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Campaign to make local stop

Times Staff Report

As part of his "Traveling with Charlie" campaign trip, gubernatorial candidate Ben Chandler's running mate, Charlie Owen, is expected to visit Prestonsburg Tuesday afternoon to discuss his plans for health care if he and Chandler successfully gain office in November.

Owen sent word to Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson's office Friday afternoon that he will be flying into Prestonsburg by helicopter and landing at the Prestonsburg High School football field at about 3 p.m. Tuesday afternoon.

Chandler and Owen have both already made clear their positions on such issues as the commonwealth's economy, ethnic issues, prescription drugs and education.

Owen was last in Prestonsburg shortly before Democratic rival candidate Bruce Lunsford dropped out of the race for governor.

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Maj. Larry Adams, Lt. Ronnie Burke and Sgt. Tommy "The Bear" Conley stood front and center during a retreat ceremony at the Prestosnburg fire station Friday evening. The three men, who have each offered more than a quarter century of service to the city, were honored Friday with plaques bearing fire axes and presentation of their helmets.

Prestonsburg bids farewell to three longtime firefighters

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Three longtime Prestonsburg firefighters retired during a ceremony Friday afternoon at city hall.

Major Larry Adams, Lt. Ronnie Burke and Sgt. Tommy "The Bear" Conley accepted plaques with fire axes and their helmets before a small crowd Friday.

Adams, who served several positions during his time with the fire department, including assistant chief, fire marshal and arson investigator, also accepted a plaque of recognition from the state fire marshal's office.

Adams began his service with the fire department in September 1979, while Burke began in February 1974 and Conley started

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The state fire marshal's office presented Maj. Larry Adams with a special plaque of appreciation during Adams' retirement ceremony Friday. During his tenure, Adams has served as city fire marshal and arson inspector.

Inmate's wreck under scrutiny

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG Kentucky State Police continue to investigate details surrounding a fatal wreck involving a Floyd County man who was supposed to be serving a 120-day home incarceration sentence on a drunk dri-

ving charge brought against him in

Indiana, the Floyd County Attorney's Office said Friday.

Timothy Bellamy wrecked while driving a Ford Mustang near Eastern on Aug. 16, killing his passenger, 31-year-old Everett Douglas Vanderpool, of Stone

Damon Newsome, a deputy jailer at the Floyd County Detention Center who was over-

seeing Bellamy's home incarceration through a private, Coloradobased program, has said Bellamy was issued a hardship license from Indiana enabling him to work while serving the remainder of his sentence, but officials in Indiana have denied any knowledge of such a decision.

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Hospital chain asks local governments to share cost of caring for indigent

The Associated Press

WHITESBURG - A hospital chain is asking five eastern Kentucky counties to kick in \$5 million to offset the cost of hospitalization for the poor.

Regional Appalachian Healthcare wants Letcher, Knott,

Perry, Harlan and Morgan counties would provide a 30 percent match to commit between \$500,000 and \$1 million each in coal severance tax revenues.

That money would be added to \$4.1 million in coal severance tax money that the Kentucky General Assembly has already earmarked for the hospital chain. The money

for a federal Medicaid grant.

If local officials agree to the request, the hospital chain would realize a windfall of more than \$30 million, The Mountain Eagle of Whitesburg reported

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Oxycontin conviction overturned

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The Kentucky Court of Appeals rendered an opinion Friday. which is now set to be published into state law, that a Floyd County woman found guilty of drug trafficking and sentenced in July of last year to 7-and-a-half years in prison should now have that sentence reversed and face a new trial.

The decision was made to reverse the judgment and formal sentencing of 29-year-old Lorrie Mitchell based on an appeal filed by Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf.

Pillersdorf appealed the arguing that Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor's closing argument during Mitchell's two-day trial on Feb. 15 and 16 was "grossly improper.

Pillersdorf focused his appeal on two portions of Taylor's argument during the February trial during which the assistant commonwealth's attorney asked jurors "to do their job" and hand over a

Mitchell.

Pillersdorf said this request to "make a statement" with Mitchell's case compromised her right to a fair trial.

"In Commonwealth resorted to grossly inflammatory and prejudicial comments to secure Mitchell's conviction." Pillersdorf. wrote Commonwealth deliberately chose to stereotype and vilify Mitchell to secure the conviction rather than relying upon the evidence introduced in the case ... Extraneous and highly prejudicial generalizations were utilized to cajole and extort the jury to return a conviction or fail their communi-

The portions of Taylor's closing argument that are pointed out in the appeal were also cited in the Court of Appeals opinion to reverse and remand the trial.

According to those citations, Taylor told jurors during the trial that if "we are ever going to make a dent in a

(See DECISION, page three)

Diesel truck stolen from driveway

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

GARRETT - Tammy Farmer can't believe how someone couldn't hear a multi-ton diesel truck start up at 3:30 a.m. and then pull out of a driveway in Garrett, but that's exactly what she says

happened. Farmer, a resident of Stone Coal near Garrett, said she was visited by diesel mechanic Michael Morgan's mother, Shirley Morgan, Friday morning and asked if she had heard anything the night before.

"I told her I had heard the truck start up," Farmer said. "I heard it start up and then start to die, but Michael works such odd hours I thought it might have been him."

It wasn't, and when Morgan woke up to get ready for work in Pikeville at Whayne Supply, the diesel truck he had driven home and left looming in his driveway the evening before was gone.

Farmer said whoever took the truck must have been in a hurry because she endured

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Residents of Abbott Creek who travel Route 1750 nearBonanza have had to contend with a dangerous break in the middle of a double-blind curve since February. Several have expressed outrage that the problem has not been fixed, despite the obvious danger it poses.

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Odds and Ends

TUCSON, Ariz. - A parrot's parody of a damsel in distress caused quite a commotion.

Tucson police and firefighters broke down a door after being called to a house and hearing a woman's screams coming from inside.

But police soon realized that the sounds weren't coming from a woman in woe.

"The parrot's screams sounded identical to those of a distressed adult female." Officer Andrew Davies said in his report.

The ruckus was the work of Oscar, a 2-year-old yellownaped Amazon parrot.

Police found him intermittently making laughing and

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screaming sounds as he sat inside his large white cage.

The mix-up began on Saturday when a 911-hang up call was made from the house.

Police arrived to find the house locked with bars on the

Hearing what they thought was a woman's voice, police called the fire department. Crews used a pry bar and a battering ram to get through a door.

Police asked a neighbor to call Dana Pannell, the homeowner. The neighbor said he was home at the time but didn't make the emergency call.

Although the dialer remains a mystery, the parrot is seemingly off the hook.

Pannell's wife, Judy, said Oscar doesn't know how to use a phone. But Oscar - named after the

Sesame Street character because of his sometimes foul moods does have his talents, she said. "He sings in Spanish," she

TAMPA, Fla. - Two ani-

In anticipation of his replace-

mated mice are prepping the Tampa police for a new Big Cheese.

ment, Chief Bennie Holder made all employees watch a cartoon parable about the mice and two men who live in a maze.

Holder retired on Friday after 10 years as top cop. He is staying on as a consultant until a new chief is chosen by Mayor Pam Iorio.

Officers have watched the video during roll call. It is based on the best seller "Who Moved My Cheese? An A-Mazing Way to Deal with Change in Your Work and in Your Life."

The department paid \$895 for the roughly 15-minute video and training material, police spokesman Capt. Bob Guidara

"We all understand that the appointment of a new chief will result in change," Holder said. 'Unfortunately, change is sometimes met with trepidation by those who fail to prepare for change and even more so by those who resist change."

Reaction to the video has been mixed. Some find it cute. Others find it well-intentioned but silly.

"Police officers are a tough

audience," Maj. Jane Castor ■ ATLANTA — Holiday Inn

wants to know what has become of the 500,000 towels a year that guests swipe from its 2,638 hotels.

But the hotel chain isn't looking to put towel takers through the spin cycle. It just wants them to spin some yarns for a national promotion.

Holiday Inn gave guests amnesty Thursday in exchange for their stories about how they've used the towels they've

taken over the years.

For every story shared, Holiday Inn will donate \$1 to a charity it founded in 1986 that helps children with life-threatening illnesses.

"This really is lighthearted," said Mark Snyder, senior vice president for brand management at Holiday Inn. "It's just a way for people to come on, tell us their story and relieve any lingering guilt they might have about having a Holiday Inn towel in their linen closet.'

The hotel chain asked guests to provide their stories on Holiday Inn's website. Submissions will be accepted through the end of September. Guests whose stories are one of the best 25 chosen will receive a limited edition souvenir Holiday Inn towel.

Hundreds of stories had already rolled into the website by Thursday afternoon.

One man said he took a towel from a Holiday Inn hotel in Monterey, Mexico, as a memento of his honeymoon night. He said he later lost the woman, but he's still got the towel.

Snyder said the lost towels cost the hotel chain about \$3 each. But, he said, Holiday Inn doesn't mind that guests take them. Snyder said most guests feel the towels are part of the cost of their stay.

■ ST. PAUL — Two young sisters had to can their business

after authorities shut them down, saying the girls can't peddle pop without a permit.

Mikaela Ziegler, 7, and her 4year-old sister, Annika, were selling refreshments Wednesday near the State Fairgrounds when Office of License Inspections and Environmental Protection

'She said, 'You can't sell pop unless you have a license.' Mikaela said.

Their outraged father, Dr. Richard Ziegler, called City Hall for an explanation. He was told that St. Paul is cracking down on unauthorized merchants and that his daughters would be free to hawk their drinks once they

obtained a \$60 license. "Is there anything sacred anymore?" he asked. "We're not an inspector from the city's, running a business here. This is fun and games for kids. I think (Mikaela's) netted, after paying me, a whole \$13. "It's laughable

> But Licensing Director Janeen Rosas said Mikaela was violating a St. Paul city code.

and it's tragic."

(See ODDS, page three)

Eastern Kentucky coal company files bankruptcy

The Associated Press

WHITESBURG - Earnest Cook and Sons Mining has filed for bankruptcy protection, almost three years after buying the former Golden Oak Mining Co. out of another bankruptcy

The company, the largest private employer in Letcher County with 400 workers, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Monday afternoon in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Lexington.

By filing the petition, Cook

and Sons insures itself against collection efforts by suppliers while the company's debts are being reorganized.

Company officials released a statement Monday which said Cook and Sons and a sister company expect to continue all mining, trucking and processing operations during the reorgani-

The decision to file for bankruptcy protection comes after Cook and Sons was unable to recover financially from the

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Today in History

243rd day of 2003. There are 122 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Two hundred years ago, explorer Meriwether Lewis departed Pittsburgh, sailing down the Ohio River; he joined up with William Clark near Louisville, Ky., the following October. The next year, Lewis and Clark began their famous cross-country exploration of the present-day American West.

