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Former chief charged with taking drugs, guns

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — As of early yesterday afternoon, an indictment against former Martin Chief-of-Police Jeff Powell remained sealed on a shelf in the Floyd County Circuit Clerk's Office, but by late

yesterday afternoon, Powell had been arrested and had pleaded not guilty to a total of seven theft charges.

Powell, 36, whose sealed indictment was handed down Wednesday, was arrested yesterday around 1 p.m. in Martin by Kentucky State Police Det. Kevin Willoughby.

The indictment warrant charges Powell with one count of first-degree theft of a controlled substance and six additional counts of theft by unlawful taking or disposition.

The first count in the indictment, first-degree theft of a controlled substance, a class D felony, stems from charges that

from Nov. 22 through Dec. 20, Powell took 2,867 pills stored in his department's evidence locker that had been seized following conclusion of a drug store burglary investigation.

The investigation was the second time

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briefs

Man pleads to Magoffin money order thefts

PIKEVILLE — In U.S. District Court, Christopher Allen Clayton is set to be sentenced in August pursuant to pleading guilty to the theft of 13 money orders in Magoffin County.

According to court documents, Clayton was indicted Feb. 6 by a federal grand jury for allegedly stealing 13 blank money order forms from the U.S. Postal Service on August 1, 2002.

Arraignment was set for May 5, but Clayton pleaded guilty to one count of theft of federal property and is scheduled to be sentenced on Aug. 4.

The penalty for Clayton's crime is punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

— Loretta Blackburn



photo by Sheldon Compton

Big Sandy Area Development District board members met yesterday only to hear during an audit overview that some cities and counties are still failing to pay their local assessment fees, a long-standing collection problem for the agency.

Three Big Sandy ADD members still delinquent

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — In 2001 the Big Sandy Area Development District found through its annual audit that two cities and one county within the agency's district had neglected to pay local assessment fees.

That discovery revealed to ADD officials that thousands of dollars were simply not being offered from

these members and combined with the loss of several more thousands of dollars from Pike County's LJ Miller Company's decision to pull out and leave its debt to give the development agency an urgency to see the fees paid.

The failure to collect on these past due fees was nearly the first thing mentioned by Pikeville CPA Lynette Schindler during her audit report to Big Sandy ADD members yesterday afternoon.

"Last year we made news with this and it seems it's the same thing again this year," Schindler told members.

Of the \$1,022,799 BSADD shows as accounts receivable in its 2002 audit, \$21,000 of that comes from past due local assessment fees.

Those fees, broken down, mirror last year's predicament for the

(See DELINQUENT, page five)

Wheelwright drug suspects indicted

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — More than half of the nine indictments handed down by a Floyd County grand jury Wednesday were against the five men police have labeled and charged through investigations as "major" cocaine traffickers.

Brothers Vernon, Dave and Michael "Whitey" Slone, as well as brothers Harold and Rodney Thornsberry,

were indicted on charges they have been involved in a large scale cocaine trafficking operation from their homes in the southern end of Floyd County.

During state police post-arrest searches following the drug bust in late March, large quantities of drugs, weapons and cash were seized, according to reports from Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville.

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Corps comes down against annexation

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — It appears that opposition to the city of Prestonsburg's latest annexation proposal will enjoy relief, as U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representatives requested that Mayor Jerry Fannin abandon plans to proceed with annexing land at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

The city proposed to annex 7,578 acres of unincorporated territory located in the Dewey Lake area in ordinance 3-2003 on Jan. 27 during a regularly scheduled

meeting. The reasoning was to incorporate the land with hopes of building a horse park that the city had secured a grant to build.

However, the annexation met with opposition from the Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club and the Floyd County Division of the National Wild Turkey Federation, who rallied against the city's presence in their "back yard". Representatives attended a Feb. 24 meeting, where they voiced their mistrust and proposed that they feared the habitat that they had spent

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High: 72 • Low: 54

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Knott judge-exec., two others plead innocent to vote fraud

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — Knott County Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome denied that he bought votes and vowed to stay in office until his name is cleared.

Newsome made the comments Wednesday after a hearing in which he and

two co-defendants pleaded innocent to buying votes in the May 1998 Democratic primary. Newsome defeated three-term incumbent Homer Sawyer in the race and won re-election last November.

"I don't think I'll be convicted because

(See VOTE FRAUD, page three)

ROTC teacher pleads innocent

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Betsy Layne High School Junior ROTC instructor Glen Ripkoski pleaded not guilty to a single misdemeanor charge of menacing Wednesday in Floyd District Court.

