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briefs

Man charged with cruelty to animals

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — A Stephens Branch man is facing arraignment on two felony charges for allegedly shooting and killing a family pet, according to charges filed this week in Floyd District Court.

Robert Devon Bailey, 26, was served a criminal summons earlier this month following a complaint from Prestonsburg resident Shauna Martin that he shot and killed her border collie near her home on Feb. 1

According to the complaint, Bailey allegedly shot the dog in close proximity to Martin's two minor daughters. As a result, the charges Bailey will now face at his arraignment on March 3 will be two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment and an additional charge of second-degree cruelty to animals.

Bailey will appear before District Judge Eric D. Hall.



photo by Mary Music

Inmate Robert Fortner pleaded guilty Friday to several drug related charges. He told the judge during proceedings that he would "love" to go to La Grange, where he could receive medical treatment for his ill health.

Fortner pleads guilty, looks forward to medical care

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man will spend the next eight years in the pen after pleading guilty Friday to charges in three separate drug-related cases against him.

Robert Alan Fortner, 67, accepted a plea deal from the commonwealth last month to the charges in

two of those cases and he was arraigned and pleaded guilty Friday on charges against him in the third case.

Fortner was indicted last year for first-degree trafficking and possession of cocaine and two counts of possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, after being arrested Nov. 5 at the Alpike Motel in Ivel, where a search of the room in which he was staying resulted in

the confiscation of two ounces of cocaine and other drug paraphernalia.

According to his indictment, filed in circuit court on Nov. 19, Fortner allegedly sold cocaine from that motel room, where he was a regular visitor.

A search warrant filed by Kentucky State Police Trooper

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2 DAY FORECAST

Today
Mostly cloudy
High: 38 • Low: 12

Tomorrow
Partly cloudy
High: 39 • Low: 22

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

Spring fire season begins today

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — Fire season officially begins today and continues through to April 30. With that in mind, the Kentucky Division of Forestry has issued several concerns of which residents should be made aware.

First, it is important to remember that the effects of a rainy season can be nullified by dry weather in only 48 hours. This year, dangers will be compounded by several factors which will enhance the fuel capacity for fires in Kentucky

forests. These potential hazards include a year-and-a-half worth of unburned leaf litter, downed limbs and trees from this year's ice storms, and damage to trees from the southern pine beetle. Worse still is that state firefighting resources have been reduced to their lowest level in years. Sixty-eight firefighters have been let go, and this will place limits on volunteer firefighters.

People who plan to do any outdoor burning at this time are urged to contact the Kentucky Department for Air Quality and the Division of Waste Management for

a full set of guidelines and procedures to follow. There are penalties for not complying with the agency guidelines which can include a "suppression cost" which would mean that a fire starter is responsible for all firefighting costs if their blaze spreads out of control.

The Division of Forestry is advocating for communities to start "Firewise" programs. Through a joint effort with other agencies, a community can partake of this program, which offers practical steps to help safeguard homes

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Screaming sends man back to jail

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A man who cut a shine in a holding cell at the Floyd County courthouse lost his "get out of jail card" Friday.

Considering a plea agreement made through the Commonwealth Attorney's office, Jackie Ray Brown, 34, received a suspended sentence after he pleaded guilty to a felony charge of flagrant nonsupport during motion hour Friday, but that suspension was revoked after he began screaming in his holding cell.

After Brown entered his plea, Circuit Judge John David Caudill adhered to the sentencing recommendation of the commonwealth, handing Brown a three-year suspended sentence and placing him under supervised probation for five years.

But that sentence didn't hold for long.

Brown, who was placed in a holding cell at the courthouse to await transfer back to the Floyd County Jail, where he would be released from custody, began screaming in his cell.

As his muffled screams echoed

in the courtroom, Caudill ripped up Brown's "get out of jail card" and ordered him to be brought back to the bench.

"I'm scared, your honor," Brown said when asked what was wrong by Caudill. "I want to take back my guilty plea and plead not guilty."

Caudill immediately informed Brown that the order for his release was remanded and instructed him to keep his cool.

"The more you yell in there, the more time you're going to stay in

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Election to be held Tuesday

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Although many voters might have put election polls out of mind until May, those in Floyd County will be asked Tuesday to return to the polls to choose a candidate to fill the 95th District House of Representatives seat left open following Greg Stumbo's victory in the attorney general's race during last year's statewide elections.

Voters will be asked to choose between local businessman Chuck Meade, of McDowell, and longtime Floyd County Republican Party leader Bobby Stumbo, of Drift.

In a ceremony roughly a

week before the Democrats used an executive committee vote to pick Meade as their nominee for Tuesday's special election, the state Republican Party nominated Stumbo as its pick.

Democratic Party officials said at the time that the decision to choose their candidate through an executive vote, which saw each of the county's voting precincts offer three representatives to cast ballots from a field of several candidates, ended in a close race.

Meade, who did not attend the caucus due to an illness, came away with 12,698 votes, while the second closest can-

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Stumbo gets another term as board chair

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN — The Floyd County Board of Education convened in special meeting Thursday, when they approved Carol Stumbo to continue as board chair for the upcoming year, with Jeff Stumbo as vice chair.

Supt. Paul Fanning will continue to serve as board

secretary and Matt Wireman, director of finance, will continue to serve as treasurer. Board member Mickey McGuire opposed the action.

The board also approved its meeting schedule for the upcoming year. Future meeting dates and places are: Feb. 23, Betsy Layne High School; March 22, Clark Elementary;

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Goodman sentenced early due to health

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — What could have potentially been a much lesser sentence had 26-year-old Charles Steven Goodman accepted a plea agreement several months ago, ended, instead, with the Goose Creek resident facing a decade behind bars.

Floyd Circuit Court Judge Danny P. Caudill sentenced

Goodman to 10 years in prison Friday afternoon during a court hearing that had originally been scheduled for March 5.

Goodman pleaded guilty Wednesday to counts of first- and second-degree drug trafficking, but had turned down pretrial offers from Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, opting instead

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Charles Steven Goodman was sentenced to 10 years in prison Friday afternoon on drug trafficking charges. Goodman's sentencing was moved ahead nearly a month due to health problems, prosecutors said.

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Odds and Ends

■ **BEAUFORT, S.C.** — Sharon Anderson had no idea what was headed her way on a county road when her car struck and killed a pygmy hippopotamus.

The 500-pound animal had wandered away from a plantation and into the path of Anderson's car on a Beaufort County road, the Carolina Morning News reported for Friday editions.

Anderson, 28, wasn't sure what she had hit and called sheriff's deputies, who found the animal dead Monday night.

Anderson said the plantation's owner, Joel Silver, producer of "The Matrix" franchise, told her he'd owned the female hippo for eight years and didn't know how she'd wandered away.

The hippo was one of several wild animals kept at Auldbrass Plantation, a 40-acre plantation in Yemassee built by Frank Lloyd Wright. The plantation includes an aviary with exotic birds, zebras and cattle. The hippo lived in a pond.

Anderson was not injured and her car had only minor damage.

Pygmy hippos are half the size of other hippos, weighing about 400 to 500 pounds and standing about 3 feet tall. They live on both water and land and are usually found in West African nations of Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea and the Ivory Coast.

■ **CLIMAX, Minn.** — Showing town spirit in Climax is cause for punishment in this Minnesota town.

Shirley Moberg, superintendent of Climax-Shelly schools, said T-shirts bearing the town's slogan "Climax — More than just a feeling," are inappropriate because of the sexual innuendo.

About a dozen students wore centennial T-shirts to school this week in protest, and one girl was sent home Wednesday for refusing to turn her shirt inside out.

School officials had said nothing to students wearing the shirts until recently, when a teacher wore it to school and a person complained. The shirts are no longer allowed to be worn at school, she said.

Climax, a town of 270 near the North Dakota border, adopted the "More than a feeling" slogan in 1996 for its centennial. The slogan was

used in advertising and promotions, and the T-shirts have been around for years.

The students who wore the shirt to school Wednesday were told to go to the bathroom and turn it inside out. All did, except 18-year-old Bethany Grove, a senior, who was suspended for the afternoon.

"The T-shirt has been a tradition," Grove said. "It's been around for almost 10 years. A lot of people have them."

■ **SLAUGHTERVILLE, Okla.** — Residents of this central Oklahoma community have a beef over an animal rights group's attempt to raise awareness of animal abuse.

Slaughtererville administrator Marsha Blair received a letter from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA, urging the town to change its name from Slaughtererville to Veggieville.

"I am writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, our 800,000 members and supporters, and other compassionate Americans to ask Slaughtererville to change its name to Veggieville, a friendly name honoring a heart-healthy and compassionate alternative to animal corpses," the letter said.

PETA, based in Norfolk, Va., promises to donate \$20,000 in veggie burgers to a school district nearest to the town, said Bruce Friedrich, director of PETA's vegan campaigns. A vegan is someone who abstains from consuming animal products.

The town was named after a grocery store run by James Slaughter in the early 20th century.

Friedrich, who once lived in the town of 3,600, said Thursday he knows the origins of the name.

"People find our requests amusing, and they chuckle," he said. "But when they're laughing, they have the opportunity to consider the animal abuse it brings up."

For Blair and other residents, the Slaughter family's

lingering reputation makes the town's name a sacred cow.

■ **COPENHAGEN, Denmark** — Some sex ed goes a little too far, even for open-minded Danes.

The Danish government

halted the distribution 60,000 CD-ROMs for sexual education classes throughout the country because some of the content was deemed unacceptable. Health Minister Lars

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Feb. 15, the 46th day of 2004. There are 320 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 15, 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine mysteriously blew up in Havana Harbor, killing more than 260 crew members and bringing the United States closer to war with Spain.

On this date:

■ In 1564, astronomer Galileo Galilei was born in Pisa, Italy.

■ In 1764, the city of St. Louis was established.

■ In 1820, American suffragist Susan B. Anthony was born in Adams, Mass.

■ In 1879, President Hayes signed a bill allowing female attorneys to argue cases before the Supreme Court.

■ In 1933, President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt escaped an assassination attempt in Miami that claimed the life of Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak.

■ In 1942, the British colony Singapore surrendered to the Japanese during World War II.

■ In 1961, 73 people, including an 18-member U.S. figure skating team en route to

Czechoslovakia, were killed in the crash of a Sabena Airlines Boeing 707 in Belgium.

■ In 1965, Canada's new maple-leaf flag was unfurled at ceremonies in Ottawa.

In 1982, 84 men were killed when a huge oil-drilling rig, the Ocean Ranger, sank off the coast of Newfoundland during a fierce storm.

■ In 1989, the Soviet Union announced that the last of its troops had left Afghanistan, after more than nine years of military intervention.

Ten years ago

Navy Chief Adm. Frank Kelso II agreed to early retirement because of criticism over the Tailhook sex abuse scandal. Viacom won a hard-fought victory to acquire Paramount Communications. Drifter Danny Harold Rolling entered a surprise guilty plea to the 1990 murders of five college students in Gainesville, Fla. American Diann Roffe-Steinrotter won the women's super-giant slalom at the Winter Olympics in Norway.

Five years ago: President Clinton continued his whirlwind visit to Mexico, where he conferred with President Ernesto Zedillo. The body of Amadou Diallo, the unarmed West African gunned down by New York City police, was returned to his native Guinea.

One year ago:

Millions of protesters around the world demonstrated against a possible U.S. attack on Iraq.

Today's Birthdays

: Actor Kevin McCarthy is 90. Actor Allan Arbus is 86. Country singer Hank Locklin is 86. Former Illinois Congressman John Anderson is 82. Comedian Harvey Korman is 77. Actress Claire Bloom is 73. Author Susan Brownmiller is 69. Songwriter Brian Holland is 63. Rock musician Mick Avory (The Kinks) is 60. Jazz musician Henry Threadgill is 60. Actress Jane Seymour is 53. Singer Melissa Manchester is 53. "Simpsons" creator Matt Groening is 50. Actor Christopher McDonald is 49. Reggae singer Ali Campbell (UB40) is 45. Musician Mikey Craig (Culture Club) is 44. Country singer Michael Reynolds (Pinmonkey) is 40. Actor Michael Easton is 37. Actress Renee O'Connor is 33. Actress Sarah Wynter ("24") is 31. Rock singer Brandon Boyd (Incubus) is 28. Actress Ashley Lyn Cafagna is 21.

Thought for Today:

"Like all dreamers I confuse disenchantment with truth." — Jean-Paul Sartre, French philosopher (1905-1980).

NOTICE OF BOND SALE

The Secretary of the Floyd County (Kentucky) School District Finance Corporation, will until 11:00 A.M., E.S.T., on February 23, 2004, receive in the office of Dr. Robert E. Tarvin, Executive Director, Kentucky School Facilities Construction Commission, 229 W. Main Street, Suite 102, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, sealed, competitive bids for \$4,405,000 of the Corporation's School Building Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series of 2004, dated February 1, 2004; maturing May 1, 2004 through 2015.

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Secretary

Politics could save Lexington VA hospital

by SUZANNE GAMBOA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A Veterans Affairs advisory panel wants the government to close hospitals in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Mississippi and scale back most operations at a Texas facility, but opposes VA proposals to shut down others.

The panel rejected the VA's proposal to close hospitals in Lexington, Canandaigua, N.Y., and Livermore, Calif., according to a copy of the commission's report obtained by The Associated Press.

The 16-member panel agreed that a new hospital should be opened in Orlando, Fla., but advised against opening a new

hospital in Las Vegas. Instead, the commission recommended the VA continue partnering with Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada for care if it can meet veterans' needs that way.

The commission accepted or rejected a number of other proposals affecting dozens of VA facilities across the country as part of a 20-year plan. In some cases, the VA had not provided enough data to support changes in the mission of the facilities, the commission said.

Saving the hospital in Lexington — the older of two VA hospitals in that city — became a campaign issue heading into the special election Tuesday for 6th District congressman.

Democrat Ben Chandler, who pointedly appealed to mili-

tary veterans throughout his campaign, based a campaign commercial on the hospital.

Republican Alice Forgy Kerr got VA Secretary Anthony Principi to a "town hall" meeting with 60 veterans in Lexington earlier this week. Chandler also had sent an invitation, which Principi said he had not seen.

The VA proposed converting some facilities to Critical Access Hospitals, but the commission said the agency did not clearly define what that is and so rejected those proposals.

The panel recommended closing hospitals in Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Gulfport, Miss., and transferring large portions of care away from the Waco, Texas, hospital.

The commission found that

money the VA was spending to maintain unused or underused buildings and excess land could be used to provide direct medical care to veterans.