On this date:

In 1886, an earthquake rocked Charleston, S.C., killing up to 110 people.

In 1887, Thomas A. Edison received a patent for his Kinetoscope, a device that produced moving pictures.

■ In 1903, popular radio and TV entertainer Arthur Godfrey was born in New York City.

■ In 1935, President Franklin Roosevelt signed an act prohibiting the export of U.S. arms to belligerents.

■ In 1962, the Caribbean nation of Trinidad and Tobago became independent within the British Commonwealth.

■ In 1969, boxer Rocky Marciano died in a light airplane crash in Iowa, a day before his 46th birthday.

In 1980, Poland's Solidarity labor movement was born with an agreement signed in Gdansk that ended a 17-dayold strike.

■ In 1985, Richard Ramirez, later convicted of California's "Night Stalker" killings, was captured by residents of an East Los Angeles neighborhood.

■ In 1986, 82 people were killed when an Aeromexico jetliner and a small private plane collided over Cerritos, Calif.

■ In 1988, 14 people were killed when a Delta Boeing 727 crashed during takeoff from Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

Ten years ago:

Mideast peace talks resumed in Washington amid hopes that a historic agreement to establish Palestinian autonomous areas would be concluded within days. Hurricane Emily hit North Carolina's Outer Banks, killing three people. Russia withdrew its last soldier from Lithuania, the first Baltic nation to eject all former Soviet troops.

Five years ago:

President Clinton left for a summit in Russia, which was in a state of political chaos over lawmakers' rejection of Boris

Today is Sunday, Aug.31, the Yeltsin's candidate for prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin. The New York Stock Exchange plunged amid news of the Russian crisis as well as North Korea's apparent firing of a missile over part of Japan.

One year ago:

Vibraphone virtuoso Lionel Hampton died in New York City at age 94. The Los Angeles Sparks beat the New York Liberty 69-66 to defend their WNBA championship.

Today's Birthdays:

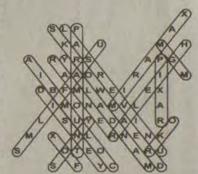
Broadcast journalist Daniel Schorr is 87. Actor Noble Willingham is 72. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Frank Robinson is 68. Actor Warren Berlinger is 66. Rock musician Jerry Allison (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 64. Actor Jack Thompson is 63. Violinist Itzhak Perlman is 58. Singer Van Morrison is 58. Rock musician Rudolf Schenker (The Scorpions) is 55. Actor Richard Gere is 54. Rock singer Glenn Tilbrook (Squeeze) is 46. Rock musician Gina Schock (The Go-Go's) is 46. Singer Tony DeFranco (The DeFranco Family) is 44. Singer Chris Whitley is 43. Rhythm-andblues musician Larry Waddell (Mint Condition) is 40. Actor Jaime P. Gomez is 38. Rock musician Jeff Russo (Tonic) is

34. Singer-composer Debbie Gibson is 33. Rock musician Greg Richling (Wallflowers) is 33. Actor Chris Tucker is 31. Rhythm-and-blues Tamara (Trina & Tamara) is 26.

Thought for Today: "Real stories, in distinction from those we invent, have no author. Although history owes its existence to men, it is not 'made' by them." - Hannah Arendt, German-born author, philosopher and historian (1906-1975).



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Wednesday's editions.

Some local officials already have voiced opposition to the request from the company. which operates nine hospitals in eastern Kentucky and southern West Virginia.

"We don't get to see any of their audits, any of their paperwork," said Letcher County Magistrate Wayne Fleming. "For all I know it could be going for million-dollar salaries."

Charles Housley, a compa-

ny representative, said the hospital chain provided \$85 million in indigent care last year, which amounted to 16 percent of the corporation's operating revenue.

"What happens if we have to ration the amount of charity care that we give? We can't go on giving 16 percent indigent care forever," Housley said.

Fleming said he won't give coal severance taxes to the

used to create jobs," he said. "I could understand if that money was put in for tourism, because that creates jobs. I can even understand ball fields, because that provides entertainment and recreation for people here and these companies that are looking to build a factory want to know about

Letcher County Judge-Executive Carroll Smith said he has seen no guarantee that "That money should be the money will be used for

these things."

anything other than reimbursing the company for unpaid hospital bills.

Housley said the money would be used for specific projects in the affected counties, but he said decisions about how it would be spent would be made later.

The company lost \$7 million in 2001, but had a \$5 million surplus in 2002. Even at that, Housley said the company isn't making enough money to stay current with medical technology.

Housley blamed part of the company's financial problems on federal budget cuts that have reduced the Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements to doctors and hospitals. He said the hospital is also being hurt by the number of people it sees who don't have Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance, and who are financially unable to pay their bills.

said the company is wasting its time asking financially strapped counties for money. He said the counties general use coal severance revenues to pay for extending water and sewer lines into unserved areas and to build industrial parks for new businesses.

"Our coal severance tax funds are getting lower and lower and lower, and we don't even have water and sewer

some property damage as a

fence getting it out of there, I

guess," Farmer said. "I guess the

reason Michael might not have

heard it was because his bed-

room is on the far end of a brick

house, but I heard it loud and

ed Friday and representatives

with Whayne Supply were

unable to present a supervisor at

liberty to comment on the disap-

pearance of the truck.

Morgan could not be contact-

"They took out part of my

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Stolen

Retirement

ing part of financing.

yet," Cornett said.

sory notes that would be sold

to provide current financing.

The counties would then be

obligated to pay off those

notes when coal severance tax

money accumulates in 2005. If

coal severance tax revenues

fall short, the counties would

be obligated to make up the

Though the proposal only

difference out of local taxes.

talks about 2005 revenues,

Housley acknowledged that

the hospital chain would actu-

ally seek to make it an ongo-

the hospital chain had total

revenues of more than \$391

million in 2001, based on its

The Mountain Eagle said

bined 82 years with the depart-Burke and Conley 29 each.

During the ceremony Friday. the wives of the retirees were given a bouqet of flowers and a thanks from the department, who said they realized that being the spouse of a firefighter was

In honor of the men, the fire

annual filing with the Internal Under the proposal, the Revenue Service. counties would issue promis-

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The newspaper said top administrative salaries ranged from 109,851 for Jeff Brady, the chief information officer, to \$176,635 for Stephen C. Hanson, the president and chief executive officer in 2001

However, the highest paid employees were physicians. Dr. Yasser Nadim of Harlan received \$608,885 in 2001, the largest salary paid that year. He was followed by Dr. Mayez El-Harak of Beckley, W.Va., \$496,043; Dr. Jebran Karam of Beckley, W. Va., \$446,692; Dr. Charles Bou-Abboud of Beckley, W. Va., \$439,305; and Dr. Samir A. Guindi of Harlan,

Pillersdorf argued that this

Citing a 1946 Kentucky case, verdict that would meet with the

determine guilt or innocence," the court wrote in its decision. "In this case, the jury was called upon only to determine whether Mitchell was guilty of trafficking in a controlled substance. Anger over a perceived drug problem in the community has no bearing on an individual's guilt or innocence. It was improper for Commonwealth to suggest that the jury had some obligation to cure the community's problems through its verdict and thereby divert attention from the jury's

The opinion also stated that when Taylor suggested to jurors that the only way they could "do their job" was to return a guilty verdict against Mitchell, that the was "patently

Attorney Dan Rowland, who

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has since died, was Mitchell's lawyer during her trial last year and asked for a mistrial after the jury deliberated and found Mitchell guilty and also filed an appeal shortly after the trial's conclusion, but failed to object to Taylor's closing remarks before the jury met.

In transcripts of the trial, Rowland did ask to approach the bench at one point when Taylor began making reference to the area's increasing prescription drug problem.

In those transcripts, Rowland told Circuit Court Judge John David Caudill he felt Taylor was getting carried away with his remarks. Caudill reminded Taylor then to stay focused on the case at hand.

With his decision to "talk about the drug problem in general," Pillersdorf said the jury then failed to convict based upon the evidence, which he claimed was unstable in any

"As a result of being told to 'send a message' and make a 'dent in a terrible drug problem' the jury convicted Mitchell of trafficking in the first degree,' Pillersdorf wrote in his appeal. "As instructed, the jury made 'a stand on drugs,' rather than clear. deciding the case based upon the evidence.'

The case may still be appealed to the Kentucky Supreme Court.

State Rep. Howard Cornett his tenure in November 1974. The three men served a com-

ment - Adams 24 years and

not an easy road to travel.

contemporary. The double response calls represented the past and future, department officials said. All three men were met with handshakes and hugs during and

department ended the ceremony

with two recall signals, one a

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decades past and a second, more

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after the cermony, which was finished with refreshments in the city hall councilroom.



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terrible problem we've got, prescription drugs with Oxycontin . it's time to send a message to this defendant and to this community that we're going to punish drug dealers for doing what they're doing." In another excerpt, Taylor was said to have enlisted the jury as part of a movement to "make a stand on drugs."

"Folks, it's time we make a stand on drugs," Taylor was citing as saying. "It's time we made a stand on prescription pills. It's time we make a stand on Oxycontin. There's one way to do that. Everyone else has done their job. It's time for you to do your job. And you make sure the defendant is punished for what she did in selling Oxycontin.'

line of thought expressed to jurors in charge of weighing Mitchell's guilt or innocence embrued upon them a false sense of duty to the community, when their "job" was, in fact, to simply weigh the evidence in the case and present a verdict based only on the merits of that

Court of Appeals presiding judges wrote that a prosecutor cannot "make a remark in closing argument which tends to cajole or coerce a jury to reach a public favor". "The function of the jury is to

true function."

suggestion untrue."

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Wreck

an investigation into the incident by the Kentucky State Police.

Bellamy skidded into the westbound lane of Route 550 and into the path of a truck driven by Deborah Beverly. Police reported at the time that Beverly struck the passenger side of the Mustang driven by Bellamy and then both vehicles came to a rest along Route 550.

Vanderpool was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident and both Bellamy and Beverly were taken for medical treatment.

Bellamy was later transported from McDowell ARH to Lexington, while Beverly was admitted at Our Lady of the Way in Martin where she was treated and released.

Bellamy's terms of incarceration comes just weeks after the Floyd County Fiscal Court voted to initiate a home incarceration program of its own to approach problems of overcrowding at the

There is no connection between the two programs, says Floyd County Judge-Executive Thompson. Hunt Newsome's home incarceration program is a private program, according to Bartley, and in no way affiliated with the county or any of its programs.

