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briefs

Shoplifter with drugs gets 5 years

by JOYAL FRAZIER STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An excursion to Wal-Mart turned out to be an arrest and a trip to jail for Sabrina Chaffins, 30, of Garrett.

Chaffins was allegedly caught shoplifting by Prestonsburg police officer Danny Martin. While being searched by the police, a pill bottle was found with a large assortment of pills, including Oxycontin, methadone, Percocet and Viagra, as well as cocaine. Chaffins also allegedly had illegal medication on her person and made the comment to the arresting officer that some of it was her "personal stash."

The drugs confiscated from Chaffins had a street value of about \$7,000. Although Chaffins was charged with shoplifting, she had a significant amount of cash on with her.

"After a while, you see enough (cases) every day where you think nothing will surprise you and then you get a case like this," said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor.

Prosecutors offered Chaffins five years on each felony count and twelve months on the misdemeanor charge.

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Big Brothers/Big Sisters shuts down for good

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The possibility that the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Big Sandy would be able to remain open closed this week, after the board chairman

announced the organization's "obituary." "I want to express thanks to everyone who supported the program while it was here," board chairman Barry Adkins said. "We fought with everything we had, but we were unsuccessful."

The program's board voted to close at

the end of March, citing the lack of reliable long-term funding and a limited number of new board members. At that time, they hoped to gain enough support to continue providing services to the community, but those efforts, Adkins said, have been exhausted.

They raised roughly \$60,000 through various fundraisers last year, but fell short of the \$80,000 needed to meet and maintain national requirements.

The program, which operated for four

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photo by Tom Doty

Suspects taken prisoner during an April Fool's Day drug roundup warmed the bench in Floyd Circuit Court while they watched fellow suspect Dennis Fields interact with Judge John Caudill. Pictured are, from left to right, Dordena Moore, Holly Powers, Jason Shepherd, Michael Chaney, Burnis Newsome, Gary Little Jr. and William Scott Moore.

April Fool's drug roundup defendants appear in court

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The April Fool's Day drug roundup moved into the court phase Friday.

Circuit Judge Danny Caudill saw five of the alleged traffickers in his court during motion hour, while Judge John Caudill stepped up to the plate and helped by dealing with eight of them from his bench.

Everyone caught in the net was more than willing to be arraigned and have a bond posted which could see many of them out before the weekend. They will all be due back in court on either July 14 or 15.

Most of the crowd opted for court-appointed public advocates, while two thought that they might be able to get their own attorneys and one, William Scott Moore, was

definite about his ability to hire his own counsel.

Caudill's arraignments went smoothly and revealed many similarities amongst those caught in the joint drug roundup. Most never finished high school, haven't held a job for awhile and all but one of those charged have been living on government support.

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Prescription violations net 6 months

by JOYAL FRAZIER STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County woman charged with eight counts of falsely obtaining drug prescriptions, was sentenced to six months confinement Friday in circuit court.

Judge Danny P. Caudill sentenced Sharon Sturgill Slone, 37, to five years on the charges, but ordered her released after six months in jail and to serve the remaining four-and-a-half years probation. Caudill explained to Slone that she was in need

of correctional treatment and she was also to participate in a substance abuse program.

"A drug problem is a problem that needs to be dealt with," Caudill said.

Slone was indicted in September for falsely obtaining prescriptions. Slone retained attorney Ryan Allison in February. Before this she was represented by attorney Harolyn Howard with the public defender's office.

Slone entered a guilty plea March 5. Judge Danny

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Appeals court rules in Pike judge fight

by JOE BIESK ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Court of Appeals ruled in a case between two Pike County District Court judges Friday in which one judge disputed the other's attempt to change a DUI offender's sentence.

In its ruling, the three-judge appeals panel said the case boiled down to a question of whether one judge could change the sentence

imposed by another judge in a different division of the same court.

District Judge Darrell Mullins contested an attempt by District Judge Kelsey E. Friend to change a sentence he imposed on two-time DUI offender George David Hess.

Hess had pleaded guilty in September 2002 to a second-offense DUI charge before Mullins, who sentenced him to 14 consecutive

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Times, 21 other papers to be sold

Times Staff Report

Community Newspaper Holdings Inc., a privately owned operator of newspapers and specialty publications throughout the United States, is selling its newspapers in 22 cities, including Prestonsburg, to Heartland Publications LLC, a privately owned publishing company based in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

In addition to The Floyd County Times, Heartland is acquiring CNHI's five other

Kentucky newspapers, including publications in Harlan, Hazard, Leitchfield, Middlesboro and Russellville.

The sale also includes papers in Thomaston, Ga.; Apex, Clinton, Elizabethtown, Fuquay-Varina, Garner and Lumberton, in North Carolina; Gallipolis, Pomeroy and Portsmouth, in Ohio; Altus, Durant and Frederick, in Oklahoma; Lafayette and Tazewell, in Tennessee; and Point Pleasant, W.Va.

In announcing the sale,

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In an effort to gain support for the Floyd County Animal Shelter, Wal-Mart employee Valerie Compton spent Friday afternoon caged with puppies on the sidewalk in front of the store. "I just think everything deserves a good home and love — don't ya, little fella?" she said, kissing a puppy. Two puppies were adopted during the event Friday.

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Odds and Ends

■ **IBERIA, Mo.** — Boo is one lucky dog. If a canine-loving mail carrier hadn't stepped in, the wandering pooch surely would have been a goner. Having avoided being shot by police as an unwanted stray

last week, the mixed-breed dog is now back home with his grateful owner. Boo's new lease on life has become an issue in this central Missouri town of 650, about 30 miles north of Fort Leonard

Wood. Sharon Smith, a local letter carrier and dog groomer, gave the dog sanctuary on Friday after encountering it on her route and being told by a police officer that he was going to take it away and shoot it.

Smith took in the dog, being called Lucky by her co-workers, hoping to find a home for it but saying if necessary she'd keep it — with her 11 other dogs.

"I couldn't let them shoot it," she said.

Police Chief Gary Plemmons said the city policy is to shoot unwanted stray dogs. A woman had called police, reporting that the dog had been getting into trash cans and yards for several days.

On Wednesday, the dog was reunited with his owner.

Smith said that Danny Tomsen, who lives outside Iberia, stopped by her grooming shop with a new puppy and saw that she had his dog.

"I love this woman," Tomsen said. "She saved my dog."

■ **WOODLAWN, Md.** — A brawl broke out during an anger management assembly at a suburban high school.

Two people were arrested and 11 students were suspended after a shoving match escalated into a melee during Thursday's assembly.

Authorities said a confrontation between a student's mother and a group of girls who had been bothering her daughter turned into a shouting match, and led to pushing and hitting, before the crowd of 750 students erupted into "chaos," said C. Anthony Thompson, principal of Woodlawn High School.

The melee began as students on stage acted out peaceful ways to resolve conflict during the assembly was organized by Sheppard Pratt Health System.

"People were climbing over seats and started fighting about stupid stuff," said ninth-grader Melissa Parks.

"Unfortunately, that original incident at the assembly became the catalyst for other fights," said Douglas J. Neilson, a spokesman for Baltimore County schools.

It took about 15 minutes to defuse the situation, Thompson said.

The mother, who was not identified because she had not been brought before a commissioner, was to be charged with trespassing and disrupting school activities, said Officer Shawn Vinson, a spokesman for the police department. The daughter, who was not identified because she is a minor, was to be charged with second-degree assault, he said.

Thompson said some of the suspended students might be recommended for expulsion.

■ **CLAYTON, Mo.** — Christian Tompras claims he can't get a seat on Chesterfield Township Republican Committee because he's a man.

Tompras filed paperwork to run for committeewoman on the Aug. 3 ballot by Tuesday's deadline.

But his papers were rejected because state law mandates that

only a woman can run for the post.

The married, 43-year-old Saint Louis University law student plans to sue, alleging that Missouri's committeeman/committeewoman setup violates federal and state anti-discrimination laws.

"This is a nonpartisan, non-gender issue," said Tompras' attorney, Howard Shalowitz, a Democrat who also is president of the St. Louis area's bar association.

For decades, Missouri voters have elected people to the companion four-year posts of Democratic or Republican committeeman and committeewoman.

Committeemen and committeewomen are the state parties' chief local operatives. Party leaders say the posts are split equally between men and women to give both genders an equal say in how the parties are governed.

Shalowitz said Tompras filed for committeewoman because he thought his qualifications were superior to those of the two women candidates.

■ **COLUMBUS, Ohio** — A man who e-mailed a note to a federal judge that included a curse word will not be punished after he apologized to the judge in court.

U.S. District Judge Algenon Marbley sent a U.S. marshal to Robert Dalton's suburban Westerville home with an order demanding he appear in court.

Dalton, 41, sent an e-mail that included the swear word to Marbley on March 17 in an objection to his handling of a class-action suit.

In court, Marbley said Dalton's other criticism was fine.

"As an articulate man, you could have found another way to express yourself," Marbley told

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Joshua Seth Cornelius, of Mayville, a dedicated Elvis fan, wore this costume to the Eddie Miles concert at the MAC yesterday.

Miles makes dream come true for young Elvis fan

by **MARY MUSIC**
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A dream came true for a young Elvis Presley fan yesterday, when he got to see a live performance at the Mountain Arts Center with Elvis impersonator Eddie Miles.

Joshua Seth Cornelius, 7, of Maysville, son of Tina and Seth Cornelius, who tuned into Elvis during an extended illness, visited Floyd County to attend the concert with his grandparents, Sandy and Bobby Joe Hall of Betsy Layne.

"We're really excited that Josh will get to see a live show," his mother said Friday. "He loves Elvis, he has all his videos, does all his moves and mimics all the words and giggles. It's so cute."

Joshua, who weighed less than 2 pounds at his birth, has struggled with ailments for the majority of his 7 years.

"He started out his life behind, and struggling to live," Tina Cornelius wrote in a recent email.

After his birth, the boy spent

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Daughter says mother can't get treatment in jail

by **JOYAL FRAZIER**
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County woman whose drug trafficking case was postponed last week after a judge ordered tests to determine if she is competent to stand trial, is not receiving proper medical attention while in jail, according to her daughter.

Judy Hicks, 46, was taken into custody for psychiatric evaluation, March 26. Hicks was charged with second-degree drug trafficking charges but did not make her trial date.

Hicks' daughter, Kim Crider, informed The Floyd County Times that Hicks had been admitted into the intensive care unit at Highlands Regional Medical Center the day before the trial was to begin, where she stayed for four days.

Hicks is suffering from a variety of problems, Crider said, including severe depression, thyroid problems and many more. Because of Hicks' numerous medical problems she is on a strict regimen of medications.

Crider alleges that Hicks is not getting her medication while incarcerated. Hicks has been

seeing the doctor at Mountain Comprehensive Care, but they cannot prescribe the medications that she needs.

Deputy jailer Kay Webb reported that Hicks would be seeing a physician at the jail Friday in order to get the medicine she needs to continue to recuperate from her illnesses. Hicks' family is wanting her to be taken to ARH Psychiatric Center in Hazard so she can receive proper medical treatment.

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Today In History

The Associated Press

Today is Palm Sunday, April 4, the 95th day of 2004. There are 271 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 4, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn.

On this date:

■ In 1818, Congress decided the flag of the United States would consist of 13 red and white stripes and 20 stars, with a new star to be added for every new state of the Union.

■ In 1841, President William Henry Harrison succumbed to pneumonia one month after his inaugural, becoming the first U.S. chief executive to die in office.

■ In 1850, the city of Los Angeles was incorporated.

■ In 1887, Susanna Medora Salter became the first woman elected mayor of an American community — Argonia, Kan.

■ In 1902, British financier Cecil Rhodes left \$10 million in his will to provide scholarships for Americans at Oxford University.

■ In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces liberated the Nazi death camp Ohrdruf in Germany.

■ In 1949, 12 nations, including the United States, signed the North Atlantic Treaty.

■ In 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves tied Babe Ruth's home-run record by hitting his 714th round-tripper in Cincinnati.

■ In 1975, more than 130 people, most of them children, were killed when a U.S. Air Force transport plane evacuating Vietnamese orphans crashed shortly after take-off from

Saigon.

■ In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger roared into orbit on its maiden voyage.

Ten years ago:

On Wall Street, stocks plummeted in violent spasms of selling that sent the Dow industrial down more than 40 points to a six-month low. The University of Arkansas won the NCAA basketball championship, defeating Duke 76-72.

Five years ago:

NATO warplanes and missiles attacked an army headquarters, oil refineries and other targets in and around Belgrade. The Colorado Rockies beat the San Diego Padres 8-2 in baseball's first season opener held in Mexico.

One year ago:

U.S. forces seized Saddam International Airport outside Baghdad. Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs became the 18th player to hit 500 career homers, connecting for a solo shot in a 10-9 loss to Cincinnati.

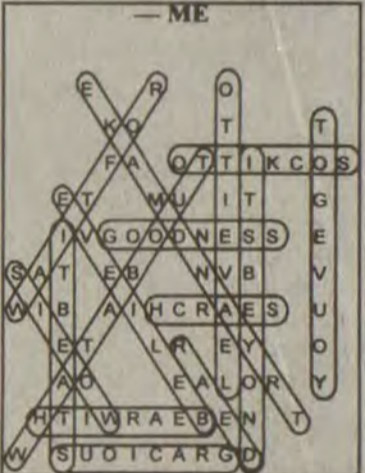
Today's Birthdays:


Singer-actress Frances Langford is 90. Composer Elmer Bernstein is 82. Actress Elizabeth Wilson is 79. Author-poet Maya Angelou is 76. Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Richard Lugar, R-Ind., is 72. Recording executive Clive Davis is 72. Actor Michael Parks is 66. Bandleader Hugh Masekela is 65. Author Kitty Kelley is 62. Actor Craig T. Nelson is 60. Actor Walter Charles is 59. Actress Caroline McWilliams is 59. Actress Christine Lahti is 54. Country singer Steve Gatlin (The Gatlin Brothers) is 53. Writer-producer David E. Kelley is 48. Actor Phil Morris is 45. Actress Lorraine Toussaint is 44. Actor

Hugo Weaving is 44. Rock musician Craig Adams (The Cult) is 42. Actor Robert Downey Jr. is 39. Actress Nancy McKeon is 38. Actor Barry Pepper is 34. Country singer Clay Davidson is 33. Singer Jill Scott is 32. Rock musician Magnus Sveningsson (The Cardigans) is 32. Magician David Blaine is 31. Singer Kelly Price is 31. Rhythm and blues singer Andre Dalyrimple (Soul For Real) is 30. Actor Heath Ledger is 25. Actress Natasha Lyonne is 25.

Thought for Today:

"If a man hasn't discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live." — Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968).





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Pikeville College coach bailed player out of jail

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics has received a complaint alleging that Pikeville coach Randy McCoy signed a \$5,000 surety bond to get one of his players out of jail after a drunken driving arrest.

Senior guard Kevin Gaines, a former Michigan guard who was the Big Ten freshman of the year in 1999-2000, was arrested for drunken driving on Jan. 22.

Records in Pike County District Court show that McCoy signed an unsecured surety bond to get Gaines out of jail that day. A surety bond is

payable only if a defendant doesn't show up for his court appearances. No money or other property is provided at the time of signing.

Gaines is due back in court on April 14.

NAIA rules prohibit financial assistance extended to a student-athlete outside a school's regular financial aid process, other than that provided by immediate family members. However, the college issued a statement Friday saying no NAIA rules were broken.