"The commission believes that change is necessary to prepare the system for a new veteran demographic reality and a rapidly evolving approach to health care delivery," the panel members said in their report.

Veterans have shifted from northern cities such as Chicago, Detroit, Boston and New York to Sun Belt states like Florida, Texas and Arizona.

The recommendations are not final. VA Secretary Anthony Principi, who received the report Thursday afternoon, now gets to review the report and

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Johnson gets one year sentence for sex abuse

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County woman who was indicted last year on various sexual offenses was incarcerated after she was sentenced Friday in Circuit court.

Angela Johnson, 40, of Harold, charged with third-degree complicity to commit rape, first-degree sexual abuse, and first-

degree unlawful imprisonment, received a one-year sentence for those charges Friday, corresponding to a plea arrangement with the commonwealth's attorney's office.

That agreement, presented during a pretrial conference Dec. 22, suggested the dismissal of the unlawful imprisonment charge against Johnson and stipulated that she receive five years on the other two charges against her,

both to run concurrently and to be suspended after the service of one year.

Circuit Judge John David Caudill accepted the recommendation of the commonwealth "somewhat reluctantly," stating that he understood why they made the offer in the case.

Johnson was indicted by a grand jury on August 28, 2002, for incidents which occurred on or about Jan. 1, 1991.

Reportedly, Johnson is charged with the complicity to commit rape charge because she allegedly aided her husband, Darwin Johnson, in the rape of a 13-year-old female by holding her down while the rape occurred. In addition to the complicity charge, the grand jury found that Johnson also unlawfully restrained the victim and had sexual contact with her.

Darwin Johnson pleaded guilty to rape on July 26, 2002, accepting a plea bargain with the com-

monwealth's attorney's office, which offered him a five-year sentence for the crime under the condition that he testify against his wife.

According to court records, she was arrested a month after the grand jury's findings by Greg Clark of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

"The victim's happy with the resolution and that's what really matters the most," said Commonwealth's Attorney Brent

Turner, pointing out that Johnson's husband was the main perpetrator in the offense.

Johnson, who was awarded five days credit for time already served, will be given a three-year conditional discharge following her release.

Additionally, she is to complete a sexual abuse treatment program, register as a sex offender, and provide blood samples for DNA identification and HIV testing.

Guilty

John Hunt prior to his arrest indicates that a confidential informant alerted police that Fortner was going to Ohio to pick up a quantity of cocaine and would return to the hotel, where he was later arrested.

A search of the room, according to Hunt, resulted in the confiscation of two plastic bags filled with approximately one ounce of cocaine each, a large number of plastic bag and several other drug-related items.

During court Friday, Fortner pleaded guilty to those charges in addition to another cocaine trafficking charge. Afterwards, he was arraigned and pleaded

guilty to four counts of falsely obtaining a prescription.

Caudill adhered to the commonwealth's sentence recommendation in the cases, giving Fortner an eight-year sentence. The plea agreement suggested that Fortner receive eight years for both trafficking charges, five years for possessing cocaine, 12 months for two charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, and five years on each count of fraud, with all sentences to run concurrently with every charge in every case against him.

During the hearing, Fortner, who told the court he was in ill health and would "love" to go to

La Grange where he could receive medical treatment, didn't seem to understand that entering a guilty plea in the case would prevent him from going to trial for the charges against him.

"I didn't see it that way," he said when Caudill asked if he understood that pleading guilty meant he was waiving his rights for a trial.

Fortner also seemed hesitant to plead guilty to a possession of marijuana charge, telling the court that it was "hard" for him to say it.

Pausing when Caudill asked how he would plead on the charge, Fortner said "I'll say guilty. It's hard for me to say that, but I'll say yes."

Caudill, irritated, instructed Fortner to speak with his attorney, public advocate Michael P. Studebaker, after which he returned and immediately pleaded guilty to the charge.

"Do you feel this is the best thing for you to do?" asked Caudill.

"In contingency with my age and my health, yes," said Fortner, who was removed to custody shortly after the hearing.

During proceedings, he requested to have access to a videotape used for his arrest in order to find out the name of the female who turned his name in to the police, a request that Caudill said was "not even an issue" in the case.

Formal sentencing for Fortner will be held March 26 at 1 p.m.

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Screams

jail," said Caudill, who said that Brown could change his plea officially during a hearing on March 26 ... when his formal sentencing was previously scheduled.

Caudill ordered Bailiff Greg Clark to remove Brown from the courtroom, and he changed his mind yet again as he was walking toward the door, begging the

judge to hear his plea.

"If I plead guilty, will I get out now?" he asked. "Please, your honor. I want to plead guilty. Please, your honor ..."

After he was behind closed doors, Brown's muffled calls were heard momentarily, but they eventually subsided and court continued.

He owes \$8,883 in child support, and said during his initial hearing that he was pleading guilty to the flagrant nonsupport charge so that he could "hurry up" and begin paying it.

"Ms. Reporter, it's pretty damn bad when you try to free someone and they don't want to be," Caudill told The Times after the hearing.

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Corrections

A caption about "The World We Create" exhibit at the East Kentucky Science Center incorrectly announced that the exhibit will be on display at the center until April. "The World We Create," a traveling exhibit from the Louisville Science Center, will be on display through June at the Center, which is currently scheduling tours for local schools. For more information, call (606) 889-0303.

In a Jan. 23 article it was incorrectly stated that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would be available on Thursdays at their Prestonsburg office to address floodwall issues with concerned citizens. The office is actually opened on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Visitors can locate the office through the front entrance and then to the second floor, or through the back entrance in the event the front entrance is locked.

In an article printed Wednesday about improvements to Prestonsburg's sewer system, The Times incorrectly reported that equipment for an on-site chlorine-based treatment would be placed at the city's sewage plant. This equipment will be placed at the water plant as part of the first phase of improvement for water treatment, according to Eddie Campbell, water plant office manager. The second phase of the project includes a new raw water intake at the water treatment plant. Additionally, the truck mentioned in the article was used to clear out a major blockage behind the Floyd County jail, not at Prestonsburg Elementary, as the article suggested.

Clarification

The Floyd County Protection and Permanency Office recently submitted a letter to The Floyd County Times thanking those who had helped with the foster care Christmas party and with providing Christmas presents and food baskets to needy families in Floyd County. Kentucky State Police Trooper John Hunt and God's Appalachian Partnership were left off of the list of donors.

The Floyd County Times corrects all significant errors brought to our attention. If you have an error to report, please contact our editor at (606) 886-8506.

Chair

April 26, Allen Elementary; May 24, Allen Central High School; June 28, Betsy Layne Elementary; July 26, Prestonsburg High School; Aug. 23, McDowell Elementary; Sept. 27, Duff Elementary/Allen Central Middle; Oct. 25, Stumbo Elementary; Nov. 22, Prestonsburg Elementary; Dec. 20, South Floyd High/Middle School.

Meetings will convene at 6:30 p.m., with public comment at 7:30 p.m. In response to a request from board chair Carol Stumbo, examples of outstanding student work will be displayed at each school on regular meeting dates.

The board also confirmed officers for the Floyd County School District Finance Corporation. Carol Stumbo, board chair, will serve as chairperson of the finance corporation. Jeff Stumbo will serve as vice chair, with Supt. Fanning

serving as secretary and Wireman serving as treasurer. Board member Mickey McGuire also opposed this action.

Convened as the Floyd County School District Finance Corporation, approval to refund school building revenue bonds, series 1995, dated May 1, 1995, was granted upon the recommendation of Joe Nance, of Ross Sinclair & Associates Inc., who advised the board that a possible savings of approximately \$232,797 may be seen due to the action.

The action was upheld as members reconvened as the Floyd County Board of Education.

The board also approved plans and contracts for the construction of a new elementary school to be located in Prestonsburg.

All members were present at the meeting.

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Sentence

to go to trial.

Wednesday, the day his trial was to have started, Goodman shifted gears and entered an open guilty plea to both charges of the indictment, one of four he's currently facing in circuit court.

Turner said Wednesday that if Goodman's sentence was satisfactory to his office, the commonwealth would then recommend concurrent sentences on Goodman's three other indictments.

Goodman was eligible for up to 15 years in prison on the two charges combined, a sentence Caudill said he "deeply" considered passing.

"Up until minutes before we began, I was deeply considering giving you 10 on the first charge and an additional five on the second charge to run consecutively," Caudill told Goodman shortly after sentencing Friday. "I know I just passed a severe sentence on you and 10 years for someone as young as you are is a lot of years. You did enter a plea,

but you waited up until the last minute to do it."

Caudill also said the seriousness of the crimes played a part in his decision.

"These types of crimes not only tear up the fabric of the individuals involved, but they tear the fabric of the community, as well," Caudill said. "This is a serious, but fair, penalty."

Goodman's date for sentencing was originally scheduled for March 5, but was reset for Friday afternoon following discussions with the Floyd County Detention Center concerning Goodman's poor health due to severe obesity.

Jail officials expressed concerns about housing Goodman, who weighs more than 500 pounds and suffers from several medical problems as a result, and asked that the sentencing be moved forward in order to make plans to have Goodman transferred to La Grange.

Caudill stipulated during sentencing that Goodman's sentence not include probation.

Man to spend 15 more days in jail for sex abuse

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man charged with first-degree sexual abuse will soon complete his time, after being sentenced Friday in Circuit court.

Under the advice of his attorney, Brian K. Gilbert, 30, of Martin, pleaded guilty in December to first-degree sexual abuse in Judge John David Caudill's courtroom, and returned Friday for formal sentencing, where he was handed a one-year sentence to be completed at the state penitentiary.

Arrested by Kentucky State Police Trooper Byron Hansford, Gilbert, represented by public advocate Michael P. Studebaker, initially pleaded not guilty during his arraignment Aug. 12, but he changed that plea in December, following his acceptance of a plea deal with the commonwealth's attorney's office.

That plea, negotiated Nov. 10 during a pretrial conference, stipulated that Gilbert receive a one-year sentence for the crime in return for his guilty plea.

He was indicted in March for first-degree sexual abuse following an incident which occurred in October 2002 with a 14-year-old family member.

Caudill, awarding Gilbert credit of 350 days for time already served, ordered that he be placed on a three-year conditional discharge after he completes his sentence.

Gilbert was additionally ordered to pay court costs, register as a sex offender and complete a sex offender program through the probation and parole office following his release.

Because of the nature of the

charges against Gilbert, he must also report for DNA identification purposes and HIV testing.

Reportedly, Gilbert apologized to police during his arrest, saying that "he was sorry and that he messed up."

Had he not accepted the plea agreement with the commonwealth's attorney's office, Gilbert could have faced up to five years on the sexual abuse charge against him.

Fire

and communities from the effects of fires.

The "Firewise" program is new to Kentucky but has proven its effectiveness. Several homes were saved during last year's California wildfires because homeowners used safety measures from the program. Some of these steps include not stacking firewood against a home, closing up a deck with lattices so leaves can't accumulate, and establishing a 30-foot "sensible" space between your property and nearby brush to act as a firebreak.

The last tip is historically significant and goes back to city planning in Philadelphia, which included firebreaks by design due to William Penn's memory of the "Great Fire of London" which, in 1666, destroyed London's Southward section and burned for seven days.

More information can be obtained from the program's website at www.firewise.com, or you can call the Kentucky Division of Forestry at (502) 564-4496.

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Election

didate, Kelly Moore, pulled in 12,055.

Now, after the lengthy process of choosing who would run in the special election has come to an end, beginning at 6 a.m. Tuesday morning, voters will be asked to visit their respective polls across the county and pick who will they think should fill the vacancy left by Stumbo's departure.

The successful candidate will finish out Stumbo's remaining term, ending in January.

Regardless of Tuesday's outcome, Meade will again take a stump in the May primary when he competes against a field of Democrats. Stumbo, the sole Republican to register for the race, will be back before voters in November, going head-to-head against the winner of the Democratic primary.

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m.

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Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.

— James Baldwin

GuestView

Wishy-washy once again

As typically happens with big-time investigations of Kentucky's highest level officials, the Tina Conner-Paul Patton saga has concluded with little suggestion that the truth has been uncovered.

Yes, Tina Conner pleaded guilty and was punished (albeit gently) for defrauding the government, but what happens to her is mere trivia compared to the bigger question: Did or did not the governor of Kentucky bring his considerable influence to financially help a businesswoman while they were having an affair and then punish her when the affair ended?

It seems the citizens of Kentucky will never know for sure.

On ... the day of Conner's sentencing, the federal prosecutor said no one else in the case would be charged, but he expressed frustration at not receiving "complete cooperation" from everybody. And he stopped way short of exonerating Patton and former Transportation Secretary James Codell.

Conner claimed Patton arranged for the cabinet to certify her then-husband's construction company for contracts that were set aside for companies headed by women and minorities after she lied and said she ran the company.

Patton admitted he made a phone call on Conner's behalf, just as he would for any constituent, but denied pressuring Codell. In November he admitted to an ethics charge related to the allegation but said he did not knowingly violate the rules. He said at the time that the Executive Branch Ethics Commission's interpretation of the law had "changed the rules" after the violation occurred.

Conner of course says otherwise, but hers is the word of a noted liar who cheated the government and her husband. She's also spent the last two years trying to damage Patton's already soiled reputation. ...

The government spent 2 1/2 years investigating former Lt. Gov. Steve Henry on allegations he defrauded the federal government on Medicaid and Medicare billings, but a settlement reached last fall failed to answer the question: Was Henry guilty?

Henry said no, paid a fine, blamed mistakes by subordinates and insisted again he was the victim of political persecution. The government said he was guilty but backed away from a criminal probe and settled the civil case. Whom are we to believe? ...

It would have been hypocritical for the government to throw the book at (Conner) given that the minority contract program historically has been riddled with unpunished fraud.

But it's also disappointing that once again, the pursuit of justice has dead-ended in a wishy-washy mess.

— *The Kentucky Post, Covington*



— Jim Davidson

Just let the kids play

It has often been said that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. As this relates to organized youth sports in our nation, I believe you will agree there are some problems that need to be addressed. The sooner the better.

While there have been many unfortunate incidents involving youth sports over the past several years, it really came to a head some time back when a hockey dad killed another hockey dad in one of our New England states.

Let me be very clear here. In the vast majority of cases the problems are not caused by the kids, but rather by the parents. I started to say "adults", but in many cases that's not true.

This situation has inspired a new book titled, "Just Let the Kids Play: How to Stop Other Adults from Ruining Your Children's Fun and Success in Youth Sports."