Newsome could not be reached for comment Friday, but told the media earlier this week that Bellamy had been driving home from work when the accident occurred at approximately 6

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Floyd County Attorney Keith wearing a seat belt at the time of Bartley said Friday that his the accident, according to police. office was awaiting word from The investigation into

Beverly was the only person p.m. on Aug. 16.

Coal

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April 30 collapse of a coal silo at the company's Sapphire coal preparation plant at Camp Branch. All mining operations were shut down for five weeks while the plant was being repaired.

Chapter 11 could end up being a financial boon for the company if the bankruptcy court allows it to re-negotiate coal-supply contracts to electric utilities, The Mountain Eagle of Whitesburg

ruptcy action could result in new

contracts that would boost the price they receive per ton of coal by up to \$5.

\$7 million from Community Trust Bank to buy Golden Oak in September 2000, months after that company filed for bankruptcy in the wake of an employee walkout. The deal included 65 million tons of high-quality coal

The loan used to buy the company was guaranteed by the federal Rural Development Administration.

Filing for protection under

The newspaper said the bank-

The Cook family borrowed

Odds

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Rosas said the city has received more complaints than ever this year, although she said no one had griped about the enterprising Ziegler sisters.

"If someone were to get ill from one of these products, with a license we're more able to track them back," she said. "And at the fair it's an equity issue. Allowing some people to sell without licenses gives them

an unfair advantage over oth-Mikaela had been in business

for four days, offering an assortment of packaged lemonade, orange juice, water and soda.

"I don't think that was right," she said of the city's action. "You should be able to just sell stuff without having something that you don't know you're supposed to be having."

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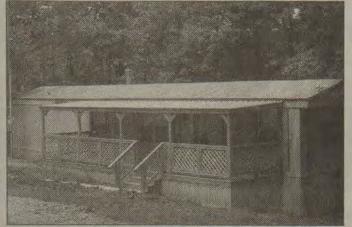


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Guest View

Give our heroes a little time off

The commander of the 101st Airborne Division on duty in Iraq has proposed an idea so obvious it is a wonder it hasn't been floated before - home leave.

The 101st has been in Iraq for over five months and is not due to return home until next spring. The Army, acknowledging that the mission will be a long one, has announced that troops will be serving yearlong tours in

Maj. Gen. David Petraeus wrote to the families of the 101st that he was hoping to institute two-week home leaves. Although there are problems of logistics and expense, they do not seem insurmountable. Reopening Baghdad airport to civilian air traffic would remove a major hurdle.

While conscientiously carrying out difficult and dangerous duties in conditions of extreme discomfort, the troops have understandably complained about the separation from their families for what seems to be an indefinite deploy-

Leave would be a humane and generous thank-you, but it also could have a more practical purpose. The occupation - and that, for all practical purposes, is what it is - will be much harder going if incoming troops, new to Iraq, must reinvent the wheel at the start of each rotation. The hardwon experience of the troops there now should not be lightly discarded,

A predictable leave policy might convince troops with Iraqi experience to volunteer for further assignments. Such veteran peacekeepers could save lives and speed the day we leave for good.

In the meantime, we look forward to welcoming them home, if only briefly.

- The Independent, Ashland



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-Jim Davidson

The magic three-letter word of success

There is a little three letter word in the English language that when used properly is almost "magic" as it relates to helping us achieve success in life. Do you know or can you guess what it is?

Hopefully, you will think with me for a little while about this word but before I tell you what it is, and allow me to share a personal example that will bring it into focus. Here it is important that you do not give too much credence to the example but it is the WORD that I want you to think about.

We have a wonderful young lady in our local Lions Club who has a very outgoing personality and over the past few years we have become good friends. Until recently we always greeted each other with a warm hug but something happened a few weeks ago that has added a new dimension to our friend-

One day prior to the start of our meeting I was visiting with a guest speaker and she came up and not only gave him a hug, but a kiss on the cheek as well. When I saw this I remarked, "Boy, I see how I rate," thinking that would be the end of it. It was not! She then proceeded to give me a kiss on the cheek and made a

comment that is the reason I have shared this personal experience. She said, "You have not because you ask not."

There it is. The word is ASK! Before I expand on this simple three-letter word, I want to tell you that from that point on

each week there has always been a kiss on the cheek. Sometimes I sit at a back table with several other Lions thinking I am hidden, but to no avail. Invariably she will spot me and that's all she wrote.

We have a great spirit in our club and have a lot of light-hearted moments. We just love each other and enjoy each other's company. I can promise you that working side-by-side with someone you love, conducting a service project to help the blind and visually impaired, is a lot more fun than being around someone who acts like they were weaned on a dill pickle.

When it comes to using the word

ASK to help us achieve greater success there are two additional words that will place what I am saying in the proper context. The first word is information. We must ask and ask in the right way for the information we need to help us reach our goals.

The doctor, lawyer, accountant, salesman and many, many other professionals

must ask the patient, client or prospect for information. Obviously, the skill in doing this will go a long way in determining his or her success. Remember, what my friend said, "You have not because you ask not."

The second word is cooperation and this is really where the rubber meets the road. We must have the cooperation of others if we are going to

achieve anything worthwhile.

Now a doctor can probe us (literally) till the world looks level and get most or all of the information he or she desires but their attitude and their bedside manner will go a long way to determine if we go back or if we recommend them to others. Hopefully you won't miss my point here because the word ASK is almost magic when it's used in the prop-

From the beginning, when we demonstrate a cooperative spirit, when we show up, offer to help and do a good

(See DAVIDSON, page six)

beyond the beltway

How our war leaders dodged the army

by DONALD KAUL

Word has reached us that Presidentselect Bush has become a military action figure. Yes folks, I'm not joking (who could make up a joke like that?). Blue Box Toys has come up with a doll that is the - you should pardon the expression - spitting image of George W. in that cute flyboy suit he wore on his visit to that carrier a few weeks ago. "Elite Force Aviator: George W. Bush - U.S. President and Naval Aviator," they're calling it. They're going to start selling it next month and orders have already started to pour in.

George Bush as G.I. Joe. Who'da thunk it?

I suppose the doll is meant to commemorate the 52 combat missions Texas Air National Guardsman Bush flew in the Vietnam war, or would have flown had his outfit been sent to. Vietnam (and had he not gone AWOL from his unit about two-thirds of the way through his enlistment).

Isn't that the kind of hero you'd like your son to grew up to be - a live one, with no missing parts?

It occurs to me that the Republican Party has a great opportunity here to promote some of its other conservative heroes with a whole line of action dolls. I'm thinking of a line called the "What Did You Do In the War, Daddy?" dolls.

Like, for example: The Ronald Reagan "Ready For My Close-up, Mr. DeMille" Doll, with the head of the Gipper on the body of an

Academy Award statuette to symbolize his World War II service: making training films for the army while living at home with his wife, Jane

Wyman. The Daniel Quayle "Praise the Lord and Pass the Carbon Paper" Doll, depicting a soldier operating a mimeograph machine, Quayle's job in

the public information department of the Indiana National Guard where he spent the Vietnam War, courtesy of influential

The Dick Cheney "I'd Like to Help But I'm Going to be on Vacation that Decade" Doll, showing the vice-president with a tennis racket, reminding us that he says he avoided service in Vietnam because he had "other priori-

The George Will "I Fought For You Like A Tiger Among the Hostile Brits" Doll, representing the prissy conservative columnist in a scholar's gown redolent of Oxford, where he spent the

Vietnam War.

The Tom DeLay Affirmative Action Doll, showing a white man on the ground with a black man's foot resting on his neck, meant to represent the House Majority Leader, who claims he tried to enlist during the Vietnam War but that all the billets had been taken up by minorities.

The Wolfowitz of Arabia Doll, showing the deputy defense secretary in his flowing robes and headscarf. When squeezed it would say "Weapons of Mass Destruction. Watch out!" Mr. Wolfowitz' world-

view, in common with those of so many of his colleagues, has not been contaminated by military service.

And then there's the

Saxby Chambliss Doll, featuring a man in running shorts dumping another man out of a wheelchair. Chambliss is the Georgia senator who won office by labeling his opponent, Max Cleland, soft on national security. Cleland lost both legs and an arm in Vietnam, while Chambliss got a deferment due to bad knees. They miraculously healed themselves as soon as the war was over, however, and he is now a jogger.

I hesitate to suggest a Rush Limbaugh doll. Rush got a medical deferment from Vietnam because of anal

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Faith Extra

'Minister's Moment: One more night with the frogs

by REV. TOM BIDDLE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCHES

Recently, my oldest niece and her husband had one of those experiences you only hope to see on television in an episode

At one point, my niece's husband and his father were chasing these four creatures through the house with shovels ready to crack them on the head. Eventually they got rid of three of the animals, and then they went to bed.

The good thing is that Jesus is ready to respond at a moment's notice. Pharaoh could have had those frogs removed immediately. He was just too proud to admit there was a problem.

of "America's Funniest Home Vidoes." As they were about to lay their newborn son down for the night, they noticed something moving in the corner of

At first they thought it was a mouse and set out glue traps to catch it, Later they discovered the glue traps were not going to do the trick, because what they had roaming free in their house was not a mouse, but rather a full-grown possum. And what was worse was they had not only one possum, but four possums now running through the

They went to bed! I don't think I would have a good night's sleep ever again in that

It reminded me of one of the great stories in the Bible, found in the Book of Exodus. In Exodus 8, the second of the 10 plagues is cast upon Egypt the plague of frogs.

Scripture tells us that the frogs were everywhere. They were in houses, in the cupboards, in the beds and even in the dough used for bread. You could not walk without basically stepping on one. And while not

as bad as having a land full of snakes, it still must have been pretty unbearable.

What is interesting is that when Moses comes to Pharaoh to remove the frogs, he asks him when he would like them removed. Pharaoh's response was, "Tomorrow." Tomorrow! I would have been saying, "Get those things out of here right now!" Pharaoh was willing to endure the plague of the frogs for one more night.

Yet it is the promise of tomorrow that holds the fate of a million plans. We are always going to start that diet - tomorrow. We are going to start reading our Bible - tomorrow. We will make time for prayer tomorrow. I think at some point the question must be asked, "When is tomorrow finally going to get here?"

We can continue to put things off, but we must understand there is a danger of spending one more night with the frogs. The first is that the frogs may not leave tomorrow. Sometimes we, like Pharaoh, feel they will just leave on their own and we won't have to change a thing. The truth is they don't leave on their own. Sometimes we need Christ to remove them for us.

