasions during his time at Morehead. He was always nice, always polite, and believe this, (ital) always (ital) talking.

There are probably three moments that stand above the rest during his six seasons in Morehead, and considering that something seemed to happen at every MSU contest those days, that's a pretty bold statement.

There's the infamous story that is told - most often by Fick himself - about him choosing to walk home after a loss. Yes, he'd driven to the game, and yes it was dead-of-winter cold, but he needed time to think - "maybe trying to cool off," guessed MSU SID Randy Stacy - and decided to head out, in his shirt sleeves, for the walk home.

was afraid next time his own fans saw him walking along the roadside they may take notice and try to run him over.

Fick was coaching at home one night early in his career when a call went against him. Feeling it was the kiss of death, Fick grabbed the bottom of his tie and raised it over his head, as if it were a noose.

An enterprising photographer happened to be directly behind the MSU bench - right place, right time, as we say in sports and got a picture of this from behind the animated coach.

Over the next couple of years, the clever Stacy used the photo on everything from schedule cards to posters. Fick, of course, loved it. Clearly the most famous moment in the Fick administration happened on December 19, 1992, when Fick led his Eagles into Rupp Arena to play the Cats. The final score tells you all you need to know about how much MSU needed to be playing Kentucky that night. Rick Pitino's team, en route to the NCAA Final Four, hammered the Eagles 108-65. In the starting lineup that night for the Eagles, by the way, was former Allen Central superstar and future Pikeville College Bear

AUTO RACING Bahre orders Loudon to be repayed for 2003

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There's still some debate about

whether it's the caterpillar itself or a biological agent inside the

caterpillar, but Bernard said the

massive outbreak of Mare

Reproductive Loss Syndrome in

Kentucky in 2001 coincided

with a large infestation of the

it's the caterpillar and we can do

something about it," said

"The good news is we think

caterpillars.

LOUDON, N.H. - New Hampshire International Speedway was repaved again this week, well in advance of the Winston Cup race set for July 20

Track management was severely criticized after last July's race because turns 3 and 4 proved extremely slick. The turns were resurfaced in April 2002 and had to be redone in June, only three weeks before the race.

Bernard, an internal medicine

specialist at Rood and Riddle

mares began developing weak foals, which needed days of

medical treatment to survive, if

they lived at all. During the fol-

lowing weeks, hundreds of foals died and thousands of mares lost

(See MARE, page three)

In late April 2001, pregnant

Equine Hospital in Lexington.

Typically, it takes at least four weeks to cure a new surface

Track owner Bob Bahre said he had all four turns resurfaced this time.

"I think it's going to work out well," he said. Bahre ordered the resurfacing even though the second Cup

race at the track last September was contested without complaint

NASCAR's Busch series will provide the first test of the new surface, racing here July 19.

Soccer

Davis, and Savannah Bryant were the swift and aggressive Rocket midfielders and forwards, hustling each and every play during a fast-paced game. With water, water everywhere, the Rockets played hard until the game's final whistle.

U12 FLAMES

The U12 Flames traveled to Pikeville early Saturday morning, April 26, where they suffered their first loss of the season by the score of 1-0 in a hardtought match with the Pike County Irish



Georgetown College signee Mikeal Fannin is pictured with Prestonsburg senior teammates.

Union

In an effort to limit the chance of another tie game like last summer, the union and owners also agreed to expand the roster from 30 to 32 players and gave players a say on who makes the team.

But the biggest change is the link to the World Series, giving much more importance - some say too much - to an exhibi-

"I think that's good for the fans," Los Angeles outfielder Brian Jordan said. "I think, after last year, you don't want to see that anymore. I think it had everything to do with it. But the bottom line is, once you get to the World Series, you've got to win, regardless."