This book gives parents a better look inside the organized system of youth sports (Health Communications, \$12.95) and identifies what the authors, Bob Bigelow, Tom Moroney and Linda Hill, consider the true source of trouble that can ruin a sporting experience, from fights among adults to large numbers of children who quit sports at a young age. This book is meant to challenge many of the conventional ideas that can cause children to be denied equal access and a fair chance to succeed in what are supposed to be fun games.

From the front lines of youth sports battles innovative programs across America, the book gives specific ideas for change that parents and coaches can try in their communities, on their teams, or within their own families. It calls on adults to stop any misguided pursuit of sports talent at young ages, to eliminate elite teams before grade seven, and give all children a chance to develop, to enjoy themselves and, most of all, to play. While youth-related sports problems vary from community to community based on attitudes, culture and a few dominant personalities, to go to your children's or grandchildren's ath-

letic events and have them disrupted by insensitive and unruly adults is something no one should have to tolerate.

Now, back to what I said in the beginning, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." If you sense a problem in your community in that some of the organized youth sporting events are getting out of hand, there is

help that you may or may not know about. There is a national organization formed back in March of 2001, based in Kingston, Rhode Island, called the Center For Sports Parenting that was formed to address problems like those I have been describing. This is a web-based initiative that serves as an immediate and practical means to offer guidance to parents, coaches, educators, administrators, officials

and other individuals involved in youth sports. Lets face it. In today's topsyturvy world, many people need help to appropriately handle the psychological and physical challenges faced by young people participating in athletics.

The Center For Sports Parenting is chaired by Rick Wolff, nationally recognized sports parenting and performance enhancement expert. The CSP website www.sportsparenting.org also offers personalized advice from a panel of

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beyond the beltway

Bush, Kerry and a modern-day Godiva

by DONALD KAUL

Three big national issues presented themselves over the past two weeks; two of them of little general interest, the third fascinating.

Let's start with the first two, just to get them out of the way.

1. President Bush presented his 2005 budget to Congress. It is, unsurprisingly, a reverse Robin Hood model that takes money from the poor and gives it to the rich.

It cuts money for school drop-out prevention, child care for low-income working mothers, housing assistance for the working poor, clean air and water, land preservation, that sort of thing, and redirects it to the affluent few in the form of generous tax cuts. It's an ingenious scheme to make government meaner and leaner without actually saving money.

The president says his program will immediately reduce the annual federal deficit to \$364 billion (it is now \$521 billion) and to a mere \$237 billion in five years. (It figures to balloon again after that but who cares? He'll be safely out of office by then.) Of course, those

figures would be hundreds of billions higher if we included the costs of Afghanistan, Iraq and the prescription drug entitlement Congress passed last year. That's why they're not included.

Presidential budgets all tend to be exercises in fantasy, they should begin with "Once upon a time ..." Mr. Bush's, however, was so over-the-top as to suggest satire. He should have prefaced it with "You're not going to believe this ..."

2. John Kerry more or less swept the early Democratic primaries over the past month, winning seven of the nine available to him and doing fairly well in the other two. This makes the Democratic primary system look better than it really is. Against all odds it has put forth the logical candidate — a smart, seasoned moderate who is both a war hero and a war protester.

The race isn't over yet but, really, it's over. The other guys are running for the vice-presidential nomination. (They all tell you they won't accept it. They lie.)

Howard Dean finished well down the track in virtually every election but he should not be allowed to fade away without a nod of thanks from the electorate. It was he, with his turbo-charged campaign style, who showed that it was OK to criticize George Bush on the

issue where he seems the strongest but is in fact most vulnerable — the war.

Did I say war? Who's got time to worry about a war when the mind is filled with that third issue ...

3. Janet Jackson's coming-out party at the Super Bowl halftime show.

What she did, with the help of a mook who looked like a pool hall bum, was — and you might want to get the children out of the room here — bare her right breast for the cameras!

Not since Lady Godiva, an early Republican heroine, protested high taxes by riding through town in the buff, has a glimpse of exposed female flesh caused such a commotion. The National Football League expressed shock, dismay and disgust that such a thing could have marred the tastefulness of its signature event. The Federal Communications Commission is investigat-

ing to see whether the Constitution was violated. And righteous TV and radio commentators were choked with outrage.

Personally, I thought Ms. Jackson's breast was one of the high spots of the show, which featured pasty-faced wankers bounding around the stage while clutching their crotches and shrieking to music that sounded like a

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Faith Extra

Minister's Moment:

MisisonFest is coming to Eastern Kentucky

by **RANDELL RENO**
ASSOCIATE PASTOR
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Shine up your shoes and put on your Sunday clothes. Prestonsburg and surrounding areas, because a possible 300-plus potential tourists are coming to town.

The Enterprise Association of the Southern Baptist Churches would like to announce a very exciting event coming to the area. For one week in April, hundreds of representatives of the Women's Missionary Union (WMU) will visit Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties and parts of

Knott County.

While the official number of WMU volunteers to visit the area is not yet known, early projections place the number at about 300, with the possibility of that number growing to about 500.

The question is why? Why would hundreds of women and

men volunteers come to our area? Simply put, they are coming to fulfill their commitment. Under the direction of the WMU's belief that they should be the face of Jesus Christ to many, they are coming to offer aid to the citizens of Floyd, Johnson, Martin, Magoffin and Knott counties.

Jesus spoke of a King returning to his throne to reward his people. "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.' 'For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'" — Matthew 25:34-36. It is within those verses the WMU holds its purpose.

This annual gathering of the WMU will convene in Eastern Kentucky this year as literally

hundreds are signing up online. These volunteers are planning to travel into the area from many parts of the United States. Therefore, area business owners should be aware that many of these volunteers often return to the areas they visit for vacations and to revisit the areas they have served. While the city of Prestonsburg will play host to these women and men of faith, plans are being made to escort them to local area attractions in the five-county area.

For the past several weeks, the Enterprise Association of

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Scholars find a unique and varied 'American' Jesus

by **JUSTIN POPE**
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BOSTON — There's Jesus the distant symbol, and Jesus the gentle friend. There's Jesus the pacifist and caregiver, and Jesus the gruff, muscular warrior.

There's black Jesus, and white Jesus. Homely and handsome, capitalist and socialist,

stern and hippie. Hardworking social reformer, mystical comforter.

Readers looking for the one true Jesus won't find him in two new books about Jesus in America. Instead, they will discover the extraordinary range of identities Jesus has assumed in American history and culture — in art, music, literature and more

— over the past four centuries.

The first, "Jesus in America: A History," by University of Southern California historian Richard Wightman Fox, explores the ways Americans have experienced Jesus, what they believed about him and what he inspired them to do. He tracks Jesus' influence on key events in American history: the Revolution, the Enlightenment, the social activism of the 1960s.

The second, Boston University Professor Stephen Prothero's "American Jesus: How the Son of God Became a National Icon," reflects the even broader interests of its author, a scholar of Asian religions who was intrigued by the extent to which he found non-Christian Americans fascinated by Jesus. Even the Dalai Lama has written books about Jesus.

"I kept running into Jesus when I was trying to study Hindus and Buddhists," said Prothero, who was partly inspired to write the book after coming across a portrait of a meditating Jesus while visiting a Hindu temple in San Francisco.

In some ways, both books fit into a growing body of literature that is finding new things to say about Jesus, despite all that has been previously written. Elaine Pagels' best seller, "Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas," has attracted widespread notice for shedding further light on the very different ideas about Jesus that some early Christians held.

"I think part of the reason is (Prothero) and some other people as well realize if there was ever a kind of monopoly claim by the Church or churches on who Jesus was, the significance of Jesus, that monopoly is now gone," said Harvey Cox, a Harvard University scholar, who is also finishing a book on contemporary depictions of Jesus, due out later this year.

The range of American interpretations of Jesus testifies to a power and flexibility in Jesus' message. It also says something interesting about America, Prothero argues.

"Jesus is on the agenda because of the public power of Christianity," Prothero told The Associated Press in a recent interview. "The kind of Christianity that now dominates is Jesus-focused. But we have the First Amendment. We have a culture that highly values religious toleration and even, I think it's fair to say, diversity. In such a culture, Jesus won't become a national figure unless he can move outside Christianity."

The new books survey the transformation of Jesus in America from the detached figure of the Puritans — more "principle than person" in Prothero's words — to the rationalist Jesus who survived the Enlightenment to the humane presence dominating the current evangelical movement.

While the colonists were "God-fearing rather than Jesus-loving," Prothero said, they revered Jesus as the sacrifice of an awesome God. But Calvinist theology emphasized the distance between a perfect God and sinful man — and a part-divine, part-human bridge did not fit

neatly.

Both authors credit Thomas Jefferson for helping to make America the kind of place where Jesus could evolve and flourish.

It was Jefferson who used a razor blade to cut out the portions of the New Testament he couldn't accept, such as the virgin birth. He was left with just one in 10 verses, but he found in them a true Jesus who could be reconciled with the rationalist thought of the Enlightenment.

Similarly, Benjamin Franklin retranslated the Lord's Prayer into a version more compatible with his version of Jesus, as moral exemplar.

"By the late 18th century, Jesus is made into a kind of democrat, and therefore you can keep him," Fox said. "You don't have to throw him out when you throw the established church out."

Both Jefferson and Franklin, of course, influenced the formation of a republic where there was no established religion in government, which made possible the competitive milieu in which conceptions of Jesus rapidly evolved in popular culture.

Prothero, for example, tracks the softer Jesus who came to the fore in art and literature in the 19th century, a Currier and Ives figure often seen with children on his lap. Driving the change were preachers trying to appeal to women, who predominated among churchgoers.

Inevitably, though, there was a backlash: Jesus became more masculine to coincide with the era of Theodore Roosevelt and the Rough Riders, the rise of football and the fame of military men; Jesus was simply too feminine for male churchgoers. Both traditions, however, have merged in modern evangelicalism, Prothero said, which has also borrowed from other Jesus traditions such as the Andrew Lloyd Webber-Tim Rice rock musical, "Jesus Christ Superstar," which opened on Broadway in 1971.

For Fox, the constant

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Martha Marie Adkins, 73, of Westerville, Ohio, formerly of Hueysville, died Monday, February 9, at the Manor Care Nursing Home, Westerville. Graveside services were conducted Thursday, February 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Dorothy Baldrige Wells Hall Bickford, 88, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, February 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 14, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Jesse C. Breeding, 89, of Troy, Michigan, formerly of Hi Hat, died Saturday, February 7,

at Cambridge Health Care Center in Clawson, Michigan. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Daniel Campbell, 70, of Allen, died Wednesday, February 11, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 14, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Rose Margaret Reese Conley, 82, of Garrett, died Tuesday, February 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Jay Conley. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Irene Spurlock Conn, 55, of Martin, died Sunday, February 8, at her residence, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 11, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Etta Ruth Akers Crisp, 100, of Allen, died Wednesday, February 4, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Lloyd Blue Goble, 70, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, February 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Merlin Hall, 81, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, formerly of Teaberry, died Sunday, February 10, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 14, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

James (Big Ed) Edward Hall, 27, of Lackey, died Tuesday, February 3, in an automobile accident on Ky. Route 80, at Eastern. He is survived by his wife, Janie Lynn Moore Hall. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Curtis (Curt) Hall, 82, of Weeksbury, died Saturday, February 7, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mack Harvey, 48, of Martin, died Friday, February 6, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Reba Crisp Harvey. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 8, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Carol Blackburn Holland, 63, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, February 8, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Clayton Eugene Holland. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 10, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

John Morgan Howard, 71, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, February 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Hill Howard. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 14, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Lora Linda Innis, 32, of Ivel, died Monday, February 9, following an auto accident on Rt. 23, North at Ivel. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Elva Jones, 63, of Beaver, died Tuesday, February 3, at Central Baptist Hospital,

Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bertha Hunter Kidd, 78, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, February 5, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 8, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Freddie Samons Jr., 42, of Martin, was dead on arrival at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, at Martin, Saturday, February 7. He is survived by his wife, Joann Slusher Samons. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 10, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

George Sorrells, 79, of Hazard, died Saturday, February 7, at Select Specialty Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 10, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Icie Mae Spears, 82, a native of Weeksbury, died Wednesday, February 4, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 8, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Linda Jane Stephens, 81, of Lexington, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, February 10, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 13, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Veda Hamilton Tackett, 82, of McDowell, died Monday, February 9, in the Riverview Health Care, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Martin County

Hattie Lou (Sue) Preece Few, 63, a native of Martin County, died Monday, February 9, at St. Mary's Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Alvin S. Few. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 11, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Velma Williamson Hinkle, 78, of Milo, died Thursday, February 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 8, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Walter H. Salyers, 92, of Inez, died Friday, February 6, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Lorraine Honeycutt Salyers. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 8, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

James L. Simpson, 85, of Louisa, died Tuesday, February

3, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Jo Welch Simpson. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 6. Wilson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Wanda Delong Smith, 65, of Debord, died Tuesday, February 3, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 6, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Bruce David White, 36, of Lenore, West Virginia, died Wednesday, February 4, at Mt. Carmel Hospital West, in Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 8, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Warfield Chapel.

Magoffin County

Ishmel Patrick, 69, a Magoffin County native, died at Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Juanita Rowe Patrick. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 9, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

William George Shannon, 89, of Catlettsburg, formerly of Louisa, died Thursday, February 5, at VA Medical Center, in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 8, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

James L. Simpson, 85, of Louisa, died Tuesday, February 3, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Jo Welch Simpson. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 6. Wilson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Trinnie E. Wheeler, 55, of Blaine, died Tuesday, February 3, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 6, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Paul David Morman Jr., died January 14, at Herando Pasco Hospice Care Center in New Port Richey, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Diane McGibbon Morman. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 14, at the Solid Road Independent Church of Jesus Christ at Thealka.

Elder Lonza Reed, 101, died Sunday, February 8, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 12, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Eugene C. Rice, 72, a native of Staffordsville, died Thursday, February 5, at King's Daughters' Medical Center in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Connie W.

Rice. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 8, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Maxie Rigsby, 93, died Sunday, February 8, at J. J. Jordan Geriatric Center in Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 11, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Walter H. Salyers, 92, a Johnson County native, died at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Lorraine Honeycutt Salyers. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 8, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Charles "Chuck" Wheeler, 57, of Winchester, a Johnson County native, died Wednesday, February 4. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 7, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Knott County

Mildred Hurt Breeding, 72, of Redfox, died Sunday, February 1, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 4, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Carson H. Cornett, 92, of Louisville, a native of Sassafras, died Monday, February 2. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 6, under the direction of Arch L. Heady and Son, Westport Road and Herr Ln.

