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DUI could net man five years in jail

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Knott County man convicted seven times in the past five years for driving under the influence, pleaded guilty Friday to an eighth charge in Floyd Circuit Court, and could now serve five years in prison.

Tommy Slone, 52, of Hindman, pleaded guilty to three felony counts brought in an indictment against him in early April.

On April 8, Slone was indicted on a drunk driving charge, driving on a DUI-suspended license and one count of first-degree persistent felony offender, in connection to an incident which occurred on Feb. 19.

The charge of first-degree persistent felony offender was amended to a second-degree charge as part of the plea agreement Slone entered Friday.

The Floyd County Commonwealth Attorney's Office recommended a five-year sentence for Slone.

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High: 83 • Low: 61

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Alleged hazing incident under review

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning said Friday he received sketchy reports from a school board employee on Thursday concerning a "questionable" incident that allegedly

occurred at Prestonsburg High School's football camp.

Fanning said the employee gave little information and was calling on behalf of a parent of a football player claiming to have been subjected to severe hazing during the camp that Fanning said could have been inappropriate, if true.

Fanning specifically declined to verify or comment on reports that the hazing involved upperclassmen stripping and photographing freshmen players.

"I don't exactly know what the information was about," Fanning said Friday. "One situation that occurred I guess might could appear to be questionable, as far as it

would make a whole lot of teasing that might have been inappropriate."

Fanning said he turned the unattributed information over to PHS Principal Ron Hampton and the school's athletic director, Jerry Butcher.

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Volunteers answered phones Thursday at the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad's radio auction. The rescue squad has generated funding through the auction for more than 30 years.

photo by Sheldon Compton

Despite long odds, write-in candidate hopes to make impact

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Gubernatorial write-in candidate Stacy Abner said he managed about 40 miles of walking before his legs gave out.

He was attempting a trek across the state on foot. But why?

Why else, attention.

Abner, a paramedic from McKee, in Jackson County, says that as a write-in candidate on the independent ticket for the upcoming election for Kentucky's governor, his promotional walk across the state about three weeks ago was about garnering attention otherwise not offered.

"I made it from about

Williamson to Inez before my legs gave out on me," Abner said Friday. "I don't have funding or name recognition but I hoped I could get some attention with this and let people know I'm a man of action, show them the lengths I'm willing to go to."

Abner made reference to the recent meeting of candidates at Fancy Farm's 123rd annual picnic, an unofficial political showdown that usually acts as a forum for candidates.

"Because I'm a write-in candidate, I didn't get to speak at Fancy Farm," he said. "But Mitch McConnell spoke and so did his wife, Elaine Chao, but the write-ins didn't get to. It's because we're the 'little guys.'"

Abner said he was interviewed by two television crews at the picnic, but never saw a broadcast, adding that "cameras were being pushed into Republican candidate Ernie Fletcher's face" and Democratic candidate Ben Chandler.

Abner said it was then he called Fletcher on his platform slogan, "Restore Hope for the Future".

"I looked at him and asked, 'How can you restore hope when you've never been hopeless?'"

The odd-man-out position Abner has found himself in is not uncommon, he says, and in one breath says he can both give the leading candidates a "tough race" and shows

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Sex offender nabbed at Hi Hat

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

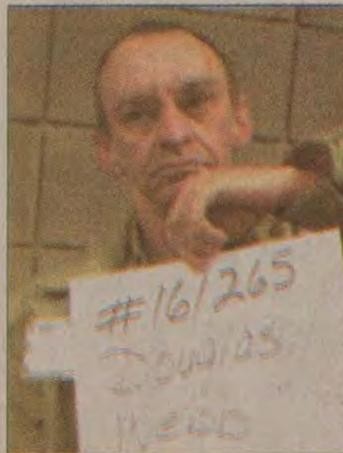
PRESTONSBURG — A Hi Hat man who police later discovered was a convicted sex offender who failed to register in Louisville was arrested and served the warrant following a traffic stop.

Doug Webb, 48, who had been living in an apartment at Hi Hat,

was served the warrant by Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy Jeremy Shepherd, who charged Webb with numerous traffic violations during a traffic stop at the Hi Hat post office, less than a block from the apartment where Webb had been living.

Shepherd said a fellow officer, Deputy Sheriff Delmas Johnson,

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Douglas Webb

Banner man dies in Route 80 accident

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — A Banner man was killed Friday morning when he ran into the back of a coal truck along Route 80 at Martin.

Norman Lewis Jr., 25, of Banner, was driving his 1989 Dodge Ram east along Route 80 when he struck a 1999 Peterbilt coal truck in the rear, police said.

According to reports from Kentucky State Police, Lewis' truck then hit a gau-

rrail.

Lewis, who police said was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident, was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Deputy Coroner Greg Nelson.

The driver of the coal truck, 59-year-old Arthur L. Howard, of Staffordsville, was injured in the accident, but the extent of his injuries were not specified.

The collision is still under investigation by KSP Detective Eddie Crum.

Big Sandy News publisher dies

Times Staff Report

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Big Sandy News publisher Scott Perry died Thursday morning after suffering a stroke at his Paintsville home Monday morning.

Perry died at Saint Mary's Hospital from a cerebral hemorrhage, according to reports from the newspaper Friday morning.

As of midweek, Perry's family members said the 49-year-old editor's prognosis was "good", adding that Perry's father, former

Paintsville Herald publisher Bud Perry, had suffered a stroke at a similar age in the 1980s and recovered from the illness.

But news of Perry's death was reportedly relayed to the newspaper staff Thursday evening, shortly before deadline.

Perry was former publisher and editor at both The Paintsville Herald and The Floyd County Times.

Perry began his newspaper career at The Paintsville

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Road contractor fined \$125,000 for illegal mining

The Associated Press

Pikeville-Pike County Airport.

PIKEVILLE — A prominent Eastern Kentucky road contractor has been fined \$125,000, more than two years after his company was cited for illegal mining in Pike County.

Elmo Greer & Sons of London was cited May 24, 2001, for mining coal without a permit outside the right-of-way for a new 2.7-mile road that now links U.S. 23 to the hilltop

Greer challenged the violation and a hearing officer's report, so the case was not resolved until May 28 this year in Franklin Circuit Court, said Mark York, a spokesman for the state Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet.

The judgment, signed by attorneys for Greer and the

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Odds and Ends

The Associated Press

■ WILKINSBURG, Pa. — Taking a cue from a Discovery Channel show, police captured a 4-foot-long alligator in a residential yard by using a dog snare and a shirt.

Officer Richard Grande threw a shirt over the gator's head after another officer used a dog snare — a long pole used to keep animals at a safe distance — to restrain it.

Sgt. John Snyder and Officer Doug Yuhouse taped the alligator's mouth shut and took the reptile to animal control.

"They watched that on Discovery's 'Croc Files,'" Lt. Todd Ruggiero said.

Animal control officer Paul McIntyre says the reptile cap-

tured Tuesday in the Pittsburgh suburb is an American alligator about 6 or 7 years old.

"People buy them as pets and let them go once they get too big. They shouldn't even be buying pets like this," McIntyre said.

Police were trying to find out who owned the animal. Ruggiero said the owner could be cited under exotic reptile ordinances.

■ LITTLE EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, N.J. — It smells like rotten eggs at best, decomposing flesh at worst. It looks like the pods from "Invasion of the Body Snatchers."

To the people whose homes back up onto a Tuckerton Creek tributary where the gelatinous

substance recently appeared, it's just "The Blob."

"It's frightening," said Eileen Masterson. "We can't swim because the odor is so horrible and we won't crab here because we don't know whether it's safe."

The substance, which was noticed about two weeks ago, consists of jelly-like bulbs that undulate with the waves just below the surface.

By most accounts, it generally stays submerged in about 8 feet of water in the lagoon. At low tide, some of it pokes through the surface of the water, looking like marbled rocks.

But no one's sure what it is.

The state Department of Environmental Protection poked at the blob and took samples as part of a half-dozen field tests Tuesday before deciding it's not hazardous.

"We've determined that it's not toxic. It's mostly like some algae or fungus," said DEP spokesman Jack Kaskey. "It may be an algae growth that lived on the bottom of the lagoon and after its life cycle ended, gases brought it up to the surface."

Robert Ingenito, environmental health coordinator for

the Ocean County Health Department, said he hadn't seen anything like it in 30 years of public health work.

"In the dead-end lagoons, you normally see vegetative material that rots, fish kills or dissolved oxygen problems, but I've never seen anything like this," he said. "It's strange."

■ HONOLULU — A package with a cryptic message sent to Mayor Jeremy Harris has opened an ancient mystery.

Vicki Borges, Harris' executive assistant, was shocked Wednesday to find a human skull wrapped in newspaper inside the package addressed to her boss.

"This is the strangest thing we've ever received," she said.

The package also contained a note from the anonymous sender, apparently a former Marine who had been stationed in Hawaii in the early 1950s, Borges said. The man said in the

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Democrat Chandler endorses expanded gambling

by **CHARLES WOLFE**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOUNT STERLING — Democrat Ben Chandler on Friday endorsed the idea of expanded gambling at horse tracks and said the profits could be used for education and to shore up the thoroughbred breeding industry.

Chandler said he would actively push the general assembly for a proposed constitutional amendment on gambling if elected governor.

"I am open to using the bully pulpit," Chandler told reporters following a forum in which he squared off against his Republican opponent, U.S. Representative Ernie Fletcher.

Fletcher said he is personally opposed to gambling. As for a constitutional amendment to legalize more forms of gambling, Fletcher said, "I don't see a scenario where I can support that."

The question was posed to both candidates at a forum conducted by the Kentucky Industrial Development Council.

On Thursday, Fletcher said he would promote school safety through "character education" and more alternative schools for chronically disruptive students.

Chandler, courted business votes in Shelbyville and disavowed the "transgressions" of Democratic Gov. Paul Patton.

Campaigning at White Hall Elementary School in Richmond on Thursday, Fletcher, the 6th District congressman, said schools should not be solely responsible for shaping character but can play an important role.

"Things like fairness and justice and respect for other people.

Honesty, integrity and those sorts of things," Fletcher said. "I think it's important because some parents are taking their children out of school because of discipline problems."

