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briefs

Court meets to hire jail employee

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — During a special meeting Friday morning, the Floyd County Fiscal Court hired another jail employee to fill positions lost at the facility in the last year and accepted bills from contractors before retiring to executive session to discuss possible litigation.

The court passed a motion to hire Randy Bryant as a deputy jailer. The position will pay \$8.50 an hour and be full-time, with benefits included after a 90-day probationary employment period.

Bryant's employment became effective yesterday.

The fiscal court also accepted bills submitted from Stacy's Backhoe Service, C.O.E.X and Michael and Henrietta Pennington on behalf of Drains Unlimited totaling \$33,261.84.

The largest portion of that total payment — \$30,096 — will go to C.O.E.X., with Stacy's Backhoe Service set to receive \$1,820 and Drains Unlimited submitting a bill of \$1,345.84.

After approaching the agenda items for the meeting, Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson prompted court members to retire to closed session.

Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley said the matter to be discussed was

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 Partly cloudy
 High: 91 • Low: 66

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 Scattered storms
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Break made in 21-year-old case

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

McDOWELL — In response to new information, officials began last week to search property in the McDowell area that could turn up a connection to a man reported missing from the county over 20 years ago.

According to Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson, his office and other officials were on hand Thursday to take an initial look at a well along property in Stumbo Hollow at McDowell.

The well is reportedly the focal point of new information surrounding the 1982 disappearance of McDowell resident Donnie Mack Stumbo.

District 3 Magistrate Larry Foster Stumbo, who is a distant cousin of Donnie Mack Stumbo, said he was also at the site Thursday to talk with investigators about early plans to dig up the well.

Magistrate Stumbo believed that part of the investigation was centered around information that the well may have been filled after Stumbo's body was left inside.

He said what might have prompted the renewed interest was a mention from out-of-state sources who named the well in a statement to authorities about Stumbo's disappearance.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Scott Hopkins limited his explanation of the

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DRUG ABUSE EPIDEMIC



Dr. Greg Jones, a Georgia native who says he was "struck by the need" for treatment he found in Eastern Kentucky, introduced himself as director of Pikeville Methodist Hospital's new medical detoxification unit Friday.

photos by Sheldon Compton

PMH opens detox unit

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — In hope of helping combat what board president Walter May referred to as an "epidemic", Pikeville Methodist Hospital announced during an open house Thursday the opening of its new medical detoxification unit, the Fountain of Hope.

The unit will officially begin taking patients tomorrow and will treat locals suffering from chemical dependency.

"Over the past few years, I have watched as the substance abuse problem in our area has grown by leaps and bounds and wrecked the lives of those who fall victim to this illness," May said. "Chemical dependency is an epidemic in our community that must be addressed."

Addressing that issue will mean losing several hundred thousands of dollars, as the unit will not turn away patients based on financial limitations and will function with only a dozen or so staff members

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One of several tour groups follow a staff member through the medical detoxification unit at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. The unit will begin taking patients tomorrow.

Born addicted

Babies increasingly victims of prescription abuse

by **JAVACIA N. HARRIS**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHITESBURG — As a nurse in Eastern Kentucky, Diane Watts is all too familiar with the ear-piercing screams of drug addicts suffering through withdrawal.

Comforting them through the pain and tremors has become a regular part of her job in the obstetrics unit at Whitesburg Appalachian

Regional Hospital.

The number of infants born addicted to prescription drugs like OxyContin and methadone has sharply increased over the past year. In the newest twist to the prescription drug epidemic in the mountain region, hospitals have found themselves doubling as detox centers for babies hooked on powerful narcotics.

"From May 1998 to May 2002

we delivered three babies that were born addicted," Watts said. "But from May 2002 to May 2003, we saw 24 babies born addicted."

The increase in addicted babies is part of the legacy of abuse by adults of OxyContin and other prescription drugs in the mountain region. Scores have been jailed for black-market trafficking in

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Raider fans worried about shape of field

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

HI HAT — With a month to go before the first game of the season, fans of South Floyd football are wondering how a game can even be played on a field without grass.

The new field was in rough shape last season, with locals describing it as a "nut-hole" and Floyd County Schools Superintendent Dr. Paul Fanning saying the facility "definitely had issues".

However, based on those observations from the first season of play on the new field last year, school board officials made plans to bring the facility up to par with construction efforts.

Plans to improve the drainage system and grade of the field were tops on the list and slated to be finished by mid- or late-June, but Mother Nature took control of that timeframe, according to Fanning.

"The biggest issue we've faced is rain," Fanning said Friday. "That's been the number one problem."

Fanning said the drainage

system was an issue last year and has been corrected for the upcoming year, but work to improve the grade of the new field has been stifled by weather.

"We're waiting for the laser grader to come, but they've got to have a dry field to work on," he said. "Nobody's been more concerned about this than we have, but you have to let it dry out before you can do some of this work."

The laser grade operator is working with a sod contractor from Tennessee, the same contractor that worked on Allen Central's football field, Fanning said.

Fanning was at the South Floyd field as early as last week overseeing the drainage work and discussed future progress with the school board's director of facilities, Greg Adams.

"I talked with Greg [Thursday] and he had been in contact with the laser operator and said he was on another project and was backed up because of rain," Fanning said. "But we've got

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photo by Eddie Patton

Volunteers from Southminster Presbyterian Church work on the Meade Branch house at Abbott. The house is one of two built at Kentucky Tech, also known as the Floyd County Area Technology Center, under the supervision of Lenville Martin and James Taylor. The grants for the houses were obtained by the Floyd County Fiscal Court for the Low Income Housing Coalition of East Kentucky.

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Odds and Ends

POCATELLO, Idaho

A paleontology graduate student on a stroll with his father stumbled upon more dinosaur bones in one day than had previously been discovered in the state's history.

Jason Moore stopped at a stone outcropping on a southeast Idaho hillside to give his father a lesson

in fossil hunting.

"I happened to glance down and said, 'That large pile of bones on the ground is bone,'" said Moore, who studies paleontology at Cambridge University.

Moore and his parents scoured the hillside, finding more fragments, and soon realized a dinosaur was buried in the earth below.

The discovery in late June became the most complete dinosaur skeleton ever found in Idaho, and it doubled the number of known dinosaur bones in Idaho. The location remains secret.

Experts say the animal was probably a large herbivore, perhaps a Tenontosaurus, that lived during the late Early Cretaceous Period, which began about 89 million years ago and lasted about 16 million years.

Until now, most dinosaur hunters have avoided Idaho, where soil and vegetation cover rocks and make searching difficult. Montana State University paleontologists Frankie Jackson said searching in Idaho requires spending more time driving than digging.

"Because it's not an area that's been prospected extensively, anything you find there is going to be

important," Jackson said.

CINCINNATI

One little doggie is safely back home and the man who brought it back is a lot richer.

Joni Stutzer and her husband, Kevin, of suburban Whitewater Township, paid a \$10,000 reward to Adam Hoffrogge, who found their runaway dog.

The Stutzers thought their 1-year-old Parson Russell terrier had been stolen after she wandered away from their home Saturday. The couple was especially worried because of their dog's three-week-old litter of four ailing puppies, which they said could die without their mother. The puppies were being treated for an enzyme deficiency.

The Stutzers searched for days and posted signs offering the reward.

Finally, Hoffrogge, 22, contacted them Thursday.

Hoffrogge told the couple he had picked up Winnie on Saturday after two cars nearly hit her.

Joni Stutzer said she was glad to pay Hoffrogge the reward.

"Every human can relate to the love you feel with a pet you're close to," she said. "That's the most human feeling of all — love. And to have that loss, and then have the return of Winnie — it's a

fairy-tale ending."

SAN RAFAEL, Calif.

A familiar face at the Golden Gate Bridge is gone.

The glowing clock that has told the time to commuters for 53 years was taken down Wednesday. It

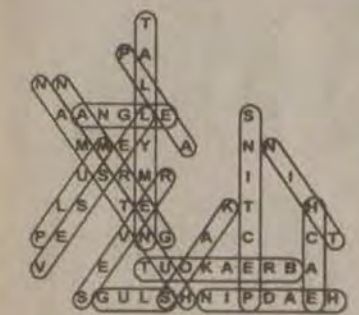
will be replaced next month by a replica with the same orange face.

While the old clock looked fine from the outside, its gears were rusted and corroded from years of exposure to salt spray.

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New Album - Coming in October Listen for the brand new single "What A Shame" on your

local radio station now! The first from Rebecca Lynn's new album due in October.

U.S. Central - Change of Command Rebecca was personally invited by Gen. Tommy Franks to open the U.S. Central Command change of command ceremony on July 7 in Tampa. She performed "God Bless America" a capella in addition to the Star Spangled Banner. Gen. John Keane (Chief of Staff) presented her with the Chief of Staff Gold Coin during the event.

Song Sharing Trisha Yearwood covered her MCA labelmate Rebecca Lynn Howard's "I Don't Paint Myself Into Corners". Rebecca Lynn wrote and recorded the song for her self-titled debut album. Yearwood first heard the song during a guitar pull that the two singers did together prior to Howard's album release, and afterward told Howard it was her new favorite song.

"I've really tried to create my own sound," Rebecca Lynn said of her debut album. "This record is really diverse. There are songs stretching from modern day contemporary all the way back to real traditional country. There are a lot of different sides to me and when people hear my music, I think they'll come to know me."

In her music and in her life, Rebecca's confidence shines through. The 20-year-old Magoffin County native has plenty to be confident about. She's not only a gutsy, powerhouse singer, but - unlike most young artists - gold and platinum stars like Reba McEntire, John Michael Montgomery, Patty Loveless and Lila McCann have already recorded Rebecca's songs.

"I'm real proud of that," Rebecca admits. "I didn't just come out of high school and land a record deal. I'm a songwriter and I've been working in this business since I was 10 years old. I've worked really hard over the past decade."

Rebecca started singing as a toddler. By the time she was in elementary school she had taught herself piano and was beginning to write her own songs. Throughout those years she sang in school and church - and even directed the church choir. "I was really wrapped up in music all the time," she admits.

For three years Rebecca toured with the Kentucky Opry variety show. As a solo artist she opened shows for Martina McBride, John Michael Montgomery, Ricky Van Shelton and Sammy Kershaw. During that time, she made frequent trips to Nashville develop-

ing her songwriting skills and making contacts.

"I've always known this is what I wanted to do," Rebecca says. "I talked my mom into bringing me to Nashville when I was 10."

Rebecca recorded a demo that eventually helped secure a recording contract with Rising Tide Records. She recorded "Softly And Tenderly" for The Apostle soundtrack, which won a Grammy. Rebecca was snapped up by MCA Nashville when Rising Tide closed its doors in '98.

"I've been through a lot in the past couple of years," Rebecca admits. "But I've got a lot of discipline. My manager and I used to run 8, 10, and as much as 12 miles a day for about six to eight months. I'm sure that kind of physical challenge helped me develop the proper mental endurance to handle the various hardships that arise in this business."

Those hardships are finally paying off and Rebecca couldn't be more excited about her new record. "Musically, the songs I write are so different. I don't think you can peg my music to any other artist. I'd say it's kind of rock 'n roll meets bluegrass meets r&b meets country. Growing up I listened to Reba, Patty Loveless, Michael Bolton, Celine Dion, Whitney Houston and Mariah Carey - all the big power singers," Rebecca says. "I think you can hear a lot of their influence in my music."

Together, Rebecca and producer Mark Wright forged a unique sound, which combines the heart of country music with the soul of contemporary pop. Rebecca wrote much of the album with some of her favorite co-writers.

She wrote the single "Out Here In The Water" with Robin and Trey Bruce. "When we met for a songwriting session, none of us had any ideas. So we started playing this funky, greasy melody, and all of a sudden Trey says, 'You hold the pole and I'll try to net him.' I totally freaked out and the song snowballed from there. It was one of those times when we didn't let the right side of the brain overtake the left side."