Ollie Jent, 79, of Sassafras, died Sunday, February 1, at Holston Valley Medical Center, Kingsport, Tennessee. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 4, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Pete A. Wicker, 71, of Decoy, a native of Mousie, died Wednesday, February 4, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Billie Yvonne Clark

Billie Yvonne Clark, 66, of Paintsville, formerly of Garrett, died Thursday, February 12, 2004, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, in Paintsville.

Born November 6, 1937, in Lackey, he was the son of the late Frank (Dickie) Clark Jr., and the late Victoria Jacobs Clark.

Survivors include five brothers: Charles Clark of Louisa, Joe Clark of Clay City, Dickie Ray Clark of Wabash, Indiana, James Clark of Winchester, and George Clark of Wayland; two sisters: Mary Mason of Orlando, Florida and Charlotte Martin of Pikeville, North Carolina; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 14, at 11 a.m., at the Lackey Freewill Baptist Church, with Johnny Collins officiating.

Burial was in the Chandler Cemetery, at Lackey, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home, and at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Leonard Handshoe

Leonard Handshoe, 57, of Hueysville, died Wednesday, February 11, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born October 29, 1946, in Knott County, he was the son of the late Wayne and Dawsie Terry Handshoe.

Survivors include seven brothers: Jesse James (Mary) Handshoe of Avilla, Indiana, Amos (Wilma) Handshoe of Carrie, Roy (Geraldine) Handshoe, Larry Jr., Handshoe, Willie Lee Handshoe, Elmer Handshoe, and Lloyd Dean Handshoe, all of Hueysville; five sisters: Essie Terry, Bessie Handshoe, Cordellia Handshoe, Tressie Handshoe and Arminta Handshoe, all of Hueysville; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Will Terry.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 14, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bethel Bolen, Buddy Jones, and others, officiating.

Burial was in the Will Terry Cemetery, at Hueysville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)



~ In Loving Memory ~ EDDIE SHELTON

June 12, 1990 - February 15, 2002



"My Dad"

He has been my inspiration, looking back through the years, Memories of a gentle man, are among my souvenirs.

His good advice made me strong, and his guidance helped me so,

If I give credit where it's due, then he's the one I owe.

It's hard to accept the fact, that he's no longer around, When it comes to a kinder man, none has yet been found.

What he's meant to me goes deeper, beyond what a poet could say,

And anything I tried to do, never did repay.

I hope I made him understand, the value of his worth, He lived up to what he was, "humane and down-to-earth."

He expected nothing in return, for giving all he had, And made an impact on my life, a special guy, "My Dad."

Sadly missed by his children and grandchildren

Davidson

more than 25 other respected experts in the fields of sports, psychology, coaching, health, nutrition and sports medicine. What I am going to say next may sound like a lot of double-talk, but please read it carefully. This organization was founded to meet two pressing needs for parents of young athletes everywhere. First, to provide immediate, practical and essential guidance and assistance in helping parents and others involved in youth sports cope with the psychological and physical challenges that accompany kids who play sports.

And secondly, in an effort to provide guidance and advice, the center is committed to investigating and researching the latest practices in the area of sports parenting, with special emphasis on the best methods of coaching, communication, motivation

and athletic development. Now, that's all well and good and educators will relate to it, but from a practical standpoint, here is something on their Web site that made more sense to me than anything else. In light of the violence and unruly behavior of some parents, it may be time to require them to take a short course on sports parenting and get a certificate of completion before his or her child can play on a team.

In my opinion, based on what I've observed, in most communities this extreme measure won't be necessary, but in some it may be. Do you know the situation in your community with regards to youth sports? Is this something your officials need to explore? The bottom line is this. It should be fun for the kids and not have unruly and disrespectful parents or other

adults spoil it for them. Let me know what you think.

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

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Prestonsburg Elementary honor rolls announced

A Honor Roll

First Grade

Pam Collins: Hanaan Aliman, Autumn Chaput, Aleshia Hall, Bobby Murrell, Ronnie Newsome, Angel Riley, Megan Scott, MaKayla Wells.

Scott Tackett: Lauren Davis, Alyvia Hall, Sarah Ratliff, Summer Shepherd.

Deborah Walker: Chasity Couch, Kelli Marsillett, Masann Potter.

Jennifer Stewart: Tyler Bays, Mickey Lee Gayheart, Shaelynn Hicks, Madison Moore, Makayla Silcox.

Second Grade

Lisa Hunt: Johnathon Boyd, Andrew Combs.

Tina Petry: Ashleigh Hayton, Vicky Stumbo: Jacob Blair, Seaton Hall.

Melissa Turner: Allyson

DeRossett, Galen Greene, Allison Hale, Haley Howell, Makala Jones, Rachel Layne, Macy Minix.

Jennifer Wells: Ike Hawkins.

Third Grade

Diana Turner: Allyson Branham, Derek Newsome, Bethany Scarberry.

Fourth Grade

Tonja Little: Drew Diddle, Victoria Hampton, Mickale Roberts.

Fifth Grade

Jalenda Shepherd: Wilson Allen, Kaitlyn Minix, Kalan Wells, Cassie Whitt.

B Honor Roll

First Grade

Pam Collins: Matt Blackburn, Savanna Canpbell, Joshua Crider, Monica Halsey,

Angela Owens.

Jennifer Stewart: Paige Akers, Bradley Hall, Caitlinn Halsey, Laken Hayden, Megan Mosley, Kyle Owsley, Mariah Ratliff, Natalya Treadway, Brittany Waddles, William Wallen, Maddie Wells.

Scott Tackett: Leonard Blanton, Lauren Click, McKenzie Collins, Nicholas Collins, Kennedy Conley, Keiona Craft, Emma George, Andrew Goble, Miles Goodman, Amber Kidd, Steven Little, Grant Martin, Dustin Moore, Verlon Rackey, Thomas Spears, Catherine Spurlock, Gabriel Walker, Alexis Younce.

Deborah Walker: Arron Bates, Taelor Blevins, Grace Boleyn, Zachary Coleman, Brennan Goble, Cody Hackworth, Bethany Lowe, Jaden McIntosh, Wesley Moore, Lela Peppi, April Ratliff.

Second Grade

Lisa Hunt: Griffin Baker, Eric Collins, Christian Cole, Aaron Crider, Kendra Gambill, Jenna Little, Kayanna Mullins, C.J. Ousley, Kimberly Owsley, Kierra Shelton.

Tina Petry: Gavin Blanton, Allyson Collins, Corey Conley, Josh Crider, Nick Gibson, Jackie Goble, Austin Holbrook, Aaron Meade, Kaleb Milam, Destiny Olcott, Chasity Sizemore, Traci Spradlin, Madison Wright.

Vicky Stumbo: Ashley Case, Joshua Coahran, Mitch Fields, Haley George, David Goins, Jerry Greer, Jeremy Gregory, Logan Hall, Samantha Hall, Shane Hall, Tyler Honeycutt, Susanna Johnson, Brittany Jones, Shyanna Leslie, John Rose.

Melissa Turner: Heather Bailey, Cody Bradley, Cathryn Calhoun, Kaitlyn Campbell, Quentin Click, Luke Crider, Taylor Hackworth, Thomas James Hager, Kesley Hall, Stratton Rorrer, Coty Shortridge.

Jennifer Wells: Austin Bailey, Jordan Marcum, Marissa Thompson, TJ Shepherd.

Third Grade

JoAnn Conn: Shelby Blackburn, Raymond Burgess, Elizabeth Collins, Brittani Hall, Rachael Hall, Morgan Haywood, Brianna Holbrook, Cody Holbrook, Jonathon Murrell, Brittany Slone, Hannah Spurlock, Kinsey VanDine.

Joan Cornett: Nathan Armstrong, Savannah Bryant, Paige Caudill, Andy Coahran, Chelsea Dickerson, Rachel Dingus, Hannah Hitchcock, Alex Hunt, Clay Lemaster, Andrew Noble, Phillip Whitten.

Sharon Justice: Clarissa Bryant, Josh Clifton, Stephen Goble, Curtis Griffith, Mary Ann Johnson, Patrick Johnson, Brittany Osborne, Eric Osborne, Tommy Osborne, Elizabeth Vaughn, Angelica Wallen.

Diana Turner: Colton Boleyn, Ceasar DelRosario, Ryan Flannery, Tate Goble, Anna Hall, Nick Hites, McKinley Minix, Frankie Rose, Austin Sloan, Trey Stapleton.

Jamerson, Ronnie Johnson, Austin Newsome, Kristany Setser, Tyler Shelton, Dustin Sherman, Ashton Sizemore, Haley Slone, Terry Thacker.

Tonja Little: Cole Allen, Amber Childers, Leanna Goble, Emily Hammonds, Brett Hawkins, Corey Lewis, Myles Minix, Amanda Phillips, Clara Potter.

Betty Minix: Josh Duff, Hannah Hackworth, Casey Hall, Celeste Hall, Charlie Joseph, Jessica Lafferty, Robert Osborne, Kevin Owens, Chelsi Piper, Jessica Russell, Amy Rice, Zachary Romans, Stella Spears, Luke Williams, Rheagan Wills.

Fifth Grade

Linda Combs: Grant Blair, Brianna Collins, Julie Compton, Ashley Daniels, Robby Grigsby, Breonna Holliman, Tori Hunt, Latosha Lafferty, Jamie Marsillett, Kasey Moore, Spencer Newsome, Keesha Scott, Josh Whitaker.

Debra Holland: Brandi Frasure, Caleb Petry, Taylor Tackett.

Jalenda Shepherd: Brian Branham, Elaina Calhoun, Frankie Conn, Brittany Davis, Alexis DeRossett, Nathaniel Fraley, John Justice, Madysen Nunery, James Sturgill, Hannah Walker, Tyler Whitt.

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decide whether to approve, reject or change some of the recommendations.

Principi will withhold comment on the recommendations until he makes his decision, due in about a month, said Cynthia Church, assistant secretary for public and intergovernmental affairs.

A VA official told the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee this week that the agency was already working on 41 "likely" projects in anticipation of the commission's recommendations. But how quickly any changes would begin after Principi makes his decisions was uncertain.

The VA launched the massive restructuring after government auditors in 1999 predicted that the VA would spend billions of dollars to operate unneeded buildings and that as much as one in every four VA health care dollars would be devoted to maintenance and operation of facilities.

Some of the most intense protests against closure have been in Waco. Vietnam veteran Roger Sturdevant, 53, goes to the Waco VA hospital several times a week for therapeutic swimming and post-traumatic stress disorder group therapy.

"I think it's terrible for them to make vets go so far from

home," he said Friday. "They're slitting our throats. They don't care about us, period."

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said political considerations — the importance of Ohio and Pennsylvania in President Bush's re-election campaign — could outweigh the commission's arguments in favor of closing some hospitals.

Daschle also said he is reluctant to close hospitals, even where the number of veterans has diminished, because there are "older veterans in particular who have no place else to go."

Beltway

12-car wreck on the freeway. At least Janet's breast was interesting. I'd never seen a naked one with a sheriff's badge pinned to it before. So far as all the impressionable youngsters watching the show, what kind of parents would let kids watch the Super Bowl, which is hardly more than an excuse for a series of ads that teach kids it's cool to drink a lot of beer and act like leering louts?

But let's keep discussing it, by all means. It is so much more entertaining than democracy.

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

Odds

Loecke Rasmussen said Thursday.

The 60,000 discs, intended for ninth graders, contained information about threesomes, bestiality and partners relieving themselves on each other while having sex. Distribution of the material was scheduled to start next week.

"What is the point of telling children and young people about" that, Loেকে Rasmussen said. "That has, in no way, anything to do with birth control."

He said the discs for the

most part contained valid lessons on sexual education and family planning, but the few questionable inclusions resulted in the ban.

The government-financed discs, created in cooperation with the Danish Family Planning Association and the National Board of Health, will be destroyed.

Christian Graugaard, a doctor and the leader of the Danish Family Planning Association, regretted the government's decision.

"When ninth graders

encounter terms like animal sex and think that sounds weird, we would prefer that the person didn't go on the Internet and find 300,000 suspect porn sites but had sober information on a CD-ROMs instead," he said.

Moment

Southern Baptist Churches has gathered information on potential projects that could be addressed during the WMU's visit. Those projects may range from light construction to visitation of the elderly and shut-in.

If you would like to participate in the WMU's MissionsFest 2004 or have a legitimate need you would like to see addressed, please contact Tom Biddle, director of missions of the Enterprise Association, at (606) 886-3335.

The WMU was founded in 1988 and is an auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention

that seeks to equip adults, youth, children and preschoolers with missions education to become radically involved in the mission of God. Headquartered in Birmingham, Ala., WMU is a nonprofit organization that offers an array of missions resources, including conferences, ministry ideas and models, volunteer opportunities, curriculum for age-level organizations, leadership training, books and more.

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H.S. FOOTBALL

Blackcat grid
banquet set
for March 7by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg High School football program keeps busy throughout the year. The Blackcats are back in the weightroom and working toward what looks to be another promising season. One last look will be given to the 2003 season on Sunday, March 7 when the annual football banquet is held at the Mountain Arts Center. The banquet will run from 2-4 p.m.

The banquet had originally been scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 29, but to a scheduling conflict, was pushed to the first Sunday in March.

"Our kids enjoy the banquet each year, and we the coaches do too," said Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett. "It's always a good time for everyone to get together."

One of the football players who'll be honored during the banquet will be senior Nick Jamerson. A three-sport star who is currently in the final weeks of a high school basketball career, Jamerson plans to walk-on and play football at the University of Kentucky. The UK coaching staff has expressed interest in having Jamerson join the Wildcat grid program as a preferred walk-on.

The 2003 Prestonsburg High football senior class also included running back Chat Yates, a player who was a nice compliment to the Blackcat backfield in his first and only season with Prestonsburg.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Boys' regional
tournament
sites finalizedby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

After being played in Johnson County last season at Johnson Central High School, the 15th Region boys' basketball tournament will make its return to Floyd County this March. Prestonsburg High School is the host site of the tournament. South Floyd was the last Floyd County school to host a 15th Region Tournament. South Floyd hosted the regional tournament in 2000 when Johnson Central, coached by Floyd Countian Johnny Ray Turner, captured the title. Shelby Valley hosted the tournament in 2001 when South Floyd took the title after winning in the finals over Allen Central. Pike County Central hosted the tournament in 2002.