Fletcher said more school districts need alternative schools for students who are disruptive or otherwise are unable to function in a regular classroom. He did not suggest specific numbers or costs.

Fletcher said he voted in Congress for legislation to designate "persistently dangerous schools" and would see to development of services for them, including training of "school safety teams" through Kentucky Educational Television.

No Kentucky school has been declared persistently dangerous. A Fletcher spokesman, Wes Irvin, said the proposal was prudent.

In Shelbyville on Thursday, Chandler shared a Chamber of Commerce podium with Fletcher running mate Steve Pence, who alluded to scandals in the Patton administration. They include Patton's extramarital affair and multiple investi-

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The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Aug. 10, the 222nd day of 2003. There are 143 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 10, 1846, Congress chartered the Smithsonian Institution, named after English scientist James Smithson, whose bequest of \$500,000 had made it possible.

On this date:

- In 1809, Ecuador struck its first blow for independence from Spain.
- In 1821, Missouri became the 24th state.
- In 1874, Herbert Clark Hoover, the 31st president of the United States, was born in West Branch, Iowa.
- In 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio at his summer home on the Canadian island of Campobello.
- In 1944, during World War II, American forces overcame remaining Japanese resistance on Guam.
- In 1948, Allen Funt's "Candid Microphone," later titled "Candid Camera," made its television debut on ABC.
- In 1949, the National Military Establishment was renamed the Department of Defense.
- In 1969, Leno and Rosemary LaBianca were murdered in their Los Angeles home by members of Charles Manson's cult, one day after actress Sharon Tate and four other people were slain.
- In 1977, postal employee David Berkowitz was arrested

in Yonkers, N.Y., accused of being "Son of Sam," the gunman responsible for six slayings.

■ In 1988, President Reagan signed a measure providing \$20,000 payments to Japanese-Americans who were interned during World War II.

Ten years ago:

President Clinton signed a massive deficit-reduction bill into law. Ruth Bader Ginsburg was sworn in as the second female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Five years ago:

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright announced a \$2 million reward for information leading to the conviction of the terrorists who bombed U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, killing 224 people, including 12 Americans.

One year ago: Leaders of Roman Catholic religious orders, meeting in Philadelphia, approved a plan to keep sexually abusive clergy away from children.

Sammy Sosa hit three three-run homers in Chicago's 15-1 rout of Colorado.

Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants broke Willie McCovey's 1969 record for intentional walks in a season with his 46th of the year.

Today's Birthdays:

- Singer Al Alberts (The Four Aces) is 81.
- Actress Rhonda Fleming is 80.
- Bluegrass singer-songwriter Jimmy Martin is 76.
- Singer Jimmy Dean is 75.
- Singer Eddie Fisher is 75.
- Actress Kate O'Mara is 64.
- Singer Bobby Hatfield (The Righteous Brothers) is 63.
- Singer Ronnie Spector is 60.
- Actor James Reynolds ("Days of our Lives") is 57.
- Rock singer-musician Ian Anderson (Jethro Tull) is 56.
- Singer Patti Austin is 55.
- Country musician Gene Johnson (Diamond Rio) is 54.
- Actor Daniel Hugh Kelly is 51.
- Actress Rosanna Arquette is 44.
- Actor Antonio Banderas is 43.
- Rock musician Jon Farriss (INXS) is 42.
- Singer Julia Fordham is 41.
- Singer Neneh Cherry is 39.
- Singer Aaron Hall is 39.
- Rhythm-and-blues singer Lorraine Pearson (Five Star) is 36.
- Rock musician Todd Nichols is 36.
- Singer-producer Michael Bivins is 35.
- Actor Justin Theroux is 32.
- Actress Angie Harmon is 31.
- Country singer Jennifer Hanson is 30.
- Rhythm-and-blues singer Nikki Bratcher (Divine) is 23.

Thought for Today:

"It is easier to make a saint out of a libertine than out of a prig." — George Santayana, Spanish-born philosopher (1863-1952).

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Massey subsidiary spills 250,000 gallons of blackwater in W.Va. creek

by **GAVIN McCORMICK**
AP BUSINESS WRITER

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — More than 250,000 gallons of blackwater spilled into a Boone County creek from a Massey Energy subsidiary's operation, state Department of Environmental Protection officials said Thursday.

The flood of grayish blackwater poured into Laurel Creek on Wednesday through a breached berm around an Independence Coal Co. supply yard, said Jessica Greathouse, a DEP spokeswoman.

Independence Coal officials did not report the spill,

Greathouse said. A citizen noticed the creek's muddy color around 2:30 p.m. Wednesday and reported it to the DEP.

Bill Simmons, inspector supervisor in the DEP's Logan region, said he had driven through the area at 10 a.m. Wednesday and the stream was clear.

"The company never did call," Simmons said.

The agency cited the company for failure to report to the spill, which is usually accompanied by a fine, Greathouse said.

Laurel Creek pours into Hopkins Fork, a stocked trout stream which is a tributary of the Big Coal River. There were no immediate reports of fish kills, but DEP officials were investigating to determine the impact on local aquatic life.

The leak occurred about three miles from the Big Coal, Simmons said.

The supply yard holds refuse from the mine. Under normal conditions it contains no water but has indentations that can collect

rain, so it is required to be surrounded by a berm.

Heavy rains this week apparently filled the yard with water that flowed through the break in the berm.

Simmons said the company had allowed piles of slate and other gob to build up until it blocked access to drainage systems.

The DEP stopped activity at the supply yard with a cessation order citing "imminent harm to the environment." The rest of the mine is continuing to operate.

When the berm is repaired, the supply yard will likely be able to

resume operations, Greathouse said.

In June 2001, a spill at Independence Coal's Liberty Preparation Plant near Unceeda in Boone County sent more than 30,000 gallons of polluted water into Pond Creek.

Independence Coal pleaded guilty last December to misdemeanor water quality charges stemming from another spill in August 2001 that sent blackwater into Robinson Run in Boone County.

Massey, based in Richmond, Va., is West Virginia's largest coal producer.

Hazing

The school has since initiated a formal inquiry, Fanning said, already providing some initial results.

"I reported the information to them (school officials) and they've given me one initial response to one situation that could be put into that framework or definition," Fanning said. "Whether somebody was abused or severely mistreated,

I don't know. It would sound like at least teasing, but it could have been more than that."

Fanning declined to comment on the information provided to him by a school board employee, saying no details had been discussed.

Prestonsburg's football camp was held this year on a farm at Blaine, in Lawrence County.

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Perry

Herald, then owned by his father, when he was 11. He became publisher when his father retired in 1989.

He served as editor and publisher of The Floyd County Times from 1990 through 1998, when he returned to The Herald.

Perry purchased the Martin County Sun in Inez in 2001 and

merged it with The Big Sandy News, owned by his family, creating a regional newspaper that now covers several counties.

Survivors include his wife, two children, his parents and two sisters.

Funeral services are to be held at Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville.

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Eleven computers seized from Transportation Cabinet offices

by **CHARLES WOLFE**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Eleven state computers thought to have been used for viewing child pornography were seized from Transportation Cabinet offices Thursday and Friday, authorities said.

They were among 212 Transportation computers found in a random check by the state auditor's office to have allegedly been used in visiting pornographic Web sites. The rest allegedly involved adult pornography.

Six computers were taken from the cabinet's offices in Frankfort. Two were seized in Louisville, two in Bowling Green and one in Jackson, the cabinet's inspector general, Bobby Russell, said at a news conference.

David Beyer, an FBI spokesman in Louisville, confirmed that the FBI is investigating and said agents would analyze the seized computers.

Employees who used the computers were being interviewed by the FBI but remained on the job, Russell said. Anyone deemed to have downloaded and viewed child pornography, a federal crime, will be prosecuted, Russell said.

Russell declined to disclose names or even a precise number

of employees. "We are not necessarily saying 11 are involved," since employees can have access to multiple computers, he said.

The state auditor's report, released July 29, revealed that European hackers were using one of the cabinet's computer servers to host a chat room and store and distribute pirated movies, video games and medical textbooks, among other things.

The same report said about 35 state computers, spot checked on four randomly chosen days, were found to have gained access to pornographic Web sites 6,000 times. Subsequent investigations raised the total to 212 computers.

Russell said he had seen a list of Web site names but not the sites themselves. "It's pretty obvious from some of the names that they're child pornography sites or should be child pornography sites," he said.

Jim Ramsey, the cabinet's

Abner

some realization that the ultimate prize may be out of reach.

"I believe if I was given the chance to talk, I could give Fletcher and Chandler a tough race," he said. "But I understand what I'm facing, and I don't believe I'll win."

But Abner, a former factory worker, restaurant cook and truck driver, says that just trying

is helping get the message to the common Kentuckian struggling to "make it day to day."

"I'm on a shoestring budget that comes right out of my pocket," said Abner. "Fletcher and Chandler are isolated from the reality of our situation. The people I'm trying to reach can't afford to pay for a \$1,000 dinner plate."

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Fine

state Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, stated that Greer stockpiled and sold at least 7,700 tons of coal.

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Odds

note that he had taken the skull and now wanted to return it, she said.

The sender wasn't sure where the skull came from, but he believed it was from the Bellows area of Windward Oahu, Borges said.

Police took the skull to the city medical examiner's office, where it was determined to be ancient. More tests were to be conducted.

WELLSVILLE, N.Y. — A man who took a cab more than 200 miles from New York City to western New York didn't get very far after he tried to stiff the driver for \$916.50 fare.

Police say 23-year-old Jeremy Hartman got out of the cab in the village of Wellsville, where he has relatives, and fled. Police say they found him holed up in a nearby apartment.

Hartman, who is from Illinois, was arrested after the long cab ride Tuesday. He was charged with theft of services.

Wellsville is about 70 miles southeast of Buffalo.

WEST POINT, Miss. — Another man stole his wife's heart, so Albert Edwin Holcombe Jr. sued. A jury says his broken heart is worth \$175,000.

Harry Stevens was ordered by a jury to pay \$175,000 for breaking up a marriage.

Holcombe claimed Stevens had an affair with and destroyed his marriage to his now ex-wife, Andrea Holcombe.