Second, by tomorrow something worse than frogs may be there. In the case of Egypt, it was a plague of gnats. In a story I read of a German farmer who

judicial ethics charges, Moore

so anxious to follow the dictates

of an unlawful order and move

the monument into a hallway 50

feet away to hide its contents, to

a vigil outside the building were

dismayed when the granite mon-

ument was rolled to a back

room. But their leaders said their

prayer sessions and rallies

would continue into next week.

under a hot sun promised politi-

hot for us here as it's going to

get in the political climate of

Alabama for all of those who

have cooperated with this feder-

al judge," said former presiden-

U.S. District Judge Myron

Thompson of Montgomery, who

ruled last year that the monu-

ment violated the Constitution,

has scheduled a Friday confer-

ence call to determine if the

tial candidate Alan Keyes.

On Thursday, rally speakers

"I don't think it's nearly as

Scores of supporters keeping

hide the truth."

had settled in Guatemala, it was worse. This German farmer after some prosperous years decided to visit his family back in Germany. So he got on a ship and headed home.

While on the boat, he developed some itching and inflammation in his toe. A small flea called a nicgua had gotten underneath the toenail and laid

its eggs. The farmer was told that the only way to remove this flea was to take a needle and dig

Just as he was about to do that, he decided his family in Germany had never seen a nicgua, so he left it for them to see. The family was excited to see it, but by the time he kept it to show everyone, he developed blood poisoning and died. Sometimes we need to get rid of things before they can become

Finally, I know it is an oftenrepeated thought, but we have no guarantee about tomorrow. In the musical "Annie," the song says, "The sun will come up tomor-

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Former governor offers compromise to restore Daniel Boone's name to Kentucky parkway

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE - Former Kentucky Gov. Louie Nunn has proposed a compromise that would restore Daniel Boone's name to a mountain highway and appease descendants of the famous frontiersman.

Those descendants reacted with fury after state officials renamed the Daniel Boone Parkway for Hal Rogers in honor of the congressman who helped obtain the \$13 million in federal funding that eliminated tolls on the

Nunn said he would like his own name removed from a highway between Somerset and Glasgow and replaced with Hal Rogers' name. That would allow Daniel Boone's name to be restored to the 60-mile parkway from London to Hazard.

"I never knew Daniel Boone but, being aware of his historic role in exploring Kentucky, he deserves to be and has been recognized in many ways," Nunn said. "Hal Rogers has been a friend and political associate for more than 40 years. Being aware of his many contributions to his area, the state and nation, I believe he likewise is deserving of public acciaim and recognition."

Nunn said the state legislature put his name on the stretch of highway without his consent about two years ago. He said the signs bearing his name could easily and inexpensively be replaced with that of Hal Rogers.

The proposal was embraced by at least one side in the dispute.

"I think it's fantastic," said Rochelle Cochran of Hot Springs, Ark., president of the Boone Society, a national group of Boone's descendants. "I think that it is really great to know that there are still such honorable statesmen who care about our history and

about our founding fathers." Transportation Secretary James Codell III, who ordered the road name changed at the request of Gov. Paul Patton, was traveling and unavailable for comment Wednesday, said spokeswoman Selena Curry. Patton is on vacation this week and unavailable.

Rogers, a Republican who has

represented eastern Kentucky for 23 years, declined through a spokeswoman to comment on the issue Wednesday. His only public statement has been that he was honored and humbled to have the new heroes. highway named for him.

Nunn said he made the proposal to honor Rogers and to end the criticism.

"I'm sure Congressman Rogers did not initiate the change from the Daniel Boone Parkway,'

Patton spokesman Rusty Cheuvront acknowledged last week that the changing of the Daniel Boone Parkway came at the governor's recommendation. Codell only angered descendants further by saying it was about time the state started honoring some

"There are no bears to slay, nor gaps to discover on treks to the West, so the heroes of our time follow new paths to greatness," he said in a letter to the Boone

He added: "As events unfold and the present becomes the history of tomorrow, it becomes appropriate to honor those persons who are the heroes of today."

Christian radio host says Ten Commandments ruling comes from 'imperialistic judiciary'

by KYLE WINGFIELD ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONTGOMERY, Ala. -Christian radio host James Lynn of Americans United for mayed that state officials were Dobson said federal judges are "determined to shove their beliefs down our throats" by removing a Ten Commandments monument from the state judicial building's rotunda.

The internationally syndicated talk show host joined more than a thousand supporters of suspended Chief Justice Roy Moore on Thursday to pray and rally for the return of the justice's monument.

Dobson said the fight is about "an unelected, nonaccountable, arrogant, imperialistic judiciary determined to shove their beliefs down our

A group that sued to have the monument removed said Dobson and other religious leaders were trying to fan the United ers to disobey the law, which led States into a full-scale culture to his own suspension under

"It won't work," said Barry said: "I was saddened and dis-Separation of Church and State. "Very few people have any interest in starting political fights with their neighbors over religion."

Moore skipped the rally, saying he wants the fight to be about the public acknowledgment of God - not about him.

A federal judge ruled last year that the monument, when it sat in the building's rotunda, violated the Constitution's ban against government promotion of religion. Moore refused to comply with the order to move it, was overruled by his eight colleagues on the court, and was suspended. The monument was wheeled out of Wednesday.

Moore said he hopes for a final ruling on the issue from the U.S. Supreme Court.

Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor has defended the justices' decision to avoid the state being fined. Moore has been critical of them all, as well as of Gov. Bob Riley.

Asked in the interview Thursday why he expected oth-

Davidson

state is now in compliance with

Beltway

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job in helping others, they are going to be much more receptive when it comes to helping us. In a very real sense we must earn the right to ASK and when we do our batting average will improve.

The Bible says, "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you." Don't ever sell this short because it's a great formula for success.

The best way on earth to get and to have most of the things in life that we desire is to ASK for them. By not risking success we guarantee failure.

God bless America.

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

cysts and, worthy as he is, I'm not sure how we could depict that in good taste.

And then, for a change of pace, you could have a doll showing a gaunt figure in a bleak cell. That, of course, would be Sen. John McCain, a rare Republican who did serve in Vietnam — as a real naval aviator. He was shot down and spent years as a POW, often suffering torture.

This would be the "War Isn't As Much Fun As Politicians Make It Seem, Kids" Doll. I'm not sure there's a market for that but you can never tell.

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. donald.kaul2@verizon.net.

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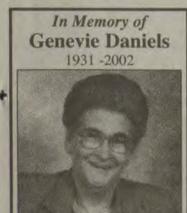


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And in the wintertimeremember me in the stories

that are told. But, most of all, remember

I will be forever near, for I

Remember me in the fall, as you walk through the leaves

each day-right from the

live within your heart. Arnold Daniels,

Teresa Ramey and family

Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Verea Patty Belcher, 72, of Wheelwright, died Wednesday, Aug. 20, at home, Funeral services were conducted Sunday. Aug. 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Jettie Blair, 95, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, Aug. 23, at her residence, following an extended illness.

Obituaries

Virgil E. Triplett

Virgil E. Triplett, 80, of Bevinsville, died Wednesday, August 27, 2003, at the VA Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia.

Born February 15, 1923, in Wayland, he was the son of the late Robert Allen and Elizabeth Mosley Triplett. He was a retired school teacher, a U.S. Army World War II veteran, and a life member of D.A.V. Chapter 128, at Garrett.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Sue Hall Triplett.

Other survivors include two sons, Craig Triplett and Chris Triplett (Mary), both of Bevinsville; five daughters. Beverly Meade, Felicia Crank (Rusty) and Melissa Branham, all of Bevinsville, Kathleen Triplett of Ashland, and Penny Cook (Jason) of Lexington; four step-daughters. Elliouse Branham (Laryl) Wheelwright, Evelena Osborne (Stewart) of Prestonsburg, Pauline Smith (Mike) of Bevinsville, Patricia Burke (Ronald) of Weeksbury; a broth-Eyvind Triplett of Bevinsville; three sisters, Juanita Slone of Van Lear, Emogene Combs of Topmost. and Beulah Anderson of Bevinsville; 19 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews, friends and students.

In addition to his parents, his first wife, Opal Meade Triplett, and his second wife, Marie Moore Triplett, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Homer and Willie Triplett; two sisters, Melda Messer and Wyona Mullins; and a grandson, Brandon.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 30, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Louis Ferrari, Ellis Holbrook and Monroe Jones, officiating.

Burial was in the Mullins-Triplett Family Cemetery (Jacks Creek) at Bevinsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church, with services being held nightly. Active pallbearers: Laryl Branham, Mike Smith, Jason Cook, Rusty Crank, John Meade, John Lee Hall, Adam Branham, Tony Branham, Marty Johnson, Brian Meade, and Justin Hall. (Paid obituary)

ed Monday, Aug. 25, under the Kendallville. Funeral services direction of Wilson Funeral directon of Burke Funeral

Douglas Lloyd Brown, 78, of Staffordsville, died Friday, Aug. 22, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, Aug. 25, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Viola May Cooley DeRossett, 85, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, Aug. 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center following a brief illness. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Aug. 28, at the Community Methodist Church, Prestonsburg, under the direction of the Burke Funeral

Funeral services for LTC Benjamin F. Hall, 65, of Cabot, Ark., formerly of Floyd County, were held Sunday, Aug. 24, at Farrar Funeral Home Chapel. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Richardson Hall.

Loren Hurst, 81, of Auxier, died Saturday, Aug. 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Reva Roberts Hurst. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Aug. 26, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Ernest Charles Hutton Sr., 64, of Wheelwright, died Thursday, Aug. 21, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Judith Sanders Hutton. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Aug. 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Minnie Lawson Newman, 71, of Hi Hat, died Wednesday, Aug. 27, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Orby Newman, Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Aug. 30, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Gaylord Reynolds, 65, of Dayton, Onio, died Inursday, Aug. 14. He is survived by Ellen Reynolds, his wife of 41 years. Funeral services were 1 p.m., Monday, Aug. 18, under the direction of Newcomer-Farley Funeral Home.

Emogene Lawson Rollins, 86, of Wheelwright, died Wednesday, Aug. 20, at Riverview Health Care, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Aug. 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Otis Shepherd, 58, of Hueysville, died at his residence, Sunday, Aug. 24, following a brief illness. Funeral serconducted were Wednesday, Aug. 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Edd Slone, 80. Kendallville, Indiana, a native of Estill, died Thursday, Aug.

will be conducted Monday, September 1, at 10 a.m., at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street, Kendallville, Indiana.

Greta Bentley Tackett, 26, of Drift, died Sunday, Aug. 24, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital emergency room, following an ATV accident. She is survived by her husband, Terry Sherman Tackett. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Aug. 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Garnett Ann Fitzpatrick Truckle, native of West Prestonsburg, and long-time resident of New Port Richey, Florida, died in Florida on Aug. 24. Graveside services will be conducted Friday, September 5, at 11 a.m., at the Lexington Cemetery, Lexington.