"I Don't Paint Myself Into Corners" is another stand-out track that seems to be getting a lot of attention. Rebecca received a standing ovation after singing this powerful ballad at Fan Fair '99, even though the crowd was not yet familiar with the new artist.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, July 27, the 208th day of 2003. There are 157 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on July 27, 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting.

On this date:

In 1789, Congress established the Department of Foreign Affairs, the forerunner of the Department of State.

In 1794, French revolutionary leader Maximilien Robespierre was overthrown and placed under arrest; he was executed the following day.

In 1861, Union Gen. George B. McClellan was put in command of the Army of the Potomac.

In 1866, Cyrus W. Field finally succeeded, after two failures, in laying the first underwater telegraph cable between North America and Europe.

In 1960, Vice President Richard Nixon was nominated for president at the Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to recommend President Nixon's

impeachment on a charge that he had personally engaged in a "course of conduct" designed to obstruct justice in the Watergate case.

In 1976, Air Force veteran Ray Brennan became the first person to die of what was later called Legionnaire's Disease following an American Legion convention in Philadelphia.

In 1980, on Day 267 of the Iranian hostage crisis, the deposed shah of Iran died at a military hospital outside Cairo, Egypt, at age 60.

In 1995, the Korean War Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington by President Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young-sam.

In 1996, terror struck the Atlanta Olympics as a pipe bomb exploded at Centennial Olympic Park, killing one person and injuring more than 100.

Ten years ago:

IBM reported a record \$8 billion quarterly loss. Bombs exploded in Rome and Milan, killing at least five people. Boston Celtics star Reggie Lewis died after collapsing on a Brandeis University basketball court during practice; he was 27.

Five years ago:

President Clinton held a town meeting in Albuquerque, N.M., on the future of Social Security, during which he expressed skepticism about proposals to privatize part of the Social Security trust fund. Monica Lewinsky spent five hours being interviewed by prosecutors in New York in a possible prelude to an immunity deal.

One year ago:

A Ukrainian fighter jet crashed during an air show in Lviv, killing 77 people. John Ruiz retained the WBA heavyweight title in Las Vegas after his opponent, Kirk Johnson, was disqualified for hitting low blows.

Today's Birthdays:

TV producer Norman Lear is 81. Rhythm-and-blues singer Harvey Fuqua is 74. Actor Jerry Van Dyke is 72. Sportscaster Irv Cross is 64. Actor John Pleshette is 61. Singer Bobbie Gentry is 59. Actress-director Betty Thomas is 55. Olympic gold medal figure skater Peggy Fleming is 55. Actor Maury Chaykin is 54. Singer Maureen McGovern is 54. Actress Janet Eilber is 52. Actress Roxanne Hart is 51. Rock musician Karl Mueller (Soul Asylum) is 40. Country singer Stacy Dean Campbell is 36. Rock singer Juliana Hatfield is 36. Actor Julian McMahon is 35. Comedian Maya Rudolph is 31. Singer-songwriter Pete Yorn is 29. Actor Jonathan Rhys Meyers is 26.

Thought for Today:

"One, with God, is always a majority, but many a martyr has been burned at the stake while the votes were being counted." — Thomas B. Reed, American lawyer and legislator (1839-1902).

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The USDA, Rural Housing Service has received an application for financial assistance from the Floyd County Public Library Board. The proposed project consists of the renovation and expansion of the present library facility located in Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky. This construction will occur on the property owned and occupied by the Floyd County Public Library Board.

As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, USDA/RHS has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed action and determined that the quality of the human environment will not be significantly impacted nor will an environmental impact statement be required. USDA/RHS has further determined that the location of the proposed construction would impact the 100 year floodplain. It has been determined that there is no practicable alternative to avoid this impact. The basis of this determination is as follows:

- The floodplain would be impacted by the proposed construction of the proposed project due to construction occurring within the floodplain of Big Sandy River.
- The proposed project must be located within the floodplain as this is the only property available to Floyd County Public Library Board at affordable rates and terms.
- The proposed action conforms to applicable state and local floodplain protection standards.

In order to avoid or minimize any adverse environmental impacts, the following mitigation measures will be required by the Rural Housing Service.

- The project shall be in compliance with all requirements noted in the Kentucky Department for Local Government letter dated June 10, 2003, from Mr. Ronald A. Cook, Manager.
- The existing structure and the site of the proposed building extension are within the 100 year floodplain. The proposed construction will have all floor elevations above the 100 year floodplain.
- Since the building is situated within the 100 year floodplain, flood insurance must be obtained by the applicant.
- The design and construction shall be in compliance with all local, state and federal environmental statutes, regulations and executive orders applicable to the project.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment can be reviewed or obtained at USDA Rural Development, 220 West First Street, Morehead, KY 40351, Phone (606) 784-6447. For further information, call Joseph C. Frazier, Rural Development Manager at (606) 784-6447.

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Addicted

painkillers, and several physicians have been indicted for over-prescribing drugs.

Watts, the nurse manager of obstetrics and pediatrics at the Whitesburg hospital, said her staff began to notice an increase in the number of babies born addicted to narcotics in November 2002, and began testing all expectant mothers for drugs.

Doctors at the University of Kentucky Family Practice Center in Hazard also started screening more of its obstetrics patients for drug abuse after four drug-addicted babies were born in February, said Dr. Chandramohan Batra, who worked at the center until June. Physicians at the Family Practice Center, a division of the University of Kentucky's Center for Rural Health, deliver only about eight babies each month,

he said.

Doctors at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center in Lexington also have seen an increase in babies born addicted to opiates. Dr. Henrietta Bada, chief of the division of neonatology, said that in 1997 the neonatal intensive care unit saw two babies exposed to opiates. From 2001 to 2002 that number increased to 20.

At Pikeville Methodist Hospital, the percentage of addicted babies jumped from 3 percent of the 200 treated each year in the hospital's neonatal intensive care to 6 percent in the past year, said Dr. Ruth Ann Shepherd, a neonatologist.

Watts said caring for drug-addicted babies can be physically and emotionally draining.

"You have to hold them a lot," she said. Babies experiencing drug withdrawal are very irritable and hard to comfort. They have this high-pitched cry and they're very jittery."

Drug-addicted babies also have trouble sleeping, eating and even breathing, Watts said.

"You can hear this unusual snoring sound when they breathe," she said.

Nurses working with these babies comfort the infants as much as possible and keep them in a quiet place, Watts said.

"Most drug-addicted moms are in denial and they think that if they go to a clinic it will be OK," Watts said. "The parents don't think the effects are that serious."

But withdrawal symptoms can be severe, including tremors and seizures, she said. Doctors have also seen an increased incidence of sudden infant death syndrome in babies addicted to methadone — which is the drug most commonly seen at Whitesburg ARH Hospital, Watts said.

Babies suffering from severe withdrawal symptoms are placed on Phenobarbital, Watts said. The drug can help the babies eat and sleep better and help reduce the excessive sweating that is another withdrawal symptom.

Improvements can be seen within 24 hours of the first dose, but the recovery process is long for infants. The babies will be given the medication for at least a month until the symptoms subside.

"The parents think the withdrawal will last only a few weeks and then everything will be fine," Watts said. "But it's not over in two to three weeks."

Compounding the problem, Shepherd said, is that some

mothers don't seek prenatal care because they don't want doctors to know they abuse drugs.

"If they admit that they're taking drugs they feel like they're threatened and the baby may be taken away," she said.

Rachel Breeding, a case-worker at Whitesburg ARH Hospital who is responsible for placing drug-addicted babies in safe homes, said drug-addicted mothers and their babies are referred to social workers at the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children to determine if it is safe for the child to go home.

Breeding said most infants go home with a close family member, which allows the mother to have an active role in the child's life while she gets treatment for her own addiction.

"If the mother is seeking help she will get it," Breeding said.

Glenda Banks, a state welfare worker, said counseling and other services are provided to mothers trying to rid themselves of drug addiction. The home will be monitored closely to make sure the child is safe, but the goal is not to take the child away from the mother, she said.

"We try our best to keep families together," Banks said.

Watts said the hospital's main goal is to help the baby get well. "Nothing we do here is meant to take that child away from that mother," she said. "The intent is to treat them."

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Court

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"pending litigation", but the court returned and reported that no action would be taken.

District 4 Magistrate Alan Williams was not present for Friday's meeting.

Detox

who may rely on some help from volunteers.

"These people need the support of the health care community, but they can't do it by themselves," said Pikeville Methodist Chief Executive Officer Joann Anderson. "It takes us all working together."

The unit itself will be a 20-bed unit that will serve men and women 18 or older who are seeking treatment for addiction to alcohol and other types of drugs. Typical detoxification treatments would require a hospital stay of about five days, while more complicated treatments might require 7-to-10 days.

Although the unit is equipped with 20 beds, the staff will only fill 10 beds initially, according to shift supervisor Anita Hamilton.

"They're going to start with 10 beds so we don't get overwhelmed," Hamilton said after Thursday's open house.

Hamilton said only a couple nursing staff members have worked in detox units before.

However, Dr. Greg Jones, who will serve as the unit's medical director, has worked with similar treatments before, having recently completed detox training.

Jones, a doctor who will give entry exams to increase the unit's efficiency, is originally from Georgia, but said he had spent time in Kentucky before and saw how much need there was in the area.

"I was just really struck by the need," he said. "I could tell they were dedicated to getting treatment and I've always said you should just go where the need is."

Jones told those attending the open house Thursday that addiction itself is not a "complicated disease", saying instead that the people who have the disease may be complicated.

"I've heard from a lot of people here who think trying to deal with this has been unsuccessful in fighting this disease," said Jones. "That's not true. There have been a lot of people who have been successful."

The unit is equipped with monitoring cameras that give attending staff a rotating update of activity on the floor, as well as numerically coded door locks outside the primary workstation.

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Much of the equipment is as much to ensure the privacy of the patients as it is to ensure the safety of the staff, Hamilton said.

Anderson said the detox unit, although a financial loss for the hospital, is simply a service the community needs and a responsibility that fell in their laps.

"Fountain of Hope is a much-needed service in our region," she said. "It is the responsibility of Pikeville Methodist Hospital to meet the health care needs in our community as they arise."

In the future the unit hopes to extend its treatment efforts, increasing the level of followup procedures to see that patients continue to recover, as well as broadening its scope of to include treating those younger than 18.

Break

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search Friday, saying only that there "was some truth" to the reports connecting Stumbo to the investigation.

The well, which rests on property at Stumbo Hollow, was examined Thursday, according to Nelson, who said one aspect dealt with the well's depth.

"We checked the depth of the well," Nelson said. "We're looking into rumors of a possible missing man since 1982, so we went and measured the depth of the well, checking to see if what we heard was true, that he had filled the well up."

Nelson said his office had

been told the original depth of the well was between 18 to 21 feet, and that measurements taken Thursday showed its current depth at 13 feet, revealing a "discrepancy".

Further examination of the well and surrounding property was put on hold for Friday, Nelson said, because officials didn't have the proper paperwork to continue. He said a signature of consent needed to be obtained from the property owner.

Officials hope to have legal clearance to continue after the weekend.

Hill receives 10 years for robbery

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Pike County man accused of armed robbery in both Floyd and Pike counties and who pleaded guilty in Floyd County in March was sentenced in Floyd Circuit Court Friday to 10 years in prison.

Stoney Hill, 31, of Shelbiana, initially turned down the commonwealth's 10-year offer in both counties and asked for a trial.

Hill admitted through his plea and was sentenced Friday for robbing Action Food Mart at Ivel while armed with a knife on Oct. 21, 2001. He also pleaded guilty

to robbing Western Express Mart in Pike County.