Pikeville College vice president Terry Spears said McCoy feels he violated no rules because no money was involved.

"We have provided information to the NAIA, and they have advised us that there is no further investigation at this time," Spears said.

Dawn Harmon, the NAIA's sport information director, declined to comment.

"We will defer to what Pikeville College has released as the official statement," she said. "It's NAIA policy not to comment, even if the investigation has concluded."

Gaines, a starting point guard for Pikeville College for the past two seasons, averaged 11 points and 7.1 assists last season.

Gaines, a highly recruited guard from Clark High School in Las Vegas, was arrested for drunken driving in Taylor, Mich. on Sept. 4, 2000. A breath test showed Gaines had a 0.17 percent blood alcohol level. He pleaded guilty, served one year of probation and paid a \$775 fine.

Gaines was dismissed from the Wolverines after one season. He played in 28 games as a freshman, leading the team in assists (133) and steals (34) and scoring 11.7 points per game.

Gaines transferred to Houston, where he was suspended in February 2002 after he and three other players were arrested in Greenville, N.C., after a loss to East Carolina. A companion of Gaines was charged with breaking into a car and Gaines was charged with assaulting a woman.

Gaines was suspended indefinitely and never played for Houston again. He declared early for the NBA draft that summer but later withdrew his name and never signed with an agent.

Gaines arrived at Pikeville in time for the 2002-03 season.

He was suspended by McCoy after his January arrest and was suspended again after a second drunken driving arrest on Feb. 12. He pleaded guilty in that case later that day and was fined, sentenced to probation and had his driver's license suspended.

Gaines was back from the second suspension in time to play in the NAIA tournament. Pikeville lost in the first round.

Information from Appalachian News-Express.

Sentence

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P. Caudill ordered that the defendant remain in the Floyd County Detention Center until further notice.

Slone was found guilty for selling alcoholic beverages to a minor by Judge James R. Allen in December 2000. She was sentenced to two days of community service and ordered to pay \$82.35.

Drugs

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Chaffins pleaded guilty to six counts of first-degree drug possession, which is felony charge, and one count of second-degree possession which is a misdemeanor.

Judge Danny P. Caudill accepted the guilty plea and sentenced Chaffin to a total of five years behind bars.

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years, spent the first two years of its operations to set up and meet national requirements and the last two years of its existence matching 150 children with adult mentors.

Adkins and David Bliss, a local psychologist who's been the driving force behind the establishment since its opening, locked the doors Thursday, leaving behind a long list of children waiting for matches and a long list of volunteers ready to become a Big Brother or Big Sister.

In addition to their financial woes, Adkins said a driving force behind the program's end boiled down to the fact that the volunteers who started the organization four years ago were "tired" and no one was there to take their place.

He likened the past few years to running a relay race, with one team starting out, passing the baton at the completion of the first "leg." At the final relay, he said, no one was there to accept the baton, and those who've been running have "run out of steam."

One of the biggest problems, he said, was that the program

focused on helping kids in an expanse of six counties, a national requirement. In Eastern Kentucky, cities are not as densely populated as in more metropolitan areas, where other Big Brothers/Big Sisters chapters thrive on community participation and support.

"Without a board, we have no funds. Without the funds, we have no employees. Without workers, there is no program," he said. "We did everything we knew how to do."

During the past two years, children were matched in four of the six counties served by the program and plans were being formulated to expand with satellite offices in surrounding counties.

Those plans plummeted when the funding crisis developed in the program.

The closest Big Brothers/Big Sisters program is the Bluegrass chapter in Lexington. Adkins said he hopes to see them extend a satellite office in the Big Sandy area, but says it's highly unlikely to occur.

Bliss could not be reached for comment Friday.

Jail

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The medical records presented in court March 26 allege that Hicks exhibited signs of psychosis. Because of this documentation, Judge John David Caudill ordered Hicks into custody for psychiatric evaluation by the state to assess whether Hicks is competent to stand trial for the drug trafficking charges.

"It is not true that she has missed court due to illness except for the one time," Crider said. "The court postponed the last one. It had nothing to do with her being sick ... She can't get better without her medicine and right now she is only getting

one of them."

Crider said that she had spoken with Medicaid and was informed it is not the family's responsibility to get the medications for an inmate because after 30 days of being in jail the medical card will not cover the card holder and the jail must provide them with treatment.

Jailer Roger Webb said that a nurse checks the inmates that are in need of medical attention and cares for them every day. He said that the nurse administers medications that are needed and the incarcerated receive good care.

Judges

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weekends in the Pike County Jail.

Two days before Hess was supposed to report to jail, Friend changed Mullins' sentence to 84 days of home incarceration. The change was part of an agreement between Pike County Attorney Howard Keith Hall and Hess' attorney, John Doug Hays.

Hess served about 24 days of home incarceration before Mullins removed him from house arrest until they could have a hearing. Mullins then reinstated Hess' original sentence after a hearing in early November 2002.

Hess went to the Pike County Circuit Court asking to stop Mullins' order. The circuit court ruled against Mullins, who had argued he was the only judge who had jurisdiction over Hess' case.

The circuit court ruled Mullins could not reinstate his original sentence on George David Hess.

State law says any judge in a district court system may preside over cases in other divisions of that court, the circuit court ruled. The circuit court then reinstated Friend's sentence.

In its ruling, the circuit court referred to "political infighting" between Mullins and Friend. At the time, Hays was seeking Mullins' seat in an upcoming election.

Mullins claimed Friend had supported Hays' bid. Mullins argued that the changed sentence was aimed at helping Hays win the election.

The appeals court ruled there was no evidence to either support or refute Mullins' claims.

"We agree with the circuit court that judges are expected to rise above such political infighting," Judge John D. Minton Jr. wrote on the appeals court's

behalf.

If there were allegations of "individual misconduct," the matter should have been brought to the Judicial Conduct Commission or the Kentucky Bar Association rather than the appellate route, the court ruled.

The appellate court added it "reluctantly" ruled against Mullins' attempt to reinstate Hess' original sentence.

The court said it also made its decision because three different technical procedures had not been followed.

"In the event any of those three procedures had been employed, Judge Friend's order would be subject to being set aside absent a showing of good cause," Minton wrote.

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CNHI president and CEO Mike Reed said, "It's always a tough decision to sell newspapers in the communities we operate in, and this was certainly the case with these newspapers. We are fortunate that these papers, while no longer strategic to CNHI, fit nicely with Heartland's plans. I am certain that the great people at these locations will work with the Heartland team to provide even better products and service to their communities in the future."

"These newspapers have a long, successful tradition of serving their communities, and we plan to continue that tradition," said James M. McGinnis. "Our primary focus will be to serve our readers with the highest quality community newspapers possible."

In addition to McGinnis, investors in Heartland are Wachovia Capital Partners and The Wicks Group of Companies.

Wachovia Capital Partners, based in Charlotte, N.C., is the principal investing arm of Wachovia Corporation and has invested more the \$2.5 billion

since 1998.

The Wicks Group of Companies is a New York-based private equity firm focused on selected segments of the communications, information and media industries.

Upon completion of the sale, CNHI will operate 87 daily newspapers with almost 950,000 daily circulation, as well as 49 non-daily and 155 specialty publications in 20 states.

While Heartland is a new company, former to acquire these newspapers, McGinnis has more than 30 years experience in the newspaper industry, having owned or managed over 80 community newspapers and shopper publications in 22 states.

"We are delighted to launch Heartland with such a strong platform of fine community newspapers, and look forward to growing the company with additional strategic acquisitions," McGinnis said.

Court

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Only one of the group was visibly shaken. Holly Powers was weeping silently throughout the proceedings. Most of the others were pensive but Dordena Moore looked downright angry as she sullenly looked around the courtroom and fanned herself, though the room temperature was cold.

In court, the eight looked like a baseball team as they filled a bench in their orange jail jumpsuits.

The next phase of the latest roundup will be in the courts as the ball goes to the office of the Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor spoke highly of the ongoing efforts of the drug task force and local law enforcement.

"We have nothing but praise for their efforts," Taylor said. "They're doing a great job."

The court appearances Friday were difficult to arrange so quickly, but Judge John Caudill was not stressed about the workload.

"We always try to see people as quickly as possible," Caudill said.

The next inning of this roundup will be played in July when all of the accused will be back in court. They have only until that date to accept a plea from the commonwealth.

The last drug roundup is only just finishing up in court and Sheriff John T. Blackburn has promised another one is forthcoming. If so, it stands to be a very busy season this summer for circuit court.

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— Felix Frankfurter

GuestView

Budget should be passed now

The Kentucky General Assembly's inability to agree on a state budget would be comical if it did not threaten to dampen our area's economic growth. Lawmakers should get their act together. When the regular legislative session ended Monday, the two houses remained unable to agree on either the budget or on Gov. Ernie Fletcher's tax reform plan. They couldn't even agree on which house should consider the reform first.

Leaders of the Democratic-controlled House stalled for weeks, trying to maneuver the GOP-led Senate into voting against parts of the Republican governor's plan. They may have outmaneuvered themselves.

The Senate passed a budget plan that included Fletcher's reform. Under legislative rules, that was the last day to consider bills. Now, a conference committee will work out differences between the Senate budget and a far different one from the House. When it's finished, Fletcher can hold the bill for 10 days without acting, while the constitutional clock runs out on the legislature April 15.

That means Fletcher will be able to veto items he doesn't want, and lawmakers won't have time to override him. If the conference committee cannot agree, Fletcher can call lawmakers back into a special session to do a budget.

It is in Kentucky's interests for lawmakers to adopt a budget close to the Senate plan. Northern Kentucky has a big stake in this outcome. The Senate plan includes millions in funding for Northern Kentucky University and Gateway Community & Technical College that "will help take northern Kentucky as a region to the next level," NKU President James Votruba told the Enquirer. Unless the Senate plan prevails, those funds could disappear.

Lawmakers also should retain Fletcher's tax reform, a desperately needed update to a 1950s-vintage system that levies income taxes on salaries as low as \$3,000 a year. "To continue to try to cobble together budgets with our antiquated, deteriorating tax base is no solution," Senate Majority Leader Dan Kelley told The Associated Press. "We're better off with no budget than to not deal with tax modernization."

Kentucky will be best served if lawmakers pass both. Now.

— The Kentucky Enquirer, Fort Mitchell



— Jim Davidson

It's time for Paul to ride again

One time I heard a cute story about this old boy who stopped by one day to take his preacher fishing. No sooner than they got to the lake, poles rigged and hooks in the water, this old boy hooked the biggest bass you could ever imagine. It had to weigh over ten pounds.

He fought that fish for what seemed like 30 minutes and it went around and under the boat several times and finally the fish seemed to be tiring. A few minutes later the fish came to the surface and as he was about ready to land him, the fish made one last lunge and got off.

This fella was so mad that the threw his pole down in the middle of the boat, stomped it, and said, "Preacher, one of us ought to say something."

To be sure, there is a time to say something and there is also a time to be quiet. On a more serious note I got a letter recently from Bob Sowell, who is a faithful reader of this column in the Hot Springs Sentinel Record. His letter had previously appeared in the Letters to the

Editor page, but Bob felt that what he was saying needed to have much wider distribution. After reading his letter for the second time I wholeheartedly agree.

In a moment I want to share portions of Bob's letter but the bottom line is what "partisanship and bickering" is doing to our collective national interests. It is literally doing us in and is resulting in a sea of red ink.

When I first read what Bob Sowell was saying I realized that it was a warning, not a "cry wolf" warning, but a real warning to every citizen and taxpayer in our nation. If not heeded, the long-term consequences can be devastating.

Here I was reminded of Paul Revere's midnight ride to warn his fellow patriots that the British were coming and his now famous signal, "One if by land, two if by sea." After you read this you may agree, it's time for Paul to ride again.

"Apart from national defense which we all have an interest in, there is now a climate in Washington where politicians continue to make partisan accusations and self-serving recommendations, but nothing is being said or done to affect a change in the downhill slide in our

economy.

"Washington overflows with party-bashing artificial eloquence, but the real focus is on voter appeasement rather than what is best for our country. The Republicans claim we need more tax cuts so industry can provide more jobs. The Democrats claim we need more tax increases to support the growing number of people who need jobs.

Neither plan has merit because the new jobs provided by our tax cuts are going to foreign countries.

"This increases the tax burden on a decreasing number of employed Americans who support the increasing number of unemployed Americans, as well as the Washington politicians who do not pay any Social Security taxes, but continue to give themselves hefty pay raises. National bankruptcy is certain unless there is a change.

"While our federal deficit is growing out of control, the governors are crying for much-needed federal funds to shore up the shortfall in state revenues. Meanwhile our Congress is conspicuously silent on any bipartisan fiscal solution. They are ignoring the devastating impact of the free trade agreements that send U.S. jobs to other countries, and that foreign aid is being used to

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— beyond the beltway

Bearing bad tidings can be dangerous

by DONALD KAUL

The Bush administration was busy last week doing what it does best — answering criticism by attacking the critic — in this case, Richard A. Clarke, former counterintelligence chief under both Clinton and (for two years) Bush.

In a just-published book and in testimony before Congress, he has said that George Bush entered office looking for an excuse to invade Iraq and seized upon the events of 9/11 as that excuse, even though the FBI and the CIA told him that Saddam Hussein had virtually nothing to do with them.

As a result, the "war on terrorism" has been treated as a sideshow, rather than the main event. That's Clarke's story and it deserves a serious response.

Instead the White House has pooh-poohed the charges as the grumbings of a partisan malcontent. Press Secretary Scott McClellan suggested that Mr. Clarke's motives were political and Vice President Dick Cheney, who shared Bush's Iraq obsession, said Clarke "may have had a grudge to bear since he probably wanted a more prominent

position."

None of which speaks to the truth of Mr. Clarke's assertion. (Why speak to the truth when a personal attack is so much quicker?)

But Clarke has been backed up, in general if not in precise detail, by colleagues who worked with him during those early days of the Bush administration.

"He (Clarke) was the guy pushing hardest, saying again and again that something big was going to happen, including possibly here in the United States. And it's disgusting to see the administration now putting a full-court smear on Clarke — for being right," said Thomas Maertens, former National Security Council director for nuclear nonproliferation. Disgusting perhaps, but it's the Bush way.

Remember the case of Paul H. O'Neill a few months ago? O'Neill, who was dismissed as secretary of the treasury over a difference in economic policy (O'Neill wanted one), published a book saying pretty much what Clarke is saying; that Bush was all about Iraq all the time from the moment he took office.

A White House spokesman said that the administration was "simply not in the business of doing book reviews"

then promptly threatened O'Neill with retribution for making classified material public. O'Neill folded like a three-legged card table.

When Ambassador Joseph Wilson IV pointed out that President Bush's 2003 State of the Union address justifying an attack on Iraq contained false statements, they called him a partisan hack. Then "somebody" let it be known that Wilson's wife was a clandestine agent for the CIA, thereby all but destroying her usefulness as a spy and putting her life in danger.

It's a pattern. Richard Foster, the Medicare system's chief actuary, said he was threatened with dismissal when he sought to make public the real cost of the administration's prescription drug bill, one that was \$100 billion higher than the figure the president was selling to Congress.

And when Gen. Eric Shinseki told Congress it would take a couple of hundred thousand troops to occupy Iraq, administration officials called him an alarmist and said it would take no more than 60,000. Shinseki retired soon after and his counsel is not being sought by the Bush people who were wrong when he was right.