Phyllis Crockett Vanderpool, 80, of Cedar Mountain, N.C., formerly of Estill, died Saturday, Aug. 23, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted, Tuesday, Aug. 26, under the direction of Moody and Connelly Funeral Home. Bevard, North Carolina.

Lawrence County

Janet Hellen Stidham Adams, 58, of Louisa, died Sunday, Aug. 24, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Donnie Adams. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Aug. 26, under the direction of Wilson Funeral

Enos Blankenship, 77, of Adams, died Tuesday, Aug. 19. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Aug. 21, under the direction of Wilson Funeral

Imogene Talmage Reeves Maxie, 77, of Louisa, died Thursday, Aug. 21, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Aug. 24, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Dorothy Martin Miller, 89. of Louisa, died Monday, Aug. 18. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Aug. 21, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Knott County

Edna Meade, 78, of Neon, died Sunday, Aug. 24, at Appalachian Regional Health Care Center, Whitesburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Aug. 27, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

John Mark Preston Williams, 70, of Crothersville, Indiana, native of Ary, died Aug. 18, at his home. Funeral arrangements were handled by Buchanan Funeral Home, Austin, Indiana.

Martin County

Enos Blankenship, 77, of Adams, native of Warfield, died Tuesday, Aug. 19, at Adams. Funeral services were conductHome.

Jean Farra, 61, of Beauty, died Saturday, Aug. 23, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, William R. (Billy Bob) Farra. Funeral services were conducted Monday, Aug. 25, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Rachel Hinkle, 79, of Inez, died Wednesday, Aug. 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Aug. 23, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral

John Maynard, 57, of Naugatuck, West Virginia, native of Martin County, died Thursday, Aug. 21, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Becky Ferguson Maynard. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Aug. 24, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Geneva Holland Prater, 64, of Salyersville, died Sunday, Aug. 24, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. She is survived by her husband, James B. Prater of Salversville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Aug. 27, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral

Evelyn Scutchfield Warrix, 83, of Salyersville, died Friday, Aug. 22, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Monday, Aug. 25. under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Gene Castle, 80, of Paintsville, died Monday, Aug. 18, at the VA Medical Center, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Friday, Aug. 22, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Hayley Jade Castle, infant daughter of Jeana Caudill and Chuck Castle, both of Paintsville, died Tuesday, Aug. 19, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Aug. 21, under the direction of Childers Funeral

Malinda Ann Preston Crothers, 51, of Charleston, W.V., formerly of Paintsville, died Thursday, Aug. 21, at Charleston Area Medical Center following a brief illness. Memorial services were conducted Saturday, Aug. 23, under the direction of Barlow-Bonstall Funeral Home, Charleston, and Preston Family Funeral Home, Ashland

Kenneth Lemaster, 58, of Flat Gap, died Tuesday, Aug. 19, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Carleen Jenkins Lemaster. Funeral serAug. 23, under the direction of Childers Funeral Home.

Rosa McKenzie, 89, of Wittensville, died Friday, Aug. 15, in Dayton, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Aug. 19, under the direction of Preston Funeral

James Perkowski, 26, of San Pedro, Cali., a Johnson County native, died Monday, Aug. 4. He is survived by his wife, Michelle Perkowski. Graveside funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Aug. 13, under the directon of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Evelyn Estep Verna Picklesimer, 77, of Flat Gap, died Thursday, Aug. 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Francis Milton Picklesimer. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Aug. 24, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Frank Allen Wells Sr., 86, of Flat Gap, died Saturday, Aug. 23, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Anna Lee Williams Wells. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Aug. 26, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Pike County

John Major Bartley, 82, of Rockhouse, died Thursday, Aug. 21, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Thelma Wallace Bartley. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Aug. 24, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Elmer Bartley, 80, of Elkhorn City, died Tuesday, Aug. 19, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Effie Potter Bartley. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Aug. 23, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Caney Highway, died Friday, Aug. 15, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 18, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

Carmel Charles Sr., 82, of Upper Chloe, died Tuesday, Aug. 19, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Irene Marie Holiway Charles. Funeral services were conducted Friday, Aug. 22, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Rebecca Kaye Cuddy, 60, of Burdine, died Sunday, Aug. 17, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Robert Tompkins. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Aug. 20, under the direction of Polly and Craft Funeral Home.

Elizabeth Dotson, 86, of Phelps, died Tuesday, Aug. 19,

Funeral services were conduct- 28, at the Parkview-Noble in ed Thursday, Aug. 21, under the vices were conducted Saturday, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Friday, Aug. 22, under the direction of R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home.

> William Ernest "Bill" Elliott Jr., 75, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, Aug. 19, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Lillian Pearl Lester Elliott. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Aug. 21, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

> Linda Sue Williams Griffith, 59, of Franklinton, La., died Tuesday, Aug. 12. She is survived by her husband, Mitch Griffith. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Aug. 16, under the direction Schoen Funeral Home, Covington.

> William "Bill" Layne, 80, of Freeburn, died Thursday, Aug. 21, at the South Williamson Appalachian Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Aug. 24, under the direction of R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home.

> Johnny Lucas, 52, of Sycamore, died Wednesday, Aug. 20, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Murphy Lucas. Funeral services were conducted Friday, Aug. 22, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Robert Earl Morley, 38, of Dry Branch, died Monday, Aug. 18. Funeral services were conducted Friday, Aug. 22, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Willie Stiltner, 89, of Kimper, died Thursday, Aug. 28, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Zella Justice Stiltner. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Aug. 31, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Anthony Charles "Wooker" Wolford, 37, of Beech Creek, West Virginia, a native of Stopover, died Wednesday, Aug. 19, at Cabell-Huntington Berry Branham, 94, of Hospital, Huntington, W.V., the result of injuries sustained in an ATV accident. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Aug. 23, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel, Toler.

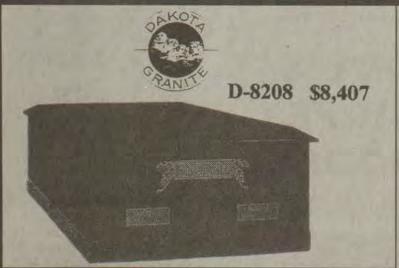
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row." I have learned that this is simply a song. We all know of personal stories where a person's life is suddenly gone. The Bible tells us that we are nothing more than a vapor. I believe it. Life seems to be flying by anymore.

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photo by Jamie Howell South Floyd head coach Donny Daniels talked with his team during a timeout Friday night. The Raiders hosted Shelby Valley in the first annual Shorty Jamerson Gridiron Classic and came up short, falling by a close 34-28 score. A story from the game will appear in Wednesday's edi-

H.S. FOOTBALL

Scores from Friday night

Bell County 34, Middlesboro 0;

Breathitt County 42, Perry County Central 14 (KRNC Honey Bowl); Bullitt East Bullitt Central 20; Butler 32, Nelson County 6; Campbellsville 49, Marion County 6

Carroll County 35, Kentucky Country Day 7; Cawood 27, Cumberland 8:

Clay County 20, Fleming-Neon 0; Corbin 51, North Laurel 0; Danville 50, Lincoln

(See SCORES, page two)

photo by Jamie Raider back Wesley Hall looked for running room against the Shelby Valley defense.



UK FOOTBALL

Wildcats get in final workout *before opener

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - At press time, University of Kentucky head football coach Rich Brooks and staff were busy with last-minute preparations for today's first game of the season against Louisville.

Sevin Sucurovic will be the starting punter for the Wildcats. Brooks said that Sucurovic edged Anthony Thornton based on more consistent hang time.

A starting placekicker has not been chosen between Taylor Begley and Clint Ruth. Begley was the leader in the job until sidelined recently by a muscle strain. In the meantime, Ruth has kicked well throughout preseason practice. "We may go to gametime before making a decision," Brooks said. "We're fortunate to have two good kickers. I'm comfortable with either one.

Linebacker Deion Holts and center Nick Seitze, who have missed practice recently because of injuries, returned to practice today and expect to play on Sunday.

Offensive guard Sylvester "Big Kat" Miller and wide receiv

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AROUND THE STATE

Horse Park celebrates *25 years

by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - In 2003, the Kentucky Horse Park is thriving, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors and dozens of special events each year.

But in 1980, the fledgling park was struggling to make its mark and didn't exactly have the support of everyone in Kentucky government. Early that year, then-Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. noted the park had lost \$1.6 million in its first 1 1/2 years of operation and called it a "white elephant."

That remark caught the attention of horse park officials, said Bill Cooke, who has been the director of the park's International Museum of the Horse since it opened.

(See PARK, page two)

PAINTSVILLE VS. ALLEN CENTRAL



photo by Jamie Howell

Allen Central sophomore linebacker Matt Crabtree (31) made a stop on Paintsville freshman running back Shane Cantrell (24).

Tigers claw Rebels in 49-0 shutout



photo by Jamie Howell Shane Simpkins carried the ball for positive yardage for the Tigers.

Simpkins scores many ways in Paintsville victory

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - Fielding a young football team, Paintsville head coach David LeMaster is likely to take points anywhere he can get them. On offense, On defense. On special teams.

Paintsville put eight points on the scoreboard against host Allen Central Friday night, but it was a huge second-quarter scoring effort that eventually propelled the visiting Tigers. Paintsville led the host Rebels 30-0 at halftime Friday night and went on to roll to a 49-0 win, its first of the

The head coach of the Tigers

was happy to record that allimportant first win of the season.

"It's always good to get that first win of the season," said LeMaster. "I think it was important for us to come back ready to play after the loss to Raceland.

Paintsville came into Friday night's district matchup against Allen Central following a 20-6 setback to Raceland. Allen Central came in after a crushing 27-26 loss to Betsy Layne. The victory for Paintsville pushes the Tigers to 1-0 in Class A, District 8 play. Allen Central remains winless on the season.

Allen Central won the toss and elected to receive the ball to

(See CLAW, page two)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Haddix helps Western to win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BOWLING GREEN - Through all of August, the Western Kentucky. University football team's defense physically pounded on their teammates on the other side of the ball. The offense welcomed the relief Thursday's

regular-season

Haddix

opener provid-Fifthranked Western

allowed just 172 total yards and eighth first downs in a 51-3 victory over Union College at L.T. Smith

Stadium/Jimmy Feix Field.

The win was the Hilltoppers (1-0) 11th in a row, the second longest streak in school history. The Bulldogs dropped to 0-1.

"The defense was outscoring the offense early," said David Elson, making his head coaching debut on the Hill. "That was exciting. It was good to see those guys playing that way out there."

Erik Dandy - in his first game

(See WIN, page two)

Lady Bears win Staggs debut

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - The Pikeville College Lady Bears handed Robert Staggs a shutout win in his first match at the helm, knocking off U.Va.-Wise 3-0 in the volleyball opener for both schools.