His 10-year-sentence will run concurrently on both of those charges.

An accomplice in the robberies, Greg Hill, pleaded guilty and accepted the 10-year deal for both robberies on Oct. 11 of last year. In addition to entering his plea, Greg Hill also agreed to cooperate and testify against Stoney Hill during trial proceedings.

The two were linked to both robberies by Kentucky State Police Detective Greg Roberts, who said the connection was made after both incidents were investigated.

Field

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a backup operator in case the primary operator doesn't work."

Fanning said the work has been held back because the work being done is part of an outside, "weather sensitive" project, but adds he's confident the field will be ready before the start of the season.

"Right now, unless we have

another big stretch of rain, we're expecting to be on time for the first game in late August," he said. "The field definitely had drainage issues last year, it was real visible, and had some grade issues, but we feel like we're in a timeframe to be ready for the first home game."

Attorney for man who fled after conviction wants new trial

The Associated Press

LOUISA — The attorney for a man who skipped town shortly after his conviction in Lawrence County on sodomy offenses earlier this month wants a new trial.

The attorney for Truman Evans, 57, says his client was not treated fairly during his trial and should be granted a new one. Evans was captured by FBI agents in Geneva, Ohio last week after more than two weeks on the run.

The attorney, John David Preston, of Paintsville, filed a motion this week in Lawrence Circuit Clerk requesting a new trial.

A former Baptist minister and prison guard, Evans was convicted July 1 of first-degree sodomy and criminal attempt to commit first-degree sodomy.

Evans fled the Lawrence County courthouse shortly before the jury returned its verdict, telling family members he was stepping outside for a breath of air.

Preston claims in a motion that individual questioning of potential jurors should have been allowed during jury selection.

He also argued that Boyd Circuit Judge C. David Hagerman, a special judge assigned to the case, improperly allowed prosecutors to amend their original indictment against Evans.

Hagerman said he will make a ruling on Preston's motion for a new trial Aug. 28, Evans' sentencing date.

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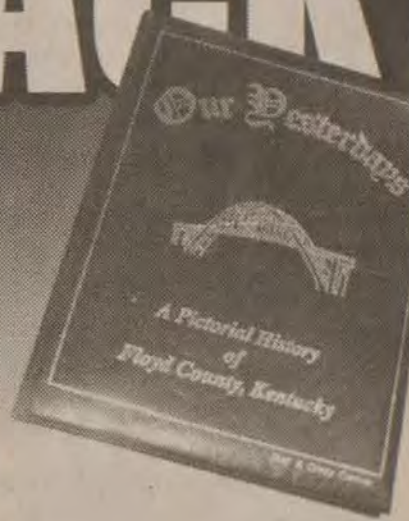
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Guest View

Near the bottom again

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All smokers are putting their own health at risk when they choose to smoke, but the health of another their unborn child also is endangered when women choose to smoke throughout their pregnancies. Smoking during pregnancy significantly increases the risk of low birth weight, sudden infant death syndrome and respiratory distress syndrome, all life-threatening ailments for a newborn infant.

We're confident that even in this tobacco-growing state most pregnant women are advised to cease smoking during their pregnancies — and many do. Yet, more than 23 percent continue to puff away. Among pregnant teens in Kentucky, the smoking rate jumps to an alarming 33 percent, or one in three. There are enough health problems related to teens having babies without the pregnant mother-to-be making matters worse by continuing to smoke.

The percentage of Kentucky women who smoke while pregnant has declined by 3.6 percent since 1991, but there has been virtually no change since 1995. That's discouraging.

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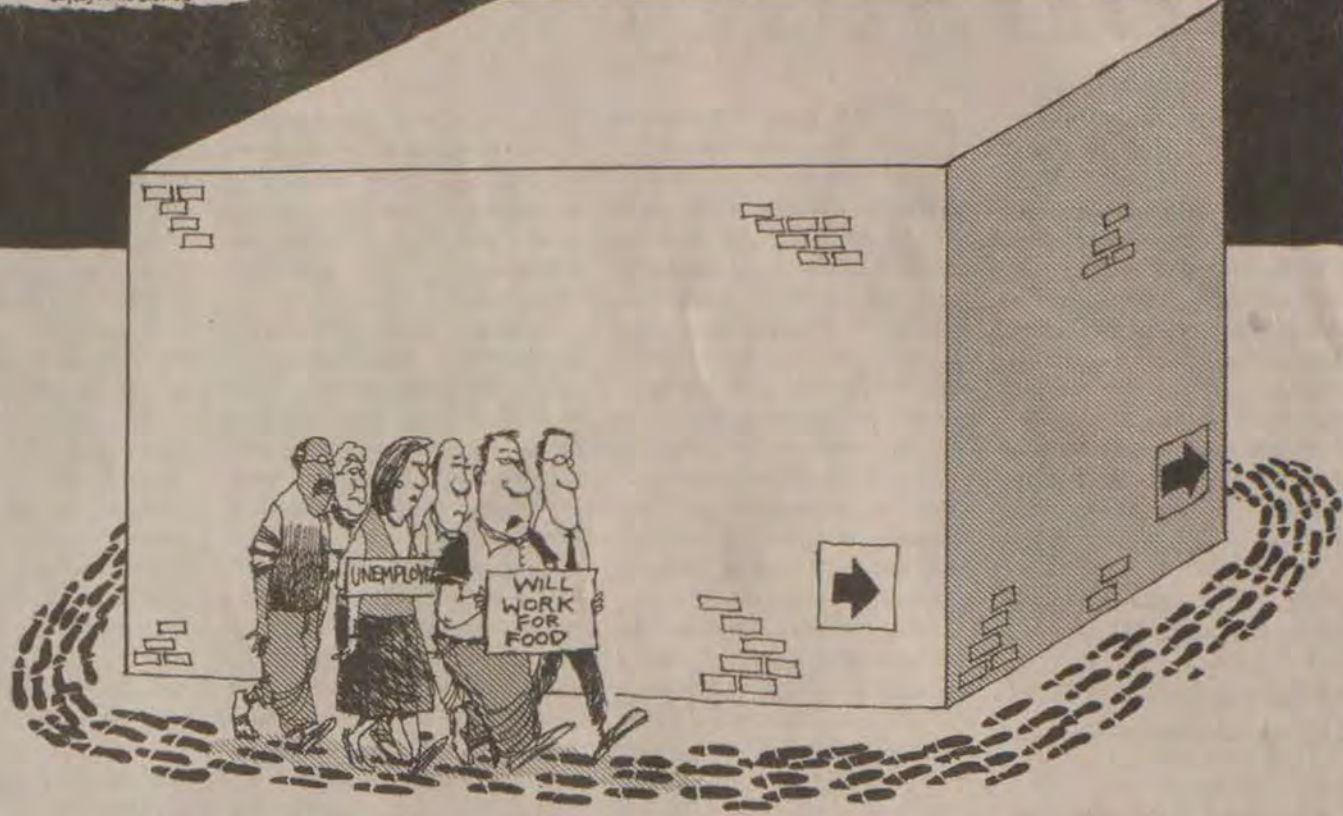
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"ECONOMISTS SAY WE'RE IN A RECOVERY AND JOBS ARE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER..."

— Jim Davidson

The peril of negative overload

Someone once said that discouragement is, "Often the last key in the bunch that opens the lock." We all get discouraged from time to time and if you happen to be discouraged just now, I have some good news for you.

A while back I had a personal experience that clearly demonstrated the peril of negative overload. After all, isn't this what discouragement is all about? We get so much negative news, whether real or perceived, that we begin to buckle under the load. Before I share this personal experience with you, let me make sure we are on the same page.

A good understanding of the word "overload" is critical in relation to the investment of your time in reading this column. Several years ago when electricity became available to most American households, the electric wiring went back to something we called a fuse box. I still remember those little fuses and the lever that you pushed to make contact after a fuse had blown and had to be replaced.

What made the fuse blow was an excessive demand for electricity that exceeded the capacity of the wiring. Without the fuse blowing there was a

good possibility that a fire would have been the result. In this case the demand caused the "overload" and that is the gist of the idea.

Here is what happened to me that caused a negative overload and remember, by and large, I am an extremely positive person. This goes back to Sept. 11, 2001, when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Like all freedom-loving Americans, I was deeply saddened by the loss of life and especially for friends and family members whose lives would be changed forever.

In the aftermath of this tragedy as our leaders began to make plans to bring those responsible to justice, I began to watch more television news coverage than I had ever watched in my life.

As the war in Afghanistan began to unfold and the bombing began, I became obsessed with all the coverage the 24-hour cable news networks (four here in our market) were giving the American people. You could watch it all day long if you chose to, but because of my schedule I could only watch it four to five hours each day, and this went on for several weeks.

After a while I began to feel lethargic

and my enthusiasm and zest for life began slowly ebbing away. Then one day it hit me, and I realized what had happened. I was suffering from negative overload. The human mind and nervous system is just not designed for that much negative news.

At this point I changed my television viewing habits and made a very important decision. From that point on I have limited my news coverage about the "War On Terrorism" to reading the headlines and related stories in our local newspaper and 30 minutes of national news in the evening on one of our major network stations.

I also want to report to you that I did not stop there. I dug out a set of attitude motivation tapes that I had left from the days when I was in that business. I keep a cassette player by my bed and use these tapes to help me fall off to sleep. When I wake up during the night I just flip the tape over and listen to it for a while before going back to sleep.

This has made a wonderful difference in my outlook on life and now that old zest and enthusiasm has returned. Now, if you are discouraged you may or may not be suffering from negative overload,

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— beyond the beltway

Big lies lead to big trouble

by DONALD KAUL

Congratulations to Our Leader, George W. Bush. He has done what no president who came before him could accomplish — neither Washington, nor Lincoln nor Ronald Reagan. He has given us an annual budget deficit of \$455 billion. And, as Al Jolson once said (or was it Tom DeLay?): "You ain't seen nothin' yet."

The projected White House figure for the current fiscal year, 455 Very Large Ones, doesn't include the costs of the Iraq and Afghanistan occupations, which are currently running at about \$5 billion a month.

Still, the sunny optimists on the Bush staff think the deficit will be declining soon thereafter, amounting to between \$200 billion and \$300 billion in each of the next five years, for perhaps a total of \$1.9 trillion.

Personally, I think that's way too modest an estimate. Given the Bush administration's genius for reverse-Robin Hood economics and its talent for picking fights with countries that need a total reconstruction after we beat them, I think we could go well over the \$3 trillion mark, easy. I'd bet on it, as a matter of fact.

(This would put the national debt at close to \$10 trillion, but who's counting.)

This doesn't seem to be bothering the

president. To borrow from Mark Twain, Mr. Bush seems to view the future with the calm confidence of a Christian with four aces.

There is this one other little cloud over the horizon, of course: the untruths about Iraq. People keep nagging him about saying, in his last State of the Union address, that we had to attack Iraq because it was trying to get material to build nuclear weapons. He said we had evidence. Well, as it turned out, there was no such credible evidence and there's a great controversy boiling in Washington over who made the mistake of letting that "information" get into the speech.

First of all, the director of the CIA stepped up and said it was the CIA's fault. Then administration mouthpieces fanned out over the talk shows and said it wasn't really a mistake, not "technically." And finally, they said: Who cares? It was only 16 little words in a long speech. It didn't matter. Still the controversy continues. Democrats want to hold hearings on the matter.

Please. The whole brouhaha is ridiculous. Of course the president misled the country on purpose. How smart do you have to be to figure that out?

From the day he was elected, the president larded his foreign policy team with people who were obsessed with getting rid of Saddam Hussein, people named Cheney, Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz and Perle. They saw the 9/11 attacks as

an opportunity and they seized it.

From that moment, they worked tirelessly to convince the American public that Mr. Hussein posed a dire and immediate threat to the security of the United States.