Stevens argued in county court documents that there was

chief information officer, said the invaded server had been removed and safeguards, including pornography filters, had been put in place for other servers.

The auditor's findings surprised Ramsey. "I think we were doing an all right job," he said. "Apparently I was wrong."

The computer investigation was the latest in a series of embarrassments for the cabinet. It is at the center of a state-federal investigation of alleged fraud in a program to steer road building contracts toward "disadvantaged" companies headed by women and minorities.

Tina Conner, who had a two-year affair with Gov. Paul Patton, was indicted last month on charges that her construction company improperly received preferential cabinet treatment.

In May, the cabinet agreed to pay \$12 million to settle a lawsuit involving the extortion demands of a state bridge inspector.

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no love lost between the couple.

According to court records, the couple were married in 1980 and had three children. They separated in 1998 and were divorced in 1999.

Andrea Holcombe said in an affidavit that by late 1996 and early 1997, the marriage was nonexistent.

Tyson Graham, Eddie Holcombe's lawyer, said such cases are usually settled out of court. Stevens' attorney declined comment.

According to the court record, Andrea Holcombe was an accountant at the same firm where Stevens was a senior partner. She has since left the firm.

Gambling

gations of the Transportation Cabinet.

Arguing that it is time for a change after 32 straight years of Democratic governors, Pence said "no one will say we're proud of what the Patton administration has done."

"We see an abject failure in basic qualities of leadership out of the executive office," Pence said.

Chandler said "we do have some difficulties in Frankfort, but those difficulties are limited to Paul Patton."

"I'm running for governor, and we've got a new Democratic Party, and you can't blame Paul Patton's transgressions on the Democratic Party generally," he said.

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— Felix Frankfurter

OurView

Perry's pen will be missed

Eastern Kentucky said goodbye last week to Scott Perry, who, at 49, leaves this world far too soon. Perry had already left his mark on the world of Appalachian journalism as former publisher of The Floyd County Times and The Paintsville Herald. But his final act upon the stage may have been his boldest — expanding the Big Sandy News to cover not only its original base in Lawrence County, but all of the Big Sandy Valley. It is sad that he will not be around to watch his dream continue to unfold.

Perry's mark could be seen in every aspect of his newspaper, and his voice was a distinctive one in the Eastern Kentucky media. His column, Coffee Break, delighted readers for many years, and his fiery pen often scorched many a public official, who more often than not deserved it.

Through his words, he often seemed a giant, but he was also blessed with a kindness which won him fierce loyalty from many of those he employed through the years.

Yes, Perry's newspaper competed directly with The Floyd County Times, but he was also a brother-in-arms. And although the rivalry between the two newspapers was often heated, we join with others in mourning his passing and wishing comfort to his family and friends.

Though we did not always see eye-to-eye, we respect Perry for always trying to do what he believed to be right. That included standing up for accountability in government, open conduct of public business, honesty in elected officials and economic development for the region he loved.

No one could be said to have trumpeted those values more than Perry, and his death leaves the Appalachian media with a void that will not soon be filled.

— The Floyd County Times



"Maybe I should run for governor of California. My name recognition is much higher than Arnold Schwarzenegger's!"

— Jim Davidson

Do you have a wounded spirit?

You no doubt have heard the old saying, "Life is like an elevator. You can go up or down depending on which buttons you push."

While this is certainly true, have you ever thought about the fact that thousands and thousands of people across our nation have a wounded spirit because someone else pushed all or most of their buttons? If you or someone you love is carrying deep emotional or physical scars because of something that happened in the past, I believe you will really be interested in what I want to share with you in this edition.

This past Christmas my wife bought me a book on tape titled, "The Wounded Spirit" by Frank Peretti. Today Frank Peretti is a highly successful author and speaker and he travels all over the country speaking to thousands of people each year. What had not been revealed until recently is that he had a horrific childhood, as he had one unpleasant experience after another that made his life miserable.

For Frank, the nightmare began the day he was born, as he had a large tumor on the side of his neck and his tongue was so long that it stuck out of the side of his mouth and could not be retracted in a normal way. It was just hanging out there for all to see.

Soon afterwards the doctors began a series of painful operations to correct the problem with his tongue but, if I recall, this deformity lasted well into his school years. He said the scabs on his tongue and the flies were often the focus of ridicule by some of the other students. This combined with the fact that he was very small for his age made him a target of some of the larger boys, especially the jocks, who showed him very little mercy or compassion.

In spite of his unhappy childhood Frank Peretti persisted and today he is a highly successful person, but his deep emotional scars were still there below the surface. Over the years he had thought about speaking on this subject but didn't think many people would be

interested. He changed his mind when he was invited to speak at a conference in California where 1,500 young people and their parents would be in attendance. The date of this conference was one month after the tragic school shootings in Littleton, Colorado.

As I listened to the tape and thought about his story, I was reminded of some unpleasant events in my own childhood. There was a boy in the town where I grew up who always wanted to fight and he used to pick on some of the kids, especially those who were younger and smaller than he was. I was one of them. This went on for several years until I was physically as large and strong as he was. Then one day playing football I hit him so hard that he never picked on me again.

At this point I would like to ask my earlier questions again. Do you have a wounded spirit? Are there things in your past that have resulted in deep emotional scars that are still painful when you think about them? Believe me, God can heal those scars if you will ask Him, but

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— beyond the beltway

Here's how to make college football honest

by DONALD KAUL

Who says there aren't any funny stories in the news anymore?

For example, a couple of weeks ago Ohio State University — the reigning college football champ — said it was going to investigate a report in "The New York Times" that its star halfback had received special assistance in passing an important history exam.

The OSU athletic director was already on record as expressing shock — SHOCK — that such a thing would even be intimated.

"There are no special considerations for student-athletes," he said, risking being struck by a bolt of lightning. (He's the one leading the investigation, by the way, sure to be the most exhaustive since George Bush tried to find out who put the words in his mouth about Iraq buying uranium.)

Truth be known, Ohio State has long been something of a football factory. People in that part of the world take fat boys who run fast very seriously. James Thurber wrote of sharing an economics class with a young man — Bolenciewcz by name — who played tackle on OSU's excellent team when they were both students there in the '20s.

It came Bolenciewcz's turn to

answer a question in class and the professor, mindful of the need to keep the fellow eligible for that week's big Illinois game, said: "Name one means of transportation." The demand stumped the tackle.

"Just any means of transportation," said the professor. "You may choose among steam, horse-drawn, or electrically propelled vehicles."

No light of recognition arrived in the big tackle's eyes. Further prompting did not move the ball down the field and silence descended on the classroom. The professor, according to Thurber, "abruptly broke this silence in an amazing manner. 'Choo-choo-choo,' he said, in a low voice, and turned instantly scarlet." Soon the rest of the class is helping with "toot-toots" and "chuffa-chuffas."

I always thought Thurber was exaggerating for comic effect but I guess not. It's good to see that some schools are maintaining traditional values.

(You may think I'm making fun of Ohio State because I am a graduate of the University of Michigan, a species of people who get beaten by angry mobs every time we appear in Columbus wearing our school colors. Nonsense, of course. I'm too big for that. It's simply a matter of record that Ohio State football fans are egg-sucking hicks who live on the lunatic fringe of rah-rahism.)

It would be nice to say that the University of Michigan is pure with

regards to demanding that its athletes meet the school's exacting academic standards, but it is not. It's only purer than Ohio State.

The truth is, a university with aspirations to the Big Time — full stadiums, bowl games, television contracts, championships, that sort of thing — cannot afford to play students exclusively.

There just aren't that many 320-pound students to go around.

If you want to be Big Time you need a big stadium, which you then have to fill, which means you have to win games. The pressure to do that becomes relentless and academic standards become irrelevant.

It's silly, really. Who cares, ultimately, whether Ohio State halfbacks can read and write?

Probably not even their parents. What's important is that universities, the crucibles of tomorrow's leaders, stop engaging in this hypocritical charade. You can't expect honest lawyers, doctors and journalists to spring from ethical cesspools.

What they should do is set up Football Academies — not unlike music conservatories — that would accept youngsters talented in the game of football without regard to their SATs. The academies would be associated with universities but not of them and would teach these kids everything there is to know about playing football, which is the only thing many of them are interested in anyway.

Those who have wider interests

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Minister's Moment: 'I wish that was my life'

by REV. TOM BIDDLE
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Recently my 16-year-old niece was in town for a weekend visit. She had come to assist us in a ministry project, and also to enjoy the events we had going on that weekend. About midway

through the weekend, she told my wife, "You all live such exciting lives."

Well, this was quite a shock to us because we hardly think of our lives as exciting. A typical Friday night for us is to go to a restaurant that doesn't have a drive-thru, and then to go shopping at Wal-Mart. That certainly isn't the life that makes for great

entertainment.

It did bring to my mind, though, the thought that many of us look at other lives and wish that they were ours. Preachers are not immune to this. I read a story recently of a preacher who was at a conference. He felt very intimidated by all the other preachers as they would stand around talking about their min-

istries and the size of their churches.

Finally, someone asked him how many attended his church. He politely told them that last Sunday they had between four and five hundred. This seemed to impress the group quite a bit, and they went on with their conversation.

The only problem was one of the pastor's members was standing close enough to hear his pastor's exaggerated figures. When the crowd dispersed, he went to his pastor and said, "Preacher, you just told those men a lie. You know we only had about 75 people in our church on Sunday."

The pastor looked at his disappointed member and replied, "I didn't lie at all. If I remember correctly, the number 75 does come between the numbers four and five hundred."

For some reason in our society, we always believe that someone else has a better life than we do and it is our task to acquire what they have. Eventually such thinking will completely stress you out. So I have thought of some keys to having a better life.

The first key is that in life there needs to be a possibility of transformation. Let's admit it. Sometimes in life change is good. Sometimes we need a fresh start. The good thing about Jesus Christ is that he offers that very chance. He offers us the ability to transform our lives.

Paul said in Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live." In other words, he had put to rest his former life and was now living a new life.

Perhaps no one more than Paul understood the importance of this: He had persecuted people. He had gone completely

against God. Now he lived his life offering people hope in Jesus Christ. Some of us need to let Jesus bury our past so that we can go on in a new life.