Owners approved the proposal Jan. 17, and players had been discussing it since before agreeing to it on a trial basis. It takes

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In the second half, Conn moved to the goalkeeper position, and Bradley Stanley came out to play forward. The defensive backfield of Christian Smith, Jackson Osborne and Elizabeth Davis played virtually the entire game and denied drive after drive by the offensive players of the Irish. The "Luck of the Irish" was the difference in this exciting game. Smith kicked the ball to clear it away from the Flames goal, but the ball bounced off his teammate Usborne directly to an Irish forward, who popped a shot over the outstretched hands of goalie Conn. For the remaining 10 minutes of the game, the Flames offense, led by Stanley, worked intently in an effort to tie the score. With one minute remaining the entire Flames team came up in an attempt to overwhelm the Irish defense. but every shot was turned away. The Flames looked to reclaim their winning ways on Saturday against the other Floyd County U12 team. Results were unavailable at press time.

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effect this year.

"I disagree with it, completely and totally," said Los Angeles pitcher Kevin Brown, a fivetime All-Star. "I think it just takes away from the whole idea of what the All-Star game is about, which is letting the fans vote and letting it be an exhibition game. Now they're trying to make it into something that it never has been."

Since the start of the World Series in 1903, home-field alternated advantage has between the American and National leagues. Commissioner Bud Selig proposed the change after last year's All-Star game in Milwaukee ended in a 7-7, 11inning tie when both leagues ran out of pitchers.

Selig said the new format would help keep the game "vibrant."

The team hosting Games 1, 2, 6 and 7 of the World Series has won 15 of the last 17 titles. The team hosting Game 7 in the last eight Series that went a full seven games has won every time, including Anaheim last year against San Francisco.

"I don't think it matters," Giants slugger Barry Bonds said. "The best team is going to win anyway."

Fox, baseball's national network broadcaster, has lobbied players to support the plan, meeting with members of the union during spring training.

All-Star game ratings have steadily declined. From a peak of 28.5 in 1970, it dropped below 20 for the first time in 1987. The game drew a 15.7 rating in 1994, then dropped to 13.9 the following year after a strike wiped out the World Series for the first time in 90 years. Last year's rating was an all-time low 9.5.

Continued from p1 Thomas Jenkins. I was sitting along the base-

line opposite the MSU bench with a clear view and much interest in the shenanigans of its then-second year coach, so I got the full Monty, so to speak, of the event that temporarily changed Fick's life and for a time made Morehead State a household name.

As a way of protesting a call, Fick hit the Rupp floor, and flopped - belly up. It may be the most laughter you've ever heard from 23,000 people, and definitely would qualify as the loudest cheer a visitor has ever received from the Big Blue Nation.

At this time, Jim Valvano had left coaching and taken his act to ESPN, where he was secretly battling cancer and drawing rave reviews and high ratings for his in-studio analysis. Jimmy V, who was somewhat energetic in his time on the sidelines, loved what he saw and began giving the "Dick Fick Award," handed out weekly to the most animated coach of the week.

And Fick's house was five miles from Johnson Arena.

Fick wasn't very far into it when he realized the err of his ways. And then, something very odd began happening. Fans not Morehead people, but visiting fans - recognized him and began offering him a ride.

Such was the popularity of Dick Fick. Even the opposing fans loved him.

Later, Fick told me he'd never do that again. He joked he

Attach yourself to Valvano and you were a star. Have Valvano attach himself to you, and you were over the top.

Such was the life of Dick

After a rainy Friday, the Pikeville field had standing water in places, and mud most every other place, but this did not deter the Flames players. In the first half, offensive efforts led by Nicholas Conn, Branston Jarrell and Bradley Hicks kept pressure on the Irish defense, which bent but did not break. Midfielders Adam Kimbler and Brian Stratton, along with Samantha Collins and Bradley Shepherd, worked hard to keep the ball on the Irish end of the field.

"Baseball's All-Star game is by far and away the highest rated of all the All-Star games. It's the granddaddy of All-Star games," Fox Sports president Ed Goren said. "We're just trying to make it better and bring back the years when people played to win the game."

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Curtsy bows out at Wimbledon, but men control strings

by KRYSTYNA RUDZKI ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON - One of the most enduring traditions in sports was tossed aside like some dusty relic - tennis players will no longer have to bow or curtsy to the Royal Box at Wimbledon.

But before anyone suspects a palace revolution is in the air, two other customs held firm:

-Men will continue to be paid more than women at Wimbledon.