They tried to tie him to the attacks, they attempted to sell us on the notion that he possessed weapons of mass

destruction — nuclear — and was ready to use them.

Facts be damned. They had snake oil to sell and they sold it. The president's speech was merely part of that effort.

Do I mean that the president knowingly lied to us? You betcha. And why should we be surprised? He's lied about everything else — the environment, the economy, Social Security — why should he stop at war? He was, perhaps unknowingly, following the lead of a great world leader, who said:

"I shall give a good reason for starting the war which propaganda can exploit — though it does not matter whether it is plausible or not. The victor will not be asked later on ... whether we told the truth or not. In starting or making war it is not right which matters, but victory."

Adolf Hitler said that in 1939, on the eve of World War II. (I said it was a great leader, not a good one.)

If it makes you happy to go on believing all the things Mr. Bush says, go right ahead, be my guest. But do me a favor, please. Don't vote.

Donald Kaul recently retired as

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Minister's Moment: Promises

by MARK D. WALZ
First United Methodist Church

Summertime is a time of weddings when a man and a woman find the love they have for each other and a desire to spend the rest of their lives together. In doing so they each pledge to one another, faithfulness, devotion and a lifetime commitment.

Relationships such as marriage are not just based on love, but promises said to one another in front of witnesses, the promise of in sickness and in health, the promise of richer or poorer, and the promise to forsake all others. Vows usually include these words that I promised to my wife

Julie. "I, Mark, take thee Julie, to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and there-to I pledge thee my faith." Wow! What promises!

We take promises into relationships, business, church, and jobs, often seeing these promises with one another broken day after day. People break promises without even thinking about the consequences or the loss of their integrity. Remember the day when a man's handshake was as good as his word. Promises with people are unfortunately broken everyday, but God has promise after promise in His Word that ring true and faithful.

I have a devotion book, God's Promises, filled with promises

from his Word for every need. What joy to know that with God His promises are true and faithful forever! These promises in God's Word are not just for the day, the culture, a few, one country, or a certain group, but promises for everyone.

God's numerous promises are always true and faithful.

Promises of Jesus are your Savior:

■ Titus 3:5-6 "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior;"

■ I John 4:14 "And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world."

■ Luke 19:10 "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save

that which was lost."

■ Ephesians 2: 8,9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, let any man should boast."

■ II Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Promises of Jesus are our Lord:

■ Philippians 2:9-11 "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name:

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth:

And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

■ Romans 10:9,10 "That if

thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation"

Promises to hold on to when you are experiencing fear:

■ II Timothy 1:7 "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

■ I John 4:18 "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear

hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love."

Promises in grief:

■ Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."

■ I Peter 5:7 "Casting all your care upon; for he careth for you."

■ Psalm 23:4 "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Be thankful for God's promises, and know they remain true and faithful each and everyday.



Elva D. Newsome

Mommy, when you left us, it was hard to believe life could go on; but here we are a year later remembering your birthday, July 28th.

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Your children and their families.
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Happy Birthday, Mommy

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Poll: Growing number of Americans see Islam as encouraging violence

by WILL LESTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — An increasing number of Americans believe that Islam is more likely than other religions to promote violence among its followers, according to a new survey that examined religion, politics, gay marriages and other issues likely to have a bearing on the 2004 election.

A significant shift in the number of the people who associate Islam with violence has occurred in the last year, a period that follows the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks by al-Qaida and the subsequent war to oust the Taliban in Afghanistan.

Almost half of those surveyed by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press — 44 percent — said they believe Islam encourages violence, an increase from 24 percent in March 2002. White evangelical Christians were more likely to say Islam promotes violence among its believers. The number who disagreed with that view dropped from 51 percent in March 2002 to 41 percent.

At the same time, a slight majority of those surveyed — 51 percent — said they have a favorable view of Muslim Americans, followers of the

Islamic religion. This is basically unchanged from a year and half ago.

"For all the rise in concerns about Islam, we don't see much of an overt increase in hostility toward Muslim Americans," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center.

But Muslim Americans have complained about an increasing number of acts of violence against them and their institutions in the last year, said Mohamed Nimer, research director at the Council of American-Islamic Relations.

The perception among many Americans is that the animosity is mutual.

Almost half in the poll, 49 percent, believe that a significant portion of Muslims around the world hold anti-American views, an increase from 36 percent who thought that was true a year ago.

The poll was conducted by the Pew Research Center and the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life.

Religious divisions over several issues could play a significant role in the 2004 campaign, the survey suggested, and a potentially volatile issue is gay marriage.

In June, the Supreme Court threw out a Texas law that prohibited acts of sodomy between homosexuals in a private home, saying such a prohibition violates the defendants' privacy rights under the Constitution. The landmark ruling angered many conservatives and prompted several congressional Republicans to call for a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriages.

The survey found that opposition to gay marriage has diminished since 1996. Then, 65 percent opposed gay marriage; the poll showed that a majority still are against it, but the number is 53 percent, with 38 percent supporting it.

The shift in support has occurred in most demographic groups, except for white evangelical Christians and blacks.

Among white evangelicals, 83 percent oppose gay marriage. White mainline Protestants were almost evenly split, with 45 per-

cent supporting it and 44 percent against. Roman Catholics also were split, with 47 percent favoring it and 41 percent against.

As peace has proven elusive in the Middle East, the survey showed strong support for Israel among white evangelical Christians, with seven in 10 believing the liberal interpretation of the Bible that Israel was given to the Jews by God. Overall, the number that holds that view is 44 percent.

The public also is accepting of the expression of religious faith by politicians, the poll found. President Bush is known for making frequent references to his faith, but about six in 10 say he strikes the right balance in how much he talks about his beliefs.

Bush's Republican Party is more generally seen as friendly toward religion than Democrats, especially among white respondents.

Fifty-eight percent of whites see the GOP as friendly toward

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Davidson

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but don't be too sure. We live in a negative world and while you may not have gotten a megadose like I did, you have gotten it a little at a time over the past several years. It's kind of like being nibbled to death by a duck, but the end result is the same.

God bless America.

Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.

Trouble

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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. His email is: donald.kaul2@verizon.net.

LOST PURSE

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Betty Jo Banks, 71, of Crossville, Tenn., formerly of Wheelwright, died Friday, July 18, at the Country Place Nursing Home in Crossville, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 22, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Johnnie Case, 87, of Garrett, died Monday, July 21, at the Hazard ARH Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Anna Jewell Prichard Case. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Karen Anita Berger Caudill, 51, of Bevinsville, died Wednesday, July 16, at Saint Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lois Jane Clark, 74, of Grethel, died Tuesday, July 15, at Hazard Nursing Home. She is survived by her husband, Reeves Clark. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

James Preston Goble, 58, of Blue River, died Saturday, July 19, in the Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Donna Dempsey Goble. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 22, under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Phyllis Jewell Johnson, 63, of Bevinsville, died Friday, July 18, at Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Johnie Lawson, 69, of Westland, Mich., formerly of Garrett, died Thursday, July 17, in the Hope Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Mendie Tackett, 92, of Melvin, died Friday, July 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Pamela Pruitt Allen, 49, died Monday, June 30, at her resi-

dence. She is survived by her husband, Raymond Allen. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 3, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Josephine "Josie" Dixon Bowling, 86, a Johnson County native, died Tuesday, July 15, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 18, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Jimmy Conley Jr., 41, of Van Lear, died Tuesday, July 15, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Alvis Albert Kestner, 73, a Johnson County native, died Monday, July 14, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 17, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Raymond (Jack) Hill, 73, of Staffordsville, died Wednesday, July 16, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Ernestine Colvin Hill. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 19, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Vivian Jones, 47, native of Johnson County, died Wednesday, July 16. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 19, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

George A. Meek, 63, Johnson County native, died Sunday, July 20, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 23, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Robert E. "Bob" Simonton, 70, native of Johnson County,

died Wednesday, July 16, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Shannon Simonton. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 19, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Neva Vanhoose, 76, died Monday, July 14, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 17, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Silas Dean Wolfe Jr., 78, of Wittensville, died Thursday, July 3, at the VA facility in Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 20, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Pike County

Juanita Hunt Lewis Goff, 79, of Lexington, native of Regina, died July 20, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 24, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Knott County

Johnny Case, 87, of Garrett, died Monday, July 21, at Appalachian Regional Hospital Medical Center, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 24, under the direction off Hall Funeral Home.

Clarence Catron, 56, of Amburgey, died Friday, July 18, at the U.K. Medical Center, Lexington, following an M.V.A. accident. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Jimmy Chaffins, 36, of Vest, died Thursday, July 17, at home. He is survived by his wife, Shelby Dobson Chaffins. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 20, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Minnie Combs, 84, of Topmost, died Friday, July 18, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

James Preston Goble, 59, of Blue River, died July 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 22, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Wesley Hayes, 75, of Leburn, native of Mousie, died Friday, July 18, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Ella Mae Wallen Hayes. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ella Mae Hayes, 66, of Leburn, died Sunday, July 20, at

home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

James E. (Red) Rigney, 83, of Martin, died Monday, July 14, at home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Kennell Slone Jr., 56, of Amburgey, died Tuesday, July 22, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Beverly Carolyn Slone. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Roy Tackett, 85, of McDowell, died Tuesday, July 16, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 19, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

David Alan Mullins, 32, died Monday, July 14, at Barbourville, W. Va. He is survived by his wife, Stacy Marie Boling Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 19, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Proctor Ramey, 85, of Webbville, died Tuesday, July 15, at Grayson. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 18, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Martin County

Earl Ray Butcher, 58, of Tomahawk, died Wednesday, July 16, at Inez. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 18, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Alma Jo Hammond, 76, a Martin County native, resident of Crystal Care Center, Portsmouth, Ohio, died Wednesday, July 16. Services were conducted Saturday, July 19, under the direction of Botkin Funeral Home, Otway, Ohio.

Cassie W. Gill, 79, of Huntington, West Virginia, formerly of Crum, W. Va., died Friday, July 18, at St. Mary's Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 20, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Hanna Mae Marcum, 66, of Breeden, W. Va., died Monday, July 14, at Logan General Hospital, Logan, West Virginia. She is survived by her husband, Sidney Marcum. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 16, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Ted Muncy, 76, of Louisa (formerly of Martin County) died Thursday, July 17, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 19, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

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Rebecca remembers, "I was so surprised when everyone stood up in their seats! They were screaming and whistling and clapping... I didn't expect such a large reaction from a crowd that didn't even know who I was. I couldn't stop smiling!"

"I wrote 'Believe It Or Not' with Marty Dotson and Ron Hardin. It's a huge power ballad," Rebecca says about one of her favorite cuts. "You can definitely hear the influences of Michael Bolton and Celine Dion. The verses are tender and the choruses just blast your head off. The strings and piano arrangements are really cool."

Rebecca wrote "Was It As Hard To Be Together" with Carl Jackson. "It's a very powerful song and it's really, really country," she explains. "Everyone who hears this song will know they just listened to a country song. And, anyone who has ever been in a relationship will relate to it. I really love it."

It takes persistence and determination for anyone to make it in the world of music, but Rebecca Lynn Howard isn't worried. "The most important thing is that I keep my priorities in order and remain true to myself," she says. "The rest will take care of itself."

Obituaries

Ethel Mae Burke

Ethel Mae Burke, 88, of Prestonsburg, passed away Thursday, July 24, 2003, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, following an extended illness.

She was born March 27, 1915, at Bonanza, a daughter of the late Robert A. and Louvada (May) Burke.

She is survived by one brother, Johnny W. Burke, of Prestonsburg.

A graveside service was held Friday, July 25, at 2 p.m., at the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Burke Funeral Home, Prestonsburg. (Paid obituary)

James Wilburn Cox

James Wilburn Cox, 78, of Louisville, formerly of Prestonsburg, passed away, Wednesday, July 16, 2003.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Blanche Burchett Cox.