The second key is to develop a spirit of contentment. I Timothy 6:6-8 says, "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we carry nothing out. And having food and raiment, let us be therewith content."

Do you have something to eat? Do you have clothes on your back? Do you have a place to sleep? If you do, you have the basics of what the Lord has

promised, and should be content with that.

Now I can hear you asking already, "Are you saying I shouldn't try to have a nice car, nice house and a few luxuries in life?" No, I am not saying that. I believe it is good and healthy for us to strive for goals in life. Our problem is that we just don't know when to say when it is enough. I think a lot of people would live a lot longer and a lot happier if they learned to count their blessings and not their neighbors'.

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New book delves into world of Hasidic missionaries

by JERRY SCHWARTZ
AP NATIONAL WRITER

NEW YORK — There are just 3,000 Jews living in Alaska's 570,374 square miles, but Yossi and Esty Greenberg are there to serve them — leading services, throwing Hanukkah parties, flying deep into the bush to train a young man for his bar mitzvah.

It's not easy. The food stocked by the local store is not kosher enough for the Greenbergs; the family's meat, bread and dairy products must be flown in from the lower 48. When their eldest son turned 9, he had to be sent to Chicago for his education. And every month Esty had to fly to Seattle for her ritual bath until a mikvah was built in Anchorage.

And yet, the Greenbergs aren't complaining.

"We feel like we are the only people on Earth walking around with a sense of purpose," Yossi says. "We feel we know who we are and where we are going."

The Greenbergs did not grow up in Alaska — they were sent there, emissaries of the Lubavitcher Hasidic movement. They are one of more than 3,800 husband-and-wife teams that have been sent to 45 states and 61 countries on a mission to encourage Jews to become more observant.

The Greenbergs merit a chapter ("The Frozen Chosen") in writer Sue Fishkoff's new book, "The Rebbe's Army: Inside the World of Chabad-Lubavitch," published by Schocken Books. They are atypical in their frigid posting, but typical in their energy and zeal.

Fishkoff came to rely on her subjects' inexhaustible stamina. "After a while, I expected them to go all day and then sit down at midnight for an interview," she says.

Like others among the ultra-Orthodox, the Lubavitchers are strictly observant — bearded men in black hats, bewigged women in modest garb. But unlike Hasidic sects which sepa-

rate themselves from the modern world, the Lubavitchers are outward looking.

In Los Angeles, Chabad (the Lubavitcher movement's name — an acronym of the Hebrew words for wisdom, comprehension and knowledge) holds a yearly telethon to raise millions for drug treatment. Appearances by celebrities like actor Jon Voight are interspersed with rousing folk dances.

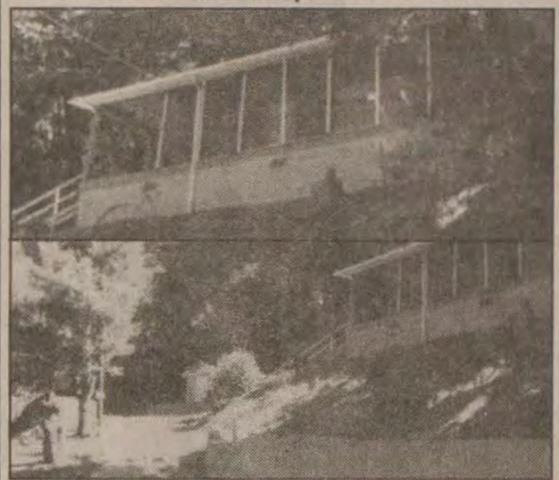
Chabad deploys teenagers to work the streets of cities around the country, seeking out Jews and asking them to perform rituals like lighting sabbath candles or putting on phylacteries, leather boxes containing passages from Scripture. It erects large menorahs in public places each Hanukkah. It has built a worldwide network of Chabad houses to serve campuses and communities.

Other books have examined the lives of Lubavitcher Hasidim — most notably "Holy

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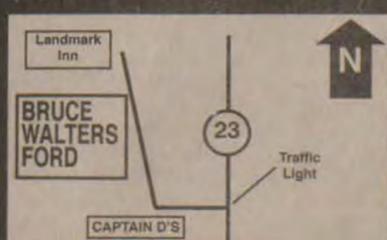
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Norman Eric Lewis, 25, of Banner, died Friday, August 8, following an auto accident on Route 80, at Martin. He is survived by his wife, Christy Bryant Lewis. Funeral services will be conducted Monday, August 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Sadie Campbell, 99, of Allen, died Monday, August 4, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ethel Corder Coburn, 85, of Garrett, died Monday, August 4, at the St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 7,

under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Rexford Conn, 70, of Martin, died Wednesday, July 30, at South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Jesse James Johnson, 75, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Buckingham, died Saturday, August 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Amy Campbell Spears, 79, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, August 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Chadwick Spears. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

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you must be willing to forgive those who have hurt you. It is the only way to have real peace.

As Frank Peretti concluded his message to those 1,500 young people, he told them that one day there was a jock who said, "I am going to beat up Peretti." However, before he made a move, a young man name John stepped between them and the jock backed off. He said that he has never forgotten this young man and the courage he displayed. What a difference it made in his life.

We can all make a difference for someone when we are willing to STAND ON THE WALL ... BE NOBLE.

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Honest

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could go to the university proper and try out for the football team, but they would have to meet normal academic standards.

At the very least, the change would make honest men and women out of university presidents, always a good thing.

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. His e-mail is donald.kaul2@verizon.net.

Kinzy Thacker, 81, of Pikeville, died Sunday, August 3, at the Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Margaret "Jill" Owens Wells, 77, of Auxier, died Thursday, July 31, at the Riverview Health Care Center. She is survived by her husband, Lloyd Wells. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 2, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Donald Lee Casey, 68, died Saturday, July 26, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Casey. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 29, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Berl Conley, 78, died Thursday, July 24, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 27, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Clarence Edward Murray, 76, of Kermit, West Virginia, a native of Johnson County, died Thursday, July 31, at J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 2, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

Tina Edith Webb Jordan, 91, of Louisa, died Wednesday, August 6, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 8, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

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

George Williams, 92, of Louisa, formerly of Crum, West Virginia, died Wednesday, July 30, at J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 3, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Martin County

Hazel Bowen, 93, of Inez, died Friday, August 1, at Three Rivers

Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 4, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

James L. Cains, 72, of Whitehall, died Friday, August 1. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 4, under the direction of Schoedinger

Northeast Chapel, Gahanna,

Phelps and Son Funeral Home. Janet Carol Phillips, 36, of Tomahawk, died Wednesday, July 30, at the home of her parents at Pilgrim. She is survived by her husband, David Phillips. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 2, under the direction of

Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Nellie Shirle Preston, 72, of Tadpole Road, Louisa, died Thursday, July 31, at Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 4, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Knott County

Lowell "Hop" Hesson, 62, of Vest, died Sunday, August 3, at Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

James (Fox) Jacobs, 77, of Pippa Passes, died Wednesday, August 6, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Richard Casey Keaton, 45, of Campbellsburg, formerly of Knott County, died Sunday, July 27, at home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 30, under the direction of Sholar Funeral Home.

Orpha "Pie" Miller, 78, of Hindman, died Friday, August 1, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 5, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Clara Ritchie Napier, 87, of Clear Creek, died Tuesday, August 5, at the Knott County Nursing Home in Hindman. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Pike County

Kinzy Thacker, 81, of Pikeville, died Sunday, August 3, at the Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Card of Thanks

We, the family of Margaret Jill Wells, wish to thank all our family and friends for your expressions of sympathy, by your presence, your cards, and your flowers.

Lloyd Wells
Peggy Bailey
Tom Blackburn

Remembering Sydney.

Sydney, today I was standing in the doorway when I saw the school bus going up. This would have been your first day of school. Papaw would have been there waiting proudly for his little granddaughter to hop in his vehicle. I can see that beautiful smile that you had to greet him with. Sydney I have had to fight since you left me to stay on the same side.

I thought I was so strong and in control. I soon found out that I am so weak. When I rocked you the last time and you said "Momma I can't take it anymore. I thought, Lord, I'm ready to hand her over to you.

I still hear your feet running through the hallway looking for whoever was going to be with you for the day. I would always greet you with a good morning. You know I never remembered you saying good morning. You had this beautiful smile that said it for all you. That smile said it all. I love you and I'm hungry.

God let me see you one night, Sydney. You were barefoot and sitting with another little girl that looked just like you. But I knew which one you were. Your hair was blowing in the wind. There was a large field of flowers around the two of you. When I awoke I remember thinking I wish I could have been sitting there listening to the two of you.

It has been almost three years now and mom is a mess. I pray every day for the Lord to make me stronger.

For a long time I thought I was because I didn't know how to pray right and this was the reason he took you. Finally I realized that people were praying for you that knew how.

The first thing I worried about was where you were. Sydney, momma found it in the Bible all by myself. To-day shalt thy be with me in paradise. I remember calling Papaw and asking him to look up paradise. It means heavenly, something wonderful, or like the Garden of Eden.

Then I started worrying about that you couldn't finish printing your name. You were at Sydney, Sydney I worried for months over this. Again, I had to go to the Bible to find the answer. Guess what Sydney, I found it. In Heaven you have all wisdom and knowledge. You are as smart as anyone else where you live at now.

Sydney, your heart did come for your transplant in time, but God wanted you and you knew it before I did. I remember telling the doctor that you wanted to be a famous chef. You never missed the cooking show. Dr. Law, your cardiologist in Pittsburg asked you. Sydney what do you want to be when you grow up. You answered him with such assurance. I'm not going to be growing up.

Sydney, your clothes are still in your armour. I don't know why they are still there. I guess for me to take a good smell of Sydney every now and then.

Sydney, I've talked to your doctor in Pittsburg. He still doesn't understand how he lost you. Sydney, he promised me he was going to save you. I really believed him because he was working so hard. I want to say that I'm sorry baby for every paper I signed for them to keep doing things to you.