-Women will not be welcome to play at golf's British Queen Elizabeth II or Prince

short-range, precision lure pre-

To pitch, an angler holds a

lure with his off-rod hand with a

rod's length of line out, the

thumb of the other hand on the

disengaged spool of the casting

reel. The lure is launched by an

the spool releasing added line

when the pendulum arc carries

20 to 30 feet most of the time.

but the main thing is that it lets

me make a low-trajectory pre-

sentation with a really subtle

lure entry in the water."

Morehead said, "It's really a

a weed-guarded jig and pork or

soft plastic trailer combo or a

plastic tube, lizard, worm or

creature bait rigged self-snag-

spawning period of May, pitch-

ing is employed to place a lure

along or within narrow alleys of

flooded bushes, willows, tree

tops, brush or any sort of inun-

dated cover to which bass gravi-

tate during typical raised spring.

water levels on most reservoirs.

Especially during the bass

The lure delivered is usually

finesse style of fishing."

less Texas-style.

"I'd say my pitching range is

the lure toward the target.

gunderhand swing, the thumb on

Pro

sentation.

ited his home court.

Open, no matter what Annika Charles, her eldest son and heir inequity between men's and Sorenstam does across the Atlantic.

The curtsy and bow have been a venerable mainstay at Centre Court. When royalty was in the box, players paid homage when walking onto and leaving the court.

For some women - especially those with no allegiance to the crown - the curtsy was a bit arcane, even a bit intimidating. Some bungled it; others never quite mastered the timing.

From now on, the bow and curtsy will be required only if

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Lake and Lake Barkley on May in bushes or brush. 14-17, a tournament Morehead won the last time the circuit vis-Morehead believes the Kentucky-Barkley tournament may hinge on pitching, the might use 25- or 30-pound line."

> Lure presentation is subtle, but once a heavy largemouth inhales a jig or tube within a pocket of a bush line, the brute strength of the tackle has to be used to abruptly wrestle the fish into the open to avoid entanglements, Morehead said.

> "I pitch with a 7 1/2-foot flipping rod and 20-pound test is usually the lightest line I'll use," Morehead said. "Depending on the thickness of the cover, I

to the throne, is in the box.

But the royals have a tradition of their own: The queen hasn't attended Wimbledon since 1977 when she presented the women's trophy to Virginia Wade. Prince Charles made his only appearance in 1970.

The decision to scrap the bow and curtsy was made Tuesday at the request of the Duke of Kent, the All England Club's president since 1969.

"It's sad, but we have to move on," All England chief executive Christopher Gorringe said. "We know there is very little bowing or curtsying done in royal circles now."

Money, however, holds its own mighty tradition, and the men's winner at this summer's tournament will earn \$914,250 and the women's champion will get \$850,650. Overall prize money is up 6.8 percent, but the men rule - they get \$7.4 million and the women \$6.3 milhon.

All England Club chairman Phillips reiterated Tim Wimbledon's position that the money split is "fair."

WTA chief executive Larry Scott said he was disappointed Wimbledon again "failed to address the long-standing

At the British Open, whose tradition is older than

women's prize money."

Wimbedon's, the organizers insist it will remain an all-male field. "Never is a long time, but at

the moment the championship is for male golfers and for the foreseeable future it will stay that way," Royal & Ancient secretary Peter Dawson said.

the Colonial next month in Texas, becoming the first woman in a PGA Tour event

since Babe Zaharias in 1945. Dawson believes it would be inappropriate for men and

women to play together at the British Open. "There is a marked differ-

ence between the abilities and I think it's right that they should be segregated and that there's a

Sorenstam joins the men for Women's Open and the Open," he said.

This year's British Open will be at Royal St. George's in July in Sandwich, England. Like the Masters in Augusta, Ga., the club does not have a female member.

Dawson said the R&A had not received more than five letters from the public about the issue, but has had hundreds of inquiries from media.

A LOOK AT SPORTS

Basketball: "Mercy Rule"

by ED TAYLOR SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

This past basketball season 1 saw some games that were not entertaining enough to enjoy. I mean watch as teams were getting blown out by 30 points or more and that was

before half time. I thought how it might me if we had a rule in the books some way where a game could either be called to same the team on the short end from further embarrassment. In football, a

big lead at half time warrants

ping in the second half. I like that. I have been at games where Lafayette was just running over people and that was with the junior varisty in the game. The clock then was not stopped during the second half.