Breathitt County will host the 14th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament. As usual, Morehead State University will serve as the host site for the 16th Region boys' tournament. Other universities hosting regional tournaments include Murray State, Western Kentucky and Kentucky State. A list of sites for the regional boys' tournaments follows.

Boys' regional basketball
sites

- Region 1 - Murray State University
- Region 2 - Madisonville-North Hopkins
- Region 3 - Apollo
- Region 4 - Western Kentucky

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FROM ONE COACH TO ANOTHER

file photo by Jamie Howell
Allen Central head coach Johnny Martin has both a former player and assistant coach in Kevin Spurlock, the coach of the 2004 All "A" Classic boys' basketball champion.No weak link between
former coach, playerby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

A coach can pass down to a player many things. Coaches can have a lifelong effect on their players. When good coaches talk, players will listen. In some cases, lifelong friendships will be made between coaches and players.

Hazard High boys' basketball coach Kevin Spurlock played high school basketball at Allen Central High School under one of the most respected coaches in the state — Johnny Martin.

Martin is one of those good coaches that players will listen to.

Spurlock, in his second year at the helm of the Hazard High boys' program, has learned a lot from his former coach. As a Runnin' Rebel player and coach, Spurlock learned from Martin. Come to think of it, he still draws from his former high school coach still today.

"There is so much I owe to Coach Martin," said Spurlock. "I learned plenty about xs and os but that is not what I treasure the most from him. It is how he handles

players and fans. It is how he works with other coaches; how he handles the refs. He has taught me so many things. I will be forever grateful to him."

Spurlock was the top assistant to Martin on the ACHS boys' basketball bench before accepting a job as head coach at Trimble County High School. The Floyd County native is in his second season at the top of the Hazard High boys' program. Spurlock, who served as both head football and baseball coach at Allen Central, looks at Martin as much more than just a former coach. In fact, Martin in all reality is so much more than just a former coach.

"He was my coach, my boss; but more importantly he was and is still a father figure to me," Spurlock added. "Since my dad passed away three years ago Coach Martin has filled that role for me."

And Martin has been there for his former player/assistant coach in the good times, like this last Sunday when Hazard claimed its

(See COACH, page two)

photo by Tony McGuire
Hazard head coach Kevin Spurlock got a point across to his players during last week's All "A" Classic.Pike Central sweeps
Pikeville on record nightMishay
Weddington

Hawks' student body,
254 strong, paint way
into record book

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK — On a night when a world record for body painting was broken, the host girls' bas-

ketball team wasn't without high spots of its own.

With a raucous home crowd on its side, the Pike Central Lady Hawks went out and took care of business against visiting Pikeville. In the second game of the high school doubleheader, the Pike Central boys won.

"It is crazy in there," one

Pike Central fan told another as they met outside the gymnasium in between games. "That place is wild!"

And it was. One source said the Guinness World Record for body painting was 110, another said 116. On Thursday night, 254 young

(See SWEEPS, page two)

photos by
Steve
LeMaster

The Pike
County
Central
High
School
student
body
broke a
world
record and
celebrated
two victories
Thursday
night
when rival
Pikeville
paid a
visit.

Junior looking strong at Daytona — again

by PAUL NEWBERRY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. can't celebrate just yet.

If anyone should know how little it means to win a qualifying race at Daytona International Speedway, it's Junior.

Earnhardt won his second straight 125-miler for the Daytona 500. Impressive, yes, but still 10 fewer qualifying wins than his father had on NASCAR's most famous track.

Then again, the Intimidator didn't win the 500 until his 20th try.

His son wants one now.

"I don't want to have to keep on coming close, coming close and losing it," Earnhardt said after his victory Thursday. "It was hard on my dad. It was even hard on us kids, wanting him to win and not knowing when it would happen."

"I don't want to be here 20 years later and coming so close to winning that I can't stand it."

He's clearly the driver to beat in Sunday's Great American Race — a label his late father often carried. The elder Earnhardt finally won in 1998.

Junior was just oozing with confidence after beating two-

time 500 winner Michael Waltrip in the first of the twin 125-mile qualifying races. The teammates didn't even work together, sparking some spirited good ol' boys-style debate between Waltrip and Earnhardt's crew chief.

Not that it mattered. "When I put my car out front, it's a beast," Earnhardt said.

Elliott Sadler won the second 125, showing the strength of the redesigned Ford that already had claimed the front row for Sunday's race.

Sadler, who will start alongside pole winner Greg Biffle, knows all eyes will be on

Earnhardt's No. 8 Chevrolet when the green flag waves.

"Everyone is picking him," Sadler said. "That's OK. I don't mind being the underdog."

Winning his first race of any kind at Daytona, Sadler gave Robert Yates Racing its second victory in less than a week. Dale Jarrett won the Bud Shootout last Saturday night.

"Everyone keeps forgetting that Robert Yates Racing has been in Victory Lane more than anyone else this week," Sadler said.

Earnhardt won without any drafting help from Waltrip, his teammate at Dale Earnhardt Inc. While the drivers often work together at Daytona, Junior took the lead from Waltrip on lap 37, pulled far ahead and stayed out front the rest of the way.

Tony Eury Sr., Earnhardt's crew chief, complained that Waltrip tried to do his own thing before fading to fourth.

"It seems like our teammate don't want to be our teammate no more, so we dumped him," Eury said.

But both drivers insisted there won't be any hard feelings in the race, which has been won two of the last three years by Waltrip.

Just to be sure, DEI chief Richie Gilmore stepped in to restore the peace.

"Everyone will go home tonight, get a beer and we'll be all right," he said.

Earnhardt won for the seventh time at Daytona, though he's never taken the checkered flag in the biggest race of all. His father won a record 34 times at Daytona but only once in the 500 before being killed in a last-lap crash in the event in 2001.

Junior was a favorite each of the last three years, but finished second to Waltrip in 2001, 29th in 2002 and 36th in last year's rain-shortened race after losing ground to an electrical problem.

So, overconfidence shouldn't be a problem.

"The only thing I'm excited about is that I just got one step closer to winning more races than my daddy ever did here," Junior said.

Earnhardt, who earned the third spot on the 43-car grid for the Nextel Cup opener, got a brief challenge from Tony Stewart at the end of the 50-lap race but easily held on to win by 0.245-seconds — about three car-lengths.

"He was by far the class of the field," Stewart said.

Sadler won his race by an even-larger margin, so he won't be intimidated by the Intimidator's son.

"I out-qualified him, and I won my race, too," said Sadler, savoring a five-length victory over Sterling Marlin.

But the DEI drivers usually dominate at Daytona and Talladega, where NASCAR requires carburetor restrictor

plates to reduce speeds on the big tracks. Waltrip and Earnhardt have won eight of the last 10 plate races, including three of four last year.

The twin 125s determined starting positions 3 through 30, with the rest of the lineup filled from last Sunday's qualifying and last year's car-owner points.

Actually, there wasn't much suspense.

The only yellow flag of the day was brought out when the right front tire on rookie Scott Riggs' car blew, bouncing him off the wall. He was OK.

Only two drivers — Andy Hillenburg and Kirk Shelmerdine — were sent home. NASCAR officials put Mike Skinner at the back just to make it a complete field.

Of course, come Sunday, all eyes will be on those starting up front — especially Earnhardt.

"I just like having a fast car," Junior said. "The easier my job is, the better."

AUTO RACING

Newman voted No. 1 in NASCAR media poll

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Series by motorsports media.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Ryan Newman, who led NASCAR's premier series in wins and poles last season en route to a sixth-place finish in the championship, has been voted the preseason No. 1 in the NASCAR Nextel Cup

Newman, the 26-year-old Indiana native who drives the No. 12 Alltel Dodge for Penske Racing South, collected 1,915 points on the strength of 27 first-place votes to out-distance four-time series champion Jeff Gordon. Newman is coming off a dom-

inant 2003 season in which he had a series-leading eight wins and 11 poles, and finished sixth in the series championship for the second consecutive year. Newman, the 2002 Raybestos Rookie of the Year, is looking to give team owner Roger Penske his first championship in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series.

"I thank the media for voting our team as the preseason No. 1 pick to win the championship. Unfortunately, picking us as the favorite will not make any difference to how our season will turn out," Newman said. "I'm looking forward to another opportunity to win this championship. The Alltel team has learned a lot and we can now apply what we've learned to the 2004 season. Our objective is to make as few mistakes as possible and never make the same mistake twice."

Newman was followed in

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LITTLE LEAGUE

HAP Little League signups on tap for today

TIMES STAFF REPORT

er/sibling in the same family.

BETSY LAYNE — Harold Allen-Prater Little League will hold signups for the 2004 season today from 1-4 p.m. at the Dome. Registration fee is \$25 per child; \$15 for the second player/sibling in the same family, and \$10 for the third play-

Mindi Watson is the new HAP Little League President. Players ages 5-14 are eligible to participate in HAP Little League. Girls' softball is available for female players ages 9-12. Karen Joseph and Jim Clark are coordinating the HAP girls' softball league.

SPORTS CALENDAR

BASEBALL

Umpires needed
The Big Sandy Umpires Association is gearing up for the 2004 baseball and softball seasons. Anyone who is interested in being an umpire can call Robert Staggs at 606/432-1807 or 606/218-5357.

Rebels play Sheldon Clark. Any former player, cheerleader or faculty member who was associated with the team is urged to attend. A team picture of the 1982 team will be hung on Monday night.

BASKETBALL

'82 ACHS Lady Rebels to be recognized, honored

The 1982 Allen Central High School regional championship girls' basketball team will be recognized Monday when the current ACHS Lady

Grundy tournament
The Grundy Lady Gladiators will host a tournament Feb. 28-29 for boys ages nine-and-under, boys in fourth and fifth grades, boys in sixth and seventh grades, girls in age groups from 10-and-under to 17-and-under. The entry fee is \$100 per team and trophies will be

awarded for first through third place in each age division. For more information, contact David Peck at 271/531-8271 or Teresa Riley at 276/530-7591.

WALKING

ASL Walk/Run
The Appalachian School of Law's second ASL Memorial 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for March 20. The five-kilometer run and two-mile fitness walk will have music, food and awards at the finish line. Registration costs \$12 in advance or \$14 the day of the event. For more information, contact Stewart Harman at 276/935-7237.

FISHING

Fishtrap Lake information
For daily information on Fishtrap Lake, call 606/437-9426. If you need to talk to the ranger staff, call 606/437-7496.

Tug Valley Bass Anglers
The Tug Valley Bass Anglers meets the first Thursday of each month at the Johns Creek School at 6:30 p.m. Call 606/237-5907, 606/631-5786, 606/478-9676, 606/237-5907 or visit the club's website at

Johns Creek Bassmasters
The Johns Creek Bassmasters are accepting members for the 2004 season. For more information, call 606/631-5786, 606/631-3245, or 606/631-3437. The organization is currently accepting new members for the 2004 season.

SOCCER

YMCA soccer registration
The Pikeville YMCA will hold registration for its spring youth soccer program through Feb. 28. Leagues are available for boys and girls ages 3-18. For more information, call Greg Boggs at 606/333-9622.

Sweeps

people put on orange body paint with a hint of blue and painted themselves into the record book with no doubt that a new record was going in.

And it was.
When the next Guinness Book of World Records is released, the Pike County Central Oranges, or Hawks, will be included.

"We did this once this year for the (Shelby) Valley game, and we thought it'd be nice if we could get the whole school involved in it so we could break this record and get our names put on the map here at Pike Central," said Pike Central senior Joey Dotson. "This is great for everyone involved."

Haley Ratliff tossed in a game-high 21 points and Kim Coleman flipped in 17 to lead Pike Central to an impressive 70-53 win over Pikeville.

Pike Central held Pikeville to

under 10 points in the first period, outscoring the Lady Panthers 17-9. The Lady Hawks also put 17 points up in the second quarter, outscoring Pikeville (10-10) 17-11. Pikeville, coached by Cindy Halbert, played Pike Central near-even in the second half, but couldn't make up much ground on the host Lady Hawks (15-7).

Mishay Weddington added 13 points for Pike Central while Paige Lowe netted 11.

Amanda Hartsock led Pike Central in scoring with 14 points. Shawna Howard added 13.

Pike Central sealed the win by outscoring Pikeville 17-14 in the fourth quarter.

BOYS: Pike County Central 58, Pikeville 44

The host team completed a sweep Thursday night at the Hawks' Nest.

Pike County Central led visit-

ing Pikeville 16-9 at the end of the first period and 29-14 at halftime en route to a 58-44 win.

Chase Lyons led Pike Central with a game-high 25 points. Brad Lowe scored 12 and Johnson Williamson added 11.

Pikeville (7-15) was led in scoring by Jesse Parrish with 16 points. Robert Shurtleff pushed in 14 for the Panthers.

Pike County Central High boys' basketball coach David Rowe allowed his players to take part in the body painting. Hawk cheerleaders also painted up for the record-breaking event.

Coach

first All "A" Classic boys' basketball title

"Having him there this past Sunday to hug and cry with was surreal to me," Spurlock confided. "It was like he was standing in proxy for my dad and I could feel his presence so strong."

Spurlock isn't the only former Allen Central Rebel player who holds a strong link to the school's veteran coach. This season, former Allen Central High players Jeremy Hall and Nick Samons have each come back and joined in and assisted their former coach.

"Johnny Martin is not only a great coach, but a great person, and one who his former players respect and love," said Spurlock. "There will never be another like him and I am blessed to have been associated with him. I really have a huge place in my heart for him."

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- University
- Region 5 - Marion County
- Region 6 - Butler/Louisville Gardens
- Region 7 - Eastern/Louisville Gardens
- Region 8 - Henry County
- Region 9 - Holmes
- Region 10 - Mason County
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- Region 14 - Breathitt County
- Region 15 - Prestonsburg
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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Lady Cards rally, beat Paintsville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

game winning streak less two weeks ago.

PAINTSVILLE — Host Paintsville led Sheldon Clark 18-15 at halftime, but struggled in the second half, particularly in the fourth quarter. Sheldon Clark outscored Paintsville 9-8 in the third quarter and 11-4 in the final period to leave with a 35-30 win.

In the low-scoring contest, neither team managed to land a player in double figures scoring. Amanda Johnson led Sheldon Clark in scoring with nine points. Tiffany Meade scored eight.

Chelsey Jarrell led Paintsville in scoring with seven points. Ashley Hall and Kendra Carroll netted six apiece.