Sydney, Momma can no longer work at a job that she loved. I met a little girl there that has become mom's friend. She was a foster child, but since I met her she now has a real mom. She was adopted this month. She visits mom. Mom visits her. I want to introduce her to you. Her name is Lindsey. She reminds me of you, but she is her own person. I guess you already know that about her. Mom has to close for now. I know the people at the paper wouldn't let me fill it about you, but I could. Mom has set up a scholarship fund in your memory. A very special person called mom, I think it was last week. She said you have already been through the worst thing that could ever happen to you. Sydney, you know what, she was right. Mom has to say goodbye for now. I pray the Lord will give you a special hug today just for me.

Love, Momma

Sydney Mullina was born November 24, 1996. She died August 25, 2000.



47 Floyd students named to MSU dean's list

MOREHEAD, Ky.—Forty-seven students from Floyd County were named to the Morehead State University dean's list for the 2003 spring semester.

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

The dean's list includes:

- Brandy Adams, Allen.
- Vanessa A. Adkins, Martin.
- Sarah Allen, Prestonsburg.
- Stephanie R. Baker, Lackey.
- Bobby Baldrige, Eastern.
- Lesa Bentley, Prestonsburg.
- Chasity Branham, Wayland.
- Nira Branham, Martin.
- Matthew Caldwell, Weeksburg.
- Willie Carver, Printer.
- Christopher D. Case, Garrett.
- Julie Case, Teaberry.
- Stephanie Conley, Banner.
- Kandance L. Cook, East Point.
- Maggie Cook, Bevinville.
- Donna Dye, Prestonsburg.
- Cynthia Fitzpatrick,

- Chris Fraley, Martin.
- Kristopher Fultz, Wayland.
- Stephanie Gray, Prestonsburg.
- Helen Hall, Galveston.
- Kara Hall, Martin.
- Amber Hamilton, Prestonsburg.
- Delores Hayden, Prestonsburg.
- Marsha Howell, Stanville.
- Stevie Joe Johnson, Teaberry.
- Janet Johnson, Prestonsburg.
- Kelli Johnson, Pikeville.
- Debra Kidd, McDowell.
- Andrew Krueer III, Floyds Knobs, Ind.
- John Layne II, Martin.
- Pennie Little, Prestonsburg.
- Nick Martin, Langley.
- Bethany Meade, Prestonsburg.
- Nicole Moore, Auxier.
- Amy Morgan, Bevinville.
- Gloria Newsome, Melvin.
- Barbara Ousley, Auxier.
- Leigh A. Patton, Martin.
- Don Riley, Harold.
- Joseph Snyder, Langley.
- Mary Spittler, Morehead.
- Leslie J. Steele, Harold.
- Kasey Tackett, Martin.
- Julia Taylor, Prestonsburg.
- Carolyn Wallace, Blue River.

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Thirdly, a better life needs to have a secure future. So many people work so hard and work so long to make sure they have a future locked away. Then something happens, like it did with Enron a couple of years ago, and suddenly the future is not quite secure.

God offers us a secure future in II Corinthians 5:1, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made by hands, eternal in the heavens," when we

believe in Him. It eases my mind a lot to know that tomorrow everything I own may disappear, but my place in heaven is still there because of my faith.

If you haven't figured it out by now, the life you need to wish for is that life that has a relationship with God. We can own a lot of things. We can do a lot of things. We may even be famous. But without Him, we are nothing.

May God bless your life today and may you feel His presence in your life.

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Days" by Lis Harris, published in 1985. But Fishkoff's focus is the shlichim, the emissaries who are dispatched to build Chabad houses with nothing but a year's seed money and a blessing.

Their passion was ignited by the charismatic Lubavitcher rebbe, Menachem Mendel Schneerson, who took a small group of Holocaust refugees and transformed it into an international phenomenon. His picture graces every Chabad house; his writings and speeches are collected and studied. The tales of his wisdom are told and retold.

But the Lubavitcher rebbe died in 1994. He left no successor, only a nasty dispute within the movement over whether Schneerson was the messiah he had trumpeted for so many years.

Still, Chabad survived — and grew.

"It's amazing to think that there are less than 200,000 Lubavitcher Hasidim in the world, and yet every Jewish person seems to have had some contact with them," Fishkoff says.

She attributes the movement's success to "an internal fire," and to "a desire of the general public ... to turn back to religion."

Again and again in the course of her book, she shows how Reform and Conservative Jews give money to Chabad, though they do not agree with many of its tenets, such as the requirement that men and women be separated during services. If Chabad embraces all Jews, it is clear that a lot of Jews are happy to be embraced.

Fishkoff believes that Chabad eventually will be transformed from a Hasidic sect into a fourth major branch, along with Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Judaism.

Fishkoff, herself, remains a "card-carrying Conservative Jew." But she acknowledges that she has been changed by her interactions with the Lubavitchers.

"My comfort level in any religious setting had increased," she says. "I'm more aware of my responsibilities as a Jew."

The lesson of Chabad, she says, is that "You can actualize the Jewish values that we learn about in Hebrew school and you can do it every day. Visiting the sick, paying condolence calls, being careful not to embarrass people — these are the kinds of things the shlichim do all the time, and these are the kinds of things we all can do."

Obituary

Joseph Richard (Jody) Collins

Joseph Richard (Jody) Collins, 80, of Honaker, died Thursday, August 7, 2003, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Born October 24, 1922, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late William Riley and Annie Mitchell Collins. He was a disabled coal miner, a Army and WWII Veteran, a P.O.W. in Germany, a lifetime member of D.A.V. Chapter No. 134, at Pikeville; and a member of the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Ola Kidd Collins.

Other survivors include two sons, Ernie Ray Collins (Caroline) of Bowling Green; and Gerney Dwan Collins (Irene Merion) of Honaker; two daughters, Joie C. Lawson of Honaker, Patsy Jean Mitchell (Kinell) of Grethel; a brother, Bill Collins of New London, Ohio; two sisters, Susie Kimbler of Harold and Margaret Nunemaker of Pikeville; eight grandchildren, Chellie (Scott), Chanda (Benton), Tiffani, Seth, Crystal, Aaron, Becky, and Rachel; four great-grandchildren, Austin, Colby, Braydon, and Cali; and a special friend, Charles A. Steele.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by seven brothers, John B. Collins, Ervin Collins, Ted Collins, Curtis Collins, Oscar Collins, Andy Collins, and Rousie Collins; three sisters, Lizzie McKinney, Diane Collins and Rose Collins; and a half-sister, Ida Hamilton.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, August 10, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Tracy Patton and Tim McCoy officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

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COMMENTARY

New stadium more Crosley than older Riverfront

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

CINCINNATI — It was a splendid, star-spangled, God-bless-America night at the park. We stood at attention when the national anthem was played, we stretched in the middle of the seventh, and we had our fill of everything that's good about baseball and our country.

These are my memories of my first trip to Great American Park, the new riverside home of the Cincinnati Reds. We laughed, we cheered, we met new friends. We rejoiced when the home team scored the eventual winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning, and high-fived when the San Francisco Giants were retired in order in the top of the ninth.

And Barry Bonds — heh, heh — didn't hit a homer.

There were some unpleasant surprises, mostly the \$42.50 I paid for three barbecue sandwiches, two bags of peanuts, and three small beers. And never mind the \$90 for three good

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Chat Yates: Let Him Play

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — What an embarrassing world we live in this day and time. What ever happened to having a school sports team that just went out and had fun representing the school they love. It seems that things are mighty different than say 15 years ago. When I played high school football in the mid-80s you never heard of young kids having to file a lawsuit in order to be allowed to participate in high school football, but as of late it is becoming more and more evident that "times they are a changing."

The case in point is that of Chat Yates, a Prestonsburg High School student (since last school year) and a young man that wants to play for the Blackcat football team in this his senior year.

The sad side to this story is the fact that on various websites this young man and his family have been unfairly judged and questioned in everything from personal and family life to his motivation for transferring to Prestonsburg.

This is a HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT for goodness sakes; let the young man be a teenager and play football. I will say I am also a alum of Prestonsburg High, but if it were any school that a person had a legal move from one school district to another then I would feel the same way about that youngster. This is not the NFL. It is high school football that is in question here. I will be the first to admit that I do not have ALL the facts in this case and my

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Jeremy Caudill

Packers ask about Caudill

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — University of Kentucky senior defensive end Jeremy Caudill, a Parade All-American from Martin, is drawing attention from another NFL team. In July,

Prestonsburg High head coach John DeRossett, Caudill's prep coach, received a package from the Oakland Raiders. Earlier this month, DeRossett received a similar package from another NFL team, the Green Bay Packers. This will be Caudill's final season of col-

lege football. He's been a starter since the first game of his freshman season played under then head coach Hal Mumme. Since that first collegiate season, Caudill has seen three head coaches and a couple of different position changes. However, his stock in the 2004 NFL draft seems

to be up. Included in the questionnaires and the packages the NFL teams send out are many questions. Before the 2004 draft rolls around in April, more teams will likely contact DeRossett. The current Blackcat grid coach is

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UPDATE

HUNTING Season



Fall squirrel season will bring many avid hunters out in droves. The season is a favorite of many outdoors enthusiasts throughout the area.

Hunters ready for summery 'fall' squirrel season opener

by STEVE VANTRESE
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — The whine of mosquitoes, the whirring drone of dog day cicadas and the steamy heat of the woods belie the name of the

occasion: Kentucky's fall squirrel season.

More descriptively, the sportsman's event that begins Saturday (Aug. 16) would be the summer-through-winter squirrel season. Perhaps the fall misnomer has been

adopted because the hot weather squirrel hunt opening is the first of a progression of seasons that do lead into autumn and a flurry of game pursuits.

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Fall squirrel season on deck

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Many hunters in the area are prepping for the fall squirrel season.

Pioneer hunters in Kentucky relished demonstrating their marksmanship by "barking a squirrel." To

prove how good a shot they were, early hunters leveled their Kentucky Rifles at squirrels in trees trying to hit the bark of the tree as closely as possible to the squirrel. The concussion of the lead ball on the tree shocked the life out of the squirrel

and it fell to the ground, usually without even piercing its skin. Squirrel hunting has continued to be popular in Kentucky since those pioneer days. The 2003-2004 fall

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MARSHALL

Herd players deal with heat, humidity in early practices

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. — The 2003 edition of the Marshall University football team completed its second practice of the season Thursday at Marshall Stadium, fighting through the heat and humidity.