At this point, reasonable people can disagree about whether President Bush

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Minister's Moment:

Holy Week celebrates the 'more' beyond life

by FATHER BOB DAMRON
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A soldier of World War II, blind and paralyzed, lay in his bed in the veterans hospital. He had been there a long time, sad and lonely, and now he had yet another roommate.

Unlike the grouches who had gone before, the new roommate seemed jolly and friendly. So

the old soldier asked the new man, whose bed was by the window, to tell him what was going on outside.

The man responded with gusto. He described the flowers bursting into bloom and the birds hopping across the lawn, the mailman making his rounds, the children riding their bikes and much more. It became a

daily ritual, the man by the window helping the old soldier connect with the wonderful world outside the hospital window.

But one day the man by the window died, and his bed was taken by a new man. With some anxiety, the old soldier asked his new roommate, "Would you describe for me what's going on outside the window?"

The new roommate looked out the hospital window, paused awhile and then said to the old, blind soldier, "I don't know what good it'll do. There's nothing outside this window but a brick wall."

Nothing there! Nothing but a brick wall! That's the fear that eventually haunts every heart, the fear that we are boxed in by

the windowless walls of our own mortality: We're born, we live, we die and there is no escape. Just nothing, forever and ever.

That's our fear, but it's not the truth. And somehow, that happy old soldier knew that in his heart. "There is more," whispered his heart, and he saw through the brick wall of that hospital and through the wall of his own mortality, his own dying.

There is more to life than just waking up, working, eating and sleeping. There is more to life than just the existence we live now. That more is what we are remembering and celebrating this week — Holy Week. We are remembering and celebrating the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus, through His death and resurrection, offers us salvation, offers us the gift of eternal life with God. The passion and death of Jesus brought us the forgiveness of our sins and our nearness to God. The resurrection of Jesus shows us that there is eternal life — there is life beyond our death.

That is the message of Easter — God didn't make us for pain and suffering, for sadness and dying, but for life, for life eternal in God's loving presence. We are remembering and celebrating this week that event in history, the death and resurrection of Jesus, that changed the

universe forever.

Every moment in history before His death and resurrection led up to that sacred event, and every moment in history every since Jesus' death and resurrection has been touched by that God-filled event. Good Friday and Easter Sunday are the focal point of human history.

This Holy Week, Monday through Friday, the various churches of our area are gathering at the First United Methodist Church of Prestonsburg at noon to celebrate together as Christians this sacred event that brought us salvation and new life.

Jehovah's Witnesses join the U.S. religions facing key molestation cases

by RICHARD N. OSTLING
AP RELIGION WRITER

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — They're an all-volunteer organization with little money, and could only muster two dozen attendees to their first national meeting last weekend. But a group called silentlambs has still gained visibility in its campaign to change the sexual abuse poli-

cies of Jehovah's Witnesses. Founder William Bowen says silentlambs exists to educate the public and "give a voice to survivors of child sexual abuse that had been silenced by the institution of Jehovah's Witnesses."

The group claims rules of the Witnesses protect child molesters: The Witnesses, however, insist that they are committed to doing everything their faith

allows to prevent abuse. Meanwhile, the whole situation highlights the fact that, while the clergy sex abuse crisis in the Roman Catholic Church has dominated headlines the past two years, smaller American religious bodies are dealing with variations on the same problem.

The Hare Krishnas, with 100,000 devotees in the United States and Canada, are working on a settlement with 540 students who claim they were abused in boarding schools while their parents were practicing the faith by chanting and begging. A \$400 million suit by 91 of them drove the Hindu group into bankruptcy.

In a trial scheduled to open

Monday in Marshall, Texas, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America agencies, including an Ohio seminary, are charged with negligence in ordaining a pastor who molested 14 boys.

And the upcoming Presbyterian Church (USA) assembly will discuss rules to tighten handling of abuse allegations after a case in which a missionary molested 19 girls.

The Jehovah's Witnesses dispute involves a highly insular community of 1 million U.S. followers of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, whose unique doctrines include a belief that the end times are imminent.

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could have warded off the 9/11 attacks, any more than his predecessor, Bill Clinton, could have. After hearing testimony at the commission hearings on the attacks, I doubt it. Even an invasion of Afghanistan that eliminated Osama bin Laden himself might not have done it and, in any case, there was no public or congressional support for such an action.

But it also seems fairly clear that Mr. Bush, in seeking to fight terrorism, got his priorities badly confused and we are now suffering for it.

The picture of Mr. Bush that emerges is one of a stubborn, inflexible ideologue who will not let facts interfere with his opinions. Just the kind of man you want for president, right?

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.

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build armies. Sharing food to feed the hungry is commendable, but supplying materials and technology to make war is inexcusable.

"Washington politicians continue to focus on pork barrel spending for reelection while disregarding the imminent problem of national bankruptcy. Big business in America is allowed to move their production to poverty-stricken countries where there is an abundance of cheap and frequently child labor, then bring those products back and sell them for huge profits to the very people who were put out of work when they left.

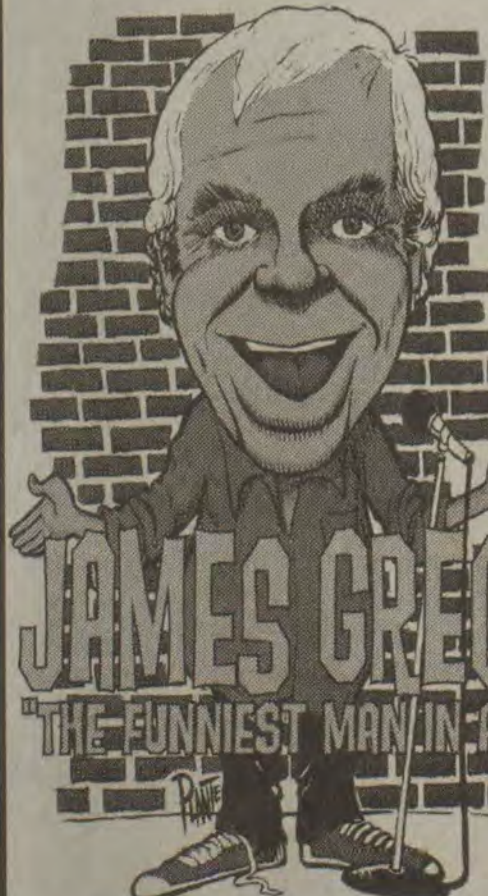
"It is apparent that an attitude adjustment is overdue throughout our country. Scholarly written party-bashing articles present much truth in these letters, but when are we going to face up to the fact that partisanship is not the solution to our problems?"

I believe you will agree that in most cases Bob Sowell has hit the nail on the head. If you have read my column for very long you know that I don't get involved in partisan politics. My main objective is twofold. First, I want to know if it's the truth and just as importantly, is it right and good for our nation.

Partisanship is not the answer. In fact it is killing the goose that lays the golden eggs. We need people in the U.S. Congress who will do what is right for America.

There are only 535 members in both houses and I hope my friends across the country will send this column to each one of them. It's time for Paul to ride again.

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Floyd County

Naomi Allen Bybee, 86, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, formerly of Floyd County, died Sunday, March 28. She is survived by her husband, Dennis Bybee. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Verna Mae Conn, 82, of Dana, died Friday, March 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 21, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ima Jean Hall, 70, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Dorton, died Friday, March 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 21, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

LaShonda Lovell Bailey Hamilton, 23, of McDowell, was dead on arrival, Thursday, March 25, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin, following an A.T.V. accident. She is survived by her husband, Billy (Bull) Hamilton. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Walker Hamilton, 81, of McDowell, died Thursday, March 25, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital emergency room. He is survived by his wife, Gormont Jones Hamilton. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Evelyn Osborne Horn, 85, of Utica, Ohio, a native of Eastern, died Friday, March 26, at the Ohio Eastern Star Home, Mt. Vernon. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 30, under the direction of Law-Baker Funeral Home, Utica, Ohio.

Claude Johnson, 76, of Bevinville, died Monday, March 29, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine Martin Johnson. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ralph Justice, 64, of Harold, died Friday, March 19, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Eva Justice. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 23, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Elsie Hackworth Leake, 95, of East Point, died Friday, March 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 29, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Donald Martin, died Saturday, March 27, at 3:30 a.m. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 31, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Alma Jean Meade, 75, of Melvin, died Tuesday, March 30, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ellen (Sis) Calhoun Meador, 76, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, March 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 21, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Marion, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Thursday, March 25, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Mary M. Colegrove Moore. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Earl Newsome, 74, of Allen, died Sunday, March 28, at Riverview Healthcare Center in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Lula Mae (Lou) Slone Newsome. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Edd Prater, 77, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, March 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Josephine Coleman Prater. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 28, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Helen Richie, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, March 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 23, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Lola Mae Cochran Shepherd, 79, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, March 31, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 2, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Hilma Slone, 73, of Beaver, formerly of Columbus, died Saturday, March 27, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 30, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Carlos Slone, 78, of Wheelwright, died Saturday, March 27, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mason Slone, 58, of Lackey, died Wednesday, March 17, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. He is survived by his wife, Michelle Slone. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 21, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Denver Stewart, 69, of Honaker, died Tuesday, March 30, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Linda Parsons Stewart. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ronnie Bill Sword, 57, of Betsy Layne, died Monday, March 22, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Adkins Sword. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

John S. Williams Jr., 79, of Seneca Rocks, West Virginia, formerly of Banner, died Friday, March 26, in the Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Gladys Akers Williams. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 29, under the direction of Scaffer Funeral Home.

Knott County

Beverage Moore Sr., 75, of

of Garner, died Saturday, March 27, at her home. She is survived by her husband, L.B. Conley. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Oscar Cornett, 78, of Taylor, Michigan, formerly of Knott County, died Wednesday, March 10, at his home, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 13, under the direction of Voran Funeral Home.

MeloDee Denise Meade, 41, of Louisville, a native of Dema, died Friday, March 19, at Hospice and Palliative Care of Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 22, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Socie Hall Osborne, 82, of Dema, died Tuesday, March 30, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mart Shepherd, 84, of Vicco, a Knott County native, died Friday, March 26, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Netha Fields Shepherd. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Berta Slone, 98, of Hindman, died Sunday, March 14, at Knott County Nursing Home, Hindman. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 17, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Hager Smith, 70, of Somerset, a Knott County native, died Saturday, March 27, at Lake Cumberland Hospital, Somerset. He is survived by his wife, Marlene Smith. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 30, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Lawrence County

Charles Austin Jr., 70, of Hurricane, West Virginia, a Louisa native, died Saturday, March 20, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Warner Austin. Private entombment with Masonic rites by Chandlersville Masonic Lodge #858, will be at a later date in the Graves Family Cemetery, Louisa, under the direction of Chapman Funeral Home.

Jack N. Hill, 56, of Louisa, a native of Paintsville, died Tuesday, March 23, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Debra Hill. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 26, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Pike County

Eva Adkins, 83, a resident at Pikeville Health Care Center, died Sunday, March 21, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 24, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Millard Adkins, 59, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, March 30, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Beulah Adkins. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 2, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Nell Hammond Baisden, 76, of Newark, Ohio, formerly of Hardy, died Sunday, March 21, in Newark. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 24, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Hobart James "Jim" Baldwin Jr., 57, of Chatteroy, West Virginia, a native of Canada, died Saturday, March 27, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital's Skilled Nursing Facility. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Cundiff Baldwin. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 30, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Scotty K. Ball, 42, of Aflex, died Saturday, March 20, at his

home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 24, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Reable Gibson Blackburn, 70, of Sookeys Creek, died Tuesday, March 30, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 2, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Alvin Jackson Blair, 69, of Somerset, formerly of Virgie, died Friday, March 26, at Britthaven Nursing Home, Somerset. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 29, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

Redmond Lawrence Drummond Code, 60, of Pikeville, died Friday, March 26. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 29, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Phyllis Gross Eplin, 31, of Pikeville, died Thursday, March 25, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Melvin Eplin. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 28, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

John Fields Jr., 85, of Pikeville, died Monday, March 22, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 25, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Nolan Hill, 65, of Pikeville, died Sunday, March 21, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Doris Hill. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 25, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Clay Edward Isaacs, 44, of Phenix City, Alabama, formerly of Knott County, died Wednesday, March 24, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 30, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Rosie Johnson, 85, of Jenkins, died Thursday, March 25, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 29, under the direction of Polly and Craft Funeral Home.

Sola Justice, 72, of Pikeville, died Saturday, March 20, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 23, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Charles Thomas Lemaster, 47, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, died Monday, March 22, at the Lewis Stocks Veterans Administration Medical Center, Cleveland. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 26, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Deborah Lynn Martin, 50, of Varney, died Saturday, March 20, at Pikeville Memorial Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Roger Martin. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 23, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Ronald Morris Newsome, 59, of Pikeville, died Friday, March 26, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Mary Loraine Ison Newsome. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 29, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

James W. Powell, 85, of Greasy Creek, died Monday, March 29, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 31, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Katherine Ratliff, 93, of Pikeville, died Thursday, March 25, at Mayfair Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 29, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Dewey Taylor Jr., 71, a Pike

County native, died Wednesday, March 24, at Valley Baptist Medical Center, Los Fresnos, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Florentina Elia Infante Taylor. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Thomae-Garza Funeral Directors of San Benito, Texas.

Lula Thacker, 84, of Lower Pompey, died Monday, March 22, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 25, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Mark Whitaker, 41, of Dayton, Ohio, formerly of Pikeville, died Sunday, March 21, at Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton. Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, March 24, under the direction of Newcomer-Farley Funeral Home.

Alfred "Alfredo" Edwards Williams Jr., 29, of Shelbiana, died Sunday, March 28, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Amanda Williams. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 1, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Johnson County Vertie Castle, 80, a Johnson County native, died Sunday, March 29, in the Morrow County Hospital ECF. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 1, under the direction of Snyder Funeral Home, Ashland.

Susan Gillispie "Susie" Daniel, 92, a native of Meally, died Monday, March 29, at the Hospice Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 1, under the direction of Steen Funeral Home, Ashland.

Jody Allen Kestner, 25, a Johnson County native, died Saturday, March 27, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Englewood. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 30, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Carroll L. Pelphrey, 77, a Johnson County native, died Friday, March 26, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Verna Mae Childers

Pelphrey. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 28, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Denise Jean Woods Powers, 58, a Johnson County native, died Wednesday, March 24, at OSU James Cancer Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, William R. Powers. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 27, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Ruth Evelyn Spradlin Sparks, 76, a Johnson County native, died Thursday, March 25, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 28, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Sarah Elizabeth Ramey Ward, 60, a Paintsville native, died at her residence, in Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 25, under the direction of Wayne T. Lee Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Charles Edward Arrington, 64, of Salyersville, died Friday, March 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Dianna Arrington. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 30, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services, Ashland.

Knott County

Clyde Morton, 80, of Littcarr, died Sunday, March 21, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 24, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Hager Smith, 70, of Somerset, a Knott County native, died Saturday, March 27, at Lake Cumberland Hospital, Somerset. He is survived by his wife, Marlene Smith. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 30, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Elva Triplett, 78, of Mousie, died Thursday, March 25, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 28, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Obituaries

Norma Jean Salisbury

Norma Jean Salisbury, 64, of Minnie, died Thursday, April 1, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

Born November 13, 1939, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Tommy and Stella Hicks Collins. She was a homemaker and a member of the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church, at Estill.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond Salisbury.