The setback was the second loss in a row for Paintsville and head coach Mark Baldwin. The Lady Tigers were on a three-

Sheldon Clark improved its record on the season to 9-9. Paintsville fell to 10-12.

Rowan County 44, Johnson Central 38: In a low-scoring game, host Johnson Central outscored the visiting Lady Vikings in one of the two final periods before falling short. Rowan County led Johnson Central 28-20 at halftime. The Lady Eagles outscored Rowan County 10-6 in the third period in a comeback bid.

Rowan County (14-5), in the win, had just one player score in double figures. Ashley LeMaster led Johnson Central in scoring with 14 points.

Lawrence Co. 78, Elliott Co. 36: Lawrence County outscored Elliott County in all four quarters en route to the 42-point win. The win evened Lawrence County's record to 10-10.

Belfry 64, Shelby Valley 49

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ROBINSON CREEK — Overcoming a slow start Thursday night, Belfry turned back host

Shelby Valley, 64-49.

"We didn't shoot the basketball well tonight," Belfry coach Mark Gannon said. "Especially in the first half."

The Lady Pirates and Lady Cats battled to a 28-28 tie and Valley went up 43-39 after three quarters.

Belfry took the final period, outscoring the host team 25-6 to win going away.

"Everybody did a much better job the second half," Gannon said.

Lyndsey Mahon and Anna Bevins finished with a double-double each. Mahon had 14 points and 15 rebounds while Bevins tossed in 15 points and grabbed 14 boards.

"I thought Mahon's play was the difference for us tonight," Gannon said.

Mahon also had four blocks

and four steals as Belfry improved to 15-8 with the win.

Vicki Hall led Belfry in scoring with 17 points. Emma Smith tossed in 10. Smith dished out six assists and blocked one shot.

Mary Beth Johnson had eight rebounds and dished out six assists. She also had five steals.

The Lady Pirates outbounded Shelby Valley by a 50-30 margin. Belfry hit 27-of-63 shots from the floor and 9-of-16 from the foul line.

Esther Fleming led the Lady Cats with a team-high 13 points. Leandra Mullins tossed in 10 and Beth Hall added nine.

"They (Shelby Valley) are getting better," Gannon said. "I told our girls it seems like everybody is getting better this time of the season."

Gannon's Belfry team, while the head coach was held out of the game because of a suspension, lost earlier in the month against Allen Central.

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the voting by the Hendrick Motorsports tandem of Gordon (No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet) and Jimmie Johnson (No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet). Gordon, last season's preseason No. 1, is ranked No. 2 with 29 first-place votes and 1,806 points, 109 behind Newman. He recorded three wins and finished fourth in the championship last season. It marked the second consecutive season he finished fourth and the 10th season in a row he has been among the top 10 in the championship.

Johnson, whose car is co-owned by Gordon with Rick Hendrick, amassed 1,801 points — just five points shy of Gordon — behind a poll-high 41 first-place votes to earn the No. 3 ranking. He has finished

among the top five in the championship in both of his two full seasons in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series, including runner-up last season. Johnson, who had three wins last season, has been ranked among the top 10 in the championship for 69 consecutive weeks heading into the season-opening Daytona 500, a streak that ranks first among active drivers.

"I think it's great that people are expecting good things from us this year," Johnson said. "We were in the NASCAR Top 10 all season [in 2003] and that's something we're looking to continue this year. All the great things that have been written in the media, you can use them in the right way and they can motivate the team, add a little more

confidence. I'd certainly rather be a favorite than not."

The Hendrick Motorsports duo is followed by Dale Earnhardt Jr. (No. 8 Budweiser Chevrolet), who is No. 4 with 1,525 points and 22 first-place votes. Earnhardt Jr. had two wins last season and finished a career-best third in the championship race for Dale Earnhardt, Inc.

Rounding out the top five is 2002 series champion Tony Stewart (No. 20 Home Depot Chevrolet), who is No. 5 with 1,291 points and five first-place votes. Stewart, who drives for Joe Gibbs Racing, posted two wins in 2003 and finished seventh in the cham-

pionship. He has finished among the top 10 in the championship in all five seasons he has competed in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series.

Kevin Harvick (No. 29 GM Goodwrench Chevrolet) is ranked No. 6 with 991 points and three first-place votes. He has been among the top 10 in the championship in two of his three seasons in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series, including a career-best fifth in the series championship last season. Last season, he had one victory and was one of two full-time drivers who did not register a DNF (Did Not Finish) in the 36-race season.

Harvick is followed by a

pair of Roush drivers, reigning series champion Matt Kenseth (No. 17 DeWalt Power Tools Ford) and Kurt Busch (No. 97 Sharpie IRWIN Ford). Kenseth, who had a win and a series-leading 25 top-10 finishes last season, is ranked No. 7 with 934 points and a pair of first-place votes. Kenseth spent a NASCAR modern-era record 33 weeks in a row at No. 1 last season and is looking to become the first driver to win consecutive titles since Gordon in 1997-98.

Busch is one of two drivers in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series Preseason Top 10 that did not finish among the top 10 in the championship a year

ago. Busch, who finished 11th in the 2003 title race, is No. 8 with 694 points and two first-place votes. He had a four-win season for the second consecutive year.

Bobby Labonte (No. 18 Interstate Batteries Chevrolet), the 2000 series champion, joins Stewart from the Joe Gibbs Racing stable in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series Preseason Top 10 with the No. 9 ranking. He received 573 points and one first-place vote. Labonte had two wins last season and finished eighth in the series championship. It marked the sixth time in the last seven seasons he has finished among the top 10.

Jamie McMurray (No. 42 Texaco/Havoline Dodge), the 2003 Raybestos Rookie of the Year, joins Busch as the other driver among the Preseason Top 10 who did not finish in the top 10 in the 2003 series championship. McMurray, who had five top-five performances en route to a 13th-place finish in last year's championship, received 154 points to land the No. 10 ranking. He will be looking to crack the top 10 for the first time in his 42-start career in 2004, with his No. 13 ranking in the final week of the season being his career-best position at any stage.

Twenty-eight drivers received votes from more than 100 motorsports writers who participated in the balloting. Drivers received 20 points for a first-place vote, 17 for second, 15 for third, 13 for fourth, 11 for fifth, nine for sixth, seven for seventh, five for eighth, three for ninth and one for 10th.



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg junior Molly Burchett drove to the lane in a 58th District matchup against South Floyd earlier in the season.

Reds tickets to go on sale Saturday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CINCINNATI — Single-game tickets for all 81 Cincinnati Reds games at Great American Ball Park will go on sale Saturday, Feb. 21.

The Reds open the 2004 season with a three-game series against the Chicago Cubs, starting at 2:15 p.m. ET on April 5. Opening Day tickets can be purchased starting at 9 a.m. ET, and tickets for the remaining games will go on sale beginning at 10 a.m. ET. Tickets can be purchased right here online.

There will be a limit of six Opening Day tickets per order. For fans purchasing Opening Day tickets via phone or the Internet, there will be a limit of one order per credit card and/or household.

Ticket prices range from \$5 to \$30, with an additional \$10 charge on each ticket for Opening Day and a \$5 charge per ticket to the Fourth of July weekend series against the Indians.

Tickets also can be purchased by calling (513) 381-REDS or toll-free at (877) 647-REDS, at the Great American Ball Park ticket windows located at Second and Main Streets, the Majestic Dugout Shop located in the Westin Hotel downtown, and at all area Tickets.com outlets, including Meijer stores, select Play It Again Sports and the Visitors Center on Fountain Square.

For those unable to purchase tickets on Feb. 21, Great American Ball Park ticket windows will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET beginning on Feb. 23.

A number of special events are planned for the 2004 season. Prior to the Sept. 18 contest against the Chicago Cubs, the

club will honor Reds Hall of Fame pitcher and legendary broadcaster Joe Nuxhall, who is celebrating the 60th anniversary of his Major League debut. Nuxhall is planning to retire after this season.

Cincinnati native and team captain Barry Larkin will be honored prior to the Oct. 2 game against the Pittsburgh Pirates. After 19 years with his hometown team, the shortstop will be playing in his final season.

Another honoree is Chuck Harmon, the first African American player in Reds history. The team will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his big-league debut April 20 game against Atlanta.

Before the June 27 game against Pittsburgh, Hall of Fame catcher Ernie Lombardi will be immortalized with a statue dedication on the Crosley Terrace. Last season statues were unveiled for Crosley Field legends Ted Kluszewski, Nuxhall and Frank Robinson.

Additional promotions include three bobblehead giveaways on Wednesdays.

A Nuxhall bobblehead doll in a uniform circa 1944, the year he debuted in the Major Leagues as a 15-year-old, will be given away before the Wednesday, April 21 game against the Braves.

A Sean Casey doll adjusting his batting gloves will be available on Wednesday, June 30, when the Reds face off against the Mets. Both the Nuxhall and

Casey bobblehead doll giveaways are sponsored by Pepsi.

The final bobblehead night is on Wednesday, Aug. 11, when Great American Insurance Group will sponsor Joe Morgan bobblehead doll night as the Reds welcome the Dodgers.

For the first time in the brief history of Great American Ball Park, a fireworks display, sponsored by Klosterman Baking Co., will follow the game on Friday, July 2.

VOLLEYBALL

Looney signs with Pikeville College

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LICK CREEK — For the second time in a week, Pikeville College has signed a Pike County student-athlete to play volleyball.

Jordan Looney, a senior from East Ridge High School, signed with the school this morning, allowing her to further her education at her hometown institution.

Looney, a setter, posted some nice numbers for Jill Morgan's Lady Warriors last fall. She finished the campaign with 159 assists, 103 kills and 49 service aces. For good measure, she added 28 blocks and 41 digs.

"We feel like Jordan's athleticism will help her be successful on our level," said

Coach Robert Staggs, who posted a 17-7 record in his first season at the helm of the Lady Bears.

"She will also bring a tremendous amount of intensity to our practice sessions as well as our games," the coach added. "She can do a lot of things for us, and we're excited about adding her to the roster and welcoming her to our family."

Looney will join Belfry's Vickie Hall in the freshman class this fall. Hall, an outside hitter, signed an agreement on Tuesday morning. She helped the Lady Pirates to the 2003 15th Region championship.

The Lady Bears are replacing five seniors who finished their careers at the Mid-South Conference school last fall.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Lady Hawks to host 15th Region tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK — Pike County Central head coach Tammy Tussey has watched her girls' basketball team mature and play better throughout the 2003-04 season. Should Pike Central be fortunate enough to make it into the 15th Region Tournament, a sweet reward awaits — homecourt advantage.

Betsy Layne will soon be playing for its second straight trip to the Girls' Sweet 16. Before Betsy Layne won last season, Johnson Central had made the trip to Bowling Green and Western Kentucky University's E.A. Diddle Arena a regular thing.

Top girls' basketball teams in the 15th Region include defending champ Betsy Layne, Pike Central and Belfry.

Breathitt County High will host both the 14th Region boys' and girls' basketball tournaments.

Floyd County native Brian Hall is in his first season as head coach of the Breathitt County boys.

Morehead State University will host both the boys and the girls in the 16th Region.

- Girls regional basketball sites
- Region 1 - Murray State University
- Region 2 - Christian County
- Region 3 - Butler County
- Region 4 - Western Kentucky University
- Region 5 - Hart County
- Region 6 - Butler/Louisville Gardens
- Region 7 - Eastern/Louisville Gardens
- Region 8 - Bullitt East
- Region 9 - Conner
- Region 10 - Harrison County
- Region 11 - TBD
- Region 12 - Garrard County
- Region 13 - Middlesboro
- Region 14 - Breathitt County
- Region 15 - Pike County Central
- Region 16 - Morehead State University



photos by Steve LeMaster

An Orange Nation showed up Thursday night when Pike Central hosted Pikeville. The Pike Central student body broke a record with 254 people donning body paint. Below: Pikeville guard Emily Colvin awaited a Pike Central free-throw. Thursday's game between the two rivals provided a March-like atmosphere



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Earnhardt and Sadler win qualifying races; lineup set for Daytona 500

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. sent a message Thursday to the rest of the field for the Daytona 500 — look out for Junior.

"I think I've got the best car here," he said.

Junior left teammate Michael Waltrip in his wake for an easy victory in the first of the twin 125-mile qualifying races at Daytona International Speedway.

"He was by far the class of the field," said Tony Stewart, who wound up finishing second to Earnhardt in the opener.

Waltrip, the defending 500 champion and winner of two of the last three editions of NASCAR's biggest event, faded

after leading early but still came in fourth, just behind Jamie McMurray, last year's top rookie.

After Elliott Sadler won the second race — even more easily than Earnhardt — the Robert Yates Racing driver insisted that he is just as much of a favorite as Junior.

"I out-qualified him and I won my race, too," said Sadler who, along with pole-winner Greg Biffle locked up starting spots on the front row in last Sunday's qualifying.

"I know everybody at Daytona is picking him the favorite, and that's cool," he added. "I don't mind being the underdog. Nobody picked me to win the second race and we went out and did that."

It was the first win of any

kind for Sadler at Daytona, while Junior picked up his seventh checkered flag and second straight qualifying victory at the track where his late father won a record 34 times.

But Earnhardt has yet to win a Daytona 500, a race his father won in 1998 on his 20th try.

"I don't want to have to keep on coming close, coming close and lose it," Junior said. "It was hard on my dad. It was even harder on us kids, wanting to win and not knowing when it would happen. I don't want to be here 20 years later and coming so close to winning that I can't stand it."

Junior was a favorite each of the last three years, but finished second to Waltrip in 2001, 29th in 2002 and 36th in last year's rain-shortened race after losing ground to an electrical problem.

So Earnhardt doesn't want to get overconfident.

"The only thing I'm excited about is that I just got one step closer to winning more races than my daddy ever did here," he said.

Earnhardt won Thursday without any drafting help from Waltrip. Although the Dale Earnhardt Inc. drivers often work together at Daytona, Junior took the lead from Waltrip on lap 37, pulled far ahead and stayed out front the rest of the way.

"I knew when we got new tires that if I was going to get past Michael I was going to have to do it real fast," Earnhardt said. "I was real lucky there to be able to get under him and he got backed up behind Jeff (Gordon)."

Earnhardt, who earned the third spot on the 43-car grid for Sunday's NASCAR Nextel Cup opener, got a brief challenge from Stewart at the end of the 50-lap race but easily held on to win by 0.245-seconds — about three car-lengths.

Tony Eury Sr., Earnhardt's crew chief, criticized Waltrip for

not working with his DEI teammate. But Junior and Waltrip both shrugged it off.