Nathan Leslie



Joey Stepp

"We are making progress." Coach Bob Pruett said after practice. "The kids seemed to have a lot of adrenaline today and I think we handled the heat a little better. Overall I am pleased with today's practice."

Prestonsburg High graduate Nathan Leslie is listed first on the offensive depth chart at right guard. Listed at center is Sheldon Clark graduate Joey Stepp, a former state wrestling champion who walked on at Marshall and has made great strides. Leslie made the switch from the defensive line to the offensive line back in the spring. The Herd was scheduled to continue

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OUTDOORS

Boating classes offered at PCC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Safe boating certificates will be offered at Prestonsburg Community College on August 30 and again in September, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The class is free. Anyone wishing to take the safe boating certification should contact Captain Ken Amburgey by email at kenamburgey@hotmail.com.

Safe Boating Certification is mandatory for children from 12 to 17 years old who operate a personal watercraft or motorboat of over 10 horsepower, unless they are accompanied by an adult (18 years or older) or a person with a safe boating certificate.

PRESTONSBURG

Combs joins P'burg staff after military stint in Iraq

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Bryan Combs is back in the United States after serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Combs, who played at Betsy Layne under Coach John DeRossett in the 1990s, returns home to join his former coach as a

member of the Prestonsburg High School football coaching staff.

Following his graduation from Betsy Layne, Combs coached at Prestonsburg under DeRossett. After joining the army, Combs served 4 1/2 years, which included his time in Operation Iraqi

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file photo

Prestonsburg High quarterback Trevor Compton and Blackcat teammates were in action Friday night in a scrimmage at Morehead State University against Campbell County and new head coach John Schlarman. The Prestonsburg High football team will hold its annual Media Day this evening.



The South Floyd High School volleyball team attended a recent camp at Transylvania University in Lexington. Keith Smallwood (not pictured) returns as head coach of the SFHS volleyball team.

South Floyd girls attend Transylvania volleyball camp

LEXINGTON — The South Floyd High School girls' volleyball team recently attended Transylvania University's Girls Volleyball Camp, held in the Clive M. Beck Athletic and Recreation Center. The camp taught fundamentals of offense and defense, serving, passing, setting, and hitting. It also placed a strong emphasis on skill development.

The camp was led by

Transylvania women's head volleyball coach Cindy Jacobelli. Prior to coming to Transylvania, Jacobelli guided Penn State-Behrend, an NCAA Division III school, to four consecutive Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference tournaments and was named Coach of the Year in 1997.

Pictured in the first row, from left to right, are: Natausha Tackett and Lisa Fannin. Second row, from left to right are:

Tiffany Hall, Leslie Holbrook, Breanna Daniels, Jessica Bartley, Tiffany Tackett and Ashley Stone. Third row, left to right, are: Transylvania women's volleyball coach Cindy Jacobelli, Katie Cook, Candice Hall, Ashley Bealer, Britta Meade, and Megan Castle. Fourth row, from left to right, are: Pam Walker, Kayla Hall, Courtney Blocker, Kasey Elkins, Sabrina Reid, and Tabitha Tackett.

Opener

The squirrel season is the longest of any Kentucky hunting period for a game species. Opening on the third Saturday of August, squirrel hunting continues through Jan. 31, spanning extremes from the smolder of summer to the crackling cold of winter.

Regulations are unchanged this year. The daily bag limit remains six squirrels, while the possession limit is 12 after two

or more days of hunting. Shooting hours remain 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset.

The third Saturday in August opening is traditional, and dog days squirrel hunting is a tradition among Kentucky's sportsmen and women.

Managers with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources say surveys show that much more squirrel hunting

Packers

happy to answer the questionnaires and correspond with the pro teams that make Sundays, cool fall evenings and nights, cold winter days and nights come alive.

"I'd love to go to Oakland or Green Bay and watch Jeremy play," said DeRossett. "When I got the first package from the Raiders, I expected that I'd get more from the other teams."

Caudill gets his first chance to shine in his last season as a college football player on Sunday, August 31 when he and his Wildcat teammates host rival Louisville.

A brief history of the Packers

On Aug. 11, 1919, a score or more husky young athletes, called together by Curly Lambeau and George Calhoun, gathered in the dingy editorial room of the old Green Bay Press-Gazette building on Cherry Street and organized a football team. They didn't know it, but that was the beginning of the incredible saga of the Green Bay Packers.

Lambeau and Calhoun struck the initial spark a few weeks before, during a casual street-corner conversation. It was apparently a "Why not get up a football team?" remark, but once they were interested they wasted no time.

First they talked Lambeau's employer — a war-time industry called the Indian Packing Company, where he worked as a shipping clerk for \$250/month — into putting up money for jerseys.

Because the company provided jerseys and permitted the use of its athletic field for practice, the club was identified in its early publicity as a project of the company. With this tie-in the name "Packers" was a natural, and Packers they have been ever since, although the Indian Packing Co. had practically faded out of the picture before that first season was half over.

That first season the team won 10 and lost only one, against foes from Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Games were played in an open field with no

fences or bleachers, and interested fans "passed the hat." But the team was so successful by 1921 that Lambeau was backed by two officials of the packing plant in obtaining a franchise (Aug. 27, 1921) in the new national pro football league that had been formed in 1920. Cash customers didn't quite pay the freight and the team had to be forfeited at year's end.

This was the first in a long series of troubles that the now famous team overcame, for in 1922 Lambeau gained other backers and bought the franchise back for \$250, including \$50 of his own money. Troubles continued during that season. One game was rained out and the insurance company wouldn't pay off because the official amount of rain was one one-hundredth of an inch short of that required in the policy.

However, another storm late in the season, when the Packers were scheduled to play the Duluth Kelleys, threatened to throw Lambeau further into debt. But A.B. Turnbull, Green Bay Press-Gazette general manager, advanced Lambeau the Duluth guarantee. He then lobbied town businessmen ("The Hungry Five") behind the team, and formed the Green Bay Football Corporation.

From those modest and somewhat tenuous beginnings, the Packers have gone on to earn national stature and virtual worldwide recognition by winning more championships (12) over the intervening 80-plus years than any team in pro football.

These achievements, while representing a town of just around 100,000 in competition with the country's largest markets, have endeared the Packers to the nation. The David vs. Goliath concept and the team's unique status as a publicly owned corporation has intrigued generations. The Packers' colorful saga spans 84 years from the "Iron Man" period of the first decade under founder Curly Lambeau, to the present day, which finds Mike Sherman presiding as the team's 13th head coach.

takes place during the earliest days of the season, especially during the first couple of weekends, than during any other time. In fact, numerous Kentucky hunters actively pursue squirrels only during the first few days — an "opening day" phenomenon.

As far as a hunter's chance of success, the earliest portion of the season is not the ideal time. The squirrel population will peak later, in the autumn, when a new crop leaves the nests.

In addition, the heavy foliage of August limits visibility of the tree-living rodents and the often formidable heat and humidity of the late summer woods curtails squirrel activity and taxes hunter enthusiasm.

The foliage is the primary reason that late summer hunting is most often practiced with shotguns.

The typical August hunter packs a shotgun loaded with "high brass" No. 6 shot loads to better cope with circumstances of seeing only pieces and glimpses of squirrels through heavy leaf cover. The .22 rifle better comes into its own as a longer-range squirrel gun later after falling leaves open the tree canopy and increase the visibility.

Nevertheless, a high percentage of squirrel hunting is done in August because it's the first game season to arrive and because Kentucky hunters always have sought squirrels in August.

It happens that the standing crop of squirrels in most Kentucky forests and woodlots this year is good, likely better than average. Squirrel numbers always relate to the immediate year's mast crop, the abundance of nuts and seeds upon which squirrels base most of their living.

"We've had above average acorn crops for the past few years," said Dan Figert, a state small game biologist. "As a result, we've got good squirrel populations pretty much statewide now."

Combs

Freedom. One of his duties in Operation Iraqi Freedom was serving as a jailer in Baghdad, guarding prisoners of war.

DeRossett and other members of his staff welcome an addition like Combs.

"We're very happy to have Bryan (Combs) join our coaching staff here at Prestonsburg," said DeRossett. "He's a real nice addition."

As a member of the Prestonsburg grid staff, Combs will serve as an assistant, working with quarterbacks and defensive backs.

Park courses exceed expectations

FRANKFORT — The early returns are in, and the three new state park golf courses are clear winners.

All three courses greatly exceeded their monthly projected sales for their first month of operation, said Acting Commissioner Ann Latta. All

three courses opened July 1. They are Hidden Cove Golf Course at Grayson Lake State Park, and the Mineral Mound and Dale Hollow Lake golf courses. A fourth 18-hole golf course at Pennyriple Forest State Resort Park opened August 1.

Hidden Cove was especially

busy. Park officials had projected monthly sales to total \$65,000. Instead, the course took in an eye-popping \$126,000 during July.

The monthly revenue total at Dale Hollow was estimated at

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Reed

tickets behind the visitors' dugout or the \$10 parking fee. All that really mattered to me was that I got to go to a major-league baseball game in Cincinnati, which I've been doing since the late 1940s.

When I was a youngster and the Reds' best pitchers were Ewell "The Whip" Blackwell and Ken Raffensberger, the highlight of the summer was a trip to Crosley Field on a Sunday. If a double-header was scheduled, so much the better. The planning, the anticipation, dominated our lives. The night before the trip, I was so excited I couldn't sleep.

In those days before the interstates, we would have to get up and be on the road, a two-lane highway, by 8 a.m. It was always hot and the car had no air conditioning. But it was such a thrill, such an adventure. We were off to see the Reds! Off to see Big Klu and Roy McMillan and Louisville's own David Russell "Gus" Bell.

Whenever the Brooklyn Dodgers were in town, the little park was packed. The white folks wanted to see the best team in the National League. The black folks, some of whom came on excursion trains from as far away as Atlanta and Birmingham, wanted to see Jackie Robinson, who broke baseball's racial barrier in 1947 and always drew huge crowds in a league that went no further west than St. Louis.