Other survivors include one son, Michael Salisbury and wife, Megan, of Kylesford, Tennessee; two daughters: Jennifer Johnson and husband, Michael, of Hager Hill, and Pamela Mosley of Lexington; one sister, Carlene Hicks of Drift; and two grandchildren: Emily Elizabeth Salisbury, and Shawn Michael Johnson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters: Barbara Collins, an infant sister, and an infant brother.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, April 4, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Buddy Jones and Clarence Combs officiating.

Burial will be in the Salisbury Cemetery, at Salisbury, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home, where nightly services were held at 7 p.m. (Paid obituary)

Marcella Campbell Goble

Marcella Campbell Goble, 79, of Ivel, died Friday, April 2, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born February 16, 1925, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Jim and Minerva Setser Campbell. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Darwin Goble.

Survivors include one son, James D. Goble of Ivel; two daughters: D. Irene Goble and Shirley Goble Harmon, both of Ivel; and two grandsons: Darwin Dwayne Goble and Campbell Brock Harmon.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, April 4, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with James A. Harmon and Chuck Ferguson officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Tincy Crisp would like to extend their appreciation to all those who helped in any way during our time of sorrow. Thanks so much for the flowers, your prayers, and your very presence.

A special thank-you to the Rev. Mark Walz for his comforting words; Rebecca Haywood and Debbie Holland for their beautiful music; Julie Love so eloquently representing Dr. Debra Padgett; Dr. Debra Hall and the staff of Highlands Regional Medical Center for many years of loving care; the sheriff's dept. for their traffic control; and to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their dignified and courteous service.

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five months in the neonatal intensive care unit at UK children's hospital, where he was placed on a ventilator for more than two months.

He developed a severe lung disease and was given high doses of oxygen to save his life, and after he came home, weighing 5 pounds, he remained on oxygen for nearly two years.

High doses of oxygen caused a vision problem — his retinas began to detach from his eyes. He had an unsuccessful surgery on his right eye and has a small amount of vision in his left eye.

It was during the critical times in the neonatal unit that Cornelius says Joshua found hope. They placed a Fisher Price tape player in his incubator to play lullabies and stories recorded by his mother.

When he began crawling, the boy was drawn to that tape player. It wasn't long before he was able to push the buttons, Cornelius said. He soon learned how to turn it on and turn up the volume.

What started as a love for Barney and other kids songs, developed into a love for country music, and then into a love for Elvis, Cornelius said.

"Joshua discovered an old tape of the soundtrack of 'Heartbreak Hotel,'" she wrote in the email. "He loved the music on that tape. From the song 'One Night with You' to 'Heartbreak Hotel,' Joshua soon learned all of the King's songs and soon began his collection of tapes and CDs."

When family members and friends learned of the boy's newfound love, they began purchasing Elvis gifts for him. He has a wide collection of

movies, light switches, CDs, model trucks, Elvis dolls, pictures and even an Elvis costume that he wore to the concert yesterday.

"Joshua's visual impairment still affects him," Cornelius wrote. "But he needs no sympathy because he knows no other way of seeing. He gets around so well and from just looking at him, you can barely tell he has any disability at all. Joshua is so full of life. He is always smiling and such a happy boy. He melts my heart every time I

look at him. He is indeed our little miracle."

The boy's strength extends, too, into another battle, one that threatens the life of his little sister, Aleah, 2, who was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a childhood cancer, last year.

Cornelius said the boy is "passed back and forth" to his grandparents, the Halls of Grethel and Huey and Marjorie Cornelius of Lexington in an effort to keep his schedule as "normal as it possibly can."

"He has kept strong through

this fight to save his little sister," Cornelius wrote. "Something tells me that he somehow understands that we have to fight for her just like we did for him."

The boy spent most of the afternoon Friday watching Elvis videos in anticipation of the concert.

He is currently being taught to read Braille and is making excellent progress, his mother said, noting that doctors say he will need to use a cane in later years.

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Cases

Adherents are famed for door-to-door distribution of Awake! and Watchtower magazines.

The Governing Body at Brooklyn, N.Y., headquarters commands not only an obedient flock but formidable finances and a corps of trial-hardened attorneys.

Their opponents are motivated by what some say is a problem comparable with, or even worse than, the scale of abuse by Catholic clergy.

Bowen founded silentlamb three years ago after he quit as an elder in Draffenville, Ky., saying Watchtower took no action against an alleged molester. He charged that the group's rules created a "pedophile paradise."

The central issue is the Witnesses' policy of first bringing accusations of any sin to local elders. If an accused person denies the charge, two credible witnesses are required to establish guilt — due to literal application of such Bible verses as Deuteronomy 19:15 ("only on the evidence of two witnesses, or

of three witnesses, shall a charge be sustained").

Philip Brumley, Watchtower's general counsel, says his religion cannot alter its beliefs and doubts secular courts will demand this.

"Do you change doctrine because someone feels something is more convenient, even if it's not in harmony with Scripture?" he asks.

But getting two witnesses in a molestation case "just goes off the scale of improbability," Bowen says.

And if two witnesses are lacking, the accused is deemed innocent, charges remain confidential and — silentlamb says — parents who warn others are subject to disfellowshipping for slander.

Disfellowshipping — also the fate of some silentlamb whistleblowers — is an extreme penalty that means a total cutoff of relationships by family members, friends and business associates who are Witnesses. Silentlamb notes that during the Catholic

crisis, no parishioner has been penalized for raising complaints.

Former Witness Heather Berry, of Claremont, N.H., said that when she was molested by her father, a "ministerial servant" in the congregation, local elders told her mother "to pray, more and Jehovah would take care of it." Others at the Nashville meeting of silentlamb had similar stories.

Often "the victim is taken to a back room with guys who don't know diddly-squat about rape investigation," complains Bowen, who insists all allegations should be referred immediately to police.

Silentlamb also says Witnesses discourage police involvement because they believe Satan controls everything outside the faith.

However, official Watchtower policy states that victims have the right to file secular charges, and that elders report allegations to police where state laws require this.

Witnesses headquarters says it must follow what the Bible teaches, and that includes the belief that "child abuse is abhorrent." It points to a 1997 Watchtower article stating that, except for a few instances, proven molesters are barred from congregational leadership or full-time work.

The conflict escalated in mid-2002 when Kimberlee Norris, a tenacious Fort Worth, Texas, attorney, began working full-time on Witnesses litigation. She has since filed suits for 47 alleged victims in California, Nevada, Oregon and Texas, with 20 more cases in the pipeline.

Norris targets Watchtower organizations and alleged abusers who are leaders in local congregations. She told the silentlamb she culled the strongest cases from 2,000 people who contacted her, making accusations against 729 Witnesses.

She says the Witnesses' policy will change only when "the cost is too much, in the court of law or in the court of public opinion."

Eventually, Norris plans to get testimony from Barbara Anderson of Tullahoma, Tenn. Now disfellowshipped, Anderson says that, while working as a Witnesses headquarters researcher, she compiled an inch-thick dossier about believers' child abuse and other psychological maladies that went to the Governing Body in 1992.

Says Anderson: "Yes, they knew (about abuse), and didn't do a thing about it."

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Raider grid team puts in spring practice time

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – The South Floyd High football team is coming off one of its most successful seasons in school history. South Floyd finished the 2003 season with a 6-5 record. The Raiders finished third in their district and fell to Lynn Camp in the first round of the State Playoffs.

The season included a shutout win over district rival Paintsville. After a winning campaign, South Floyd took a little time off during the month of November, before returning to the weight room and getting back to business. Many experienced South Floyd football players and Raider gridiron hopefuls have worked out and conditioned over the winter

months. South Floyd was able to get in four complete spring practice workouts.

"Some of the kids we needed to work with were out for spring practice," said South Floyd Coach Donny Daniels. "We had 15 or 16 kids out; we had some skill players out."

During spring drills, Daniels had a chance to look at two quarterback hopefuls. Senior-to-

be Joe Osborne and Anthony Thornsberry both took snaps from under center.

"Both of the kids we were looking at for quarterback went through drills everyday," said Daniels. "We concentrated more on offense. With our linemen, we concentrated on technique and fundamentals."

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file photo by
Steve LeMaster

A speedy Joe Osborne helped South Floyd to the State Playoffs.

Pike Central 10, Allen Central 5

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HINDMAN – Allen Central scored five runs on two hits, but it wasn't enough in its second game in the East Kentucky Invitational wooden bat tournament at Knott County Central. The Rebels got doubled up for a second straight game, losing to Pike Central. The Hawks prevailed, winning 10-5. Pike Central got its 10 runs on nine hits.

Allen Central starting pitcher Wilfredo Diminguez had early trouble on the mound, allowing Pike Central to score six runs on five hits. Three of the six runs the Hawks got against the Allen Central starter were earned.

John Williamson led the Pike Central offense with a three-for-four hitting performance the plate that included one triple

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H.S. FOOTBALL

Stephens invited to Nebraska grid camp

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Prestonsburg High senior John Mark Stephens was one of 50 high school student-athletes to attend junior orientation last week at the University of Nebraska.

Stephens, who took to the mound Wednesday evening and helped the Prestonsburg High baseball team to a victory over Knott County Central,



Stephens

looks to be headed back to Nebraska this summer for the program's annual camp.

"The coaching staff at Nebraska invited him back for their summer camp," said Prestonsburg High School assistant coach James DeRossett. "It'll be another good opportunity for him. He and I both enjoyed the first trip."

DeRossett, who coaches the Prestonsburg High defense, accompanied Stephens on the first visit to Nebraska.

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS



photos by Jamie
Howell

Floyd County Special Olympics met Thursday night at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

FLOYD SPECIAL OLYMPICS ANNOUNCES ADOPT AN ATHLETE PROGRAM

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Spring is a special time for Special Olympics athletes all across the world, including those who reside here in Eastern Kentucky. Floyd County Special Olympics is busy preparing for the upcoming Area 3 Games. The Floyd County group is currently conducting a fundraiser that will go toward sending athletes to this year's State Summer Games in Richmond. The State Games will again be held in Richmond on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University.

Floyd County Special Olympics is conducting an Adopt an Athlete program to send approximately 20 athletes to the 2004 State Summer

Games in Richmond in June. It costs approximately \$100 per athlete to attend the Games. The \$100 includes two nights lodging, five meals, a souvenir T-shirt, a Special Olympics keepsake, uniforms and a victory pizza party.

Any area business, civic organization, or family can participate in the fundraiser program by calling Ed or Linda Senig at 452-9564.

During a meeting held Thursday at the Mountain Arts in Prestonsburg, Cindy Hackworth of the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart presented a \$500 check to Special Olympics. Kim Satherwhite of Special Olympics Kentucky also attended the meeting.

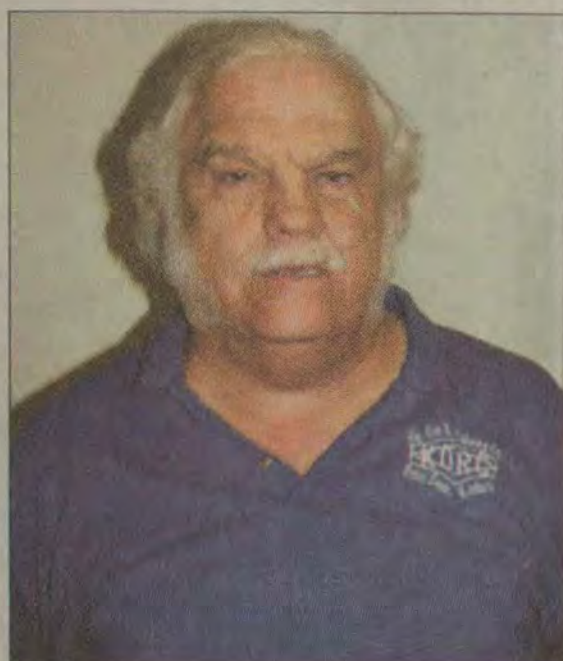
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Cindy Hackworth (right) of the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart presented the group with a \$500 check. Kim Satherwhite of Kentucky Special Olympics was present at the meeting.

photo by Steve
LeMaster

Martin resident Perry Jones, a lifelong Kentucky high school boys' basketball fan, attended his 44th straight Boys' Sweet Sixteen in March.



Blackcats hang tough, fall to Harlan

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN – Harlan scattered out its runs Thursday night during the East Kentucky Invitational at Knott County Central. The Green Dragons scored one run in the first inning and another in one of the middle innings and held on to beat Prestonsburg 2-0. The Blackcats had a pair of hits in the loss, but couldn't muster a run either time that runners were on base following hits. Brandon Campbell and Kyle Wicker each had one hit apiece

for Prestonsburg.

The Harlan team Prestonsburg faced was a sound club.

Both of Harlan's runs were unearned.

"Harlan was a very good baseball team," said Prestonsburg Coach John Thomas Clark. "We hung right in there. I'm proud of them."

Clark said he couldn't fault his team's work ethic.

"We've got a bunch of kids that are working real hard," added Clark. "This is a good group, they run in and out; everyone picks each other up."

Junior hurler John Mark Stephens got the start for Prestonsburg and worked four innings, giving up two runs. Eighth-grader Josh Rodebaugh came on in relief of Stephens and held Harlan's offense from crossing the plate.

"We're real pleased with the play of Josh Rodebaugh," said Clark. "He's going to play for us regularly."

Prestonsburg was scheduled to be back in action yesterday against Breathitt County as play in the Knott Central-hosted tournament continued.

A little turkey calling can go a long way

by STEVE VANTREESE
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GRAND RIVERS — When it comes time to call a wild turkey, enough is enough. And more is folly.

Knowing how much simulated hen talk to air in the interest of attracting a lovelorn gobbler is at the crux of spring turkey hunting. Calling is the essential element that interests and beckons the targeted bird, but too much of it can have the opposite effect.

"A lot of people overcall, and I've been guilty of doing it myself," said Jerry Murphy, a persistent combatant in Kentucky's spring gobbler wars. The veteran hunter and Grand Rivers resident typically hunts every day of the state's three-week season — or at least until his two-bird limit is filled. This year's season runs April 15 to May 5.

"Overcalling is a big mistake because the gobbler will catch you before you know he's there," Murphy said.

The time for aggressive calling is when a hunter is using "locator" calls — owl, crow, pileated woodpecker, etc. — to provoke a tom turkey to "shock gobble," to respond with a clattering call of its own to initially give away its position, Murphy said.

"I may call pretty aggressively with hen calls, too, until I get a gobbler to answer the hen the first time," he said. "But after he gobbles at my clucks one time, I get real quiet."

A gobbled response to a fake hen call signals that the tom hears and is interested in what he perceives as a lady turkey — and very likely he will head that way, Murphy said. The gobbler most often won't need additional calling to keep him on track, and more calling might even make

the "hen" sound assertive enough as to make the gobbler hesitate and wait for her to come to him.

"You've got to have confidence that the gobbler is coming and have the patience to wait without calling just because you aren't hearing him," Murphy said. "He's not going to holler every little bit."

Not only might excessive calling talk a gobbler into not coming, it may give the hunter's true identity away if the turkey does respond as hoped.

"If you keep calling, a turkey might slip in and catch you moving your hands as you work a friction call," Murphy said. "If he gets there before you expect him, he can nail you before you see him. If he's quiet, you better keep your eyes peeled."

One timeworn axiom — that it's better to remain silent and be suspected a fool rather than to speak up and remove all doubt —

has a turkey hunting parallel. That is, imperfect turkey calling is less convincing the more it is used.

Murphy said a hunter's calling probably is less convincing the more a gobbler hears it and the closer he draws to the source.