He is survived by his children, David M. Cox of Lexington, Karen Diehl, William J. Cox and Ollie J. Cox, all of Louisville, and Patty Dye of Dallas, Texas; one sister, Claire Faye King; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A private memorial service was held Sunday, July 20, at Jeffersontown Christian Church.

Memorial gifts may be made to the VA Medical Center. (Paid obituary)

Islam

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religion and 26 percent see the party as neutral, while 41 percent view the Democrats as friendly to religion. Thirty-seven percent said Democrats are neutral toward religion.

Almost half of the registered voters in the survey, 47 percent said they would like to see Bush re-elected, with seven in 10 white evangelicals supporting his re-election and just over half of white Catholics.

The poll of 2,002 adults was conducted June 24-July 8 and has an error margin of 2.5 percentage points, larger for subgroups.

Is Your Child Ready For School?

State law requires all students to have certain records on file at school.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Pre-School and Kindergarten (3-year-old special needs, 4-year-old special needs and income eligible)

1. Children attending kindergarten must be 5 years old by October 1, 2003
2. Must have an official birth certificate. (Must be full-size.)
3. Valid Kentucky immunization certificate.
4. Medical examination (KDE-dated December, 1999).

5. REVISED SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE: All Children at least (19) months of age and less than seven (7) years of age who attend preschool programs and public schools, shall have one dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, unless a parent, guardian, or physician states that the child has had chickenpox disease.

YOUR CHILD CANNOT ENROLL INTO PRIMARY SCHOOL (KINDERGARTEN) FOR THE 2003-2004 SCHOOL YEAR, UNLESS THEY HAVE MET THESE REQUIREMENTS.

These items must be completed and the proper certificate for each item submitted to the school principal on the opening day of school.

Kentucky Eye Examination form for school entry dated 8/2000. The Early Childhood Development law, requires all children entering public preschool, public school headstart or public school for the first time this fall, to have evidence of an eye examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

6th Grade

1. Hepatitis B vaccines.
2. A physical examination on KDE approved form-dated December, 1999.

High School-Parents, check your child's immunization cert. (shot) record for expiration date.

TD (tetanus and diphtheria) vaccination needed in high school when immunization certificate has expired. ALL SHOTS must be listed on the immunization certification to be valid.

Students who fail to meet these requirements cannot be allowed to enroll in school or begin classes.

For further information, contact
Jennifer C. Martin,
 District Health Coordinator/School Nurse
 located at central office, 886-2354, ext. 518.

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"It was working, but it needed repairs," said Mary Currie, a spokeswoman for the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District. "We needed to update the mechanical innards."

Golden Gate Bridge District officials decided to replace the timepiece as part of a \$165,000 project to fix the roof of the toll plaza. Replacing the clock will cost \$20,000.

"People rely on that clock," Currie said.

SALT LAKE CITY

No bull was better named. A rodeo bull named Fear Factor wasn't done bucking after ditching his rider Wednesday in the Delta Center. The animal escaped a holding pen and bolted for the streets, surprising late-night visitors to the Gateway Center, an upscale shopping center across the street from the arena.

The bull destroyed a table at an outdoor cafe after jumping down a 6-foot ledge, but there were no injuries.

"He's bigger than I was," said arena security guard Sharon Rudd. "We were trying to close the gate, but we weren't fast enough."

The bull's public rampage lasted only a few minutes before he was lassoed and returned to the rodeo.

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Bass tourney held every week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — Bass fishermen looking for a weekly tournament need not look no further. One is held each and every week at a local lake.

A bass tournament is held every week at Paintsville Lake Boat Dock, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. All boats weighing in must be back by 10 p.m.

Registration fee is \$15 per boat and \$15 per Big Fish.

No live bait will be allowed. Fishing within 200 feet of other boats is prohibited. Kentucky and large mouth bass are the only fish that will be permitted in the tournament. There is a five bass limit per boat. Any bass under 12-inches long can be weighed. Any bass touching the 12-inch mark will not be weighed and deducted one pound.

If no fish are weighed in, the money will be carried over to the next week.

For more information, call Rick at the Fishing Hole, 606/297-3054 or Frank at John Gray Pontiac, 606/297-4066.

Pruett, Jirsa to headline Logan Golf Classic

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOGAN, W.Va. — Logan Area Marshall Athletic Club (LAMAC) will hold its 13th annual Big Green Golf Classic and dinner on Friday, August 1.

Members of the Marshall football and basketball coaching staffs, as well as other Athletic Department staff will be on hand at the Logan Country Club for the event.

The LAMAC golf outing will tee off at 12:30 p.m. at the country club, with lunch scheduled prior to the event at 11 a.m. A social hour and dinner will follow the golf outing.

The cost of the outing is \$100 per person, which includes lunch, golf, dinner, and prizes. Those interested in participating only in the dinner can purchase tickets for \$50. A cash bar reception will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. in the country club.

The outing and dinner will feature Athletic Director Bob Marcum, head football coach Bobby Pruet, basketball coaches Ron Jirsa and Royce Chadwick, and many others. All proceeds will benefit the

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Crum, Johnson late additions to game

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MATEWAN, W.Va. — The eighth annual Massey Energy Hatfield and McCoys Senior Bowl will kick off last night at Matewan High School's Tiger Stadium. Two late additions were added to the Kentucky roster. Josh Jones, Philip Webb, Matt Setser and Jonathon Wolford were all scheduled to take part in the bowl game, but opted to not play. The late additions to the roster were Gary Crum, a defensive lineman from Johnson Central, an offensive lineman from Prestonsburg.

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Johnson tops Brickyard test leaderboard

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

INDIANAPOLIS — In the midst of a grueling 20-week stretch of consecutive races for the NASCAR Winston Cup Series, drivers and teams have a jewel on which their sights are set: the Brickyard 400 at the fabled Indianapolis Motor Speedway, which is fast approaching on Sunday, Aug. 3.

When Ryan Newman and Jeff Burton parked their cars in the Indianapolis Motor Speedway garage area at the end of the day July 23, it ended a total of seven days of NASCAR testing over a three-week period at the Speedway.

In that time, 42 NASCAR Winston Cup Series drivers completed 5,382 laps, or 13,455 miles, of testing at the

Speedway. That's the equivalent of driving across the United States more than 4 1/2 times.

The significance of the Brickyard 400 is apparent by this year's testing. Unlike previous years, the 2003 tests at the world-famous Indianapolis Motor Speedway were not mandatory, yet only eight fewer driver/team combinations tested this year than 2002, when

50 drivers took part in two-day tests required by NASCAR.

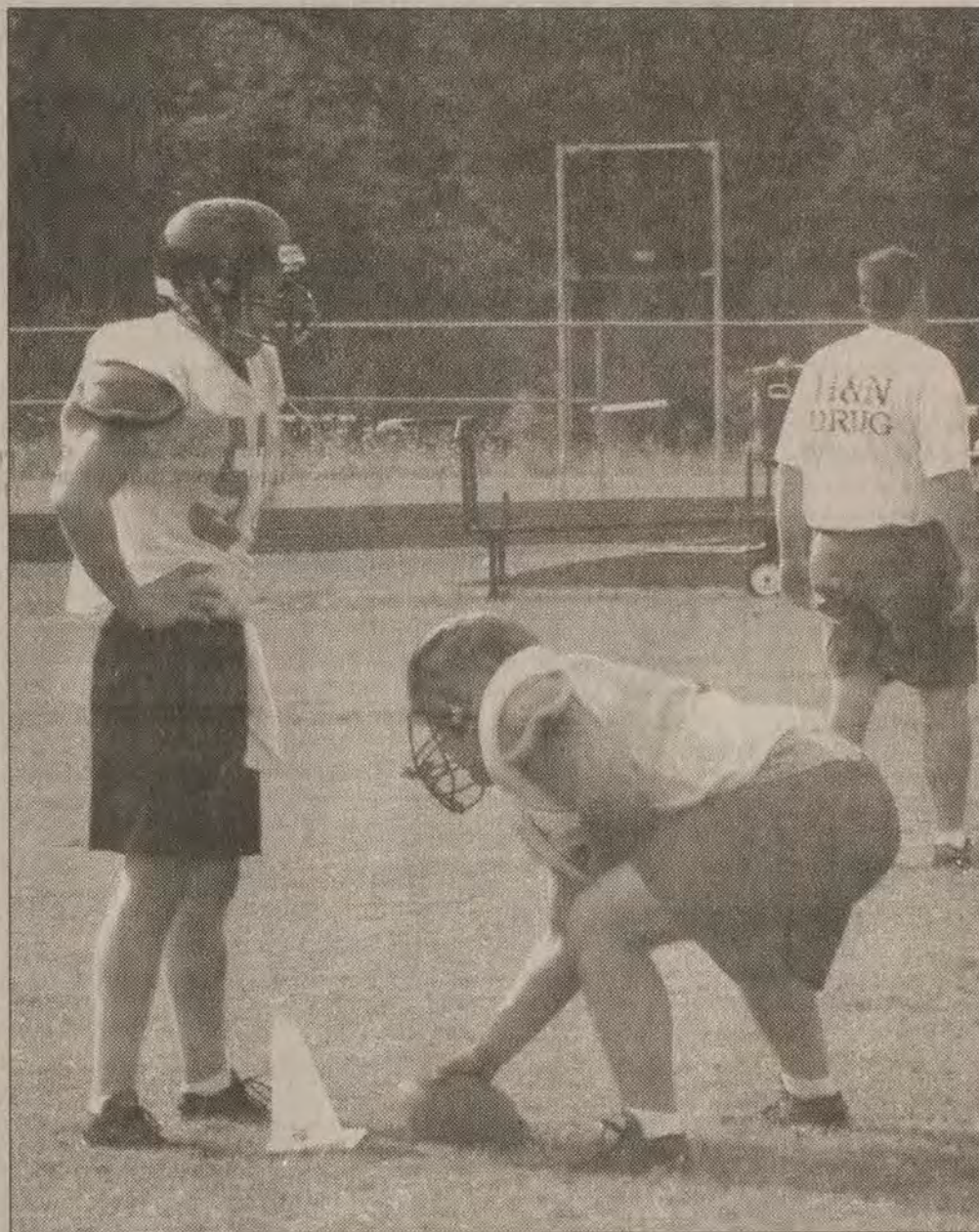
Jimmie Johnson turned the fastest lap of 2003 testing, 182.028 mph, on July 15 under cloudy, cool conditions. Tony Stewart set the track record of 182.960 in 2002 qualifying under sunny, humid skies and temperatures in

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OFF TO CAMP



photos by Steve LeMaster
Prestonsburg and several other area high school football programs will leave for camp this week. The Blackcats were hard at work in practice this past week. Prestonsburg opens its season on the road against Lexington Catholic on August 23.



Quota deer hunt hopefuls must think ahead

by STEVE VANTRESE
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — Many Kentucky deer hunters may need to take action on what remains a sultry summer day to make ready for hunting prospects of a frosty autumn or winter morning to come.

Those who seek to participate in Kentucky Department of Fish and

Wildlife Resources' quota hunts — managed deer hunts with limited permits available to only those selected by computerized lottery — must apply during September. That's changed this year from seasons past, when applications were taken in August.

Quota deer hunting applications this year will be taken in the same period as applications for quota

waterfowl hunts on three state wild management areas — Ballard, Boatwright and Sloughs.

A total of 29 quota deer hunts on state wildlife management areas, state parks and assorted public lands will offer nearly 7,000 permits, most for two-day weekend hunts. The individual hunts offered, largely unchanged

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Fans' Day set for Aug. 9

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The annual Kentucky Football "Fans' Day" will be held Sat. Aug. 9 at Commonwealth Stadium. Times and details of the event will be released soon.