In baseball or softaball we enjoy the 10-run rule where a innings, the game is called and having to endure any more

But basketball, it is different. They still stop the clock.

Take time outs. Any way to delay the enivitable. Well, I read this the other day that the state of Ohio has received permissionn from the National Federation Association to come up with a plan to end

games that are runaways. One thing suggested and looks like

they may adopt it, is to do much what football does, run the clock the second half without stopping it. That would work. The

> fact, has offered each state the same choice. It

would be up to each individual state. Now some coaches will balk at it because they want to beat up on somebody bad. A little revenge factor there. Or they want to use the time to let more players play.

If enough school officials and coaches want it, according to Ohio officials, then the rule would be adopted. It is sad when a team is on the short end and mercifully being beat to death by another team much better than they are. I for one hope the rule becomes a national rule and all schools have to abide by it.

7-4 RECRUIT

Well I have heard the latest recruit for Tubby Smith and the UK Wildcats is 7-1 or 7-2 or 7-4. I guess it doesn't really matter. While others are talking of him being a "project" he begs to differ with them. In fact, he hopes two seasons at UK will be it for him and the next stop will be the NBA.

Remember Nazir Mohammed who came to UK from Chicago and was a project for then coach Rick Pitino. He turned out all right. I believe he will work out. He expects to be an immediate impact player at UK. Hope so. Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

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The Magoffin County High School girls' basketball team is in need of a February game for next season, the 2003-04 campaign. The MCHS girls need a game for either February 13 or February 28. For more information, email MCHS athletic director Sam Miller at smiller1@Magoffin.k12.ky.us

Neil West is the head coach of the Lady Hornets. He was the 2002-03 15th Region Coach of the Year.

"It's a universal technique in every lake," Morehead said. 'Whether you're fishing around wood, grass, docks or rocks, pitching will let you put a bait e you need it and let y

SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN - Allen Central took a pair of games from Betsy Layne Thursday night amid wet conditions. The Rebels won the first game 8-7 and took the second contest 6-5.

Allen Central senior John Hall was a perfect four-for-four at the plate in the first game. Allen Central scored its eight runs on 12 hits.

Betsy Layne came across with seven runs on 11 hits. Each team committed two errors in the game.

Remaining games for the Allen Central baseball team:

Male 10-Breckinridge County 0; North Hardin 8-Meade County 1: Owen County 5-Gallatin County 1; Russell County 17-Monticello 2; Scott County 12-Mason County 5; Spencer County 4-Bullitt Central 3; Taylor County 11-Washington County 3; West Carter 8

Rose Hill Christian Williamsburg Barbourville 5.

Patriots ranked 12th

H.S. BASEBALL

AC takes doubleheader from BLHS Bobcats

by STEVE LeMASTER

County 6-Trimble County 2; Lynn Camp 10 Clay County 9;

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running the clock without stop-

That was good.

team who is ahead after five everyone goes home without

boredom.

Federation, in

it down without a disturbance that could spook a bass."

A key to pitching is to allow just a little slack when the bait touches the water so you can allow it to free-fall to the bottom, Morehead added. Almost 100 percent of the bites come as the lure is falling, and you want it to go straight down.

While pitching is a finesse method, the heavy tackle with which it is done improves the angler's odds of extracting big, brawling bass from snaggy cover when they are embedded

May 7 South Floyd; May 8 at Whitesburg; May 9 Belfry; May 12 at Hazard; May 13 at Sheldon Clark: May 14 Whitesburg: May 19 Phelps; May 20 East Ridge.

Other scores from Thursday:

Boyle County 13-Danville 2; Breathitt County 16-Cordia 3: Christian Academy-Louisville 13-Waggener 2: Corbin 6-Bell County 4: Eastern 17-Moore 1; Estill County 11-Owsley County 0; Harrison County 3-Pendleton County 1; Henry

The St. Catharine College Patriots find themselves among the nations best, with a 12 ranking in the latest NJCAA Div. II Poll. The Patriots are 20-6 and are ranked, other than the pre-season polls, for the first time since the 2001 season. Three players from Paintsville High School -Chas Harmon, Jeremy Slone and Dustin Hall - are members of the team.