"Ninety percent of the time I call with a paddle box call because it makes good hen sounds and it's good and loud," he said. "But once I think I have a turkey coming, if I call at all, I'll use one of the little push-pull boxes. It's pretty quiet and I make little soft purrs with it. I can use it moving one finger."

Murphy suspects hunters who use mouth diaphragm calls almost exclusively sometimes tend to call too loudly and unnaturally, and they may use the call too often just because it's easy to do so.

"I think mouth callers call too much because they don't have to move their hands and they think they can get away with more of it," he said.

But how much is enough calling?

When it's going right, one set of hen clucks, yelps, or cuts — excited, staccato clucks — that draws an emotional response

from a gobbler will be all that needs to be said. The bird will strut into workable shotgun range and pose before the hunter is compelled to call again.

When it's tougher, and it often is, the hunter may have to reach a compromise between the inclination to probe for reassuring response by additional calling and the good reasoning that an incoming gobbler doesn't require more.

"If I've gotten one to gobble and he doesn't show up, I might call again every 10 minutes or so to try to keep him interested," Murphy said.

MLB, Reds open new season tomorrow

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

If it does not rain or snow, the Cincinnati Reds will open the 2004 major league baseball season tomorrow, April 4 and I for one cannot wait.

Forget that the New York Yankees and Tampa Bay Devil Rays have already played two games that count. Just remember where they played at and that doesn't count if not played in America. Well, really, it does.

The Reds trimmed their roster down to the needed 25 men Thursday by sending Sanchez to the minor league complex for reassignment. I thought Sanchez pitched well the first part of spring training.

When the Reds head north, Wily Mo Pena will be heading that with them as he played his way onto the team this year. If you remember the only reason he was part of last year's team was because of former GM Jim Bowden. Now that Bowden was axed last year, Pena had to earn a spot or go on waivers and back to the minors.

I like the way Pena played this spring. He was serious about making the team knowing he had to, no options or not. He batted well over .300 and had three home runs with 11 runs batted in. Not bad.

The Reds has to be scratching their heads wondering if it is going to be

another year like 2003 with 11 the injuries. Already third baseman to be Brandon Larson opens the season on the disabled list (DL). Ken Griffey Jr. is hurt (what's new) and a couple pitchers have some minor ailments.

Camp

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He compared the Nebraska football program to the University of Tennessee program in many respects.

"There's so much tradition at Nebraska," DeRossett noted. "It's a lot like Tennessee."

Bill Callahan now guides the Nebraska football program as its head coach.

Callahan came to Nebraska from the Oakland Raiders, a professional football franchise he coached to the Super Bowl.

At the next level, Stephens could play on either side of the football. He plays tight end on offense and linebacker on defense. Last fall, his junior campaign, Stephens led Prestonsburg in tackles.

Cardinal Stadium. Admission is free and open to the public.

Gates to the stadium will open at 3 p.m. on Friday with the tailgate lots open to the public at Noon. A post-game autograph session will also take place on the field approximately 10 minutes after the game.

Local bands, The Muckrakers and Breckinridge will perform outside of Gate 3 before and after the game.

Deion Branch and Ted Washington, who were members of the 2004 Super Bowl champion New England Patriots, will be in attendance, along with many other former Cardinal football greats.

A pig roast will take place in the Street Fest area and concession stands will be open throughout the concourses.

Game

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and a pair of singles. Two other Pike Central players recorded two hits apiece.

J.R. Chaney pitched Pike Central to the win, going seven innings and just allowing the two runs.

Each team committed two errors.

Nick Music and Tyler Turner each pitched in relief of Dominguez. Music allowed six hits and four runs, one of which was earned. Music faced 25 batters and struckout three. Turner faced three Pike Central batters and fanned one.

Dominguez had both of Allen Central's hits. He went two-for-four with a single and a triple.

more than just a scrimmage this year — it will be one of the biggest events in the history of Cardinal football.

The spring scrimmage on Friday, April 16 will provide Cardinal fans with a fun evening of football and entertainment. Kickoff for the spring contest is at 7:30 p.m. at Papa John's

Cardinals to host Spring Game Festival

Live music, pig roast highlight U of L grid game

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISVILLE — The 2004 University of Louisville Spring Football Game will be much

Kenny and Kenny Sports Show Plus set for second week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — They're back. Tune in today to WQHY, Q95 FM, for the second program of the Kenny and Kenny Sports Show Plus.

Antwain Barbour and Cliff

Prestonsburg Little League announces tryouts

Prestonsburg Little League will hold tryouts on Monday at 5:30 p.m. at Archer Park. The tryouts are for players ages 7-12.

Hawkins, two of the five University of Kentucky men's basketball seniors, share their Barnstorming excitement with Rice and Walker.

Georgetown College head coach Happy Osborne tells the two Kennys about his true blue secret and reflects on the past eight years of going to the Sweet Sixteen, three Finals and two Final Fours.

University of Kentucky Unforgettable Sean Woods, now an assistant coach at High Point (N.C.), discusses his new training process trials and the different attitude of today's generation of players.

The plus in this Sunday's Kenny and Kenny Sports Show is a "Kenny Blast From the Past" interview with New York Yankees baseball hall-of-famer, Reggie Jackson, a.k.a. Mr. October.

BASEBALL PREVIEW '04: The eternal AL question — will this be the year Boston overtakes the Yankees?

by BEN WALKER
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Derek Jeter seemed puzzled. Told that many fans were upset the New York Yankees — of all teams — had pulled off a trade for Alex Rodriguez, Jeter furrowed his brow.

Told that many people didn't think it was fair that baseball's richest club had acquired arguably the game's best player, Jeter shook his head.

"Really?" he asked.

Then, he broke into a playful grin. He was pretending all along.

"It's good to be a Yankee," he said.

Sure is, as Rodriguez, Gary Sheffield, Kevin Brown and Javier Vazquez can attest. A-Rod and the other A-listers, put in pinstripes by George Steinbrenner in his bid to win yet another World Series after coming so close last October.

Boston got better, too. The Red Sox revved up by adding ace Curt Schilling and closer

Keith Foulke, and that brings up the eternal question in the American League: Will this be the year they overtake the Yankees?

Elsewhere, a lot of teams improved. Vladimir Guerrero, Javy Lopez and Ivan Rodriguez came over from the National League, and plenty of young players are on the rise.

Oakland hopes its pitching can rule the West, where Anaheim was active in the winter market and Seattle is still solid.

Minnesota's fundamentally sound approach may be enough in the Central. The division is for the taking, giving hope to Kansas City and Chicago that it could be their year.

New York has beaten out Boston in the East for six straight seasons. The Yankees also won out in getting Rodriguez from Texas, and that eventually led to a little name-calling. Red Sox owner John Henry referred to Steinbrenner as "Don Rickles" and the

Yankees owner responded by tagging his counterpart as the Scarecrow from "The Wizard of Oz."

Boys, boys. If Jeter and Rodriguez can work out their friendship after it turned chilly, there's no need for this childish behavior.

Besides, Boston and the Yankees will see plenty of each other, starting April 16 at Fenway Park. They played 26 times last year, capped by Aaron Boone's home run in the 11th inning that lifted New York over the Red Sox in Game 7 of the ALCS.

Steinbrenner and manager Joe Torre, meanwhile, have worked out their differences after a season that strained their relationship. But bench coach Don Zimmer left and took a job with Tampa Bay, saying he couldn't stand Steinbrenner any longer.

Probably no surprise to Donald Trump. Before watching

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Team

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The Raiders were hopeful to get a fifth day of spring practice in but were unable to do so.

The South Floyd team that takes the field in the fall will likely have a more diverse offensive attack that'll include putting the ball up in the air more.

"We're looking at getting a more flexible offense in place," Daniels added. "We're looking to enhance our passing game."

South Floyd High and the rest of the high schools in Floyd County spent this past week on Spring Break. The Raider football team is slated to open the 2004 season in August at home against Powell County.

Griffey returns to Cincinnati for rehab

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DUNEDIN, Fla. — Ken Griffey Jr. returned to Cincinnati to rehab his injured right calf in preparation for the Reds' home opener Monday against the Cubs.

The center fielder was hurt Monday when he slipped leav-

ing the batter's box against Pittsburgh.

"He will work out with us Sunday, and from all telltale signs he should be good to go on Monday," manager Dave Miley said.

Griffey hit just .158 with one homer and five RBIs in 38 at-bats this spring.

Program

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Special Olympics is a non-profit organization for individuals with intellectual disabilities ranging in age from 8-80

As of Friday, 154 athletes had signed up for the upcoming Area Games, which will be held April 17 at Prestonsburg High School. The Area Games will be held inside Blackcat Stadium for a second straight year.

Prestonsburg High School

head football coach John DeRossett is one of many looking forward to the event returning to Prestonsburg.

"We had a great time hosting the event last year and are looking forward to again hosting it," said DeRossett. "The weather was great last year and hopefully we'll have another good day for it this year."



photo by Jamie Howell

Floyd County Special Olympics will host the Area 3 Games.

BASEBALL PREVIEW '04: All eyes on stars, stats, stadiums - and steroid tests

by BEN WALKER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

John Smoltz can tell fans are juiced up about something this season.

Barry Bonds' climb on the home run chart? Alex Rodriguez joining the Yankees-Red Sox rivalry? Roger Clemens, Vladimir Guerrero and Greg Maddux playing in different

places? Hardly. From Tampa Bay's win over New York on opening day in Japan to the final pitch of the World Series — Game 7 would

be on Halloween night — all eyes will be on more than shifting stars, milestone stats and new stadiums.

Baseball 2004 begins under an ominous cloud this year, totally because of steroids.

"The more this becomes a monster, the more it plays into everybody's mind," Smoltz said.

The Atlanta relief ace spoke during spring training about toughening the tests that will start this season — for the first time, players who fail will be penalized. It's the topic drawing the most attention and speculation is running rampant.

Rather than analyzing the swings of Jason Giambi, who homered in his first at-bat of the season, Gary Sheffield and Bonds, people are scrutinizing the size of their biceps. Fairly or unfairly, that's the focus so far.

"I don't think steroids in baseball is one of the most

pressing issues in the world as President Bush said," Philadelphia pitcher Randy Wolf said. "We're in a state of terrorism."

Now, this all could change once Randy Johnson slings his fastball, Carlos Delgado goes way deep, Juan Pierre and the World Series champion Florida Marlins fly around the bases, and the Chicago Cubs try to put Steve Bartman behind them.

At least, commissioner Bud Selig hopes so. The sport has had more than its share of problems in recent years, and the stain of the Pete Rose scandal isn't likely to go away anytime soon.

Plus, there's plenty worth watching on the field. The Devil Rays made it interesting from the start, roughing up all those Yankees All-Stars 8-3 Tuesday at the Tokyo Dome. Fans back in New York saw A-Rod make three nice plays at third base and

homegrown star Hideki Matsui double for the first hit of the season.

"Hopefully, it's 5 a.m. and not many people were watching," Rodriguez said.

Actually, he's just lucky he got traded by last-place Texas, whether it was to the Yankees or Boston. Coming off their ALCS thriller last October, both teams loaded up in the winter, with the Red Sox adding Curt Schilling, Keith Foulke and new manager Terry Francona while New York also acquired Kevin Brown, Javier Vazquez and Sheffield.

A lot of teams spent a lot of money in the offseason, determined to improve.

The Baltimore Orioles shelled out big bucks for Miguel Tejada, Javy Lopez and Rafael Palmeiro. The Anaheim Angels did the same for Guerrero, Bartolo Colon, Kelvin Escobar and Jose Guillen.

Ivan Rodriguez made the most intriguing move. The perennial Gold Glove catcher left the champion Marlins and signed with the long-lost Tigers, who set an AL record with 119 defeats last season. Rondell White, Ugueth Urbina and Fernando Vina also moved to Detroit.

"Having Pudge on board gives us instant credibility," Tigers manager Alan Trammell said. "He's a marquee player, and when people say 'Tigers' they think of Pudge now."

The Houston Astros, having never reached the World Series, greatly improved their chances. They lured Clemens and Andy

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Traffic and parking tips for Reds' Opening Day

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds will open the 2004 season in front of what promises to be an overflow crowd. Cincinnati will open the campaign against the Chicago Cubs.

More than 42,000 baseball fans will be making their way to the Great American Ball Park Monday to watch the Red's game on Opening Day. To make this year's Opening Day an all-around home run experience, fans are encouraged to plan ahead.

KNOW WHERE TO GO

Access to the Cincinnati riverfront and the Great American Ball Park has changed since last year, with Mehring Way now being fully open, the opening of Vine Street between Theodore M. Berry Way and Second Street, and improvements to pedestrian access to the west side of the Ball Park. It is still recommended that fans coming to the game take advantage of the many convenient parking facilities located north of Third Street and walk to the ball park.

Access to the Great American Ball Park for those who are disabled will be provided in two ways. The first is that a limited number of disabled parking spaces will be available at the East Garage and the Great American

Ball Park Garage. The second involves the use of a new portion of Main Street between Mehring Way and Second Street that will be reserved for disabled drop off and pick up for cars, vans and other vehicles with a capacity of 15 or less.

Four groups that arrive by bus are strongly encouraged to use the Riverfront Transit Center for loading and unloading of their patrons. These tour groups are strongly encouraged to call ahead to reserve a parking spot for their buses prior to the game date and may do so by calling 513/632-7527. Once a reservation is made, the group will be sent specific directions as to which end of the transit center to enter for parking.

The Transit Center is best accessed from Southbound I-75 by using the Freeman Avenue exit and following Freeman Avenue to Mehring Way to Central Avenue to the Transit Center entrance just South of Third Street. From Northbound I-75 take the Ohio Fifth Street exit to Central Avenue. From Southbound I-75, buses should use the Gilbert Avenue Exit and follow signs directing them to the Riverfront via Eggleston Avenue and Pete Rose Way. The East entrance to the Transit Center is on Pete Rose Way just West of Broadway.

Motorists are encouraged to use the following routes into downtown Cincinnati:

From I-75 South use the Freeman Avenue exit to Mehring Way to the riverfront

From I-75 North use the Fifth Street exit in Cincinnati, then right onto Central Avenue to the riverfront.

From I-71 South use the Gilbert Avenue exit to Eggleston Avenue to the riverfront.

From I-471 Use the Sixth Street exit to Sycamore Street to the riverfront.

There will be several street closures near the Findlay Market and in the central business district to accommodate the Reds Opening Day Parade including Race Street between Liberty and Fifth Street, and Fifth between Race and Columbia Parkway. The roads around Findlay Market close at 7:00 AM and the roads along the parade route will close at 11:00 AM and will reopen following the parade. Game fans and downtown workers are encouraged to plan for these street closures find their parking spots early and use public transit where available.

"Due to the street closures that will be in place for the Opening Day parade, motorists should try to avoid traveling across downtown between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.," said Steve Bailey, City Traffic Engineer for the City of Cincinnati. "As we have done on past Opening Days, police officers will be positioned along the parade route and around the riverfront area to assist with directing traffic."

Parking is available in the many lots north of Third Street, along East Pete Rose Way, Eggleston Avenue and near Sawyer Point. Additional parking lots are located north and west of Paul Brown Stadium. Cash parking will be available in riverfront Lots A, D and E and the City Lot 1 on a limited first come, first served basis until 9:00 a.m., however, riverfront Lots B, C and D, Central Riverfront Garage and the East Garage will be reserved for Reds season parking pass holders. Please note that construction sites in and around the riverfront are off limits for public parking. Sites will be clearly marked and secured, and anyone parking in these areas will be towed.