"Me and Michael will draft fine for the future," Junior said. "We just didn't today."

Waltrip added: "I love Dale Jr. and we've found a lot of success together and that will continue in the future."

The two DEI drivers, who usually dominate at Daytona and Talladega, the two big tracks where NASCAR requires horsepower-sapping carburetor restrictor plates, go into Sunday having won eight of the last 10 plate races, including three of four last year.

Sadler started from the pole in the second qualifier. He trailed Ricky Rudd in the early going, took the lead back on lap 24, lost it briefly during a series of green flag pit stops and then took control for good on lap 38.

Nobody was able to mount a

challenge and Sadler crossed the line 0.669 seconds — about five car-lengths — in front of runner-up Sterling Marlin, who barely held off Jimmie Johnson to earn the fourth starting spot in Sunday's race.

"This is probably the biggest win I've ever had in my life," Sadler said. "It's a very emotional win for me right now."

Mark Martin finished fourth and Kevin Harvick, who started the last lap in second place, wound up fifth, just ahead of reigning Cup champion Matt Kenseth.

Thursday's races determined positions 3 through 30, with the rest of the lineup filled from the qualifying on Sunday and last year's car-owner points.

Jeff Burton finished fifth in the opener Thursday, followed by Bobby Labonte, Kurt Busch, rookie Brendan Gaughan and former Daytona 500 winner

Ward Burton.

The other drivers earning starting spots in the 500 in the first race were rookie Johnny Sauter, Dave Blaney, Casey Mears, rookie Kasey Kahne and John Andretti, the third DEI entry who finished just behind Biffle in 15th.

In the second race, the remaining qualifiers were Joe Nemechek, Rudd, Rusty Wallace, Ryan Newman, Jeremy Mayfield, Johnny Benson, Scott Wimmer, Ricky Craven and Robby Gordon.

Kahne came back from the rear of the field after being hit from behind and spun on pit road by Jeff Gordon under caution. The only yellow flag of the day was brought out when the right front tire on rookie Scott Riggs' car blew, bouncing him off the wall and leaving him last in the 23-car field.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Charlotte 77, No. 9 Louisville 71

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Curtis Withers scored 23 points, including two free throws with 30 seconds left, to lift Charlotte to its fourth consecutive victory with a 77-71 win over No. 9 Louisville on Thursday night.

It was the 49ers' third win this season over a top 10 opponent — they also won at then-No. 7 Syracuse and then-No. 8 Cincinnati — and gave Charlotte (15-5, 7-2 Conference USA) a solid case for an NCAA tournament bid.

Louisville (17-4, 7-3) lost for the third time in four games and blew a 12-point lead, partly because Luke Whitehead, Francisco Garcia and Nate Daniels played most of the second half with four fouls each.

Charlotte used an 11-0 run to pull back into the game with 5:34 to play, but it still wasn't decided until a frantic final minute.

Withers gave the 49ers their first lead of the second half, 67-66, on a jumper with 1:42 to go, and Louisville regained the lead on Garcia's basket.

Then Brendan Plavich, having a horrendous shooting night, finally converted a 3-point attempt to put Charlotte up 70-68 with 56 seconds to go. Garcia calmly answered with his own 3 to put the Cardinals back up, but Mitchell Baldwin responded by going coast-to-coast for a layup that drew a foul.

Baldwin missed the free throw, but Withers got the rebound and was fouled. He made both free throws to put Charlotte up 74-71. Louisville turned the ball over on the rest of its possessions.

Baldwin finished with 13 points while filling in for senior

guard Demon Brown, Charlotte's second-leading scorer at 12.6 points a game. He served a one-game suspension stemming from his arrest for allegedly communicating threats against three people.

Plavich finished with 12 points on 4-for-12 shooting from 3-point range. Eddie Basden scored all 10 of his points in the second half — including five straight at the start of the period.

Larry O'Bannon led Louisville with 17 points, and Daniels finished with 11.

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BASEBALL

Griffey, Howsam chosen for Reds' Hall

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Outfielder Ken Griffey Sr. will join other members of the Big Red Machine — and the general manager who assembled it — in the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame next August.

The club announced Thursday that Griffey, former general manager Bob Howsam and 19th Century pitcher Will White will be inducted before a game against Arizona on Aug. 29.

Griffey, 54, was a right fielder on the team that won consecutive World Series in 1975-76. He became a full-time starter in the 1975 season, when he hit

.305. He later was a Reds coach, and his son, Ken Jr., currently is their center fielder.

Howsam, 76, was general manager from 1967-78, assembling the best team in Cincinnati history. He also was the team's president and chief operating officer from 1973-78 and again from 1983-85. Howsam brought Pete Rose came back to town as player-manager in 1984.

White played for Cincinnati from 1878-80 and again from 1882-86. White is the franchise's career leader in various pitching categories, including wins (227), losses (163), complete games (389) and earned run average (2.25).



photo by Jamie Howell

South Floyd junior Burnett Little (middle) tried to work the basketball away from Nick Jamerson and Michael Stephens of Prestonsburg when the two teams met nine days ago.

photo by Jamie Howell

South Floyd senior Ashley Johnson, pictured defending Prestonsburg junior sophomore Chanel Music, recently scored her 1,000th career point.



BOYS' BASKETBALL

Ashland freshmen top Johnson Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ASHLAND — Host Ashland rallied back to defeat Johnson Central 56-51 in overtime for the championship of the 24th annual Freshmen Ashland Invitational Tournament Thursday night at Alumni gym.

The Tomcats were playing their third consecutive overtime game. In all three outings, the Tomcats found a way to win.

Visiting Johnson Central came into the tournament playing the role of the favorite.

With Johnson Central leading 19-18 at the half, the Golden Eagles opened up the third quarter with an 8-2 run to push the score out to 27-20 with 3:50 remaining in the quarter.

Ashland then bounced back with a 9-0 run to take a 29-27 lead with just more than a minute to go in the third quarter. But Johnson Central converted three consecutive steals into seven points to hold a 34-29 lead heading into the final quarter of regulation.

The fourth quarter opened with consecutive baskets from Michael Tackett and Jamie McCarty for Central to push the lead to 38-29.

However, that proved to be the turning point of the game as Johnson Central struggled being patient with a lead. The Eagles turned the ball over 12 times in the last three and half minutes of the fourth quarter.

With the game tied at 43 with under a minute to go, both teams made one of two free throws to send the game into overtime with a score of 44 apiece.

The Tomcats struck first with a pair of free throws from Robbie Wilcox, followed by a Luke Bonner basket to give Ashland a 48-44 advantage. Unlike before, Johnson Central found it harder to

respond and only managed to score twice in the final three minutes.

Wilcox led Ashland (16-5) with 23 points and 13 rebounds, while Bonner added 13 points and Jared Williams 10.

Johnson Central (12-3) was led by McCarty with a game-high 25 points. McCarty is a regular on the Johnson Central varsity squad.

The championship was the first for Ashland in three seasons as East Carter had won the previous two. The Raiders finished in third place with a 33-30 win over Greenup County.

Championship

Johnson Central (51) — Blanton 6, Conley 3, McCarty 25, Meek 7, Tackett 2, Taylor 8. PF: 27. FT: 5. 3-pointers: McCarty 3, Taylor 1, Blanton 1. Ashland (56) — Wilcox 23, Bonner 13, Williams 10, Salyer 9, Davis 1. PF: 10. FT: 26-40. 3-pointers: None.

JOHNSON CENTRAL

13	6	15	10	7	—	51
ASHLAND						
8	10	11	15	12	—	56

Consolation

Greenup County (30) — Ty. Wright 1, Tr. Wright 10, Brown 14, Clark 1, Robinson 4. PF: 15. FT: 4-10. 3-pointers: None.

East Carter (33) — Burge 11, Deerfield 2, Knipp 9, Gee 2, Moreland 4, Bush 5. PF: 9. FT: 8-16. 3-pointers: Burge 2, Knipp 1.

GREENUP COUNTY

7	4	7	12	—	30
EAST CARTER					
5	17	2	9	—	33

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This Town, That World

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

Fellow told me that he ducked a snowball, several days back, and got hit with a campaign promise.

HINTS OF SPRING

At least two persons in this vicinity have, within recent weeks, been telling me about robins appearing in their yards, and one told of bluebirds paying a visit. These are harbingers of spring, even if they do show up in a snowstorm, but I didn't get excited. What moved me was the peeping of the peepers in the little run back of our house, last Sunday night. They gave only four peeps the first night, the fifth note probably freezing in their throats, but the next day they were doing a right lusty job of it. Today, a wasp persisted in keeping me hep to the situation, and a friend remarked that if we didn't start our fishing soon, the water would get too warm.

None of these things is a sure sign of spring, but altogether they add up to what you may have already guessed: Spring is a lot nearer than it was—or will seem, if it snows tomorrow, as predicted.

Speaking of fishing, did you hear about the woman who kept complaining to her husband that she couldn't keep her bobber from sinking?

ON HAIRCUTS

We fathers who don't like our sons' haircuts, or the lack thereof, are in a pretty sad fix. I am, at any rate.

I have been tempted to hark to way back when, and advise my son to imitate his old man, but recollection of my experiences in the matter stopped me in my tracks. I was reminded that, maybe, my own father might have registered a few protests at my own hair-do, back when a pompadour that swept straight back from the noble brow, crossed the great divide and dropped almost to my collar behind. Have it cut short? Not on your life.

Then came that unexplainable urge to part it in the middle. I set down as envy the pater's remark that he'd always heard it said that fellows who parted their hair in the middle were trying to keep their brains in balance.

Finally, the part up the middle began widening. Tonics, shampoos, even a highly advertised Thermo-Cap, along with an assortment of greases, failed to stop the sad recession. Then came the day when the part went to the side, and the hair was pulled carefully across the great, open spaces. Then...

Maybe the youngster is no worse than his old man. So I have only one suggestion—quit the barber shops and just go to the nearest service station and get an oil change.



Bob visited with the llamas at this site in Peru near the lost city of the Ancient Incas, Machu Picchu. He climbed the mountain, Huayna Picchu, in the background, during that trip.

Meet Appalachia

Bob Webb, Waiter, World traveler

by MARY MUSIC
 STAFF WRITER

Robert Russell "Bob" Webb

Age: 56
 Occupation: Waiter, Avon representative, part time Travel Agent
 Life quote: "The smile is universal"

About 'Meet Appalachia'

The people portrayed in this section are people I've met as I walk along the road of my life. They were on a street, in a store or restaurant. They were recommended by a friend, or the friend of a friend, as the old trend goes. All of them see life as they see it. I am only here to tell their stories as I see them. These are their hopes and challenges. These are their dreams and accomplishments. These are what they allow them to be.

— MARY MUSIC

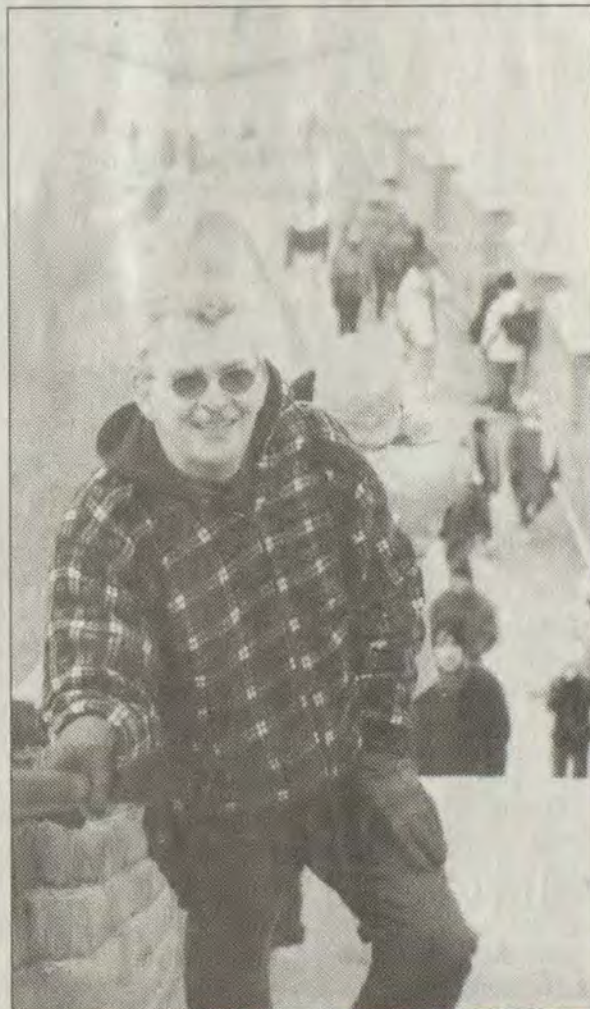
It was October 18, 1999, a day nicely seasoned with just enough sun and shade, and State Road Fork resident Robert Russell "Bob" Webb was returning from a visit to Thailand, a trip to top a list of many visits to countries across the world.

Armed with two dozen fresh orchids, which would serve as souvenirs for several of his family, friends, and work associates, Bob entered the hectic airport in Detroit, where he was to begin the rest of his trip home.

That's when he ran into an intimidating customs inspector who noticed the orchids (i.e., potential drug smuggling apparatuses) packed ever so gently into Bob's suitcase, bound for a timid Eastern Kentucky destination.

The burly man with short cropped hair and a heavy brow towered over the Eastern Kentucky native

(See TRAVELER, page six)



Bob, visiting China's Great Wall in 2002.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

Stir of Echoes

Bad things, sometimes, happen to good movies and that is the case for this 1999 thriller from director David Koepp. What you have here is a good little ghost story that got swallowed up by the success of The Sixth Sense. Audiences just weren't up to seeing another supernatural thriller where people were motivated by specters to right old wrongs and lay spirits to rest.



Tom Doty
 Staff Writer

The story centers on a blue collar family trying to make ends meet in a south Chicago suburb. Things take a bad turn when dad, Tom, is hypnotized at a party. He

receives a posthypnotic suggestion to keep an open mind and this leads to his becoming a walking psychic hotline for a neighborhood ghost. He basically becomes an open receiver to all variety of ghostly communications.

Hallucinations, voices and nightmares become routine occurrences and threaten the stability of his work and homelife. Worse yet, his 5-year-old son also begins have the same experience.

While Tom's harried wife tries to keep her family together, Tom becomes obsessed with finding out what the ghost is trying to tell him. The investigation begins to take shape when he learns the spirit's name and finds out that she was a local girl who disappeared. Tom's investigations arouse heated emotions from his neighbors and soon result in recriminations from his neighbors and a tragic teen suicide.