The charge, brought against Ripkoski

by Betsy Layne resident Eulana Hall, resulted after police investigated a criminal complaint against the 47-year-old Salyersville man alleging he swore at and intimidated one of his ROTC students in April, allegedly urging 15-year-old Shannon Hall to seek a restraining order

(See TEACHER, page three)



photo courtesy Highway District 12

Highway District 12 workers will begin on Monday, removing rock from beside Route 302, the road which runs through Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. The part that will be closed to all traffic until the project is complete is the section between the new spillway project and Dewey Dam, according to Frank Castle, resident maintenance engineer. "We recently had some pretty big rocks fall in this area," Castle said. "And the ones we are removing have cracks in them, so it's only a matter of time until they fall, too. We are just trying to prevent a bigger mess and possibly a tragedy for some unsuspecting motorist."

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The Associated Press

■ **NORTH FORT MYERS, Fla.** — Monica Hayes lost virtually everything she owned in a weekend fire that tore through her rented mobile home. But if it wasn't for her dog, Hayes could have lost even more.

Sassy, a 3-year-old Chihuahua, managed to rouse Hayes from a deep sleep early Saturday morning. Hayes said she opened her bedroom door and discovered flames and smoke racing through the home.

"I wouldn't be alive today if not for my Chihuahua," said Hayes, 36, who was alone inside the home. "I lost everything I have except her."

Hayes' children, ages 10 and 11, were at their father's home when the fire broke out, she said.

The North Fort Myers Fire

Department determined the fire was accidental, possibly caused by a burner on the electric stove being left on. Hayes said she can't figure out how that would have happened, because she only uses a microwave when she cooks.

Hayes does not have renters' insurance and only receives \$545 in monthly disability income. She's not sure where her next home is, but she knows that Sassy is coming with her.

"I'd live on the streets before I'd leave my dog behind. ... I'll never yell at her again for barking," Hayes said.

■ **LAKELAND, Fla.** — A woman who went to the emergency room thinking she was having an anxiety attack ended up giving birth in a hospital restroom. "She didn't realize she was pregnant," Lakeland Regional Medical Center spokeswoman

Cindy Sternlicht said. "When they asked if she had any reason to believe she was pregnant, she said, 'No.'"

Other patients waiting in the emergency room Tuesday heard the woman's screams from the restroom. They later broke into applause when a nurse emerged with the baby girl wrapped in a pink blanket.

Sternlicht said there was no time to get the woman on a stretcher or to a room. About 25

nurses and paramedics surrounded the woman while she gave birth.

Sheila Holton was at the hospital when the 1:20 p.m. birth occurred.

"I was hysterical because this lady was screaming bloody murder," Holton said.

The mother asked that no information be released about her or her child. Officials said the baby is healthy and that the mother was "healthy and smiling."

Fyffe, Paintsville native, Auburn play-by-play announcer, dead at 57

Editor's note: An earlier story concerning Fyffe's hospitalization appears in today's Sports section. That section had already been printed when news of his death broke later.

The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Auburn football announcer Jim Fyffe, who endeared himself to fans with his signature "Touchdown Auburn!" call, died Thursday after suffering an aneurysm. He was 57.

Fyffe attended a fund-raiser for

Prattville High School's athletic department Wednesday night and suffered the aneurysm around 10 p.m. after returning to his Montgomery home, said Ann Collister, president of WACY radio. He died at Jackson Hospital the next day.

"In a very real sense, the voice of Auburn has been silenced," Auburn athletic director David Housel said in a statement. "There will be other voices, but no one else will carry the excitement and enthusiasm Jim did."

(See FYFFE, page ten)

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, May 16, the 136th day of 2003. There are 229 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 16, 1929, the first Academy Awards were presented during a banquet at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. The movie "Wings" won best production while Emil Jannings and Janet Gaynor were named best actor and best actress.

On this date:

■ In 1770, Marie Antoinette, age 14, married the future King Louis XVI of France, who was 15.

■ In 1866, Congress authorized minting of the 5-cent piece.

■ In 1868, the Senate failed by one vote to convict President Andrew Johnson as it took its first ballot on one of 11 articles of impeachment against him.

■ In 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized in Rome.

■ In 1946, the musical "Annie Get Your Gun" opened on Broadway.

■ In 1948, the body of CBS

News correspondent George Polk was found in Solonica Harbor in Greece, several days after he'd left his hotel for an interview with the leader of a Communist militia.

■ In 1960, a Big Four summit conference in Paris collapsed on its opening day as the Soviet Union leveled spy charges against the U.S. in the wake of the U-2 incident.

■ In 1975, Japanese climber Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

■ In 1977, five people were killed when a New York Airways helicopter, idling atop the Pan Am Building in midtown Manhattan, toppled over, sending a huge rotor blade flying.