Union

The intensity of the All-Star game has lessened recently, with increased player movement reducing the allegiance players have to their leagues. Also, managers have become more focused on getting every player into the game than winning it.

"It all depends on what they want: Do they want a showcase? Then do what they've been doing," Phillies manager Larry Bowa said. "If they want intensity, then have it back the way it was played before, where you see Pete Rose knocking somebody

Mare

early term pregnancies as a result of the illness. By the time the deaths subsided, about 3.8 percent of the state's foal crop and 15 percent of the foals that would have been born in Kentucky that year had been lost.

Eastern tent caterpillars like to make their homes on cherry trees, where they feed on the trees' cyanide-laced leaves. The caterpillars also will reside on apple, crab apple, purple-leaf plum, ornamental pear and oak trees. Bernard said the trees can be treated to repel or kill the caterpillars and pregnant mares can be kept away from the caterpillars.

"The first year we had MRLS, 20 to 30 percent of the mares were affected," he said. "Last year we were down to 5 percent. This year, the caterpillar control is so good, it is minute."

There is still a risk, however, said David Powell, a researcher at the University of Kentucky's Maxwell H. Gluck Equine Research Center, That's because Continued from p2

into the stands, and the president of each league coming in and giving pep talks before the game. To me, that's what it's all about pride.'

Fans will still select the starting position players - eight in the National League and nine in the AL this season because the game will have a designated hitter.

A separate ballot of players, managers and coaches conducted during the final week of fan balloting will determine nine additional position players in the AL and eight in the NL, as well as eight pitchers in each league. If that vote has the same winner as the fans, the second-place finisher will make the team.

That would be cool. I like that idea," Jordan said. "A lot of times, guys are injured, but just because they're popular, they make the All-Star team and a guy who really deserves it never makes it. It's unfortunate, but the players know who's good and who deserves it, so that's good."

The All-Star manager, in consultation with the commissioner's office, will select the rest of the team, which must include 12 pitchers. All teams will still be guaranteed at least one All-Star.

"I think this will add some more pride to playing in the game," said Angels manager Mike Scioscia, who will manage his first All-Star game. "This will definitely put a little more into the game."

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UK Sports · Big Blue Caravan

In May and June, the Big Blue Caravan, which features Kentucky's head coaches including Tubby Smith, Rich Brooks and Mickie DeMoss, as well as top administrators, will visit seven cities in the region. The fan friendly event will include visits to local charities, golf outings and barbecue dinners. For more information on the Big Blue Caravan, contact Amy Terry in the K-Fund office at 859/257-8000.

The dates for the inaugural caravan are as follows: May 12 -Louisville; May 13 - Cincinnati; May 19 - Nashville; May 20 -

June 16 Somerset; Madisonville; June 17 Bowling Green; June 18 Prestonsburg.

Basketball · Camps

annual Panther The Basketball Camp will be held the week of June 2-6. The camp will run from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. for boys and girls ages 6-10 and 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. for boys and girls ages 11-14. The fee for each camper is \$50. Preregistration is recommended. To register or for more information contact Coach Dave Thomas or Coach Bart Williams at 432-0-185.

The annual Shelby Valley Boys' Basketball Camp will be held July 14-17. The camp will run from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. for boys in kindergarten through fourth grade and noon until 3 p.m. for boys in grades 5-9. The fee for each camper is \$40. To preregister or for more information contact Coach Rodney Rowe at 639-9816 or 639-0033 or Assistant Coach Doe Doe Rowe at 639-3086 or 639-0033.

Boating · Boat passes

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Fishtrap Lake's ranger staff is issuing 2003 boat launch passes Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Passes are \$30 and are good for one year. For more information on passes and daily information on Fishtrap Lake, call 437-9426. If you need to talk to the ranger staff, call 437-7496.

Golf · Scramble

The Prestonsburg High School Touchdown Club Golf Scramble will be held Saturday,

May 24 at Beaver Valley Golf Course in Allen. The tournament is a four-team scramble. Entry fee is \$200 per team. First-place will play \$1,000. Second-place-\$700 and third-place \$500. Closest-to-thé-pin, longest drive and longest putt will all pay \$100.