Maps illustrating parking and access alternatives for Opening Day are attached and also available on the Cincinnati Reds website, www.cincinnati.reds.mlb.com. To receive a digital version of the parking and access map, please contact Steve Bailey at 513/352-6229.

GET THERE EARLY

People from all over will be coming to enjoy the festivities, from the Opening Day Parade through the game's last inning. Fans getting downtown early will have a better chance of finding premium parking in Riverfront lots, securing good vantage points for the parade and avoiding delays from heavy traffic.

CALL AHEAD

Either before you leave or while on the road, take advantage of the 511 Traveler Information Hotline, a service of ARTIMIS, the Advanced Regional Traffic Interactive Management & Information System. Call the 511 number from any touch tone phone and follow the instructions to receive up-to-the minute traffic information and estimated travel times. Additional information is available at www.artimis.org.

USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

As an alternative to driving, fans are encouraged to use public transportation to obtain quick and convenient access to the Great American Ball Park.

The Southbank Shuttle, oper-

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Atlanta will add SAFER barriers by the fall

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HAMPTON, Ga. — Atlanta Motor Speedway will install the new Steel and Foam Energy Reduction barrier walls prior to the Oct. 29-31 Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500, AMS President and General Manager Ed Clark announced Thursday.

The speedway's parent company, Speedway Motorsports, Inc. has placed Wes Harris, SMI vice president of development, in charge of the project for all SMI tracks. Exact dates for the installation have yet to be determined, but construction on the steel-and-foam walls is not expected to begin until late summer. The project is expected to take approximately two weeks to complete.

The SAFER barrier system is made up of steel tubes and pads of hard foam, which are affixed to a speedway's concrete walls to absorb some of the energy that is transferred during a crash. The SAFER wall project began in the fall of 2000 and remains an ongoing safety initiative among NASCAR, the Indy Racing League, Dr. Dean Sicking and the University of

Based on measurements by these engineers, Atlanta Motor Speedway will install approximately 8,000 linear feet of the SAFER barrier, which will cover approximately 75 percent of the speedway's outer walls. The SAFER barrier system will be placed outside of all four turns, as well as inside turn 2.

Vice president to throw out first pitch in Reds opener

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Vice President Dick Cheney will throw out the ceremonial first pitch at the season-opener for the Cincinnati Reds on Monday.

Former President George Bush threw the ceremonial first pitch at the opening game last

year, the first to be played at Great American Ball Park.

The game between the Reds and the Chicago Cubs is scheduled to start at 2:15 p.m., with Cheney throwing his pitch a few minutes before that.

Last year, the Reds lost their home opener to the Pittsburgh Pirates 10-1.

As always with Giants, spotlight on Bonds

by JANIE McCAULEY
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SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds' 19th major league season was supposed to be about passing Willie Mays and chasing Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron on the career home run list.

Instead, Bonds is constantly being asked whether steroids helped make him one of the game's greatest sluggers.

Just two homers shy of tying Mays — his godfather — for third place on the all-time list, Bonds could even be forced to testify at a trial involving his personal trainer.

Can San Francisco's star slugger rise above it all, or will it affect his performance on the field?

"I'm just going to play the game of baseball," said the 39-year-old Bonds, who has repeatedly denied using steroids. "That's all I'm going to do. That's all I can do. I'm going to go out and play the game of baseball for the city of San Francisco and the Giants organization. I'll let my bat do the talking."

"I think it bothers everyone. Is life fair? That's how I look at it."

This will be the second straight trying season for the six-time NL MVP, who dealt with the death of his father last year.

Bonds' trainer, Greg Anderson, was among four men charged in February in an alleged steroid-distribution ring that federal prosecutors say supplied professional athletes with banned substances.

Manager Felipe Alou has expressed his confidence in Bonds' ability to stay focused through the distractions. Bonds' father, Bobby, died last season, and Bonds still batted .341 with 45 home runs and 90 RBIs.

Mays, who has been mentoring and coaching Bonds since his dad died, will travel to Houston and San Diego for San Francisco's first six games to be there if Bonds ties or passes him.

The Hall of Famer plans to present Bonds with a torch decorated with 25 tiny diamonds, symbolic of the number the slugger wears. Only Ruth (714) and Bonds' hero, Aaron (755), have hit more homers.

"We talked about that, and he really doesn't want to do it," Mays said of Bonds passing him. "When we talked, the main thing I expressed to him is, 'You have to do what you have to do — that means pass me, pass Ruth, try to get to Aaron if you can.' And that's what it's all about."

Bonds would like to get back to the World Series before he retires after falling six outs short of winning a ring in 2002. But there have been questions about whether the Giants did enough this offseason to make that a realistic possibility.

General manager Brian Sabean was forced to creatively overhaul the roster again after the reigning NL West champions lost right fielder Jose Cruz Jr., shortstop Rich Aurilia, catcher Benito Santiago and key relievers Joe Nathan and Tim Worrell — and Sabean's budget was down about \$8 million this year.

New right fielder Michael Tucker will be the sixth person to play the position in five seasons.

In 2003, the Giants led the NL West from Day 1 under the 68-year-old Alou, winning the division by 15 1/2 games. The clubhouse was as cohesive as it's been in years.

It would seem this season would have to be easier emo-

Cubs, Astros set for arms race

by MIKE FITZPATRICK
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It's easy to envision the marquee matchups: Roger Clemens vs. Greg Maddux, with first place on the line.

Or Andy Pettitte against Kerry Wood for a trip to the World Series.

Maybe Mark Prior and Roy Oswalt in Game 7 of the playoffs. Packed with pitching, the Chicago Cubs and Houston Astros appear headed for a heated race in the NL Central this season — and their budding rivalry could carry into October.

"We're hoping to do some great things," said Clemens, who came out of retirement in January to join his good pal Pettitte with their hometown Astros.

The Cubs won the division by one game over Houston last year and came within five outs of their first pennant since 1945. Looking to get over the hump, they signed Maddux, 11 wins shy of 300 and destined for the Hall of Fame.

The former Atlanta ace began his career with the Cubs and won the first of his four straight NL Cy Young Awards with them in 1992. A crafty control artist, he slides into a hard-throwing rotation that already featured Wood, Prior, Carlos Zambrano and Matt Clement.

"What makes it so good is it's so deep," Maddux said. "It's five solid pitchers. When you can go that deep, you have a chance to win every day. That's something

special."

They hope it's enough to hold off Houston, which added a clutch performer in Pettitte when he left the New York Yankees as a free agent.

He'll be the No. 2 starter behind Oswalt in an imposing rotation that includes Clemens, Wade Miller and Tim Redding.

"I see five aces," Oswalt said. "I know in a card deck you only get four, but I see five right now."

The Astros did part with All-Star closer Billy Wagner, traded to Philadelphia. He and Tim Worrell should shore up the bullpen for the Phillies, who could end Atlanta's incredible run of 12 consecutive division titles.

Also expecting to challenge in the NL East again are the cost-conscious Florida Marlins, fresh off their surprising World Series championship.

Ivan Rodriguez, Derrek Lee and Mark Redman are gone, but Josh Beckett still leads a talented young staff.

"It won't surprise me if they make the playoffs again," said Lee, the Gold Glove first baseman who was dealt to the Cubs.

Every team in the West seems to be worse than a year ago, except the last-place Padres. Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants should repeat as division champions, though they have some serious health concerns on the pitching staff.

Bonds has been dogged by questions all spring after his personal trainer was indicted in an

alleged steroid-distribution ring.

He comes into the season with 658 homers, two shy of tying his godfather, Willie Mays, for third on the career list.

"Don't worry, it'll happen," Bonds said with a grin.

A look at the NL in predicted order of finish:

EAST

Philadelphia Phillies
The pressure is on hot-tempered manager Larry Bowe and the Phillies, who move into a new ballpark as favorites to win the division.

They need Pat Burrell (.209, 142 Ks) to bounce back from a horrendous season, and a healthy David Bell at third base would be nice. But the rotation is deep and the bullpen is much better than last year.

Left-hander Eric Milton, acquired in a trade with the Twins, is a strong addition. Somebody needs to step up and develop into a true ace. Young right-hander Brett Myers (14-9, 4.43 ERA) might have the stuff to do it.

Jim Thome, who led the league with 47 homers last season, has been sidelined by a broken finger this spring but expects to be ready by opening day.

Atlanta Braves
The Braves are really watching the budget these days, the biggest reason they might finally relinquish their grip on first place.

Maddux, Gary Sheffield, Javy

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Overtake

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a spring training game with Steinbrenner, the star of "The Apprentice" was asked who was the more difficult boss.

"George is tougher, much tougher," Trump said.

A look at the AL in predicted order of finish:

EAST

New York Yankees

On most teams, adding the likes of Kenny Lofton, Tom Gordon and Paul Quantrill would create a stir. On the Yankees, those moves barely caused a ripple.

It takes big deals to make noise in New York, and Steinbrenner provided them. Overkill for a club that came within two wins of its fifth World Series title in eight years? Maybe, that's how he does business.

MVP Rodriguez (AL-leading 47 HRs, 118 RBIs) joined an already fearsome lineup where 100-RBI guys Hideki Matsui and Jorge Posada might bat 7-8. Mariano Rivera (40 saves, 1.66 ERA) leads a bullpen deeper than ever.

Mike Mussina (17-8) lost the opener to Tampa Bay in Tokyo on Tuesday. The Moose is as healthy as a horse — keeping Brown, Jose Contreras and the already-injured Jon Lieber off the disabled list will be the Yankees' greatest concern on the field.

Off the field, there are bound to be more steroid-related questions for Jason Giambi and Sheffield. Torre is a master at keeping distractions at a minimum, and he might be put to the test with this issue.

Boston Red Sox

GM Theo Epstein made the right moves after coming so close last season, trading for Schilling and Foulke. As for getting A-Rod, well, almost.

A team that set the major league record for slugging percentage, scored nearly 1,000 runs and already had Pedro Martinez (14-4, 2.22 ERA) and Derek Lowe (17-7) didn't need much more. Schilling (2.95 ERA for Arizona) and Foulke (43 saves for Oakland) were nice bonuses.

New manager Terry Francona will bring the storied approach that Boston management wants, something Grady Little did not provide. Keeping Manny Ramirez (.325, 37, 104) content and pacifying Nomar Garciaparra (.301, 28, 105) after their near-trades might be more challenging.

There are 200 new seats on top of Fenway Park's right-field roof, and the Red Sox hope this

will be the year they give all their fans a close-up look at the World Series championship for the first time since 1918.

Baltimore Orioles

The Orioles played off rookie manager Lee Mazzilli's Brooklyn accent in TV ads promoting the season. Boosted by newcomers Miguel Tejada, Javy Lopez and Rafael Palmeiro, there might be a lot more to talk about this year.

The three big free agents all topped 100 RBIs and will join Jay Gibbons (100 RBIs), Melvin Mora (.317), Luis Matos (.303) and Larry Bigbie (.303) in a

swatting lineup.

Ah, but pitching. Baltimore got a break when Sidney Ponson re-signed after getting traded last July to San Francisco, and he'll start the opener. Trouble is, no one else in the rotation had a winning record.

Toronto Blue Jays

Roy Halladay finally had the breakout season the Blue Jays projected, going 22-7 and winning the Cy Young Award. Toronto would like to see new arrivals Miguel Batista and Ted Lilly also step up.

Carlos Delgado (.302, 42 HRs, major league-high 145

RBIs) and Vernon Wells (.317, 33, 117, major league-best 215 hits) put up big numbers while 2002 AL Rookie of the Year Eric Hinske slumped.

Batista adds a unique touch. Having written a book of poetry in Spanish, he's now working on a novel about a teenage serial killer.

Tampa Bay Devil Rays

If they played in the AL Central, it'd be easy to see these Devil Rays are getting better. In the East, that's a tough task for Lou Piniella's bunch.

After years of poor signings and bad trades, Tampa Bay's

player development is starting to pay off. Aubrey Huff (.311, 34 HRs, 107 RBIs), Carl Crawford (55 SBs) and Rocco Baldelli (.289) form a real fresh nucleus.

Grooming young pitchers is much more difficult, and it showed — the staff led the league in walks, wild pitches and hit batters.

CENTRAL

Minnesota Twins

Aside from Torii Hunter's catches, there's nothing spectacular about these two-time division champions. How nondescript? In the playoffs last October, manager Ron Gardenhire took the subway to Yankee Stadium and hardly anyone recognized him.

These Twins play the game right, and that's often hard to do at the crazy Metrodome. Yet Minnesota will be hard-pressed to match the bullpen depth that had been such a strength — with everyday Eddie Guardado and LaTroy Hawkins gone, Joe Nathan (one career save for San Francisco) could become the closer.

Joe Mauer, raised in St. Paul, is the big hope for the future. The No. 1 pick in the 2001 draft, he posted huge numbers at Class A and Double-A. At 20, he takes over at catcher after A.J. Pierzynski was traded for Nathan.

Kansas City Royals

AL Manager of the Year Tony Pena revitalized baseball in a city that had lost interest. The trick will be to do even better — and perhaps make the playoffs in a division with no clear-cut favorite.

Carlos Beltran (.307, 100 RBIs, 41 SBs) and Mike Sweeney still deserve more credit than they get nationally. If they played on either coast, they'd rightfully be regarded as among the best in the majors.

Brian Anderson gets the opening-day start on a staff that is hardly imposing. Newcomer Benito Santiago could provide a winning attitude behind the plate and two-time MVP Juan Gonzalez, if healthy and properly motivated by Pena, might again be a force.

Chicago White Sox

Ozzie Guillen brings a lot of enthusiasm and experience to the team he once starred for. Hard to tell whether that will make up for all the players Chicago lost in the winter.

The new manager seems to have soothed over his shaky past with Frank Thomas (42 HRs, 105 RBIs). The rest of the team needs a spark after a disappointing finish — the White Sox led the division by two games on

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Reds' second year in new park could be sequel

by JOE KAY
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CINCINNATI — The team lost 93 games. The manager and general manager lost their jobs. The lineup lost its stars. The fans lost patience.

As inaugural seasons go, 2003 was horrific. The Cincinnati Reds moved into Great American Ball Park, crumpled their grand plans into a wad and tossed them in one of their brand new trash cans.

Don't empty it just yet. Year two at the new ballpark has the look of a low-budget sequel.

The payroll has shrunk, the remaining stars expect trades and the front office is focused on finishing a rebuilding. Even if the team stays in contention until midseason, it could get disassembled in another round of deals for prospects.

Sound familiar? "Are they done trading?" closer Danny Graves wondered, touching on the overriding issue. "I don't know."

The Reds know one thing: A lot has to go right for them to make this season more than just another six-month preview of coming attractions.

If Ken Griffey Jr. can stay healthy ...

If Barry Larkin can play close to a full season ...

If Austin Kearns and Adam Dunn can come back from injuries ...

If a rotation led by 15-game loser Cory Lidle can hold its own ...

If all of those things happen, the Reds could be respectable in the NL Central, a division that

includes small-market clones Pittsburgh and Milwaukee.

"I think we can definitely be competitive, and I think we can surprise a lot of people," said Larkin, entering his 19th season. "I know some publications have picked us as finishing dead last, and I don't think that's going to happen."

Even with all of the turmoil and trades last season, the Reds managed to finish a game ahead of the last-place Brewers. The more intriguing question isn't where they'll finish, but who they'll deal next.