■ In 1992, the space shuttle Endeavour completed its maiden voyage with a safe landing in the California desert.

Ten years ago:

A two-day Bosnian Serb referendum on a U.N.-backed peace plan ended with voters rejecting the proposal by a wide margin.

Five years ago:

Silver Charm won the Preakness, two weeks after winning the Kentucky Derby. However, Silver Charm subsequently lost the Belmont Stakes to Touch Gold.

One year ago:

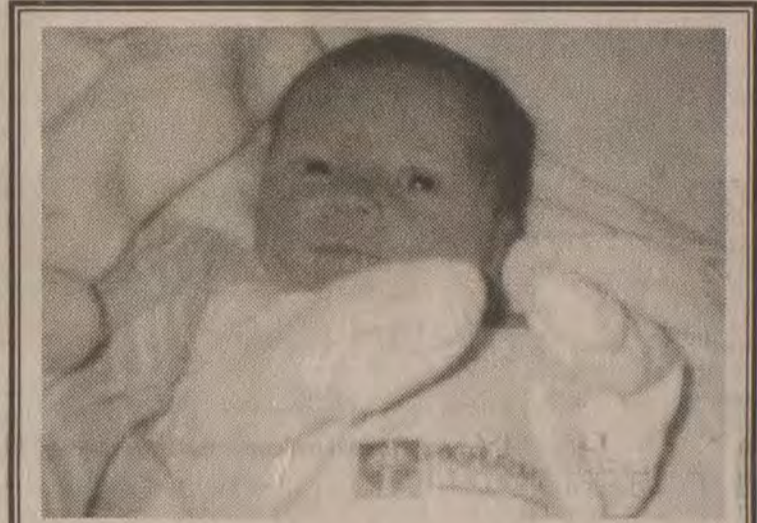
The White House defended President Bush for not disclosing intelligence before the Sept. 11 attacks that Osama bin Laden wanted to hijack U.S. airplanes, saying there had been no specific threat. The remains of kidnapped Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl were unearthed in Pakistan.

Today's Birthdays:

Author Studs Terkel is 91. Actor George Gaynes is 86. Actor Harry Carey Jr. is 82. Jazz musician Billy Cobham is 59. Actor Pierce Brosnan is 50. Actress Debra Winger is 48. Soviet gymnast Olga Korbut is 48. Actress Mare Winningham is 44. Singer Janet Jackson is 37. Rhythm and blues singer Ralph Tresvant (New Edition) is 35. Actress Tracey Gold is 34. Tennis player Gabriela Sabatini is 33. Country singer Rick Trevino is 32. Actor David Boreanaz is 32. Musician Simon Katz (Jamiroquai) is 32. Actress Tori Spelling is 30.

Thought for Today:

"If all else fails, immortality can always be assured by spectacular error." — John Kenneth Galbraith, American economist, diplomat and author.



Congratulations
to Katrina Gilliam of Allen,
and Joseph (Joe) Hall of Drift,
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—Samuel Butler

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times, on the need of federal agencies to communicate with each other:

One critical breakdown exposed by the Sept. 11 attacks was the failure among agencies charged with national security to share information. Twenty months later, that weakness still exists, according to two new studies. ...

These findings are maddening for a nation that was assured by its leaders after 9/11 that the problem would be addressed. Director of Homeland Security Tom Ridge has the challenge of ending the turf battles among competing federal bureaucracies. He has made some progress. But Congress' investigative arm, the General Accounting Office, says agencies still are failing to share vital information. They either lack clear guidelines for working together, or use different computer systems that make communicating difficult. ...

Congress should use the reports to demand changes in the bureaucratic culture. Watch lists, computers and response plans are meaningless if the CIA and the FBI don't share intelligence on terrorist threats, or if local and state law enforcement officials are kept in the dark. ...

The Daily Gazette, Schenectady, N.Y., on the Funny Cide controversy:

As any student of photography knows, two-dimensional pictures are not always what they seem. ...