Tee-off is 8:30 a.m. To preregister, or for more information, call Coach John DeRossett, 886-6639; Rodney Ousley, 874-0317; Gerald DeRossett, 886-6090; Ronnie Slone, 886-0006; Kim Compton, 886-1206.



Marshall Edwards finished third, finishing in his best time ever, in a Rite-Ald-sponsored race held in Cleveland on Sunday, April 27. Edwards is scheduled to compete in Pittsburgh today.

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this is the time of year during which eastern tent caterpillars thrive, he said.

"The next 14 to 21 days are going to be very critical," Powell said. "We need to go through that period before we can be too committal as to how the situation is working out this year."

The effects of the 2001 outbreak will be felt economically for years to come, said Jim Williams, director of communications for Keeneland Race Course.

Keeneland's prestigious July Selected Yearling Sale, an industry staple since 1944, will not be held in 2003 because of the disease's effects. Eighty-seven horses were bought at last year's sale at a total price of \$42.385 million.

Keeneland's September sale of yearlings will go on as planned and will include some horses that might otherwise have been sold in July. Still, early estimates are that the total number of horses available for sale will be less than in past years, Williams said.

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as good as any member of this year's recruiting class. "Many players who sign want

to know when they'll get to play." added Ison, "Mikeal has the chance to play early."

The Prestonsburg senior will join former Blackcat teammate Brandt Brooks.

Fannin is expected to line up at wing-back for the Tigers.

Mikeal Fannin is the son of Jerry and Leslie Fannin. He is the grandson of Carolyn and Sonny Ford and Gene Fannin and Oples

Rebs

the loss for Betsy Layne.

Each team had three runs in the game's first inning. For Betsy Layne, Natasha Stratton, Kim Clark and Brandi Bentley reached base and later scored. Stratton was the only one of the three Ladycats to reach base on a hit. She had a single.

Tiffany Turner, Terri Mullins and Kristi Howard scored runs for

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position in the night's feature. Just as it appeared that the

Kinzer Motorsports luck was turning around, two incidents in Saturday's feature forced the #18 to finish well below its abilities. Partway through the feature, a major crash placed the track under a red flag. Once the field started rolling under yellow, Kinzer realized that his left rear tire had cut down. Forced to opportunity for us to learn more pit under the caution, he re-

anteed a third place starting entered in 16th at the tail of the pack. Five laps later, the #18 was back up at the front running in third when another car got into Kinzer's quarter-panel and cut down his right rear tire. In an effort to avoid further damage. the team again decided to pulloff and enter the pit area; this decision resulted in a 10th place finish.

Allen Central took the lead in

the second inning when Turner,

Mullins, Amber Scott, and the

newly eligible Sharee Hopkins all

Betsy Layne's big inning came

Betsy Layne led 9-8 after four

in the fourth when six runs came

"This weekend was a great the car's setup. about

Allen Central in the bottom of the innings. Three runs in the fifth for-four with two singles and a compared to just a couple from the Ladycats helped cement the win for Allen Central.

Making an immediate impact

Sharee Hopkins, a transfer from South Floyd, reached base three times and scored twice in four plate appearances. She was three-

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Unfortunately, the bad-luck-bug got us again. Next weekend we'll be returning to Southern All-Star action and will hopefully be able to turn things around," claimed Kinzer.

Kinzer was scheduled to race in both North Carolina and South Carolina this weekend.

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triple.

Winning big

Amber Scott went three-forfive in a win over Perry County Central earlier in the week.

Scott came through with two singles, a triple, three RBI, three runs scored, reaching base four times to lead the Lady Rebs over Perry County Central

Allen Central took a 2-1 lead in the first inning with Scott and Kristi Howard scoring for the Lady Rebels. Perry Central countered with a run in the bottom of the inning.

The Lady Rebs stepped up with nine runs in the top of the third inning as eight of the first nine batters who came to the plate scored.

Perry Central plated two runs in the fifth and three more in the sixth before being held in check in the final inning.

Allen Central plated two more runs in the seventh inning. Scott tripled in the final inning, plating two teammates on the hit.

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