The fan-friendly event will give Kentucky football fans and area fans and

supporters of Prestonsburg High School alum Jeremy Caudill the chance to get a firsthand look at the area player and the rest of the Wildcats.

Beginning with SEC Football Media Days at the end of this month, things are picking up for the UK football team.

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■ Jeremy Caudill

Lexington, UK reach agreement on traffic control

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky will have to pay the city's cost for traffic control at football games, but the city will absorb the cost for traffic control at UK basketball games, according to an agreement reached Thursday.

The university and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government announced the agreement on

Thursday. The university will pay the city \$88,882.13, which is the projected cost for city police to control traffic at UK home football games. The projected cost of \$38,053.94 for traffic control at basketball games will be absorbed by the city.

Citing budget concerns, Lexington Mayor Teresa Ann Isaac had written UK President Lee Todd, asking

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NASCAR not interested in traveling safety crews

by JENNA FRYER ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — With flames engulfing them, Bobby Labonte and Ryan Newman had to keep calm while scrambling out of their fiery race cars.

Both made it out without serious injury in the separate accidents, plunging out of their burning cockpits before safety crews even arrived to assist them.

The two recent brushes with danger have some teams pressing NASCAR for upgraded firefighting efforts, ranging from redesigned fuel cells to fire extinguishers placed near the gas tanks.

Others are looking at a bigger picture: NASCAR is one of the few top racing series that doesn't employ its own full-time traveling safety crew. NASCAR maintains that using local emergency service crews works just fine.

"I think more important is being able to get to the car quickly — that would probably be a better focus," owner Cal Wells said. "There are an awful lot of positives to having an onsite, at-track safety group."

Wells would know. He came to

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Teams announced for Lady Hawk tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK — The Lady Hawk Invitational ranks as one of the top area girls' basketball tournaments. Held annually in early December, the tournament brings together some of the top girls' basketball teams in Eastern Kentucky. Pike Central head coach Tammy Tussey recently finalized the field for this year's tournament. The 2003 Lady Hawk Invitational will include host Pike Central, Belfry, Pikeville, Knott Central, Leslie County, Magoffin County and Prestonsburg. Magoffin County is the defending champion.

For some area fans it may be the first chance to watch new Prestonsburg head coach Jack Pack in his return to the sidelines.

Pirates won't quit after front office gives up

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The white flag is flying, but no one is surrendering. By shipping off their top two relievers and two lineup regulars in the last five days, the Pittsburgh Pirates' front office signified that it was giving up on the season and starting over.

The players have a different idea. Matt Stairs' RBI double in the 11th inning Thursday afternoon gave the trade-depleted Pirates a 7-5 victory and two-game sweep of the Cincinnati Reds. Before series opener, manager Lloyd McClendon challenged his team to show some grit and win some games. The sweep left

them 4-1 since the front office began the dismantling. "I didn't expect anything else," McClendon said. "Certainly the trades have been tough. Like I told the players, the season's not over. Everyone had us going into the tank and giving up." The Reds are the ones who look like they've lost interest. They were masters of the last-

inning comeback during the first few months, pulling off dramatic victories that kept them in contention and masked their flaws. They were only 2 1/2 games out on July 2 and considering trades to bolster the rotation. A monthlong free fall has dropped them a season-high 13 games under .500 and 11 1/2 games out in the NL Central.

They trail the fourth-place Pirates by two games, their starting rotation has a 6.30 ERA that's the worst in the league, and they committed three more errors Thursday, leaving them with 97 overall — the most in the majors. "I think it's apparent that we've got a lot of issues on this team," infielder Aaron Boone said. "We just give up too many runs. As much as people blame the pitching, we don't catch the ball too well either. Good teams make plays — run down balls, close up holes — and we don't." The Reds went 1-7 on a homestand that snuffed out all hope of a turnaround and cost them Ken Griffey Jr., out for the season with a torn tendon in his ankle. Outfielder Austin Kearns also is on the disabled list. "We had some injuries and lost some key people," manager Bob Boone said. "We came home, we lost Junior. That's pretty key. It's happened a lot the last three years." The Pirates have provided them with some of their toughest moments this season. They swept the first series in their new ballpark, then came back and won two more this week, leaving them undefeated at Great American Ball Park. It's the first time that Pittsburgh has won five in a row in Cincinnati since 1991, when the two teams were among the NL's best. "We've been fortunate," McClendon said. "We've played some tough games here. That's a very talented club over there.

We just caught them at the right time." The Pirates blew three leads with poor defense before pulling out the latest one. Stairs' double off Chris Reitsma (7-3) broke an 11th-inning tie. Mike Lincoln (1-0) pitched the last two innings to get the victory. As soon as it ended, the trade speculation resumed in the Pirates clubhouse. Outfielder Brian Giles, who could be one

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UK players speak out on changes, upcoming season

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — The Cats' Pause 2003 Kentucky Football Yearbook has just been released on newsstands throughout the Commonwealth and in surrounding states. The 152-page book, which includes the addition of numerous color, glossy pages, includes dozens of features on UK and high school football in the state.

Following is a sneak peek at what's inside:

FEATURES

Bowl Bid Huge for UK Future: "I think a bowl game this year would definitely help speed up the process of getting this program to where we want it to be," says UK coach Rich Brooks.

Rich Brooks Q&A: "I'd rather play ugly and win than

play great and lose." **Two Quarterback System:** "Shane's just too good not to be playing," says QB Jared Lorenzen. **Replacing Artose Pinner:** "We put a lot on our running backs," says offensive coordinator Ron Hudson.

PLAYER FEATURES

Jared Lorenzen: "I love the complication of this offense." **Shane Boyd:** "My heart will always be at quarterback, but I just want to play." **Derek Abney:** "Coach Hudson is probably the best coach I've been around. He will pick you apart." **Glenn Holt Jr.:** "I love it here. Kentucky has been good to me." **Nick Seitze:** "Offensive linemen have to be on the same page on every level."

Sylvester Miller: "Our big goal is to be one of the top offensive lines in the Southeastern Conference." **Jeremy Caudill:** "It would be nice to be here when defense has been made a priority." **'Sweet Pea' Burns:** "As long as I keep going hard, I will make a ton of plays. It's just a matter of my desire to get to the ball." **Brothers Bennie and Lamar Mills:** "It's kind of a dream come true for us to play college football together." **Elery Moore:** "I'm what they call a Saturday player, a game day player." **Durrell White:** "I like playing outside linebacker because it allows me to show my personality on the field." **Dustin Williams:** "Our

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Stolen autographed ball returned to Bunning

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT MITCHELL — An autographed baseball stolen from the Washington, D.C., office of U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning during the July 4 weekend has been returned.

The ball was used in the 1957 Major League All-Star Game. It is signed by some of baseball's greatest players, including Hall of Famers Ted Williams, Mickey Mantle and Yogi Berra.

Bunning, also a member of baseball's Hall of Fame, was the starting and winning pitcher in the game. At the time, he played for the Detroit Tigers.

He said Wednesday the ball

was returned Monday "with no questions asked."

"Some good person brought it back," said Bunning, a Republican. He wouldn't say anything more about the person who returned the ball or any of the circumstances surrounding its theft and return.

Bunning, of Southgate, said he will no longer display the ball in his office.

"I would never give that ball away," he said. "It's a keepsake that has more sentimental value to me than anyone else in the world. It's never going to go out of my family."

A thief "would have to be able to break into my house to get it now," he said.

Attorney says agreement reached with Reds minority owner

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Reds minority owner Marge Schott has settled her lawsuit with the club over seats allocated to her at the team's new ballpark, an attorney said.

"We have reached a settlement but have agreed to keep it confidential," Jim Burke, attorney for the Great American Insurance Co., said after a meeting Wednesday between lawyers for both sides and Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge Fred Nelson.

The chairman of the company, which has naming rights to Great American Ball Park, is Cincinnati businessman Carl Lindner, who bought control of the Reds when Major League Baseball forced Schott to sell

in 1999.

Schott's attorney, Mark Wasserman, did not immediately return a call Thursday to his office seeking comment.

The case will not officially be dismissed until both sides file the necessary paperwork.

The lawsuit, filed in February, asked that the court determine the seats Schott is entitled to in the new stadium. She said the 1999 sale of her majority interest in the Reds guarantees her use of premium-section seats at the stadium.

The Reds argued that she is entitled to use of the owners' suite but is asking for benefits not included in the sale agreement. The team says the benefits would be greater than those afforded to any other Reds owner.

Schott's lawsuit says she had use of a private box at the Reds' old stadium, Cinergy Field, and 21 seats grouped together in the premium section near home plate. Her seats in Great American are scattered about the stadium and are at the back of the premium section.

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of Schott and her two auto dealerships, asked the court to declare that she is entitled to comparable seats in the new stadium and that she has an "unconditional right to use a similarly situated private box in the new stadium."

Schott, who became the team's controlling owner in 1984, was suspended by baseball for one year in 1993 for using racial and ethnic slurs.

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from 2002, are generally popular, in most cases attracting well more applicants than there are permits available.

The most-sought hunt last year was the gun hunt on the sprawling Peabody Wildlife Management Area in western Kentucky. Permits to quota hunt the reclaimed coal mining lands in 2002 were sought by 2,092 hunters. The area also offers the most quota permits, 1,800 for this year's Nov. 8-12 hunts.

The first of three quota hunts on the Taylorsville Lake public area saw demand greatly outstrip permit supply. A total of 1,283 hunters sought to gain permits from 275 available. This year's No. 1 Taylorsville hunt will be Nov. 1-2.

State deer biologist David Yancy said hunts on two far western Kentucky management areas will be changed this year. The popular Ballard County WMA will step back from three quota hunts to only two — a youth hunt and one regular quota hunt — because management has begun achieving a planned reduction of what has been an excessive deer population on the bottomland habitat there, Yancy said.

The Ballard quota youth hunt will be Oct. 25-26, while the regular quota session will be Nov. 1-2.

Meanwhile, the nearby West Kentucky WMA in McCracken County will drop one "mentor" hunt (youth/adult partners) and one of two regular quota outings. The remaining quota hunt there will be Nov. 15-16 with 300 permits available.

Yancy said West Kentucky WMA, however, would be the site of open gun (shotgun slug or muzzleloader only) hunting Nov. 22-23, the last weekend of statewide gun deer hunting in that zone. While hunters won't have to apply in advance, the open hunt will be available to

only the first 300 hunters that check in on the day before and/or during the hunt.

Quota hunt applications should be made by phoning a toll-free number, 1-877-598-2401, during September. The procedure will be only slightly different this year, however, for callers will speak with a real live human instead of an electronic answering service, the result of a different contracting agent for the application process.

Application will require each hunter's Social Security number. Parties as large as five can apply together. A youth hunter's application also will require a date of birth.

Each hunter's application carries a \$3 fee payable by cred-

it card, money order or personal check. A hunter can only apply once, and the application allows selection of a first and second choice hunt, although only one can be drawn.

A youth hunter (under age 16) is eligible to apply and be drawn for either a youth hunt or a mentor hunt plus a regular quota hunt.

The quota hunts offered and their corresponding numbers that should be included in the application process are listed in the Kentucky Fall Hunting & Trapping Guide 2003-04, a state publication that is available for free and now should be available at all hunting and fishing license vendors. The guide includes details on quota hunts and the application process.

NASCAR

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NASCAR from CART, which has a renowned safety crew that travels to every race.

"They were a very special group and they could get to know each driver very well," said Wells, car owner for Ricky Craven. "They were onsite in nanoseconds, and that, frankly, is probably the best preventive medicine as opposed to trying to redesign the fuel cell."

Christian Fittipaldi said it was the CART safety crew's response time and fast action that saved driver Alex Zanardi's life in a 2001 wreck in Germany. Fittipaldi, now a NASCAR driver, was participating in that CART race the day Zanardi's legs were severed.