"It's a great way to start," said Staggs after his team won 30-18, 30-24, 30-15 over the Lady Cavs. "We've worked hard for the last month and tonight it looked like it. I'm very proud of Charolette (Taylor, his assistant coach) and all the girls.'

Pikeville led 21-16 in the first

(See DEBUT, page two)

AUTO RACING

Joe Gibbs Racing signs Stewart through 2009

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DARLINGTON, S.C. Winston Cup champion Tony Stewart ended speculation about his future by agreeing Thursday to a five-year contract extension that will keep him with Joe Gibbs Racing through 2009.

Financial terns of the deal were not disclosed.

"I'm happy to have all of this worked out," said Stewart, who races Sunday in the Southern 500. "Joe Gibbs and everyone associated with Joe Gibbs Racing have been very good to me in the seven years I've been here.

"They've always given me everything I need out on the race

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Tony Stewart will return to Joe Gibbs Racing.

OUTDOORS

KDFWR adds two days of hunting to public lease field season

FRANKFORT - Dove hunters who hunt on any of the public dove hunting fields under lease to the Kentucky Department of Fish Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) will be permitted to hunt these properties on the first

two Saturdays in September. Public lease program fields, including the two additional days, will be open on Sept.

1,2,4,6,7,8,11, and Sept. 13 fields and other important through October 24. September 6 and 13 were not listed in the 2003-04 Kentucky Dove & Early Migratory Bird Hunting Season Guide. However, fields will be posted open for those dates on site.

A complete list of fields leased by KDFWR for public hunting is published in the guide. The guide also gives directions to leased

statewide and wildlife management area season information. Some fields may be open only to youth mentor hunts opening day.

The 2003 Dove Hunting Guide is available at hunting and fishing license outlets, on the internet at fw.ky.gov, or by calling 800/858-1549 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern.

NFL: Camps begin to wind down

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. -What every NFL coach fears most in the last exhibition game happened to Steve Mariucci and the Detroit Lions on Thursday night.

Starting running back James Stewart separated his right shoulder in the first quarter of Detroit's 22-16 loss.

Stewart, who led Detroit with 1,021 yards rushing last season, was hurt six minutes into the game and is out indefinitely. The Lions also lost linebacker Brian Williams, who dislocated his left

Olandis Gary had the go-ahead score three minutes into the fourth quarter with a 1-yard run, followed by a two-point conversion by holder Brian Moorman, who ran it in off a bobbled snap.

Antonio Brown returned a punt 75 yards for a touchdown and Josh Reed had a 34-yard touchdown reception for the Bills

Jason Hanson hit three field goals, including a 47-yarder, while Stephen Trejo recovered a fumble in the end zone for the Lions (2-2).

Jets 17, Eagles 9

■ PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles and New York Jets had no trouble keeping their starters healthy. They barely used any of them.

Marquel Blackwell threw two touchdown passes, leading the Jets' backups over Philadelphia's second- and third-stringers in the final preseason game for both teams.

Despite resting their starters, the Eagles (2-2) lost a key player when first-round pick Jerome McDougle went down with a left hip and ankle injury in the third quarter. He was taken off the field for X-rays, but the extent of the injuries wasn't immediately

Blackwell, the No. 4 quarterback for the Jets (3-2), was 7-of-12 for 111 yards. He tossed TDs of 8 yards to B.J. Askew and 39 yards to Jonathan Carter.

David Akers, a second-team All-Pro last season, kicked field goals of 37, 40 and 46 yards for Philadelphia. Greg Lewis, a rookie free agent from Illinois, had six catches for 113 yards.

Jaguars 17, Redskins 15

■ JACKSONVILLE, Fla. -Mark Brunell threw a touchdown pass in the first quarter. It almost certainly won't be his last for the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Brunell was named the starter for the regular-season opener after Jacksonville (3-1) beat the Washington Redskins in the final exhibition game.

Brunell's future has come into question in the past week, as talk that the Jaguars were putting out trade feelers about the 11-year veteran circulated around the league. Coach Jack Del Rio denied the team was trying to trade him.

Washington starter Patrick Ramsey went 1-for-3 for 3 yards in two series. Ladell Betts (six rushes, 21 yards) did little to distinguish himself as a threat to take the starting running back job from Canidate.

Bucs 34, Texans 3

TAMPA, Fla. - Shaun King threw for 146 yards and a touchdown as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers dominated the Houston Texans in their final tuneup for the regular season.

The Super Bowl champions (4-1) outgained the Texans (0-4) 243-47 while amassing 17 first downs to Houston's two in the opening half. Tampa Bay's starting defense played only one series, but the Bucs didn't allow a TD for the second straight week.

Tampa Bay opens the regular season Sept. 8 at Philadelphia in a rematch of last season's NFC championship game. Houston begins at Miami on Sept. 7.

Browns 20, Falcons 9 ■ CLEVELAND - The Cleveland Browns ended the preseason with a win and without any

issues at quarterback.

The Atlanta Falcons weren't so lucky.

Kelly Holcomb passed for 126 yards in two series and William Green had a touchdown run, leading the Browns past the Atlanta

Holcomb, who beat out Tim Couch for the starting job during training camp, completed a 68yard pass on his first throw as the Browns (1-3) tuned up for their Sept. 7 opener against the Indianapolis Colts.

Couch replaced Holcomb in the second quarter and threw a 57yard TD pass to Dennis Northcutt. Couch finished 7-of-8 for 144

Atlanta's Doug Johnson, filling in at QB while Michael Vick recovers from a broken leg, passed for 147 yards and Jay Feely kicked a 51-yard field goal for the Falcons (0-4).

Chiefs 22, Rams 6

■ ST. LOUIS — Two days

(See NFL, page three)

Claw

begin the game. A more than adequate return by Charles Robinson allowed the Rebels to set up with good field position to begin the game. However, a fumble and a recovery by the Tiger defense wiped Allen Central's first offensive drive out. Paintsville drove down and scored with 9:00 remaining in the first period when freshman quarterback Daniel Pugh found the endzone from one yard out. Pugh then found senior Shane Simpkins on the conversion to put the Tigers ahead 8-0.

Paintsville struck again in the second period when Simpkins found the endzone from five yards out. Freshman

Shane Cantrell took in the twopoint conversion to allow the Tigers to go up 16-0 with 11:43 remaining in the first half.

Later on in the second period, sophomore Adam Smyth and freshman Kyle Sublett, another Paintsville freshman, each found the endzone to put the Tigers ahead 30-0.

Sublett's cross over the goalline was the first of his high school career.

By the half, the visiting Tigers controlled the game. Just before the half, Pugh, playing defense, intercepted a Ryan Hammonds pass.

Despite the score, Allen Central wasn't without its bright spots. The Rebel defense had a couple of stands in the game. The defensive play of sophomore Robbie Vanderpool was another silver lining for Allen Central.

Early in the third period, Paintsville sophomore Corey Welch picked off a pass from Hammonds.

Paintsville failed to score in the third period, but made up for things in the fourth and final period, adding three more touchdowns. Pugh scored from seven yards out and two fumble recoveries - one by Simpkins and the other by Smyth - went for touchdowns in the last four minutes of the fourth period.

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Both Paintsville and Allen Central return to action during the upcoming week. Paintsville travels to Jenkins and Allen Central, still looking for its first win of the 2003 season, travels to Magoffin County to take on the Hornets in the annual Founder's Day Bowl. Kickoff for both games is set for 7:30

GAME NOTES

Allen Central junior Wilfrado Domengez went out of the game following an injury. He was preceded by Paintsville senior linebacker/tight end Cody Johnson who also suffered an

Leaders for a talented Paintsville defense included Matt Blevins, Andrew Brown, Nathan Doderor, Brandon

An Allen Central football team has yet to score a win over

LeMaster and Lee Chase.

a Paintsville team.

Scores

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County 0; East Carter 25, Raceland 20; Estill County 34, Johnson Central 14; Evansville North, Ind. 16 Henderson County 3; Harlan 22, Evarts 12; Holy Cross (Louisville) 35 DeSales 16: Lawrence County 31, Sheldon Clark 0; Meade County 34, Apollo 14; Onieda, Tenn. 39, McCreary Central 14; Paintsville 49, Allen Central

0; Pleasure Ridge Park 35, Doss 6; Powell County 26, Magoffin County 14; Shelby County 56, Anderson County 8; Shelby Valley 34, South Floyd 28 (Shorty Jamerson Gridiron Classic); Spring Valley, W.Va. 21, Boyd County 14 (2OT); Tates Creek 21, Hardin 0; Western Hills 17, Christian Academy-Louisville 7; Whitesburg 41, Morgan County 0; Whitley County 52, Knox Central 0; Williamsburg 41, Jellico, Tenn. 0.

Win

back from last year knee injury suffered in mid-October - and Charles Thompson each posted seven total tackles, including a pair behind the line of scrimmage, to pace WKU. Getty Cavitt, Charlie Phillips and Antonio Thomas added five tackles apiece as managed to cross midfield only three times.

How Western scored its first points of the season wouldn't be a surprise to the Hilltoppers' closest followers - on defense. On the second series of the game, the Bulldogs faced 3rdand-9 from its own 6-yard line. Matt Pursel dropped back into UC's end zone to pass but was dropped by a blindside blitz from Karl Maslowski with 10:14 remaining in the opening quarter, making the score 2-0.

Matt Lange added to lead less than two minutes later when Matt Lange kicked a 46-yard field goal - it was the first attempt of his collegiate career. Chris Miller's 21-yard run on the first play after the free kick to give the Toppers a first down in Bulldog territory and key the drive.

WKU drove 54 yards on its next possession, but came up just short of the goal line on 4thand-goal from the UC-5. On the Bulldogs' first snap with their backs to the wall, Irele Oderinde broke through the middle of the line and tackled Dominic Yuille in the end zone for Western's second safety.

A 52-yard return on the ensuing free kick by Dennis Mitchell helped set up the Toppers' first touchdown of the season. Lerron Moore capped a short four-play, 21-yard drive with a 5-yard run for a touchdown at 0:41 of the first quarter.

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Lange added a 32-yard field goal with 7:43 left in the half to extend Western's lead to 17-0, and Breathitt County High graduate Justin Haddix used the longest pass of the evening - a 72-yard strike to Clayton - to set up his own 1-yard touchdown sneak at 5:10 that made the score 24-0. Western ended its scoring in the half when Tony West blocked a Jason Buster punt, with Antwon Pinkston falling on the loose ball in the end zone for another touch-

A Brandon Cunningham field goal from 47 yards with 27 seconds remaining in the second quarter ended the Hilltoppers' shutout bid.