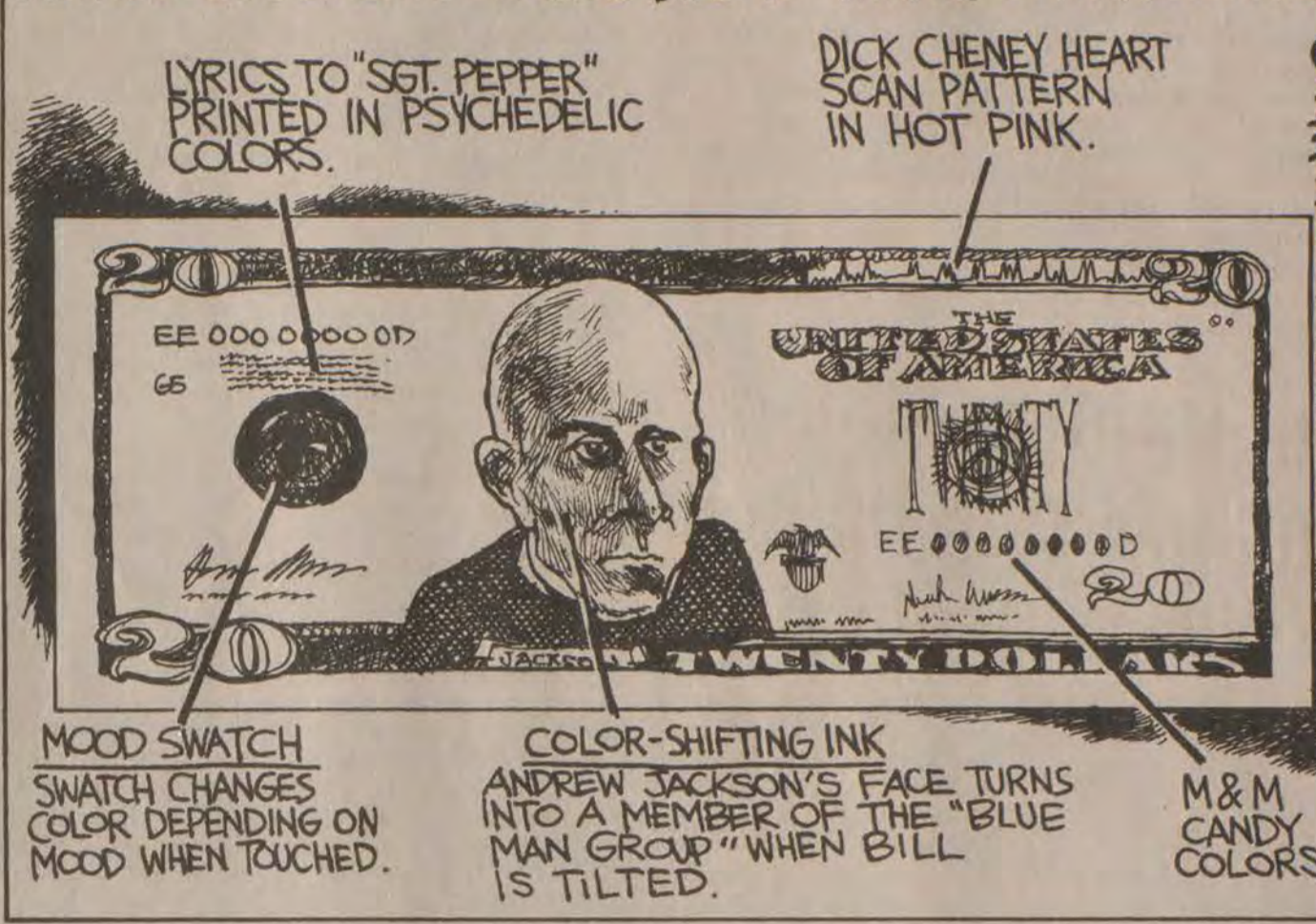
This was apparently the case with the editors at The Miami Herald who thought they saw something besides a riding crop in the right hand of jockey Jose Santos in a photograph of him approaching the finish line at the Kentucky Derby. Because New York-bred Funny Cide had been a near-longshot to win his sport's biggest race, the Herald's editors theorized that Santos must have been concealing some sort of electric joy buzzer in his hand and had used it to get his horse to run faster.

That would have been illegal and an enormous scandal - if it were true. But the Herald editors couldn't risk losing such a scoop; they couldn't wait for the stewards at Churchill Downs to review the photo and conduct a thorough investigation before going public with their half-baked theory. And in the process, they brought undeserved scorn on the sport and trashed the reputation of one of its best jockeys. ...

Exhaustive analysis of the single "incriminating" photo - as well as that of countless others and of videos of the race - has determined that the suspicious dark object that appeared to be in Santos' hand was in fact the clothing of jockey Jerry Bailey - whose horse was right behind Santos' - and part of a strap from his goggles.

Herald editors threw all their money on a longshot, but it bolted out of the gate prematurely and came up lame.