The first indication that they're not done trading came during spring training, when general manager Dan O'Brien sent accomplished reliever Chris Reitsma to Atlanta for two pitching prospects.

There's probably more to come.

"We won 69 games last year," O'Brien said. "We've got a lot of work to do and a lot of areas on our roster where we need improvement. I have made it known that we will at the very least listen to any (trade) ideas. The principle motivation is that any potential player transaction has to make us a better team, either now or in the future."

Once again, Griffey leads the speculation list.

Former general manager Jim Bowden tried to trade him twice in the last two years. Griffey is entering the fifth season of a nine-year, \$116.5 million deal that is weighing down the budget.

Injuries have steadily diminished his production and his appeal to other teams. At age 34,

he's just hoping for health.

"If we can stay healthy, I think we can open some eyes," Griffey said. "I just had a bad string of luck, and those things happen. It's nobody's fault."

If Griffey gets off to a fast start, he might be finished in his hometown. Other teams will

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BASEBALL PREVIEW '04: Here's the story — McKeon thinks Marlins can contend again

by STEVEN WINE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JUPITER, Fla. — Batting practice is already under way when Jack McKeon walks onto the field carrying a bat, wearing a jaunty grin and looking for a conversation. He began his baseball career as a minor-league catcher in 1949, which means he has 55 years of stories to tell.

There's the one about how he once fell through a trap door behind home plate chasing a foul ball in Missoula, Mont. And how he wore a Beatles wig in the dugout during a game in 1964 while managing the Atlanta Crackers. And how he and several minor-league teammates hitchhiked for transportation one season and enjoyed fooling drivers by posing as soil experts, ship repairmen or religious missionaries.

"In this game," McKeon says, "you've got to have fun."

Another of his favorite stories is about the hard-of-hearing grandfather who came out of retirement last year at age 72 and became the oldest manager to win a World Series, leading the Florida Marlins past Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa and Derek Jeter during an enchanting post-season run.

That one may be hard to believe, but it really happened. As confirmation, during the off-season McKeon received a papal blessing, congratulations from the president at the White House, the NL Manager of the Year award and other tributes.

"If anybody needs any keys to the city, let me know," McKeon says.

The Marlins' achievement makes a good story, but McKeon is ready for the next chapter. He's back for a full season, his first since 2000, and optimistic his team can contend again.

Few pick Florida to repeat as World Series champs, and the only National League team to do so since 1922 was Cincinnati in 1975-76. McKeon dismisses the pundits with a wave of his stogie.

"What's to pick?" he says. "I watch 'The Bachelor' and 'The Bachelorette' and pick the winner, and they always get knocked out. It's just a guessing game."

The Marlins boast one of the best rotations in baseball, including World Series MVP Josh Beckett, NL Rookie of the Year Dontrelle Willis and eventually perhaps even A.J. Burnett, who led the major leagues with five shutouts in 2002 and hopes to return from elbow surgery by the All-Star break. Right fielder

Miguel Cabrera appears destined for stardom, and the lineup also includes All-Star infielders Mike Lowell and Luis Castillo.

Still, last season was widely considered a fluke, and Florida ranks behind Philadelphia and Atlanta in the NL East in most preseason prognostications. Why?

"It's connected with this franchise," left fielder Jeff Conine says. "We play in a crummy stadium. It's hotter than heck and it rains all the time, and all you hear are bad things about the Marlins. People say, 'They need a retractable roof and they should be contracted.' There's nothing positive. Everything is negative. I think that carries over to the team."

Which is where McKeon comes in. He was rescued from retirement last May, when he took over a club that was 16-22 and accustomed to losing.

He had admired the Marlins' core of young talent even back in 2000 when he was with Cincinnati. And he noticed the negativity.

"I sat in the dugout managing against these guys and said, 'Wouldn't we like to have that club over there?'" he says. "I saw the potential, but it was almost like being in neutral, and you had to do something to get them going."

McKeon encouraged a

stronger work ethic but also kept players loose with his Stengel-like idiosyncrasies, such as a tendency to mangle names. The Marlins won with pitching, defense, speed and the merriest clubhouse in baseball.

"Jack said, 'Hey, go out there and have fun,'" says Conine, acquired in a trade in August. "That was basically his entire introductory conversation with me. That's what he wants you to do — go out there and have a good time."

"We're playing a game for a living. It should be fun. A lot of times you lose sight of that fact and put too much pressure on yourself."

The underdog Marlins thrived under pressure, clinching the NL championship series at Wrigley Field and the World Series at Yankee Stadium. But by winning the title, they lost the element of surprise.

"Every series is going to be a big series," center fielder Juan Pierre says, "because they're going to announce us as World Series champions, and the people in the other dugout are going to know that."

The last time the Marlins were defending champs, they lost 108 games. That was in 1998 after owner Wayne Huizenga dismantled his roster.

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Cubs

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Lopez and Vinny Castilla are all gone. Still, you can't count out Bobby Cox's crew.

Injury-prone J.D. Drew joins Andrew Jones (.277, 36 HRs, 116 RBIs) and Chipper Jones (.305, 27, 106) in a talented outfield. There could be three first-time regulars at the bottom of the lineup, including catcher Johnny Estrada, but this team should still score plenty of runs.

Russ Ortiz (21-7, 3.81) and Mike Hampton lead the rotation, though there are major question marks at the back end. John Thomson was signed after a decent season in Texas. Dominant closer John Smoltz is coming off elbow surgery but should be OK.

Florida Marlins

Nobody expected the young Marlins to make the playoffs last year, much less win the World Series at Yankee Stadium.

Now hardly anybody thinks they can contend again.

That's a mistake.

Rodriguez's leadership and Lee's all-around skills will surely be missed. But Beckett, the World Series MVP, could become one of the best pitchers in baseball. There's still speed at the top of the lineup in Juan Pierre (.305, 100 runs, 65 SBs) and Luis Castillo (.314, 99 runs), and Miguel Cabrera is a budding star.

Rookie of the Year Dontrelle Willis is part of a solid rotation that might have to carry this team at times. A.J. Burnett could be back by June. New closer Armando Benitez must be reliable.

Montreal Expos

Vladimir Guerrero and Javier Vazquez are gone, and All-Star second baseman Jose Vidro could be next. But this team always plays hard and was especially

tough to beat in Montreal last year.

The Expos will play another 22 "home" games in Puerto Rico — all before the All-Star break, which should help. Baseball wants to find them a permanent home by July, though the same was said last year.

No. 1 starter Livan Hernandez (15-10, 3.20, 8 CGs) is coming off a terrific season. It might be a lot to ask of him to duplicate those numbers. Zach Day can pitch, but some of the rotation is unsettled.

Patient first baseman Nick Johnson, moody Carl Everett and free-swinging Tony Batista are helpful additions. Still, it could be tough to complete a third consecutive winning season.

New York Mets

Tom Glavine (9-14, 4.52) must return to form if the Mets are to avoid a third straight last-place finish.

He's a key part of an old pitching staff, but there are some young players to get excited about — especially speedy second baseman Jose Reyes. He already has a history of leg injuries, though.

Mike Piazza and Cliff Floyd are also coming off injuries and must stay healthy. Piazza, having a strong spring at the plate, will play some first base, but nobody seems sure how much or how well.

Gold Glove center fielder Mike Cameron and Japanese shortstop Kaz Matsui should improve the defense. The offense was awful last season, but Matsui (.305, 33, 84) could make a big difference in the leadoff spot.

CENTRAL

Chicago Cubs

The infamous foul ball that some think cost the Cubs a trip to the World Series last October was blown up by a Hollywood special

effects expert outside Harry Caray's Restaurant.

But the Cubs will overcome their "curse" with pitching, not pyrotechnics.

Top-notch setup man LaTroy Hawkins (9-3, 1.86 with Minnesota) was signed to help finish games for Wood and the gang.

The biggest concern all spring has been Prior (18-6, 2.43, 245 Ks), out until at least May because of inflammation in his right Achilles' tendon and a stiff elbow. If he's hurt for long, it could put a damper on all the excitement in the Windy City.

Sammy Sosa (.279, 40, 103) still anchors a solid lineup, boosted by a healthy Corey Patterson. The offense could use another left-handed bat.

Maddux has won at least 15 games for 16 straight years. Michael Barrett is a question mark at catcher — and he has an important job.

Houston Astros

The Astros have never won a playoff series, but the arrival of Pettitte and Clemens from the Yankees has this team thinking about a championship.

Houston hopes their renowned work ethic and history of success in October will rub off on the other pitchers. Oswalt (10-5, 2.97) is coming off groin surgery, an injury that limited him to 21 starts last season.

Super setup man Octavio Dotel (6-4, 2.48, 4 saves) takes over as the closer. Wagner (44 saves, 1.78) might be missed, but the entire bullpen was outstanding.

The lineup is getting old, and this could be the best chance for Jeff Bagwell (.278, 39, 100) and Craig Biggio to finally reach the

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Wallace has missed victory lane — 104 straight races

by STEPHEN HAWKINS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH, Texas — Rusty Wallace doesn't need to prove to anyone that he can win NASCAR races. It's just that he misses victory lane.

After finishing second behind Kurt Busch last week at Bristol, Wallace has gone 104 races since his last win, at California in April 2001.

"It's a losing streak," said Wallace, the 1989 NASCAR champion whose 54 career wins match Lee Petty for eighth-best.

"It's obviously something I'm not proud of, and we've got to fix it because we're a lot better team

than that," he said.

The streak almost ended at Bristol, where he is a nine-time winner. He led 100 laps and appeared to have the fastest car, but came up just short after a late restart.

Still, that strong performance gave Wallace plenty of momentum going into Sunday's Samsung/Radio Shack 500 at Texas Motor Speedway, where he has had several strong finishes.

"If I ever get to pick a race track to go to with some momentum, this is one of them because I like running here," he said.

That wasn't always the case. At the first NASCAR race in Texas in 1997, Wallace was

among several accident victims in the fourth turn. After crashing, he said the turn needed a complete reconstruction, "using dynamite if necessary."

There was water seepage in the first turn a year later.

All the problems have been fixed, and the 1 1/2-mile high-banked track has become a driver and fan favorite. More than 200,000 fans are expected for Sunday's race for a \$6.8 million purse.

"That first year, I spun out and crashed and was frustrated with all of that, and didn't like the design," said Wallace, who has since had two fourth-place finishes in Texas.

"They fixed it, and now it's really

in great shape."

Nextel Cup points leader Matt Kenseth has already won twice, doubling his win total of last year when his season championship helped prompt a change in the way the title will be decided.

Roush Racing teammate Kurt Busch trails Kenseth by 22 points, and Dale Earnhardt Jr., whose first Cup victory came at Texas four years ago, is 66 back.

Kenseth won at Texas in 2002, when he had a series-best five wins but finished eighth in season points.

"There were no complaints over that," Kenseth said. "Everything was just hunky-dory with the points that year."

Kenseth led just 354 laps all season, but he topped the points standings for a record 33 straight weeks. He was a consistent finisher with a series-best 25 top 10s, which included 11 top fives.

This season began with a ninth-place finish at Daytona, then Kenseth drove his No. 17 Ford to consecutive wins while leading 382 laps at Rockingham and Las Vegas. He replaced Earnhardt as the points leader at Vegas, the site of his only 2003 win.

Earnhardt has won twice this season, and was closer to Kenseth before losing 25 points and being fined \$10,000 this week. NASCAR ruled he purposely caused a caution flag at Bristol to

stay on the lead lap.

Wallace is 17th in points after his third top-10 finish. His other three finishes were 29th or worse.

"We've had momentum all year as far as the way the car's been handling and the speed of it," he said. "But our pit stops have been atrocious. We had some bad problems. We finally got the right guys, and last week, it was just a breath of fresh air to see how fast they are."

Five stops Sunday were made in an average of 13.9 seconds, two seconds below the season average.

"I really thing we're on track right now," he said. "I feel like I've got all of the problems behind me. Expectations are high."

Cubs

World Series.

Lance Berkman, Jeff Kent, Richard Hidalgo and unheralded third baseman Morgan Ensberg (.291, 25, 60) also help make this a potent offense.

Even if they can't catch the Cubs, the Astros should win the wild card. What a series it could be if they meet in the NLCS.

St. Louis Cardinals
There are four Gold Glove winners on defense and the lineup is still dangerous, but St. Louis never seems to round out the back of the rotation sufficiently.

The Cardinals are counting on Chris Carpenter to be their No. 3 starter after he missed 2003 due to shoulder surgery. Matt Morris (11-8, 3.76), Woody Williams (18-9, 3.87) and closer Jason Isringhausen (22 saves) also need to stay healthy. Williams has been slowed by shoulder tendinitis this spring.

Batting champion Albert Pujols (.359, 43, 124) will win an MVP award someday — maybe when Bonds retires.

The Cardinals missed the playoffs for the first time in four years last season. They could win plenty of games by beating up on the bottom of the division but don't appear to have enough pitching to keep up with Chicago and Houston.

Milwaukee Brewers
Management angered Milwaukee fans by cutting payroll after taxpayers helped build Miller Park. On the field, manager Ned Yost quietly has this team headed in the right direction. The Brewers actually improved by 13 wins last season, though nobody noticed.

Scott Podsednik (.314, 100 runs, 43 SBs) finished second in Rookie of the Year balloting.

All-Star slugger Richie Sexson was traded to Arizona, but GM Doug Melvin got six players back, including Junior Spivey and 2001 NLCS MVP Craig Counsell. Geoff Jenkins (.296, 28, 95) needs

more help in the middle of the lineup.

The biggest weakness is an inexperienced pitching staff led by Ben Sheets (11-13, 4.45), but closer Dan Kolb (21 saves, 1.96) was a pleasant surprise.

Milwaukee hasn't had a winning season since 1992, and the club is up for sale. The Brewers boast a rich farm system, and help is on the way with talented prospects such as Rickie Weeks and Prince Fielder.

Cincinnati Reds
One of the team's few newcomers, Cory Lidle (12-15, 5.75 for Toronto), will start on opening day — which says a lot about the rotation. Young pitchers Aaron Harang and Brandon Claussen will probably get a chance.

Danny Graves moves back to the bullpen after a one-year experiment as a starter.

Ken Griffey Jr., Austin Kearns and Adam Dunn make up a strong outfield — if they stay healthy. Coming off shoulder and ankle operations, Griffey struggled at the plate in spring training and could be traded. He also strained his right calf but is expected to be fully recovered by opening day.

Longtime shortstop Barry Larkin is back for his 19th season — maybe his last.

Tests

Pettitte to their hometown team, which happens to host the All-Star game in July.

The Rocket ended his 78-day retirement and joined his good buddy in leaving the Yankees.

"Playing at home, with the opportunity to pitch in front of people live who haven't seen it ... we're hoping to do some great things with the club," Clemens said.

The new Astros aces will get a neat challenge in the NL from the get-go: Their first starts will come against Bonds and the Giants.

Bonds begins the season with 658 home runs, two behind godfather Willie Mays for third on the all-time list. At the rate Bonds has been homering, Babe Ruth (714) is within reach this year. And if that happens, Hank Aaron's record of 755 would be on deck.

"I think I can do anything. ... I'm going for it all," said Bonds, who turns 40 this summer.

Maddux, back with the Cubs after helping Atlanta win its 12th straight division title, also is closing in on a big mark. He needs 11 wins to make it to No. 300 — former Braves teammate Tom Glavine is at 251 after a disappointing year with the New York Mets.