The excursion trains would stop at Cincinnati's Union Station, just a few blocks away from the ball park at the corner of Western and Findlay, making it easy for the passengers to walk to Crosley Field, named after Powell Crosley, the owner of the Reds and the man who operated 50,000-watt radio station WLW out of the Carew Tower in downtown Cincinnati. Under Crosley, the Reds became the first big-league team to play night baseball.

To me, "cozy Crosley" was the Vatican of baseball. A shrine. A holy place. I remember the black men in their top hats who sold fresh roasted peanuts outside the park. I remember the smell of perspiration and hot dogs and beer inside the park. I remember, under the grandstand, the big photos on the walls, depicting Reds' victories and heroes of the past.

But the best part was when you would walk through a tunnel and behold the shrine. The emerald grass. The scoreboard in left field. The Sun/Moon deck in right. The dugouts. The pressbox, where Waite Hoyt did the radio play-by-play. The bright uniforms. The players, treasured baseball cards brought to life.

Look, there's Willie Mays! There's Sandy Koufax! Or Roberto Clemente or Ralph Kiner or whomever. Larger than life in our imaginations as we sat at home by our radios, here they were, in the flesh, smaller than we thought yet perfect in their majesty.

In those days, the \$42.50 I paid at the concessions stand would have easily covered the cost of four tickets, the parking, the concessions, the gas, and probably a dinner at Frisch's on the way home.

I never that same satisfying feeling when I went to Riverfront/Cinergy Field, which succeeded Crosley in 1970. Oh, sure, it was an impressive edifice that, at the time it was opened, was state-of-the-art. I have many happy Riverfront memories, most of them involving the so-called "Big Red Machine" teams of the 1970s.

Yet Riverfront also was too big, too cold, too impersonal. The playing surface was artificial and so was the atmosphere. In the pressbox, it was impossi-

ble to open a window to get the night's atmosphere, the sweet perfume of baseball.

Yet that pressbox also is where so many craftsmen did their distinguished work: Si Burick, Ritter Collett, Earl Lawson, Hal McCoy, Marty Brennaman, Joe Nuxhall, and so many others who have entertained and enriched us with the quality of their work and their devotion to baseball.

I saw Johnny Bench, Joe Morgan, Tony Perez, and Tom Seaver do their Hall-of-Fame work in Riverfront. I was there the night that Pete Rose surpassed Ty Cobb's record for total hits. I got to see more tobacco spit than I want to think about, and witness various, ah, calls of nature by Marge Schott's dogs.

And don't even ask about what I saw an elephant do at the end of the traditional Findlay Market parade on a certain opening day.

The new park, thank heaven, is far more Crosley than Riverfront. Like most of the "retro" parks that cities and franchises have built, it tries to incorporate the feel of the old parks with the amenities demanded by today's big-bucks spenders.

The builders have achieved their goals. It's a wonderful park, with interesting vistas and an old-time feel. There are more restrooms, concessions stands, and handicapped seating areas that Riverfront/Cinergy had. The only inconvenience now is parking, which should be remedied by next season.

Outside the park there's a plaza that will include some statues to Reds' heroes. The ones honoring Nux and Ted Kluszewski already are in place.

Deck

squirrel season is open from August 16 through January 31, 2004, except for the first two days of modern gun deer season (November 8-9, 2003).

The outlook for the season is bright. Good populations of squirrels exist statewide. Gray squirrels are the main species in the woods of eastern Kentucky. The numbers of fox squirrels, also known as red squirrels, increase in southern, central and western Kentucky where more farm lands are found. Gray squirrels prefer extensive forests while fox squirrels prefer woodlots and fence rows in open agricultural areas.

The early season is usually hot and dry with plants still full of foliage. Hunters should focus on hickory, pecan, beech and elm trees during the early season. Other favored squirrel foods during this time are the soft mast producers such as dogwood, blackgum and hackberry.

The full foliage of the early season makes firearms choice an important consideration. A shotgun increases success when shooting through the leaves versus a .22 rifle popular for squirrels later in fall. Tree leaves may impede visibility somewhat, but they likewise present an advantage to the early season hunter.

The green foliage squelches the noise of a hunter's footsteps and allows movement with less detection by the squirrels. Crunchy dried leaves found on the ground later in the season can alert squirrels to an approaching hunter.

Preferred squirrel habitat changes as leaves fall, days shorten and temperatures cool. Walnut and oak stands draw squirrels and they spend more time on the ground gathering fallen mast. Hunters should target these areas for continued

They'll be joined by similar monuments dedicated to the memories of Frank

Robinson and Ernie Lombardi before summer turns to fall.

Our seats were right behind third base and the visitors' dugout. We were so close that, whenever San Francisco's Bonds would come on or off the field, we could see the beads of perspiration on his shaved head.

I wondered about a lot of things that night. I wondered whatever happened to black men in top hats selling hot-roasted peanuts. I remembered seeing Jim

Maloney throw a no-hitter for 12 innings at Crosley, yet losing the game in the 13th. And I thought: Where have you gone, Wally Post and Tommy Helms and Chris Sabo?

And, certainly, I remembered Peter Edward Rose, a player who gave me more thrills — and more good interviews — than any player I've ever covered. If

I'm allowed to have one more significant baseball experience in Cincinnati, it would be to see Pete welcomed by the crowd in Great American Park after it has been announced that he has been elected to the Hall of Fame.

On a starry summer night, a night brimming with promise and fun and friendship, it felt wonderful to once more attend a game in Cincinnati, the baseball mecca of my childhood.

Bonds didn't homer. The Reds won. Baseball in Cincinnati is alive and well in a jewel of a new park. For a few brief moments, the world was simply perfect.

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success later into the season, and is a good time to switchover to a .22 rifle.

If you plan to participate in the fall squirrel season, please record your day's hunt information in the squirrel hunting log on page 74 of the 2003 Kentucky Fall Hunting and Trapping Guide. The logs are also available on the internet at fw.ky.gov or by calling 1-800-858-1549.

The daily limit for the fall squirrel season is six squirrels and the possession limit is twelve.

Several Eastern Kentucky counties become crowded with squirrel hunters each fall.

Mentor Dove Hunts

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) offers junior hunters and an accompanying adult the opportunity to enjoy the best dove hunting of the season through the Mentor Dove Hunts.

Mentor Dove Hunts are offered on selected public dove fields on the opening day of the season, September 1. Statewide dove hunting licensing requirements apply.

Participants must call the KDFWR Information Center at 1-800-858-1549 from August 18 through August 27, 2003 to reserve a spot for these hunts. Reservations for Mentor Dove Hunts will not be taken outside of these dates. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis until all the designated spots fill.

Location of the Mentor Dove Hunts will appear in the 2003 Dove and Early Waterfowl Seasons Guide or on the internet at fw.ky.gov. Participants may also call 1-800-858-1549 in mid-August to find the location of these hunts.

Labonte Brothers bouncing back after sub-par years

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Bobby and Terry Labonte passed the time during a recent

NASCAR presentation with knowing glances and a few whispers between them.

Whatever secrets the two were sharing, the identical smirks from each brother con-

firmed what's been suspected all season: The Labontes are having fun at the race track once again.

"We never had a pity party together or anything like that," Terry said. "But I know I certainly didn't enjoy coming to every race track every weekend, and I'm sure Bobby wasn't exactly loving it, either."

Neither enjoyed their profession much last season, since each was stuck in a slump of huge proportions.

Terry, a two-time Winston Cup champion, last won a race in 1999. And since winning his second title in 1996, he had slipped lower and lower in the season-ending point standings — all the way to an embarrassing 24th last year.

Bobby's descent wasn't as steep, but his results had certainly slipped since winning the 2000 Winston Cup title. Normally in the thick of most title chases, he dropped to 16th in the series standings last year — the same season teammate Tony Stewart was crowned champion.

"You don't have any fun when you know there's a problem, but you can't figure out how to solve it no matter what you try," Bobby said. "It's hard

to keep showing up for work feeling confident in your abilities, in what the team can or can't do, when the results are continuously knocking you down."

Bobby was expected to find a way to turn it around. At 39 years old, he still had plenty of gas in his tank and was capable

of winning races.

But at 46 years old, Terry was simply expected to ride out the final years of his career. It had been so long since he had been competitive, skeptics wondered if he still had the desire in him.

"Everybody has been through it," Terry said. "It's just

competition. It's hard for a team to stay on top.

"Sometimes, when you're down on the bottom, you don't know how you got there and you don't know how you're going to get out. You just keep working at it."

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YOUTH BASKETBALL

Stars finish 14th in AQAU nationals

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ORLANDO, Fla. — One area AAU basketball team returned home from national competition with a fine finish in tow.

The Eastern Kentucky Stars, a 14-under boys basketball team, finished 14th in the nation in the AAU national championships here.

The Stars defeated the Northern Kentucky Tar Heels 62-46 and the Nashville Royals 80-74 in overtime on Wednesday to reach the consolation bracket finals.

In the game for ninth place, the Stars fell to the Northern California Pharoahs 53-50 in overtime.

The Stars, made up only of local Eastern Kentucky players, were 14th out of 178 teams competing.

Players on the team are: Robby Wilcox, Drew McDavid, Casey Clark, Travis Wright, Mitchell Brown, Luke Bonner, Alex Barker and Michael Hollingsworth.

The head coach is Bryan LeMaster. Other coaches are Joe Barker and Jeff Wilcox.

BASEBALL

Griffey Jr. knew returning was risky

CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr. knew he was taking a chance by returning to the Cincinnati Reds before his right shoulder was fully healed.

Griffey said on Tuesday that the team's doctor had warned him that there was lingering

damage from April 5, when he dislocated the shoulder while trying to make a diving catch.

Doctors advised that he probably would require surgery to fix tears in the shoulder, but gave him the option of trying to come back and play and have

the procedure after the season.

Griffey returned 5 1/2 weeks after the injury, even though the shoulder was still bothering him, and played until he tore a tendon in his right ankle on July 17, requiring season-ending surgery.

He chose to go ahead and have the shoulder surgery on Monday. Dr. Timothy Kremchek repaired a torn labrum and a significant tear in the rotator cuff. Kremchek knew Griffey had the tears, but couldn't be sure of the extent until he operated.

Griffey said Tuesday that he was aware of the tears in the shoulder when he returned to the lineup in May.