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In the moment

Scratching the surface

This is a spur-of-the-moment column, because at the last minute, I decided not to submit the one I had already written. The one I trashed was written in reference to the misinformation I received from a court system employee. I was agitated at the person's disregard for legal procedures, but have since come to recognize that she probably didn't do so intentionally. We all make mistakes and I have certainly made my share. Therefore, I do not need to assert my rights at the expense of exposing someone else's honest mistake. What really had my focus today was the rain. I heard someone say in reference, "It's a dreary day," and I thought that, even so, it was a welcome

one for me. Sometimes it is comforting to be surrounded by an environment that matches your insides. Somehow I feel worse when the sun is shining outside and I feel rotten inside. I wondered why I felt so bad since I seem to have everything in the world to be grateful for. I just picked up a B.A., which included the satisfaction of reaching a long-term goal and relieved me of the responsibility of having to attend school and work. I have people that love me, a home that isn't great, but suffices, and healthy children. So I pondered, what is it that makes me feel so bad? What I realized is that I am depressed. I'm depressed because I finally accepted the truth about my circumstances. I have been determined to fight for an education that I thought

would put me on equal ground with the rest of the work force in Eastern Kentucky. The question I had to ask myself is, "Did it put me on equal ground?" The answer, which is blatantly clear and depressing, is no it did not. In fact, the battle has only begun. I am a woman, which means I will have to work twice as hard to get the same position as a man with my credentials. I am a single mother, which is a negative in an employer's eyes, because it means I'm supposed to be stressed out and preoccupied. The Governor's Task Force on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women reports that nearly 43 percent of Kentucky single mothers live below the poverty line, compared to the national average of just over 34 percent. They report that for a single mother

in Kentucky with two children, a wage that meets the basic cost of living is more than twice the federal minimum wage. I wonder how many single mothers make that in Eastern Kentucky? I have remained positive and upbeat for the most part and I have done everything that lies in my power to date to bring my family to a comfortable living status. It has been a lot of hard work and worth it, even though I reluctantly realize that I have only scratched the surface. But I will not let my awareness of this reality bring me down. I will continue to work and to make known my abilities and talents, with the prayer that someone, somewhere will notice. In the meantime, I will do what I can to improve my reality with the hope that one day the numerous talented, hardworking women, who raise children by having to succumb to governmental assistance, will be rewarded.



LORETTA BLACKBURN

Letters

Remember children during election

I've been hearing a lot of candidates talking about fighting drugs in Floyd County and all over the state and what they are doing to combat this problem. I've heard about special task forces and extra dollars to be had in Frankfort for this issue, if we only send the right candidate down to get it. I pray all voters take a good look and study these so-called advocates for important issues in our county and state. Ask yourselves what are the underlying issues causing such major drug abuse. Ask yourselves, are the people running in this election the actual contributors to a lot of these problems. Were they the defense attorneys that let these drug abusers out on the street among our children? Do they want doctors that overwrite

prescriptions for needless drugs to be our productive citizens back out to help more people get addicted? Are they campaigning for children first and parent involvement when they defended confessed child rapists and sexual abusers that are back on the street among our children? Do they mean parent involvement with all our children and their children, and does that include being responsible for children that are not in your house or on your DNA list? Are they promising more money for education and closing, consolidating and cutting teacher pay and programs in the same breath? Please take time this election and ask yourselves these questions and then make your God-given right to choose whom you vote for. No, I'm not running for anything this election, and I'm also not running from anything ever again. I will also take every opportunity to stand up for our children in Floyd County and all over Kentucky. This is

my home and these are my children, and I will do everything in my power to protect our most precious assets — our children. I challenge every mother and every victim of any type of abuse in this county to take back your county and stand up for yourselves and our children. Kathy Clark Harold

Supports Turner

Jimmy Gabe Turner is a true Eastern Kentuckian. That is one of the reasons I would like to ask everybody to vote for him for commissioner of agriculture for Kentucky. Jimmy Gabe served as railroad commissioner for 12 years (three terms). While serving as railroad commissioner, he had crossing lights installed all over Eastern Kentucky. That had never been done before. And I will never forget the time when I saw Jimmy Gabe at the old Drift filling station when I was in high school.

Jimmy Gabe asked me, "How you doing, boy?" I replied, "Pretty good, Jim," then went on with a conversation. Jimmy Gabe asked me if I needed any help paying for my class ring. Being full of pride, I told him no, then Jimmy Gabe pulled \$100 from his pocket and reached it to me and said, "Take this and I don't want to hear no more. Pay for you ring, son." Now that looked like a million dollars to a 17-year-old boy in those days. I didn't argue with him much. But that was very kind of old Jim, helping a young boy. There is a lot of good here in Eastern Kentucky. I think we have the best this country has to offer here in Eastern Kentucky and Floyd County. I could talk all day and never get to thank the people of Floyd County enough for what they have done for me, and I love everybody in Floyd County. Let's show that we will vote for our own, the Floyd County candidates. Clinis Hall Drift

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Armed Forces Day history

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On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department — the Department of Defense. Each of the military leagues and orders was asked to drop sponsorship of its specific service day in order to celebrate the newly announced Armed Forces Day. The Army, Navy and Air Force leagues adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day, too.