"They took their belts off to stop the bleeding, and the decisions they made in the minutes — maybe even seconds — after the accident saved his life," Fittipaldi said. "That comes from being the same group of people treating the same drivers

after every accident. They do it over, and over and over, and they are familiar with how to react every time."

Robby Gordon, another former CART driver, remembers being forbidden to compete on race day after being knocked unconscious earlier in the weekend. He had persuaded a local doctor to give him a clearance letter, but CART's safety team wouldn't accept it.

"The biggest thing with the CART team is they know every driver, they work with them all the time," Gordon said. "They know when something isn't right with a driver. And the repetitiveness of treating every injury, responding to every accident, makes them the best in the business."

Fittipaldi and Gordon don't knock NASCAR's current system. But Winston Cup champions Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart have both said their series would be better off with full-time safety crews.

NASCAR relies on each track to hire local emergency personnel to put out fires, assist with extricating and administer aid.

No one has questioned the qualifications of the crews hired, and NASCAR managing director Gary Nelson said series officials meet with them several times a weekend and even helps train them for certain scenarios.

Unlike other series, which allow safety crews to race to the scene of an accident immediately, NASCAR holds the emergency vehicles until the control tower determines the rest of the field has slowed down enough before dispatching help.

That lag time meant Newman and Labonte — and Dale Jarrett and Ken Schrader in the weeks before — had to flee from their burning cars without any assistance.

But Nelson defends NASCAR's system, pointing out that it has a full-time medical liaison who staffs the care center and builds the familiarity with the drivers that the CART system boasts.

And long before the Winston Cup crews arrive at each race track, an advance team has contacted the top local doctors in case they are needed.

"Rather than compare how we do things to another series, I'd have to say that our system works for us," Nelson said. "If I had a head injury, I'd rather have the top neurosurgeon in the area on standby than an orthopedist on site."

"And we spend a good deal of time with the crews we do have here at the track, preparing them for what could happen and how to handle each situation."

Regardless, some think a regular crew would help with peace of mind for the drivers.

"I've tried to get NASCAR to get their own safety crew," Stewart said. "When I ran in the IRL ... you always felt comfortable knowing that if you were in an accident you knew who the people were who were coming to get you out of the car. You knew they were trained properly."

"I'm praying for the day I show up at the race track and we see a bunch of guys in uniform that are the same guys we see the week before in the previous race and the week before that."

Classic

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Big Green Scholarship Foundation.

To purchase tickets, contact Wyatt Scaggs in Logan at 304/752-3775 or Charles Dale at 304/855-7000. For more information call the Big Green in Huntington at 304/696-4661.

Quick Facts

What: Logan Area Marshall Athletic Club Golf Outing and Dinner

Where: Logan Country Club
When: Friday, August 1, 2003

Times: Lunch at 11 a.m.
Golf at 12:30 p.m.
Reception (cash bar) at 6 p.m.

Dinner at 7 p.m.
Guests: MU athletic staff and coaches including athletic direc-

tor Bob Marcum, coaches Bobby Pruett, Ron Jirsa, Royce Chadwick, and others.

Contact: In the Logan/Mann area, call Wyatt Scaggs at (304) 752-3775 or Charles Dale at (304) 855-7000. In the Huntington area, call the Big Green at (304) 696-4661.

Johnson

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the mid-80s.

Stewart did not test at Indianapolis, although his Joe Gibbs Racing teammate and 2000 Brickyard winner, Bobby Labonte, completed 174 laps of testing with a top speed of 176.038.

Traffic

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the university to pay for all traffic control at football and basketball games. The city has absorbed the cost for a number of years.

Todd and Isaac both issued prepared statements on Thursday.

"Through all of our discussions with the mayor and her staff, we have recognized the city has serious budget issues to contend with, as does the university," Todd said. "We knew that we would develop a plan that is fair and equitable for both of us and believe we have achieved that. Frankly, this has been a much bigger issue out in the community than between the mayor and me."

"There was never a doubt in my mind that an agreement

would be reached before the start of the football season," Isaac said. "Both Dr. Todd and I realized the importance of UK activities and the need for trained and experienced officers to direct traffic."

Kentucky will open its football season at home on Aug. 31 against Louisville.

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John DeRossett, Prestonsburg head coach, has called Johnson one of the best linemen he's ever coached.

Results from last night's game were unavailable at press time and will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Fans

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schedule-wise. Here's a look at the UK grid calendar through the season-opener against Louisville:

■ July 29-31 SEC Football Media Days; Kentucky appearance is Tue. July 29 with Coach Rich Brooks, wide receiver Derek Abney, and defensive end Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns
■ Wed. Aug. 6 All players report (veterans and newcomers)
■ Thurs. Aug. 7 Final exams for summer school

First practice, time TBA
■ Fri. Aug. 8 Practice, time TBA
■ Sat. Aug. 9 Practice, time TBA
"Fans' Day" at Commonwealth Stadium
■ Sun. Aug. 10 Practice, time TBA
■ Mon. Aug. 11 First full-contact practice, time TBA
■ Wed. Aug. 27 Classes begin
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Witnesses call for greater regulation of ephedra

by JONATHAN D. SALANT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Scientists, health officials and the parents of two people who died after taking ephedra are calling on the Food and Drug Administration to ban, or at least regulate, the popular herb used for losing weight and enhancing athletic performance.

Several witnesses at Wednesday's hearing of the House Energy and Commerce

oversight subcommittee said the FDA should classify ephedra as a prescription drug, to be dispensed only when a doctor approves.

"Ephedrine products are not dietary supplements," said Dr. Raymond Woosley, vice president for health sciences at the University of Arizona. "They are drugs, and they should be regulated as drugs."

A 1994 law left dietary supplements largely unregulated. The FDA has said the statute prevents it from banning such prod-

ucts. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said Wednesday that makers of dietary supplements should have to tell the FDA about potential side effects, just as drug makers do. He urged Congress to revise the 1994 law.

"FDA is somewhat hampered," Thompson said. "We are unable to really do as effective a job as possible."

A subcommittee member, Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., has

cosponsored legislation to amend the law.

"The burden of proof should be on the manufacturer, not the consumers who suffer stroke, heart attacks and death, all of which is associated with these ephedra-based products," Walden said.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., a member of the subcommittee, said he favors changing the law.

"They claim they don't have sufficient legal authority,"

Waxman said of the FDA. "That may be an excuse, and I don't want them to have the excuse."

Manufacturers of ephedra insisted their products were safe.

"Ephedra supplements have been used by tens of millions of people in recent years," said Robert Chinery Jr., president of Nutraquest Inc., formerly Cytodyne Technologies Inc., which made the ephedra-based product that Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler took before his death during spring training in February.

"Unfortunately, with a population this large, there is an expected number of medical problems that will always occur whether those people used ephedra or not. It is not appropriate simply to blame ephedra every time someone in that population experiences a problem," Chinery said.

Bechler's parents, Ernie and Pat Bechler, and Kevin Riggins, whose 16-year-old son, Sean, died of a heart attack after taking ephedra, also testified Wednesday.

"How many Steve Bechlers or Sean Riggins have to die to prove that these are not safe?" Mrs. Bechler said, sitting behind a framed picture of her son in his Orioles uniform, her voice cracking. "We need to get this off the market. We need to help our children."

While the NFL bans ephedra, major league baseball does not. Following Bechler's death, baseball commissioner Bud Selig banned players with minor league contracts from taking ephedra, but the ban does not affect major leaguers, whose union contract does not ban the product.

The Major League Baseball Players Association's associate general counsel, Eugene Orza, was to testify along with Robert Manfred Jr., baseball's executive vice president for labor relations.

On the Net:
House Energy and Commerce Committee: <http://energy-commerce.house.gov>
Ephedra Education Council: <http://www.ephedrafacts.com>

Gender gap narrows but rising costs are a threat to college sports, report says

by STEVE GIEGERICH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The gap between the number of men and women playing college sports is narrowing, but a growing disparity between schools with major football programs and others that don't emphasize the sport is changing the landscape of college athletics, a new report says.

The annual analysis of gender equity in college sports by The Chronicle of Higher Education also found that the loss of male athletes under Title IX may not have been as bad as expected in many places. Approved in 1972, Title IX prohibits discrimination based on sex by any school that receives federal money.

The Chronicle found that — on average — 267 male athletes participated in Division I athletic programs in 2001-02 compared with 208 female athletes.

In 2000-01, an average of 270 men and 204 women competed for Division I schools. In 1995-96, the average number of male participants stood at 244, compared with 143 females.

There's also a gap between how much schools spend on men's and women's athletic programs: The study found the average college in Division I, the top

tier of collegiate athletics, spent more than \$3 million on women's sports and \$5.8 million on men's sports in 2001-02.

Division I's more than 300 schools run the gamut from small, liberal arts colleges to large state universities that place heavy emphasis on athletics. In 2001-02, the athletic expenses at Division I schools averaged \$12.9 million, up from an average of \$5.8 million in 1996-97.

The average budget at schools in the six major conferences that participate in the NCAA football Bowl Championship Series was much higher. It rose from \$14 million to \$34 million between 1996-97 and 2001-02, according to the report.

BCS colleges reported average athletic department profits of \$3 million compared, with losses of up to \$1 million at institutions without major football programs, the report said.

The ability of the BCS schools to fill large football stadiums while commanding lucrative television deals "shows the power that those schools have in the marketplace," said Welch Suggs, the Chronicle editor who prepared the study. "That translates into this gap that is widening day-by-day and season-by-season."

Suggs used statistics compiled

from the Equity Athletics Disclosure Act, legislation that requires schools to report data about finances and participation in college athletic programs.

Faced with budget cuts, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, a Division I-AA school with a football program that doesn't break even, has eliminated six of its 29 sports programs including men's and women's water polo and gymnastics.

"It's a constant process of reviewing squad sizes for each of your teams and making sure the bottom line balances so you have a proportionate number of men and women participating in athletics," Ian McCaw, the school's athletic director, told The Associated Press.

The report also found that while individual schools have drastically cut back on men's sports programs to bring about gender equity, Title IX has not had that effect in most cases.

Nationwide, the report said, only 38 colleges reduced the number of male athletes by more than 10 percent since 1996-97. Over the same period, 165 schools have added more than 10 percent.

"If you look at it from an overall standpoint, the number of male athletes participating in Division I

sports has actually increased over the past 20 years," Suggs said.

On the Net:
The Chronicle of Higher Education: <http://www.chronicle.com/stats/genderequity>

Rudd's son designs paint scheme for milestone

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DEARBORN, Mich.—Ricky Rudd, driver of the No. 21 Motorcraft Racing Ford Taurus, reaches a milestone in NASCAR racing at Pocono Raceway in today's Pennsylvania 500. He will be making his 700th consecutive Winston Cup start. No other driver in the history of the sport has ever come close to reaching this plateau of consistency.

In honor of the occasion, team sponsor Motorcraft commissioned an artist to create a special paint scheme for this weekend's race.

The predominately yellow, green and red design, highlighted with flames and a blue speed streak on the hood of the Taurus, came from the eight-year-old imagination of Ricky's son, Landon.

"We wanted this weekend and this car to be a special memory for Ricky and his family," said David Principato, Marketing Communications Manager, Ford Customer Service Division. "And this was a way that Ricky's family could participate in this very unique event in his career celebrating a record that probably will

never be broken. It was important to Motorcraft to include the family in this project because our whole racing program has been based on family. The Ford family is the foundation of our company. Our race team — Wood Brothers Racing — is a family organization, and we know that family is Ricky's primary consideration."