Eventually Tom finds out what happened to Samantha, but that knowledge may well get him killed. Good, albeit intense, stuff here with a last-minute revelation which explains everything and leaves all of the characters changed forever.

The film is not as slickly made as The Sixth Sense but offers a more compelling scenario. Tom can't talk to ghosts, he can only receive waves of emotion and imagery. It is up to him to put together this stir of messages from beyond the veil. These ghosts communicate about as clearly as a car salesman who knows you just cashed that tax refund check.

The action is mostly derived from the source novel by Richard Matheson. He's the guy who wrote such classics as "I Am Legend" (a project Arnold Schwarzenegger had to drop when he became governor) and television's "The Night Stalker" series.

The acting here is particularly good with Kevin Bacon turning in a fine performance as the tortured Tom. There are also good turns by

(See LAGOON, page six)

Chicken Soup For The Soul: Keeping the passion of love alive

by BARBARA De ANGELIS, Ph.D.
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Imagine that you've decided to build a fire, perhaps while you're camping, or at home in your fireplace. You carefully choose the logs, the kindling, and after lighting a match to start the fire, you watch over it until you're sure the fire is burning strongly and steadily. Then you sit back and enjoy the com-

forting warmth, the delightful play of the flames, the magical light. You don't need to be as vigilant about keeping the fire blazing, since it has enough fuel now. But at some point, when you notice it's getting a little colder, or the light is growing dim, you realize that the fire needs your attention again. And so you rouse yourself from whatever you've been doing and add more wood or adjust the position of the logs so that once more, the flames can rise high.

Even if you've neglected the fire for a while, even if it appears to have died out, you see that the embers still radiate a deep, orange glow that can only be created by hours of extreme heat. The embers are deceptive, and they contain great power within their quiet light. Although by themselves they produce no flames, they can ignite a newly added piece of wood in seconds, suddenly rekindling the full force of the fire, transforming the dormant coals

into a roaring blaze.

We can learn a lot about the passion between two lovers by thinking about what we intuitively know about building and maintaining a fire. When you first meet someone and fall in love, you carefully court and seduce him or her, adding the right amount of intimacy, the perfect amount of commitment until the fire of passion flares up between

(See SOUP page six)



Fire Commission supports hazardous materials training

LEXINGTON — Knowing how to identify and work around hazardous materials is important in many areas of life — the home, the workplace, and the classroom.

The Kentucky Fire Commission now offers training and certification in both operations and awareness of hazardous materials.

"Our training classes are open to all interested persons," said Steve Calhoun, division director of state fire/rescue

training. "Certification in all areas of safe practices would be particularly useful in industry."

The Fire Commission frequently receives requests from small business and industry to conduct training sessions for employees. "We build our classes around their work needs," Calhoun said.

"Students who are pursuing a career in industry might consider certification in this area," he said.

Deborah Dobson, director of

human resources at DJ Nypro in Hazard, said that when she reviews job applications she looks first for years of education completed and then for experience in industry. After that she looks for any additional training.

"When we hire persons who are certified and/or trained in other areas, we try to put them in a position where they can best use their talents," Dobson said. "For example, a person certified in hazard waste aware-

ness could become a member of our safety committee."

In addition to the hazardous materials operations and awareness training, Kentucky firefighters have six new levels of training that will assist them in serving their communities.

The International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) recently accredited the certification process for these eight groups. They include:

- Firefighter 1
- Firefighter 2
- Hazardous Materials Operations

- Hazardous Materials Awareness
- Fire Instructor I
- Driver Operator Pumper
- Driver Operator Mobile Water Supply
- Airport Firefighter

The State Fire Commission/Fire Rescue Training, a division of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, offers Fire/Rescue Training classes throughout the state.

The classes are designed to meet the training needs of fire/rescue and other emergency

service personnel and to provide health and safety training programs for industries, institutions, and government agencies.

In 2002/03, KCTCS colleges conducted fire and rescue training programs that enrolled more than 78,000 people. In some cases, participants were enrolled in more than one training session during the academic year.

For further information concerning fire/rescue training opportunities visit the web site <http://www.kctcs.edu/kyfirecomission/index.htm> or call 859-246-3475.

Soup

your hearts and your bodies. For a while, this blaze burns brightly on its own and you grow accustomed to the joy it brings into your life. How lucky we are, you tell yourself, to have such a passionate relationship!

But one day, you realize

Lagoon

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Ileena Douglas as a new-agey, pop psychology spouting amateur hypnotist and Kevin Dunn as a loudmouth neighbor with cruel streak.

All in all a great rental from the two-dollar rack.

Best Line: "You're jealous of my hallucination? You are pregnant."

there is less light, less heat between you and your mate, and that, in fact, it's been that way for some time. You don't feel the same intense degree of physical attraction, the same desire to unite, the same stimulation you once felt with each other. The passion is gone, you might conclude. I guess I've fallen out of love. This relationship is over.

How many people ask themselves, at this critical point in a love affair, if the fire of passion has died down simply because no one has been tending it, because no one has added the fuel necessary to keep it burning? How many people walk away from the smoking embers of their marriage, certain that the fire has died out, without noticing that the coals of love

still contain enough heat to reignite into flames, if only they are given a chance?

Respect the fire of passion, the fire of love. Understand that to stay alive, it needs to be honored, to be cared for, to be tended as diligently as you would tend a fire you had built in the wilderness to help keep you warm and safe from harm. Feed the fire of your love with kindness, communication, appreciation and gratitude, and it will always blaze strong and brightly for you.

Be a part of Chicken Soup's 10th Anniversary. Look for our 10th Anniversary Edition, "Chicken Soup for the Soul: Living Your Dreams." Visit www.chickensoup.com for more details.

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New Arrivals

HRMC New Arrivals

Jan. 31, 2004

A son, Zackery Derrick Vincent Mullins, to Jessica Tucker

Jan. 31, 2004

A son, Charles Anthony Taulbee, to Elizabeth and Jimmy Taulbee

Feb. 1, 2004

A daughter, Alyssa Nicole Brown, to Jessica Hunt

Feb. 2, 2004

A daughter, Madison Rose DiGello, to Stacy and Robert

DiGello

Feb. 2, 2004

A daughter, Sydney Grace DiGello, to Stacy and Robert DiGello

Feb. 2, 2004

A son, Jacob Austin Rowe, to Leslie and Charles Rowe

Feb. 2, 2004

A son, Daren Allen Newsome, to Shonda and Burnis Newsome

Feb. 3, 2004

A daughter, Alexis Marie Hunter, to Angela and

Ricky Hunter

Feb. 4, 2004

A daughter, Katie Lynn Williamson, to Tammy Sue Glover

Feb. 5, 2004

A son, Sean Eston Walter, to Erica Ann Finch

Feb. 5, 2004

A son, Niles Alden Wells, to Terecia Johnson

Feb. 5, 2004

A son, Jacob Quinton Howell, to Heather Delong

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Traveler

of small stature, who once described himself as "pitiful" because he was a shy little boy in school.

The man looked at Bob, looked at Bob's passport, Bob's orchids, then looked at Bob again.

"What type of work do you do?" he asked.

"Well, I'm a waiter," said Bob, looking into the man's leery eyes, whose voice echoed above the call of the next boarding time on the loud-speaker.

The man paused, looking once more at the passport, marked with the significance of past visits to places like Fiji and Jamaica.

"How does someone from Eastern Kentucky on a waiter's salary find his way to Thailand?" he questioned.

Bob looked once more at the man, not knowing what he could say exactly, only knowing that something had to be said and that he'd rather be on the plane than in the line that he was in now.

"More importantly, how does a waiter from Eastern Kentucky make it to Thailand and all these other countries that you've been to?"

And there Bob was, standing speechless, with a little more than his dignity about him, searching for a way to explain to this man who completely didn't understand why and how on earth he had been traveling all over the world.

You can't blame the inspector, really.

One would certainly think that a man who dropped out of college before obtaining a teaching certificate degree, opting instead to become a waiter, wouldn't have many opportunities to expand his horizons, but that isn't true for Bob, who has spent his life stretching horizons all over the world.

Bob, 56, a waiter at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park who lives 200 feet from his original home place in Middlecreek, says that "we never fall too far from the tree," but, interestingly enough, the man has traveled to 15 different countries, some of which he's visited twice, since he decided to stretch his horizons in 1995 with his first trip—solo trip, mind you—to Fiji.

"We live life in reverse," said Bob. "Had I been able to travel as a younger person in school, I would have excelled in school. When you're young, you don't appreciate life because you haven't experienced it. People should travel and then go to school."

Bob says his basic values come from growing up in a small quiet neighborhood, but

his enthusiasm and flavor in life come from his travels.

"Appalachia taught me I couldn't be a gigolo," he laughs.

In addition to Fiji, where he says he learned that the "smile is universal," Bob has spent two separate week-long vacations in Hawaii and Jamaica. He's also visited Thailand, Malta, Russia, China, Switzerland, the Bahamas, Chasmal (off the coast of Cancun), Puerto Rico, Malta, Peru, Canada, and in Nov., 2003, the Dominican Republic, where he says he was "astounded" by the amount of poverty.

Bob, who usually travels twice a year during the best economic traveling seasons, spring and fall, contends that the only way to conquer fears in life is to elevate above them.

As the skinny, shy, backwards boy who "nearly peed [his] pants" when called on in school, Bob says he forced himself during his first semester in college to take a public speaking course. Terrified of heights and water, Bob went parasailing in the Bahamas where he was suspended by a parachute 350 feet in the air over the ocean. Then, in the Dominican Republic, his latest trip, he went on a helicopter ride to again address that fear. It's the best way to live life, he says.

"I always pushed myself to be my personal best," he said. "If we don't push ourselves, we won't be."

And, all in all, Bob's philosophy has paid off. In addition to excelling in his career, a job he loves, he says he's been blessed with many wonderful things, the best of which include his family, friends, and his experiences as a world traveler.

Following the destruction of the world trade center on Sept. 11, Bob was one of the seven Americans on a bus who were uplifted by a Russian band who played them America's national anthem. He's climbed two hours along the Great Wall of China, climbed the mountain Huayna Picchu, near the lost city of the Incas in Peru, and has even traveled with two former PCC professors, Leo and Laura Weddle, whose classes, he says, changed his life. After participating in a Kava ceremony in a chieftain's hut in Fiji, Bob was treated by a medicine man who played a poultice compress of weeds from a river on his cut knee. (Kava, an herbal extract as common as a cup of coffee, is the drug of choice in Fiji and has effects similar to marijuana when taken in excess. Bob says he drank it in moderation only to

experience the culture of the land.)

When asked what country has been his favorite, Bob laughs and shakes his head.

"It's so hard to say because each of them are so unique in their own way," he said. "What I experienced in Russia is different than the tropical beauty of, let's say, Puerto Rico. I've really loved it all. I guess that means that my favorite trip is yet to come. When I get there, I'll know."

So, how does a waiter from East Kentucky who says he "struggles to be average" travel all over the world?

Bob, seeking ways to supplement his appetite for traveling, also highlights as an award winning Avon representative, where he services an estimated 50 customers, and works part time with two travel companies that give him discounts for selling packages.

"I can travel out of the country cheaper than I can travel within the country," said Bob. "I'd love to tour the U.S., but I can't afford it. Traveling in other countries is hard, both physically and mentally, because it's hectic and fast paced. When I'm older and tired of chasing airplanes, I can tour the U.S."

"What people don't understand is that we have an excellent travel company in our backyard, Enchanted Travel in Paintsville, who have been wonderful to me," continued Bob. "People say they can't travel because they can't find an agent or that they have to go out of state to find one, but there they are right in our backyard."

When planning for his most recent trip, Bob says he priced 7 day vacations at a variety of locations. A 7 day Florida vacation in Nov. was listed for \$1,700, he said, compared to a Virginia Beach vacation for around \$1,600. Since neither of these deals included food packages, Bob opted instead to go to the Dominican Republic, a 7 day vacation package that, including food, cost him only \$725.

Bob, who had a light heart attack at age 28 when battling a fire, is today "healthy as a horse" and says he plans to work even after he retires.

Currently, he is researching 4 or 5 possible destinations to visit this year, one of which is Vietnam, a place he's wanted to visit for several years.

Bob, who has worked at Jenny Wiley State park for more than 20 years, dropped out of UK as a senior when he started student teaching because he realized he didn't want to be a teacher. Though he

says everyone should get an education, whether it's for their career or to utilize in the "real world," he feels his decision to do so was not a mistake.

"I would do it all again," he said. "I just love serving. I have been blessed in that in 23, 24 years, I have seen and waited on guests with babies, who later bring their own babies in. I have watched whole families grow up and other generations be added."

"It's been a good 56 years," he continued. "We validate ourselves in different ways. My validation comes from having been a benefit to someone. I like to think my customers are treated the same as if they came to my home for dinner."

Bob received a Merit of Outstanding Service Award from the State Park system in 2002. He's also received 15 "Miss Alvie" Awards as an Avon representative.

He is an antique collector, a sophisticated decorator, and a carpenter who single-handedly built his "little house on the prairie" some 14 years ago because "they" told him "it couldn't be done" the way he wanted it.

Prior to beginning the construction of his beautiful rustic home, which took four years to complete, he says his only experience as a carpenter was building an A-frame doghouse. The home, filled from top to bottom with Bob's unique "go get 'em" personality, has moveable walls, hand crafted furniture such as a dinette table that folds onto the wall for easy storage, doors angled with the slant of the upstairs ceilings, and baseboards and entryways crafted with hand drawn intricate designs that he created himself. Every wall in the house is "wallpapered" with fabric and is filled with various paintings and collectibles, such as early 19th century silhouettes, pictures created prior to the manufacturing of the camera. He even created what he calls the "Mom room," which is filled with a variety of his mother's personal treasures: unfinished quilt tops, scarves, and the like.

Bob is also a leader and friend to many people who respect his enthusiasm.

"I have been blessed as far as existing and being close to people," he said. "I am a very fortunate person and I'll never lose sight of that. When you wake up in the morning and don't dread going to work and are happy, then you are a success no matter what you're doing. If I could die, in hopefully, many years to come, and feel as good as I do today, then I'll be more than blessed."



Bob, shown here with Donna Vanover, says the two worked together years ago when he first started at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Now, he says he has the pleasure of getting to know her family, who visit the park on a regular basis.



Bob says his basic values come from growing up in a small quiet neighborhood, but pictures are worth a thousand words, they say, and Bob says one of the greatest rewards of being a world traveler are the pictures he brings home with him.

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