In a speech announcing the formation of the day, President Truman "praised the work of the military services at home and across the seas" and said, "it is vital to the security of the nation and to the establishment of a desirable peace." In an excerpt from the Presidential Proclamation of Feb. 27, 1950, Mr. Truman stated:

Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 1950, marks the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act, towards the goal of

readiness for any eventuality. It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea, and air defense.

The theme of the first Armed Forces Day was "Teamed for Defense." It was chosen as a means of expressing the unification of all the military forces under a single department of the government. Although this was the theme for the day, there were several other purposes for holding Armed Forces Day. It was a type of "educational program for civilians," one in which there would be an increased awareness of the Armed Forces. It was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job is performed and the role of the military in civilian life. It was a day for the military to show "state-of-the-art" equipment to the civilian population they were protecting. And it was a day to honor and acknowledge the people of the Armed Forces of the United States.

According to a New York Times article published on May 17, 1952: "This is the day on which we have the welcome opportunity to pay special tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces ... to all the individuals who are in the service of their country all over the world. Armed Forces Day won't be a matter of parades and receptions for a good many of them. They will all be in line of duty and

some of them may give their lives in that duty."

The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated by parades, open houses, receptions, and air shows. In Washington D.C., 10,000 troops of all branches of the military, cadets, and veterans marched past the President and his party. In Berlin, 1,000 U.S. troops paraded for the German citizens at Templehof Airfield. In New York City, an estimated 33,000 participants initiated Armed Forces Day "under an air cover of 250 military planes of all types." In the harbors across the country were the famed moth-balled "battlewagons" of World War II, the Missouri, the New Jersey, the North Carolina, and the Iowa, all open for public inspection. Precision flying teams dominated the skies as tracking radar were exhibited on the ground. All across the country, the American people joined together to honor the Armed Forces.

Armed Forces Day is celebrated annually on the third Saturday of May, Armed Forces Week begins on the second Saturday of May and ends on the third Sunday of May, the day after Armed Forces Day. Because of their unique training schedules, National Guard and Reserve units may celebrate Armed Forces Day/Week over any period in May.

Hern D. Burke
U.S. Army Cavalry



Hern D. Burke was born Sept. 1, 1913, to Robert and Louvada May Burke, of Bonanza, Ky.

Hern volunteered for Army service in Sept., 1943, at Fort Knox, Ky. He served with the 16th Division, Co. E., 23rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squad in Arkansas and First Field Artillery Observation Battalion in Fort Sill, Okla. He was a tank mechanic and served in Central Europe, France, Germany, and Czechoslovakia. He was discharged April, 1949, Master Sgt. 1st Class.

Hern died April, 1983. Survived by his wife, Jean Herald Burke, one daughter, Della B. Ormerod, Prestonsburg, and one granddaughter Kristen Ormerod, Lexington, Ky. Buried was in Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, Ky.

He Served His Country

Price Huff, formerly of Prestonsburg, served as a member of the United States Armed Forces during World War I. His children are Honey May-Wilbanks, of Snellville, Ga., and John E. Huff, of Cincinnati.



Army Spc. Stephanie Wenrick, 101st Airborne. Stationed at Ft. Campbell, Ky. Deployed to Kuwait in March, 2003. Now serving in Northern Iraq, along with husband, Army Spc. Erik Wenrick.

Stephanie is the daughter of Judy and Danny Treadway of Prestonsburg, and Charlie Hyden of Minnie.

Erik is the son of Debbie and Tim Wenrick of Sunbury, Pa.

Tech. 4 Sargeant Charles Edward "Buster" Smith

June 10, 1919 - Jan. 23, 1989

Charles joined the United States Army on Aug. 9, 1944, at Fort Benjamin Harris, in Indiana. After basic training, he was sent to Fort McClellan, Alabama. His overseas tour began on Feb. 7, 1945, when he arrived in Europe in time for the push across France and into Germany. Having been assigned to the 147 Quartermaster Battalion Amphibian of the 40th Engineer Combat Group, Charles participated in the famous crossing of the Rhine River, for which his unit was awarded the Notorious Service Unit Plaque and Commendation from President Harry S. Truman for exceptional service. On June 30, 1945, Charles was shipped to the Pacific Theatre to participate in the liberation of the Philippines.