Haddix added the first passing touchdown of his career late in the third quarter, as his 29yard scoring pass to Shannon Hayes capped a three-play, 26yard drive that lasted 1:11.

Moore added a second touchdown with 12:24 left in the contest before another Mitchell return - this one 18 yards on a punt - led to a Tony West 31vard touchdown run at 1:40 to

close out the scoring. Miller led an attack that collected 288 rushing yards with a career-best 160 on just 15 carries, with Moore supplying 59 yards, West 34 and Maurice Bradley 28. The Hilltoppers averaged 6.5 yards per attempt

on the ground. Haddix concluded his collegiate debut going 8-of-16 for 181 yards, a touchdown and an interception. Hayes led all players with a career-high-tying four catches for 50 yards. Clayton caught two passes for a gamebest 77 yards, while Casey Rooney, Rannen Roberson, Ross Cassity and Bradley each posted a reception. Blake Ladson threw Western's final two completed passes in relief of Haddix in the fourth quarter.

Hayes finished with 125 all-

purpose yards.
"A win is a win, but you could see it in the players' faces," said Elson. "We will take a long, hard look at this film because we definitely have some room to improve.'

Wesley Etienne had 72 yards of total offense to pace UC, although he was just 3-of-10 passing. Matt Pursel led the Bulldogs on the ground with 20 yards. UC was limited to 28 net rushing yards on 42 attempts.

Western returns to action Saturday, Sept. 6, with a 7 p.m. (CDT) kickoff at home against West Virginia Tech.

Wildcats

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er Derek Abney will be the game captains for Louisville in addition to permanent captains Jared Lorenzen and Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns.

Today will be UK senior and Prestonsburg High graduate Jeremy Caudill's first start at defensive end for the Wildcats. Caudill moves to defensive end for his senior season. New Wildcat defensive coordinator Mike Archer is happy with the way Caudill has looked at his new position in the preseason.

"Jeremy has adjusted very well." said Archer.

Debut

game but blew it open with some solid serving by Tereza Moreno, as it scored five straight points and cruised to the win. The teams were tied at 15 in the second game before Pikeville pulled away late, and then rolled to the third-set win.

11 kills, 10 digs and three service aces to lead Pikeville, Moreno had 10 kills and 10 digs in the match. Lindsay Hill had 17 digs and six kills, while Brooke Suthers contributed 10 digs and Hilary McKenzie added five kills.

Senior setter Amanda Samons Senior Rebecca Van Meter had opened the season with 25 assists and 17 digs for the Lady Bears.

Pikeville is off for 11 days before returning to action on Sept. 8 in Grayson against Kentucky Christian College.

The next home match comes the next night, when the Lady Bears play host to Bluefield College. First serve is 6:30 p.m.

Park

industry realize our existence was not assured," Cooke said. "There were a lot of people looking at alternative uses for

this place." The horse park, which is celebrating its 25th year of operation this year, long ago turned the corner financially. The state Department of Travel said that in 2002, the park had an economic impact of \$158.2 million on Kentucky's economy and generated \$17.1 million in taxes. Park revenues pay for 75 percent of its operating costs, while the state picks up the remainder. About \$1.6 million was budgeted by the state for the park for the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

Lexington horseman John R. Gaines suggested in the late 1960s that the state build a theme park dedicated to the horse, and the General Assembly approved such a plan in 1970.

Two years later, the state bought the Walnut Hall Stud estate from Mary Edwards Jenney for \$2.7 million. The land the park sits on has been used as a horse farm since the late 1870s. Construction, which cost \$35 million, began in summer 1974 and the park opened in September 1978.

"This place has really come along so much in the last decade or so," said John Nicholson, the park's executive director since June 1997. "The lesson of the horse park is that dreams come true. We have, in some cases, even exceeded the dreams of the visionary

"It really made the horse founders. Another big lesson is tiful place. I've learned a lot that this is a good example of how public investment pays off in a huge way."

The 1,200-acre includes a working horse farm with 1,100 stalls and 21 barns. At times, more than 50 breeds of horses are on display, said R.K. Walker, the park's director of equine operations. Twice a day, park visitors can watch a "Parade of Breeds" and see everything from paints to Appaloosas to thoroughbreds to saddlebreds, as well as breeds not as well known in the United States. Visitors can walk or ride in a horse-drawn carriage.

The International Museum of the Horse attracted more than 175,000 visitors earlier this year during a four-month display of British equine art called "All The Queen's Horses." That came on the heels of another successful show, "Imperial China," which drew about 192,000 visitors in

Other draws include retired thoroughbred champions -John Henry and Cigar now are stabled in the park's Hall of Champions - and the grave of racehorse Man o' War. Two Kentucky Derby winners, 1937 Triple Crown winner War Admiral and Bold Forbes (1976), also are buried at the

"I grew up on a farm, and I was always interested in horses," said Frank Ward of Lynchburg, S.C., who visited recently while on a trip to Indianapolis. "It's a very beau-

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today about different horses,

The park isn't only a tourist

and the U.S. Pony Club.

Park facilities are used for numerous shows and competitions, including the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event, held each spring. The park was host to the World Three-Day Event Championships in 1978 and hopes to bring the World Equestrian Games to Lexington in 2010, Nicholson said.

Nicholson said the next goal is to build a \$25 million, 8,000seat arena, capable of holding larger horse shows that need to be held indoors. Designs for the project have been drawn, but funding still needs to be secured, he said.

"We can have good events now, but this would allow us to have those national-championship type events that would come here in the blink of an eye if we had the right facility," Nicholson said.

Nicholson wants to make sure the park keeps up with the times, while retaining its essence as a place where visitors can learn about the horse.

The park "is on the verge of going to an entirely new level," he said. "Finally, we're going to see the tangible results of this wonderful international reputation that we've earned over the years. This will be a tourist destination, but it will also be, without question, the leading equestrian competitive facility in the world when the final pieces of the puzzle are put in."

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different breeds."

attraction. It's home to the National Horse Center, a collection of the national or state offices of leading equine management associations and organizations, including USA Equestrian, the American Saddlebred Horse Association

The park also includes a campground, polo fields, a 1,180-seat indoor arena, a dressage complex, and several show rings.

Stewart

track, and they've always been there to support me off the track

Stewart has had problems controlling his temper, and finished his championship season on probation after a series of off-track issues. But this has been a tranquil year for him even though he has just one victory and is 11th in points.

The 32-year-old driver, who had a year remaining on his contract with Gibbs, had been considering a move to Chip Ganassi's Dodge team and had been given a deadline of last

"We gave him an offer," Ganassi said. "The deadline came and went, and a few days later he re-signed with Gibbs."

The automaker also had been involved in discussions, but Stewart said duplicating the Gibbs' record would be diffi-

"Our record of success is pretty impressive," Stewart said. 'You don't just walk away from that. I did have some very flattering offers, and it felt good to be a wanted man, but Joe Gibbs Racing and Home Depot wanted me, too."

Gibbs also has been negotiating for an extension with Home Depot _ Stewart's sponsor since his record-setting 1999 rookie season _ and crew chief Greg

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The car owner re-signed Stewart's teammate, 2000 champion Bobby Labonte, earli-

er this season. Stewart has driven for Gibbs since 1997, when he raced parttime in the NASCAR Busch series while running a full-time IRL schedule and winning that series championship. Stewart ran 22 Busch races in 1998 while completing the final year of his commitment in the IRL.

In 1999, he won three races and finished fourth in points both Winston Cup rookie records. He now has 16 wins, seven poles, 61 top-fives and 97 top-10s in 164 career Winston Cup starts heading into Sunday's event at Darlington Raceway.

Winston Cup crew chief. The driver believes the Chevrolet team should continue its winning ways for years to come. Gibbs, who coached the Washington Redskins to three Super Bowl titles before retiring

to run his NASCAR teams, was

Stewart has been especially

close to Zipadelli, his only

delighted to have Stewart in the fold "Along with Home Depot, he's been an important part of our organization for a number of years, and we're thankful that's going to continue," Gibbs said.

after Orlando Pace ended his holdout, the St. Louis Rams put the All-Pro offensive tackle to the test.

Kurt Warner and Marshall Faulk didn't start for St. Louis (1-3) in the final tuneup for the regular season, a loss to the Kansas City Chiefs in the annual Governor's Cup game. The Chiefs (3-2) also limited their star players' exposure or held them out altogether in a game so lacking in drama the biggest cheer of the night came when Kerry Robinson hit a game-winning ninth-inning homer as the Cardinals beat the Cubs at Busch Stadium.

Trent Green played one series, completing his only pass for a 6yard touchdown to Omar Easy in the first quarter. Priest Holmes didn't play, a precaution after his hip injury last year, and tight end Tony Gonzalez also sat after a minor knee injury on Tuesday.

Cowboys 52, Raiders 13 ■ IRVING, Texas — Quincy Carter gave coach Bill Parcells plenty of reason to believe he picked the right starting quarter-

Carter led the Dallas Cowboys to four touchdowns and a field goal on five drives, scrambling to throw a 69-yard

touchdown pass and heaving a 49-yarder against the Oakland Raiders' first-string defense in the preseason finale.

The Cowboys (2-2) scored 31 points in the first half, then added three more touchdowns including a 96-yard kickoff return by Reggie Swinton - to break the team record for points in a preseason game. It was set by the 1971 club that went on to win the team's first Super Bowl

The lopsided loss capped a disappointing preseason for the reigning AFC champs. How disappointing? Well, with two touchdowns, the Raiders (1-3) actually had their most points

Giants 30, Ravens 24

BALTIMORE - Kyle Boller turned in a spectacular performance in his final audition for the role as starting quarterback of the Baltimore Ravens.

The rookie threw two touchdown passes to stake the Ravens to a 17-point lead over the New York Giants, who eventually rallied for the win.

Boller, the 19th overall pick in the 2003 draft, gained the upper hand in his duel with four-year veteran Chris Redman for the right to start the Sept. 7 opener at

Pittsburgh. Playing without a host of vet-

erans, the Giants (1-3) took advantage of six turnovers to pull out the victory.

New York coach Jim Fassel rested starting quarterback Kerry Collins and running back Tiki Barber. The Giants did not dress 11 injured players, including tight end Jeremy Shockey (rib) and defensive end Michael Strahan (toe).

Cardinals 31, Vikings 27

MINNEAPOLIS Arizona lost its starting quarterback early but the Cardinals' reserves played well enough to give the team its first 4-0 preseason in 12 years.

quarterback Third-string Preston Parsons ran for two touchdowns and threw for another to lead the Cardinals past the Minnesota Vikings (1-3) in the final exhibition game for both

Parsons went 13-for-16 for 156 yards. Running back Damian Anderson had five carries for 119 yards, including runs of 69 and 32.