"When Motorcraft presented this idea to us, I was sure that the car would be black," said Ricky's wife, Linda. "Landon's favorite color is black, but when he draws he usually likes to use a lot of color. Landon drew a yellow car and he used the flames and the blue lightning bolt across the hood to show that the car is fast." The car also carries a personal message from Landon to his father behind the car number and on the back of the car that says, "Go, Dad!"

Although Linda said that the whole paint scheme came from Landon, she did provide guidance regarding the location of NASCAR mandated decals and number placement so that "the rules" would not get in the way of Landon's creativity. Linda explained, "Landon worked on the design when Ricky was on the

race track or out of the house on business so that we could keep it a secret until the car was unveiled. Ricky didn't even know there was a special paint scheme for this weekend until he saw the cover pulled off the car in the television studio."

The first time Ricky viewed the newly painted race car was when it was unveiled before a national television audience on "Totally NASCAR" Wednesday night.

A portion of today's pre-race ceremonies for the Pennsylvania 500 will be devoted to saluting Ricky's record achievement and will feature presentations from industry sponsors and associates including Wood Brothers Racing, NASCAR, Winston, Goodyear, Union 76, Ford Racing Technology, the U.S. Air Force, Pocono Raceway and Motorcraft.

Pirates

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of the next to go, met agent Joe Bick in a waiting room to get an update.

Bick hasn't been approached by general manager Dave Littlefield about a trade. He said a report that Giles had blocked trades was untrue.

Giles headed back to a clubhouse that has stubbornly resisted the temptation to give up.

"We've always played hard," Giles said. "We just haven't been talented enough. You can say whatever you want about our team, but we always compete."

Notes: RHP Brandon Lyon, acquired from Boston in the trade for Scott Sauerbeck, remained in Pittsburgh on Thursday for more medical tests. Littlefield declined to specify the Pirates' concerns. ... SS Jack Wilson strained his groin in the fifth and left the game. He said it's not serious. ... Reds SS Barry Larkin was limited to a pinch-hit appearance. He strained his right hamstring on Wednesday night.

Season

defensive line is awesome, so it makes my job easy."

Warren Wilson: "Our biggest goal is to get that bowl that we deserved last year."

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FEATURES

Trinity's Brian Brohm leads for Mr. Football: "There are good players out there, but he is just big-time," says Male coach Bob Redman.

Class A regional favorites: Mayfield, Danville, Beechwood, Somerset.

Class 2-A regional favorites: Webster County, Corbin, Russell, Sheldon Clark.

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Paducah Tilghman, Boyle County, Highlands, Rockcastle County.

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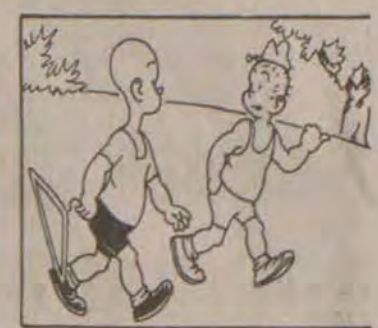
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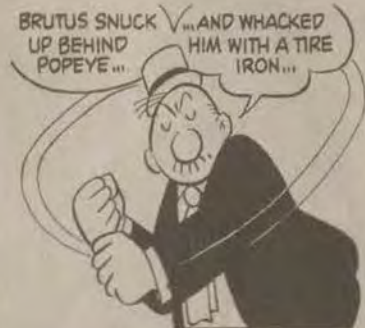
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Super Crossword

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MAGIC MAZE

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

- Angle
- Breakout
- Each
- German
- Headup
- Huntsman
- Pectins
- Plea
- Plum
- Sever
- Slug
- Soak
- Tallymen
- Thin
- Vessel

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BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



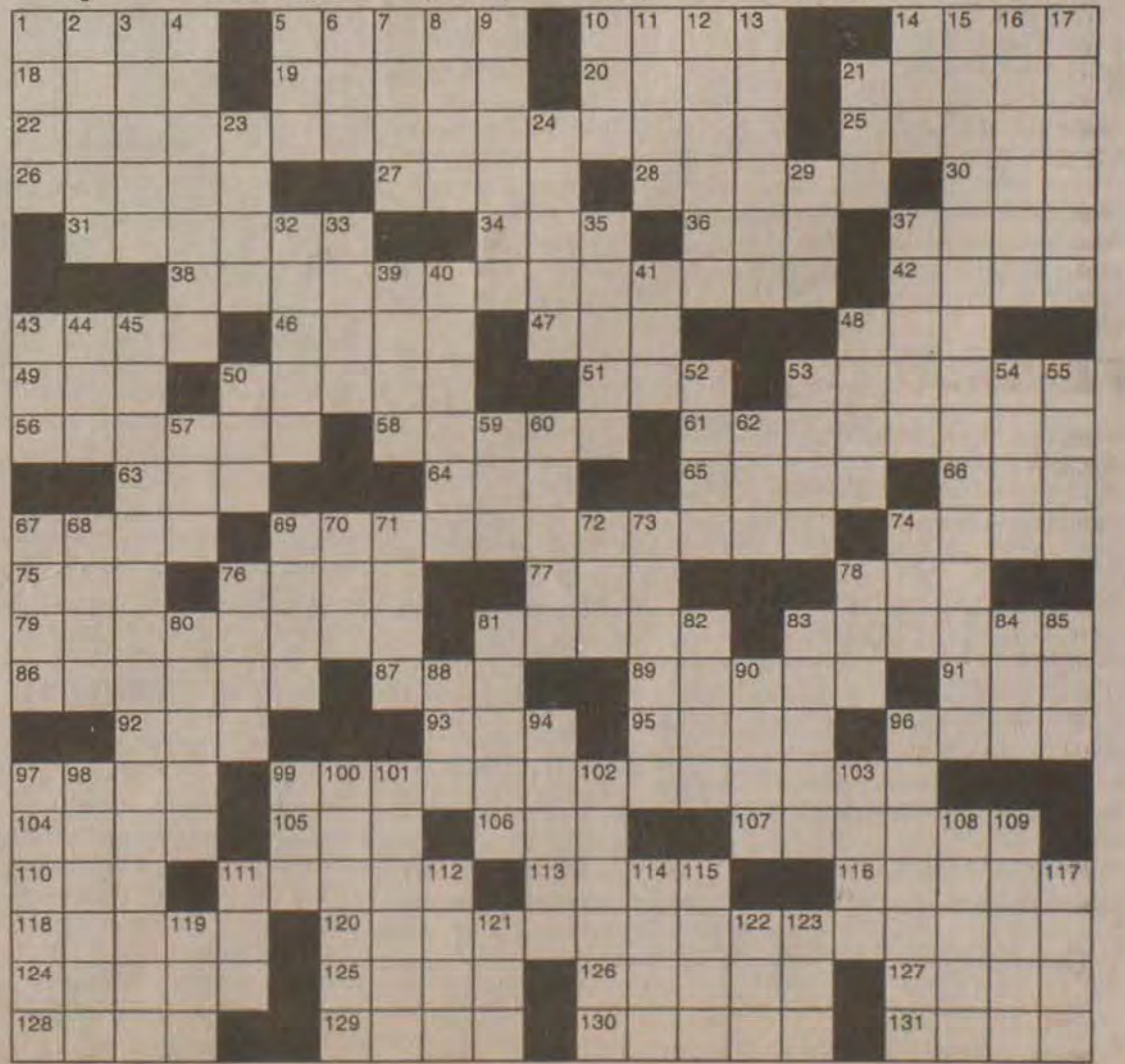
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hat is checked. 2. Decorative plant added. 3. Picture is different. 4. Laundry basket on floor. 5. Vacuum is different. 6. No drops of rain shown.

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

- ACROSS**
- 1 Dog star?
 - 5 Iraqi city
 - 10 "Norwegian —" ('65 song)
 - 14 Act like Etna
 - 18 Towel word
 - 19 Startled cry
 - 20 Feminist Belmont
 - 21 — Gras
 - 22 Elusive
 - 25 Shun
 - 28 Brand's birthplace
 - 27 Part of ER
 - 28 Synthetic textile
 - 30 Exploit
 - 31 Pipeline place
 - 34 Fairway accessory
 - 36 — es
 - 37 Adored one
 - 38 Relaxed
 - 42 Scads
 - 43 Future of the present
 - 46 Be bombastic
 - 47 Smash letters
 - 48 Faux —
 - 49 Unfashionable
 - 50 Warehouse
 - 51 Clean-air org.
 - 53 Bog
 - 56 Crested reptile
 - 58 Vision
 - 61 Novelist Carr
 - 63 Lingerie item
 - 64 "Blame It on —" ('84 film)
 - 65 Flatfish
 - 66 Directional suffix
 - 67 Broccoli —
 - 69 Sage
 - 74 Melodious Marvin
 - 75 — trip
 - 76 Sitarist Shankar
 - 77 "Xanadu" rockers
 - 78 Cul-de- —
 - 79 Disciplinary
 - 81 Sprite
 - 83 Strauss opera
 - 86 Fancy
 - 87 Teacup part
 - 89 Designer Carolyn
 - 91 — Magnon
 - 92 Police acronym
 - 93 Zilch
 - 95 Monty Python's Eric
 - 96 Related
 - 97 Show off
 - 99 Docile
 - 104 Irish island group
 - 105 Pressure meas.
 - 106 K-O connectors
 - 107 School supply
 - 110 Cratchit kid
 - 111 Sentinel
 - 113 Zenith
 - 116 "Beat it!"
 - 118 Stir
 - 120 Fit
 - 124 Hilarious Hardy
 - 125 Like some textbooks
 - 126 Bean or Welles
 - 127 A bit of Berlioz
 - 128 Requirement
 - 129 Baseball's Nolan
 - 130 Wretched
 - 131 "Confound it!"
 - 5 "Toodles-oo!"
 - 6 Broadcast
 - 7 — terrier
 - 8 Enlarge a hole
 - 9 Sometimes they're frozen
 - 10 Pale
 - 11 Dairy-case purchase
 - 12 Go to extremes
 - 13 Cowboys' home
 - 14 Bankbook abbr.
 - 15 Vain
 - 16 New Jersey city
 - 17 Very
 - 21 TV's "Chico and the —"
 - 23 El —, TX
 - 24 Zones
 - 29 Nev.
 - 32 Asian nation
 - 33 PDQ, today
 - 37 Japanese porcelain
 - 39 "Dukes of Hazzard" deputy
 - 40 Dress
 - 41 "Alley —"
 - 43 Luau dish
 - 44 Holidayless mo.
 - 45 Obstinate
 - 48 Gdansk denizen
 - 50 Genes designer?
 - 52 Lhasa —
 - 53 Grind grain
 - 54 Nimble
 - 55 Rational
 - 57 Is for two
 - 59 Actress Scala
 - 60 Biblical book
 - 62 "— sweet it is!"
 - 67 San —, Italy
 - 68 Thickening agent
 - 69 Ebb
 - 70 "— Gotta Be Me" ('69 hit)
 - 71 Location
 - 72 Clay, today
 - 73 Karate-chopping Chuck
 - 74 Four qts.
 - 76 Rudner or Gam
 - 78 Jaffe of 4 Down
 - 80 Spoken for
 - 81 Ruffle
 - 82 Jedi instructor
 - 83 Clip
 - 84 Med. test
 - 85 Tons of time
 - 88 Tiny colonist
 - 90 Model Macpherson
 - 94 Paul of "Melvin and Howard"
 - 96 Run away
 - 97 Benefactor
 - 98 Baltimore bird
 - 99 Scholastic abbr.
 - 100 Wet Williams
 - 101 Well
 - 102 Mainstay
 - 103 Prepare potatoes
 - 108 Blunder
 - 109 Jamaican cultist
 - 111 Elfin
 - 112 "That's a scream!"
 - 114 Dame Hess
 - 115 Orient
 - 117 Competition
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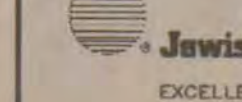
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