Charles' tour of duty was two years active and two years in the reserves. He returned to the United States on Dec. 30, 1945, to be discharged on Jan. 13, 1946.

During his time of service, Charles fought for and earned the European African Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon, with two Bronze Stars, The Asiatic Pacific Theatre Ribbon, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, as well as the Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal, and the Ruptured Duck Lapel Button. He was also honored for his part in the Rhine River Crossing with a Commendation and Certificate from the President of the United States, and received an Honorable Discharge as well as full rights to a military funeral.

Tech. 4 Sargeant Charles Edward "Buster" Smith passed away on Monday, January 23, 1989, at 9:45 p.m. The funeral was conducted by members of the DAV, with full military honors, including the 21-gun salute.



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General Omar N. Bradley, 1951

Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

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Navy Officer Gregory A. Barnett

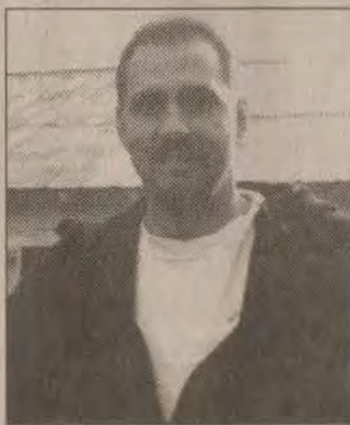
Deployed in Middle East for Six Months War on Terrorists and Iraq War

E7 Chief Navy Diver Gregory A. Barnett, son of Billy and Judy Barnett of Bucks Branch, is stationed in San Diego, California, is an 18-year veteran of the Navy, was in Desert Storm Operation Freedom, and now in Middle East with Iraq War and War on Terrorists.

Greg is married, and lives in San Diego with wife, Brenda, daughter, Kaylea, and son, Zack. Greg also has one son, Jonathan, of Hueysville. He has three sisters, Angie Waugh of Allen, Kim Newsome of Bucks Branch, and Krissy Hayes of Lexington. One special grandmother, Daisy Barnett of Bucks Branch, and lots of friends and family.

We are so proud of him and all that he has done for our country. We love him, and pray that God will take care of him in his travels.

Judy and Billy Barnett



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THROUGH MY EYES

'Brace-face'

I don't care how old I ever become, I will never forget how it feels to be a kid. Maybe it was just because I was one of those introverted, super-sensitive types, but it seems that each and every happening of my childhood is indelibly sketched upon my mind.



Kathy Prater
 Lifestyles editor

Hopefully, one day, when I do, finally, get a manuscript together worthy of submission to one of the "publishing" greats, these memories that have rambled

around and around and from side to side within my mind will all be for a reason. And, if I'm really blessed, I'll even understand that reason.

But, for now, the memories, some good, some not so good, pay off in daily life as I rear my three children and try to keep in tune with the emotions, and pressures, of being a kid.

This week, my youngest,

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POSTSCRIPT

Needing a lift

One of the most beautiful sights I've ever seen was from atop the sky lift at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

You can see for miles as the lake etches out a path through the hills. Let your imagination go and you're a giant hopping across the stream and sinking your feet into the carpet of trees.

Years ago, I rode up to get a photo for a special edition of the paper. The day was perfect with the brilliant blue of a clear sky and the rich green of a June forest.

It would have been hard to screw up such a sight, and, not to seem immodest, the photos did turn out to be really nice. I envisioned one or two to be run large on the front page of the section.

For whatever reason, too much copy, too little space or some such, the picture was downsized to two columns. It was still a beautiful sight, but

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photo by Bonita Terry

Brandy Jarrell, left, and Ashley Gregory, right, were "happy campers" this past weekend at the German Bridge Horse Camp, as evidenced by their smiling faces. Brandy is shown riding "Cocoa," and Ashley is aboard her horse, "Maleaha."

'HAPPY TRAILS'



photo by Bonita Terry

Warren Jarrell and his horse, "Star," led the way along the scenic trails for those in attendance this past weekend. "Warren helped make it all possible," said Bonita Terry, who said the weekend was "just great."

More than 60 individuals, cowboys, cowgirls and horse enthusiasts, turned out for a "wild and wonderful" weekend of getting back to nature this past weekend at the German Bridge Horse Camp. The Appalachian Regional Rocky Mountain Horse Club sponsored a two-day ride and overnight camping event at the horse camp on May 10 and 11, providing an enjoyable and beautiful scenic trail ride overlooking the Dewey Lake Resort area, in addition to a roaring bonfire and wiener and marshmallow roast come nightfall.