The game was played despite the Cardinals' request that it be postponed because of poor turf conditions.

The Cardinals lost starter Jeff

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Blake to a concussion when Vikings tackle Chris Hovan sacked him on the game's first offensive play - the sack was negated by a penalty on Vikings cornerback Denard Walker.

Dolphins 24, Saints 10

■ NEW ORLEANS — Jay Fiedler only threw five times and connected just twice. Then, like most of the starters for both teams, he took the night off to save himself for the regular sea-

Fiedler, who played in two series, hit Chris Chambers for a 38-yard gain that took the Dolphins to the Saints' 14-yard line. He followed that up with a touchdown toss to Derrius Thompson, putting Miami up 7-0 in a game they went on to win.

Ki-Jana Carter, the No. 1 pick overall in the 1995 draft by Cincinnati, gained 94 yards in 25 carries as he tried to lock up the backup spot behind McAlister. He also caught three passes for 26 yards.

Sage Rosenfels played for most of the first half, completing 10 of 19 for 103 yards and two touchdowns. He put the Dolphins up 14-7 late in the second quarter, capping an 80-yard drive with a I-yard touchdown pass to Obafemi Ayanbadejo.

Thursday's College FB Scores

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PRO FOOTBALL

No Pro Bowlers but a lot of hope for Titans

by DAVE GOLDBERG **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

When the Pro Bowl votes were announced last December, the Tennessee Titans were in the midst of a streak of 10 wins in 11 games that gave them the AFC South

Yet they had no one voted to the NFL's all-star game, not even quarterback Steve McNair, who ended up third in league MVP vot-

"I'm quite sure a lot of players on this team deserved it, but that's how it works," McNair said at the time. "It's a team thing now for us. To solve all this, we just got to go to the Super Bowl and win it."

They didn't, but they came close, losing 41-24 in the AFC championship game in Oakland. Now they're trying one more time to reach the game they almost won four years ago when Kevin Dyson was stopped a yard short of the tying touchdown against St. Louis.

The Titans should win the division again. Only Indianapolis seems equipped to challenge in a division that also includes schizophrenic Jacksonville and Houston, in its second season back in the league.

With McNair, perhaps the NFL's best combination runnerpasser at quarterback - sorry, Michael Vick and Donovan at the title. In fact, the whole offense seems solid, unusual for a team whose success has been built on defense.

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Running back Eddie George, hampered by injuries the past few years, has looked better in camp, although he's slowed a bit. But his eventual successor might be on hand: rookie Chris Brown, who's been hampered by a hamstring problem, but has the speed that George has lost.

Wide receivers Derrick Mason and Drew Bennett and tight end Frank Wycheck provide talented targets for McNair, who passed for 3,387 yards and 22 TDs last season and ran for 440 more, second behind George. But Wycheck is dealing with a concussion.

With all that, the key may be the health of defensive end Jevon Kearse. He set a rookie record for sacks in 1999, the Super Bowl season, but hasn't been completely healthy since. This year, he's had a sprained ankle, but if he can shake that off, he and the up-anddown Kevin Carter should put the kind of pressure on opposing quarterbacks the Titans haven't had for

The linebacking corps is deep, led by Keith Bulluck, another Titan who should have been a Pro-

And the much-exploited secondary also seems set with oftinjured Samari Rolle healthy and strong safety Tank Williams coming on in his second year.

On to Houston on Feb. 1?

"We've accomplished what we needed to accomplish in camp," coach Jeff Fisher said. "This in a lot of ways is a defining moment

The defining moment for the Colts came last January when, after earning a wild-card spot at 10-6, they were embarrassed 41-0 by the Jets in the playoffs. The defense, which went from 29th in the NFL in yards allowed to eighth, had a problem with New York teams - two weeks earlier, it allowed 44 points to the Giants.

But offense the Colts' strength, especially with Edgerrin James in his second season back from major knee surgery and seemingly the same player who led the NFL in rushing his first two seasons. Add in Marvin Harrison, whose 143 receptions last year shattered the NFL record and, of course, Peyton Manning throwing, and the offense is one of the league's

Ah, but that defense:

Dwight Freeney, last year's top. draft pick, came on and finished with 13 sacks, although he still has to work on his run defense. And when general manager Bill Polian says: "We can challenge if none of our top five guys get hurt," Freeney is the only defensive guy



Paintsville freshman quarterback Daniel Pugh (1) got things done in the air and on the ground Friday night in a 49-0 win over host Allen Central. Rebel junior Glenn Collins (79) is pictured giving chase.

loss to visiting Paintsville. Pictured defending is Paintsville's Matt Hicks.

This year's most impressive new defender may be strong safety Michael Doss, the secondround draft pick.

Jacksonville (6-10 last season) seems to be starting anew with Jack Del Rio replacing Tom Coughlin, the only coach the Jaguars had since they entered the league in 1995. Among the signs: use of their first-round draft pick on quarterback Byron Leftwich, who will replace Mark Brunell in the next year or two.

But how then to explain the signing of the likes of Hugh Douglas and J.J. Stokes?

Douglas, one of the best pass rushers in the NFL over the last eight years, had 12 1/2 sacks for Philadelphia last year.

But neither the Eagles nor other contenders were willing to meet the price of the 32-year-old defensive end with bad knees, and he landed with the Jaguars. So did wide receiver Stokes after being cut by San Francisco for salary cap reasons.

Two negatives early: Jimmy Smith, the top receiver, has been suspended four games for testing positive for an illegal substance, and running back Fred Taylor's knee is bothering him.

Houston had a respectable first season back, winning four games, including an opening-night victory over neighboring Dallas and wins over two playoff teams in Pittsburgh and the New York Giants.

The Texans also found a longterm quarterback in David Carr, the first overall pick in last year's draft. But how much of a pounding can Carr take, even at age 24? Last season, he was sacked a league-record 76 times and the offensive line could be even worse this season.

The Texans' strength is defense, befitting a team coached by Dom Capers, who got Carolina to the NFC championship game in its second season. Cornerback Aaron Glenn and defensive tackle Gary Walker were Pro Bowlers last season.

Prediction: Tennessee (11-5); Indianapolis (10-6); Houston (4-12); Jacksonville (4-12).

photo by Jamie Howell

history Bill Elliott earned the nick-Sophomore Robbie Vanderpool contributed on both defense and offense for Allen Central in its

Southern 500 says goodbye to Labor Day

AUTO RACING

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Darlington's

DARLINGTON, S.C. -Cale Yarborough bows his head a little when thinking about his beloved home track, Darlington Raceway.

For more than a half-century, he and others in NASCAR's family spent Labor Day weekend here at the Southern 500. That ends Sunday, when the race slot held from the sport's earliest days shifts to the larger, newer California Speedway in 2004 for a nationally televised nighttime showcase.

"I don't know," said Yarborough, a five-time Southern 500 champion. Progress has to be made, ... I tell you what, Labor Day weekend will never be the same

It won't be the same for race teams, who'll need more precious hours returning to their East Coast shops. It won't be the same for Darlington officials, who'll fight to sell a November race date to fans accustomed to tank tops and cookouts. It won't be the same for anyone who values tradition over modern megabucks.

"If you're a purist, and I am, Darlington has a lot to do with tradition," driver Ricky Craven

It's been that way since Harold Brasington plowed over some farmland to build the 1.366-mile egg-shaped monstrosity. The first Southern 500 was run Sept. 4, 1950, with a field of 75 cars. Time trials lasted 15 days. The race took 6 hours, 38 minutes, with Johnny Mantz winning with an average speed of 75.250 mph.

Hall of Fame owner Bud Moore, competing in that historic race, recalls Mantz's car slowly making its way around the asphalt track without problems while other competitors were blowing tires right and

"That first race in 1950 will always be special," he said. "I can still see in my mind those 75 cars lined up three abreast to start the race.

Ever since, the track and the date have served as a touchstone for the formerly Southern-fried

· Kyle Petty, who once famously said they should turn the speedway back into a fishing pond because of his struggles there through the years, grew up playing baseball and football in Darlington's infield and watching his father, King Richard, win the Southern 500 in 1967.

'So, yeah, love it or hate it, that track is a big, big part of my life," the younger Petty said.

And a big part of NASCAR's

name "Dollar Bill" when he

complete the first Winston Million bonus by taking three of the sport's four crown jewel

David Pearson is the track's all-time winner with 10 victo-

The late Dale Earnhardt won six of 10 races there from 1986-90, including three Southern 500s. He also incredibly passed out at the wheel at the start of the race in 1997

Darrell Waltrip, who'll be enshrined in the National Motorsports Press Association's Hall of Fame this weekend, won his 84th and final Winston Cup race at the Southern 500 in

Recently, Jeff Gordon has created the most memorable moments. He won an unprecedented four straight Southern 500s from 1995-98, then tied Yarborough's mark of five with a win here last year.

"I know a lot of people are concerned with it moving off that Labor Day weekend, and that does end a long period of tradition," Petty said. "But we're still going to be there twice a year.'

Darlington president Andrew Gurtis expects the realigned dates - the next Southern 500 will run Nov. 14, 2004 - to bring a boost to an economically depressed region. Even without the race, Labor Day tourists will fill the area's hotels and restaurants, he said.

"If you still have a great Labor Day and then add a great November, it's got to be a net positive," Gurtis said.

The track typically brings \$50 million a year to the region. according to a 2002 study from the University of South Carolina commissioned by Darlington. Gurtis says about 60 percent of that comes from Labor Day

"If you have 100,000 people coming, it doesn't matter if it's in March, September or November," said Tom Regan. the South Carolina researcher who headed the survey.

The change could mean more wear and tear for drivers. Points leader Matt Kenseth said it was easy to slip away from Darlington to the race shop a couple of hours away in North Carolina. Now, there's a crosscountry trek, Kenseth said,

A race in the cool California should night continue NASCAR's remarkable growth spurt, says 1999 Southern 500 champ Jeff Burton. But he thinks it's a shame it comes at the expense of a NASCAR tradition.

"It's hot, it's slippery, it's slick, it's all those things and that's what makes the Southern 500 great," Burton said. "I do wish there was a way to keep it here on Labor Day weekend. On the other hand, we'll start some won the 1985 Southern 500 to new traditions. It'll be OK."

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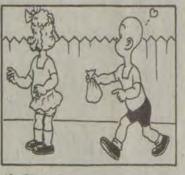








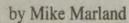
































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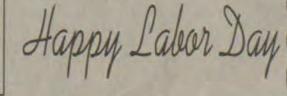
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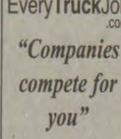


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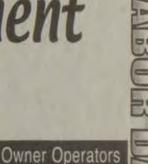
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