"After I hurt my shoulder, I was determined to play if I could," Griffey said. "I knew it was risky. They told me I might be able to rehab it, and I did to the point where I could play. I wasn't going to have surgery at that point just to have surgery, but after I hurt my ankle we decided to go ahead and do the shoulder."

He hit .247 in 53 games this season with 13 homers and 26 RBIs. He has been hurt in all four seasons since coming to his hometown team, limiting him to an average of 82 starts per season. — AP

Yates

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guess is that most other people do not either, but it is not rocket science it is high school sports.

The problems do not lie only in this case but other schools are having problems as well. If the young man moved from Johnson County to Auxier in Floyd County, which the last time I checked was the county in which Prestonsburg High School is located in, then what's the problem? If Chat Yates lives in Floyd County, and I am told he has been living in Floyd County since last school year, then that should be the end of story.

Well that was an easy case, next case please! In no way am I attempting to turn this into a joke, but isn't there many more things to worry about in this world? It may seem that this

whole thing is being taken out of context, but if you visit sports-based websites and see some of the things written about this case then you would see why I say just let these kids play sports. No one told Mr. Yates that he was ineligible to attend Prestonsburg High School as a student, did they? Young kids in today's society will face enough adversity as it is with the move into adult society so let them be kids in the short time they have to be just that — KIDS. I am not trying to raise support to let anyone play anywhere no matter the circumstances, but if the youngster lives in the district why should he be denied the chance to play sports? It all seems so easy, so why must it be so hard? Stay Tuned.....

Heat

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to practice in shorts and helmets through Saturday. The first session is full pads is slated for this afternoon.

Herd fans still waiting to purchase their tickets for the 2003 season can now do so at the Marshall Stadium Box

Office. The booth at Gate A will be open from noon until 6 p.m. Monday-Friday through the start of the season.

Fans will not only be able to purchase single game tickets, but also season tickets at the location. The box office

will be able to accept cash, check, Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express.

The Herd is slated to open the 2003 season on Saturday, August 30, against Hofstra at Marshall Stadium. Kickoff for that game is set for 4:30 p.m.

Plenty of great seats for the opener, as well as the entire five-game home season ticket package, are available. Marshall is offering fans value priced tickets in the HerdZone and EndZone at Marshall Stadium for as low as \$85 and \$65 each for season tickets.

Fans will also have two opportunities to come to the stadium to "Choose A Seat" for 2003. Ticket office representatives will be on hand on Thursday, August 14 from 5-7 p.m. and Saturday, August 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to the Herd's first major scrimmage.

On Saturday, August 16, Herd fans wanting to relive the 2002 season will have a unique opportunity as well. Copies of the acclaimed video "Running With The Herd" will be available for sale to fans on both VHS and DVD in the Stadium after practice.

Golf

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\$60,000, but instead, the new course brought in \$85,000. For Mineral Mound, the respective totals were \$50,000 in projected sales, but \$80,000 in actual sales.

"These figures prove something that we knew all along," said Secretary Latta. "To quote from a popular movie, 'If you built, they will come.'"

Notwithstanding the popularity of the courses, there are still plenty of opportunities to try out the new courses.

At Hidden Cove, golf pro Denny Nash recommends that golfers take advantage of its seven-day advance registration. Rather than made an impulse decision, call a few days in advance to secure a tee time, he advises.

Carl DiCesare, park manager

at Mineral Mound, suggests that players consider afternoon tee times on weekends; the mornings tend to be booked by golfers wanting to finish before the midday heat. Mineral Mound starts off players every 10 minutes, rather than the more customary eight minutes. As a result, walk-ins can be slipped into line more easily, DiCesare said. Sometimes, a foursome might be given the choice of starting on the back nine, then later play the first nine holes.

Ted Beckmann, the golf pro at Dale Hollow, said Wednesdays and Thursdays tend to be the busiest times at his course, so he suggests that golfers choose other days to get a better choice of tee times. Early afternoon is the best time to find an available time slot.

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Years

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Both brothers did keep working on the slow climb back to the top, and both find themselves almost there.

Bobby is currently sixth in the points standings with one victory, and a series high 10 top-5 finishes.

Terry is 14th in points with three top 5s and six top 10s — a season after he scored just one top 5 the entire year.

"I know our parents get a smile seeing both their boys run-

ning well again," Bobby said. "And I know our wives are enjoying it a lot more, too."

"And for me, just being able to look in my mirror and see that big Tiger (the logo on Terry's Kellogg's-sponsored car) coming up on my bumper again and passing me is pretty neat."

Terry's turnaround is the bigger fete, considering how poorly his Hendrick Motorsports team had been running. He credits crew chief Jim Long, now in his

second season, for breaking out of the old way of doing things the No. 5 Chevrolet was relying on.

"It's easy now to look back and see how messed up we were," Terry said. "God knows we didn't realize we were. Jim came on board and started showing us some things that weren't being done right."

The first thing Long asked when he came aboard was to see the results of wind tunnel test-

ing. Former crew chief Gary DeHart wasn't big on taking cars to the wind tunnel, so the team had nothing to show.

"Because we hadn't gone to the wind tunnel, we didn't realize until Jim came along we were as far off body-wise as we were," Terry said. "We didn't take them to the wind tunnel, so we weren't taking much to the race track."

Once Long brought the team back up to speed, it didn't take Terry long to prove he's just as good a driver as he was when he

won his Winston Cup titles.

Now the speculation over how Hendrick would part ways with Terry when his contract expires at the end of his year has shifted to how many years the car owner plans to resign him for.

With a return to Victory Lane the one thing Terry is still chasing, he's certain he's not ready to retire but gives few hints as to how many years he has left.

"You can count them on one hand," he says with a smile. And don't ask Bobby,

because he doesn't have any idea, either. But he does know he wants the chance to run side-by-side with his brother for a win.

"I think it's just a matter of time before Terry is running for wins again," Bobby said. "And I want to be the one up there battling him for them."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Wildcats have first practice

Thursday workout moved indoors because of lightning

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Football season arrived in a sense Thursday on the campus of the University of Kentucky. The Kentucky football team held its first preseason practice

Thursday as the Wildcats, split into two groups, practiced for approximately four and one-half hours.

The practice began at the Nutter Training Facility, then moved to the Nutter Field House when lightning threatened the outdoor fields. Group I consisted primarily of second- and fourth-team players while Group II was comprised of first- and third-team players. Each group practiced for approximately two and

one-half hours, including a 30-minute overlap period for special teams work.

Among the players present for the workouts was senior defensive end Jeremy Caudill. A graduate of Prestonsburg High School, Caudill, a three-year starter, makes the move out to defensive end this season.

Head coach Rich Brooks liked with what he saw.

"Overall, I thought their conditioning was good," Brooks said. "I was pleased with the retention rate (from spring practice) by the veterans. I like practicing in two groups because it gives each player more repetitions."

Asked about new players that caught his eye, Brooks said, "There were some new players who made a good impression, but one day in shorts is way too early to single out anyone."

Squad limits are set at a maximum of 105 players until school begins on Aug. 27. Brooks announced that junior college tight end Kurt Jackson will not report to the team until the start of school because of an injury.

Lawrence County High grad Gerard Parker is back with the team and is working out following an injury suffered in the spring.

The team had Media Day on Friday morning, then practiced in the same format Friday afternoon.

MID-SOUTH CONFERENCE

Georgetown picked to win Mid-South Conference football title

LOUISVILLE

Georgetown College, which has won or shared the last five Mid-South Conference football championships, is the pre-season choice to win the NAIA league's title this season, according to a vote of conference coaches.

Georgetown, located in Georgetown, Ky., finished 12-2 last season and lost to Carroll College (Mont.) 28-7 in last year's NAIA championship game.

Georgetown also was the NAIA runner-up in 1999 to

Northwestern Oklahoma State and won the national championship in 2000 and 2001. The Tigers have posted a 53-3 record during the past four seasons and have not lost a conference game during that span.

Following Georgetown in the Mid-South coaches' poll were Lambuth (Tenn.), Campbellsville (Ky.), Cumberland (Tenn.), Cumberland (Ky.), Belhaven (Miss.), Virginia-Wise, Union (Ky.), Pikeville (Ky.) and Bethel (Tenn.).

— The Associated Press

SOFTBALL

Rage finishes season with title

The River City Rage, a 16-under softball team composed of players from Eastern Kentucky high schools, finished the season at 23-8 by winning the Slamfest 16-under championship in Georgetown.

The Rage defeated the host Slammers 5-3 in the finals.

During the season, the Rage won the Mountain State Classic in Beckley, W.Va. that qualified them for the USSA World Series in Rock Hill, N.C. they were also

runner-up in Lancaster, Ohio, that qualified them for the USSA World Series in Canton, Mich.

Team members are: Megan Brown, Stacia Caldwell, Casey Callihan, Brittani Damron, Ashley Easterling, Renee Grizzle, Aimee Keen, Krista Kouns, Kristian Lunsford, York Samons, Sara Scott and Casey Walker.

The manager is John Delaney and coaches are Rick Walker and Hezzie Samons.

FISHING

Trout to be stocked at area lakes

Trout will be stocked at Paintsville Tailwaters in Johnson County on Wednesday at 4 p.m. Approximately 2,400 trout will be stocked at that time.

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at Carr Creek Tailwaters in Knott County at 2:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. that same day. Also on Wednesday, six hundred will be stocked in Buckhorn Tailwaters in Perry County.

RHP Acevedo on DL, RHP Sullivan takes his place

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds put pitcher Jose Acevedo on the 15-day disabled list Thursday after he sprained his ankle Wednesday night when he missed a dugout step and stumbled in Los Angeles in a game with the Dodgers.

No timetable has been set for the right-hander's return. Acevedo went 2-0 with a 2.67 ERA in four starts and one relief appearance for the Reds.

Relief pitcher Scott Sullivan was reactivated to take Acevedo's roster spot. Sullivan has been on the DL since July 18 with tendinitis in his right shoulder. He is 6-0 with a 3.86 ERA in 45 relief appearances for Cincinnati.

— The Associated Press

Paintsville Middle School announces first meeting

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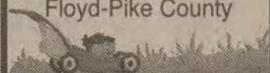


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