Adding to the pleasurable weekend of carefree fun, the band "West Wind" performed on Saturday evening.

According to Bonita Terry, one of the attendees, Park Manager, Harold Ratliff, "stayed busy working hard and taking care of all of the visitors" to the horse camp, many who had traveled from neighboring states to attend.

Trail rides began at 10:00 a.m. each morning and lasted for approximately 6 hours. "The trails along the mountains and along the sides of the

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photo by Bonita Terry

Taking pause to rest, stretch and explore along the trail, were riders Warren Jarrell and Kenny Craft.



Bonita Terry and her steed, "Shae."

THIS TOWN, THAT WORLD

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1961.

Some of the newspaper people got together, over at the lodge last weekend, and talked shop, among other things. Everybody seemed to enjoy the meeting. Misery loves company, you know.

WELCOME VISITOR

This Floyd Countian who lives in Ohio, and excels in designing and making fish-catching plugs and flies, made himself popular around this office recently. Walked in, asked for the editor, and for a moment we hesitated about admitting our identity, while we looked for the blacksnake whip some have been known to carry on such calls. When finally we squeaked out the information that we might be the feller he was looking for, this guy, Burns Jarrell, outs with three cards of that wiggle jig he makes, and presented them to us with his compliments.

HANDICAPPED

Roland Allen (the fellow who is so unenlightened that he doubts that either Jack Howard or I ever thinned corn) remarked, the other day, that a mutual friend of ours can't go fishin' as often as he would like. After that

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Please, keep 'em coming!

Our pet photos file always needs replenishing, and we know that you have lots of precious pics to share with us, so send them along! And while you're at it, help Dr. Carol get her creative thoughts jumpstarted by sending along a few questions about "pet things you've always wanted to know but been afraid to ask"! You can send both pictures and questions to: Kathy Prater at the Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or you may e-mail to: features@floydcountytimes.com. You may also send questions only to Dr. Carol at: 1768 KY Rt. 7, Estill, KY 41666, or e-mail to: carolcac@tiusa.net. We'll be waiting to hear from you!

Things to Ponder: Memories

Memory is one of those things that an individual is always conscience of, especially so, if it is bad and/or it brings emotional pain. There is an old love song about how memories linger in the "corner" of our minds, giving a mental image of memories hiding and lurking about. Complaints about not being able to remember as usual, are frequently described by my clients. Often, emotionally distressed individuals are quick to say their memory has decreased so much, such as the "short term" memory,

to the point that they have a hard time keeping up with their "to-do-list." How would you rate your memory?

As with other areas of research, a lot of theories have been suggested as to the "why and wherefore" of human memory. Supposedly, folks have been more fascinated with explaining the concept of memory processing than any other mental phenomenon. Years ago, one theory presented the idea of a memory "engram," with there being an actual text written by the body to describe past

experiences. Freud was the first to discuss repressed memories, with the suggestion that experiences are physically buried in the depths of the subconscious. Now in the electronic age, the human brain has been compared to computers, in that the brain is a hard disk that compiles information and experiences in electronic files and folders. Then, good old biology is thought to come up with the truth that is more complicated and more beautiful than any other description.

It is a pretty neat idea that basically, our memory represents a change in who we are—our habits, hopes, and fears, are all impacted upon by what is remembered from the past. Would there be a panic attack if there were not the memory of being afraid of something happening in the future, because the memory of the past was that of a very upsetting event or possibility? It's hard to believe that at the most fundamental level, the

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tional 243.1 acres, located 2.9 mile northeast of Hueysville in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.5 mile northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in Sayers Branch.

The proposed operation is located on the David and Martin U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour strip, area mining, and highwall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by Knott Floyd Land Company, et al., Knott Floyd Land Company Inc., CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., Betty Reed, Delphia M. Hale and Carol S. Wireman, Carl Reed, Connie Castle and Kathy Williams, Ronnie D. and Sue Prater, Patrick and Kristi Crisp, Ike Richmond Heirs, Clarence Woods, Art Campbell, Floyd Davis, Dixie Adkins, Carmel Davis, Carl and Mary Hayes, Winfred and Stella Hale Heirs, and Paul Prater. The operation will underlie surface area owned by Knott Floyd Land Company, et al., Knott Floyd Land Company Inc., CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., Carl Reed, Connie Castle and Kathy Williams, Ronnie D. and Sue Prater, Patrick and Kristi Crisp, Ike Richmond Heirs, Clarence Woods, Art Campbell, Floyd Davis, Dixie Adkins, Carmel Davis, Carl and Mary Hayes, Winfred and Stella Hale Heirs, and Paul Prater.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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