Pittsburgh Pirates

The Pirates trimmed the payroll to about \$35 million after their 11th consecutive losing season, a franchise record.

A lineup that featured Brian Giles, Aramis Ramirez and Reggie Sanders last year now lacks a legitimate threat other than Raul Mondesi. Pittsburgh has been unable to unload catcher Jason Kendall's contract, and the bullpen is a mess.

Right-hander Kip Wells (10-9, 3.28) is a rare bright spot, and center fielder Tike Redman (.330 in 230 ABs) showed promise last year. Kris Benson, hoping to pitch a full season for the first time since 2000, could be traded.

WEST

San Francisco Giants

The Giants probably won't pile up 100 victories again but they're still capable of winning a weakened division mostly because of Bonds.

His numbers (.341, 45, 90, 148 BBs, 61 IBBs, .749 SLG, .529 OBP) were staggering again last season, earning him a record sixth MVP award.

No. 1 starter Jason Schmidt (17-5, NL-leading 2.34, 208 Ks) is coming off elbow surgery and now has a sore shoulder. Closer

Robb Nen didn't pitch last season and is having a hard time recovering from a shoulder injury.

Seven key players from last year are gone, but newcomers A.J. Pierzynski and Michael Tucker should help. Inconsistent starter Brett Tomko (13-9, 5.28 with St. Louis) needs to come through.

Arizona Diamondbacks
After trading Curt Schilling to Boston, the Diamondbacks need Randy Johnson's right knee to hold up more than ever.

Johnson, 40, made only 18 starts last season, going 6-8 with a 4.26 ERA. For the Diamondbacks to contend, he must return to the form that won him four straight Cy Young Awards from 1999-02.

Arizona upgraded a subpar offense with the addition of Sexson (.272, 45, 124 for Milwaukee) and took a chance on Roberto Alomar for a bargain price. He came to spring training in great shape.

Steve Finley will bat leadoff and shortstop Alex Cintron (.317, 13, 51) enters his first full season as an everyday player.

One serious concern is left fielder Luis Gonzalez (.304, 26, 104), playing with a torn ligament in his right elbow. There are big holes at the back of the rotation, but the unheralded young bullpen is a strength.

Los Angeles Dodgers
The Dodgers have a new owner, a new GM and the same old inept offense.

Hideo Nomo (16-13, 3.09) leads a pitching staff that's solid, even though Kevin Brown (14-9, 2.39) was traded to the Yankees for Jeff Weaver. The lanky right-

hander hopes to revive a once-promising career — pitcher-friendly Dodger Stadium and a return to Southern California could help.

The lineup won't. Juan Encarnacion is a decent addition. Shawn Green (.280, 19, 85) needs to provide more production. Adrian Beltré batting third? Robin Ventura at first base?

Cy Young winner Eric Gagne (55/55 saves, 1.20, 137 Ks) is as good as it gets out of the bullpen. Setup man extraordinaire Paul Quantrill is gone, along with outfielder Brian Jordan.

San Diego Padres
While everybody else in the division was losing top players last winter, Padres GM Kevin Towers pulled a few tricks out of his hat.

David Wells (15-7, 4.14 for Yankees) signed with his hometown team. All-Star catcher Ramon Hernandez was acquired in a trade. And Jay Payton was brought in to patrol spacious center field at new Petco Park.

But injuries troubled the Padres in spring training. Payton and Phil Nevin went down. Setup man Rod Beck left the team to deal with a personal problem. And Wells' creaky back is a constant concern.

At least closer Trevor Hoffman is back from a pair of shoulder operations. Giles leads a capable lineup, and promising rookie Khalil Greene takes over at shortstop.

Even with all the moves, some are expecting too much from this improved team. Remember, the injury-plagued Padres had the

worst record in the league last year, their fifth straight losing season. It's time for young starters Brian Lawrence, Jake Peavy and Adam Eaton to emerge.

Colorado Rockies
Colorado can't seem to figure out how to win away from Coors Field. Now the Rockies are going with "character" guys, but it's an unimpressive group.

Coming off a disappointing season, Larry Walker is struggling with a groin injury. Todd Helton (.358, 33, 117) is having a huge spring — he's one of baseball's best pure hitters. Preston Wilson, slowed by a sore knee, led the league with 141 RBIs last year.

As usual, the pitching staff offers little support. Jason Jennings went 8-1 at home last season. Joe Kennedy could be a find. Shawn Chacon (11-8, 4.60 as a starter) will move to the bullpen.

Tips

ated by the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK), will transport fans from Northern Kentucky to Great American Ball Park. For more information about the Southbank Shuttle as well as the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky, contact TANK at 859/331-TANK or visit www.tankbus.org. Metro will be running a normal operating schedule and offers a convenient drop-off location at Government Square in downtown Cincinnati. For more information, call MetroCenter at 513/621-4455 or visit www.sorta.com.

Story

Turnover was more modest this past offseason. Catcher Ivan Rodriguez, first baseman Derrek Lee and much of the bullpen departed, but seven players who started the final game of the World Series are back.

So is McKeon.
"I haven't changed since I came into the big leagues," he says. "Some years it works, some years it doesn't."

McKeon was 42 when he first managed in the major leagues, leading the 1973 Kansas City Royals to 88 wins in just their fifth season of existence.

But that's another story.

Reds'

wait to see if he has fully recovered from shoulder and ankle surgeries before they make an offer.

Griffey's dad expects the Reds to look for a deal.

"They probably will, but at this point he's just worried about coming around and being healthy and having a good year for himself," Ken Griffey Sr. said.

Graves is another candidate. The Reds owe him more than \$12 million for the final two years on his contract, and first-round draft pick Ryan Wagner is in line to take his job at some point anyway.

This season most likely will be Larkin's final one, but for an entirely different reason.

The shortstop who turns 40 on April 28 wanted one more

opportunity to retire on an upbeat note. After a halfhearted initial offer last September, the club negotiated a one-year extension with its captain.

That's all he got — one year. "I expect this to be my last year," Larkin said.

Even if it turns out to be a very good year and no young shortstop emerges, Larkin figures the Reds will be inclined to let him retire at the end of the season.

"Everything has to go right for them to ask me back," Larkin said. "After what I went through the last couple of years, the stars definitely would have to be aligned."

That's unlikely. In Cincinnati these days, the stars only line up when they're headed out the door.

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There is excitement at Shea Stadium, though, with the arrival of Japanese shortstop Kaz Matsui. He's among several top rookies, a group that includes Minnesota catcher Joe Mauer, Oakland shortstop Bobby Crosby and San Diego shortstop Khalil Greene.

Greene will show off his talents in the Padres' new stadium, Petco Park. Billy Wagner, traded by Houston to the Phillies during the winter, becomes the closer at the new stadium in Philadelphia, Citizens Bank Park.

At Fenway Park, now with seats on the right-field roof, and Wrigley Field, the quest begins anew to make it to the World Series. Both teams were within five outs and holding three-run leads in the playoffs before stunning collapses.

Boston lost Game 7 of the ALCS to the Yankees when Pedro Martinez couldn't hold a late edge and Aaron Boone homered in the 11th inning. Chicago blew it after Bartman, the fan wearing a Cubs cap, deflected a foul ball down the left-field line in Game 6 of the NLCS.

"I'd like to win and put him in the parade with us," Cubs manager Dusty Baker said. "Exonerate him for life."

Also this season:
— Lee Mazzilli (Baltimore) and Ozzie Guillen (White Sox) become first-time managers. Dave Miley got the job in Cincinnati after holding it on an interim basis for the second half last season. In an interesting coincidence, Miley and fellow managers Tony La Russa, Lou Piniella and Carlos Tosca all come from Hillsborough County in Florida.

— Fred McGriff, sent to Triple-A by Tampa Bay this week, needs nine home runs for No. 500. Ken Griffey Jr., beset by injuries since joining the Reds and hurt again in spring training, is 19 homers shy of the milestone.

— Paul Molitor, the new hitting coach in Seattle, and Dennis Eckersley will be inducted into the Hall of Fame this summer. Future Hall of Famer Rickey Henderson, still eager to play at 45, is searching for a team.

Overtake

Sept. 9 before a slump cost Jerry Manuel his job.

Bartolo Colon, Tom Gordon and midseason acquisitions Roberto Alomar and Carl Everett left and little was added besides Shingo Takatsu, who had 34 saves in Japan.

Detroit Tigers

OK, surely Alan Trammell's team will be better this year. But by how much?

After setting an AL record with 119 losses, the Tigers got serious. In a surprise, star catcher Ivan Rodriguez left the World Series champion Florida Marlins to sign with Detroit, and Rondell White, Fernando Vina, Ugueth Urbina, Carlos Guillen and Jason Johnson also wound up at Comerica Park.

Mike Maroth (9-21, 5.73) may benefit most from the additional hitters. Determined to stay in the rotation, he beat Minnesota on the last day as Detroit avoided matching the modern record for defeats set by the 1962 expansion Mets.

Cleveland Indians

Poor Omar Vizquel. The last remnant of those bashing Cleveland teams that won five straight Central titles, he was all set to return to Seattle until his bad knee scuttled an offseason trade to Seattle.

Now, Vizquel is surrounded by youngsters. Some such as C.C. Sabathia (13-9), Milton Bradley (.321), Jody Gerut (22 HRs) and hotshot catcher Victor Martinez are fine. But without much more, the Indians could be looking at losing over 90 games in consecutive seasons for the first time since 1915.

WEST

Oakland Athletics

To some, the Athletics represent quite a success story: a small-market club that's been

able to compete against the big spenders despite losing the likes of Jason Giambi.

To others, they're becoming the Buffalo Bills of baseball: the team that can't quite get it done.

After four straight years of losing a decisive Game 5 in the first round of the playoffs, Oakland will try again, this time minus Miguel Tejada and Keith Foulke.

The A's still boast one of the best Big Three rotations anywhere with opening-day starter Tim Hudson (16-7, 2.70), Barry Zito (14-12, 3.30) and Mark Mulder (15-9, 3.13). Mulder has recovered from the stress fracture in his right leg that ended his season last August.

Newcomer Arthur Rhodes takes over the closer's role despite never having more than four saves in a year. Rookie Bobby Crosby inherits the difficult spot of replacing Tejada and getting the big hits that kept those Coliseum drummers happy. At least Eric Chavez (101 RBIs) is locked up with a six-year extension.

Anaheim Angels

A lot of new owners talk about making changes. Give Arte Moreno credit for doing it.

Right after buying the Angels in May from The Walt Disney Co., he cut beer prices. Then after a disappointing season in which the defending World Series champs finished below .500, the majors' first controlling owner of Hispanic background broke out his checkbook to sign Vladimir Guerrero, Bartolo Colon, Kelvin Escobar and Jose Guillen.

Hurt by injuries, Anaheim became the sixth AL franchise since 1900 to improve by 20 wins in a year and drop by 20 losses the next season. That fall came after a winter in which

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they did not make a single adjustment to their lineup or rotation.

Look for Guerrero (.330, 25, 79), Guillen (.314, 31, 85), Colon (15-13) and Escobar (13-9) to reinvigorate a team full of potential.

Seattle Mariners

For all of their big names in the batting order such as Ichiro Suzuki, Bret Boone and Edgar Martinez, Seattle's strength is its rotation.

Last year, the Mariners became the only AL team since 1904 to use only five starters for the whole season. Jamie Moyer (21-7) again leads a staff that includes Joel Pineiro, Freddy Garcia, Ryan Franklin and Gil Meche.

The bullpen is revamped, with closer Eddie Guardado (41 saves) signed from Minnesota after Kazuhiro Sasaki returned to Japan and Arthur Rhodes became a free agent. Hall of Famer Paul Molitor is the new batting coach on a team that has won more than 90 games for four straight years.

Texas Rangers

Alfonso Soriano might be a little more patient at the plate, now that he's a little bit older — 28, instead of 26 as previously listed.

The two-time All-Star's strikeouts in the postseason put his job in jeopardy, and he was traded from the Yankees. On a Texas team that's lost A-Rod, Juan Gonzalez, Rafael Palmeiro and Ivan Rodriguez in the last two years, Soriano (38 HRs, 35 SBs) may emerge as a true superstar.

Soriano joins a potent infield with Michael Young (204 hits), Hank Blalock (.300, 29 HRs) and Mark Teixeira (26 HRs). Pitching remains a problem, and likely dooms Texas to last place for the fifth year in a row.



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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.

APRIL FOOLI

Things aren't as they once were. Time was when print shops trotted a poor innocent off, this day, to get a tube of striped ink, or set the printer's devil to hunting type lice, or had him pass the word back to the make-up man that that large cut on Page 1 should be broken over (continued) to Page 2. Seems that folks are just in too much of a rush to have any fun, any more—even on April Fool's Day.

WARNING—EPIDEMIC AHEAD!

Vision blurred? Energy gone? Has a general feeling of lassitude taken over? No, it isn't ironpoor blood and you don't need some of that potion that is stronger than a coupla pounds of calves' (why more than one calf?) liver. You've got Spring Fever, brother. Let the temperature rise a few degrees higher, and the sun begin to assert itself, and the epidemic will strike. And there's no cure known to science.

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Please, keep 'em coming!

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

MEET APPALACHIA



Shaw shows off her wall of "unconditional love," pictures of pets owned by her and a co-worker, Sherry Prater. photo by Mary Music

Shaw Reynolds, Speech Pathologist, Comedy Writer

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change you wish to
see." —Gandhi

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

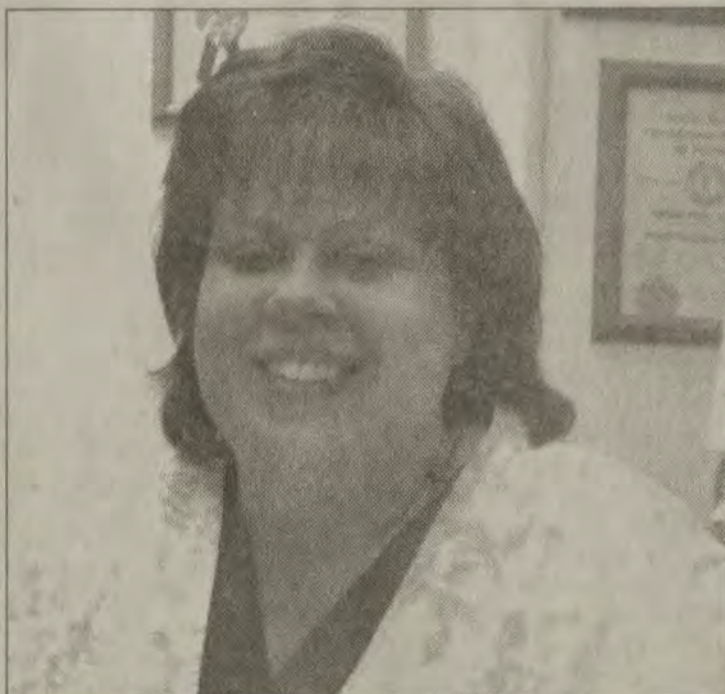


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Comedy Writer.

n't want to take anymore science or math classes.

A junior college student sits at her desk. Tired, she places one hand on her forehead. The other skims pages of a book laying open in front of her. She has a big decision to make. She's been through two years at this college and is ready to transfer to an undergraduate school. She doesn't know what she wants to do with her life. A Pre Pharmacy major, she only knows that she doesn't like the thought of becoming a pharmacist and that she does-

So, she flips the pages of that book, a college catalog, and, without looking, she touches one of those pages with her right index finger.

Speech Pathology.

Shaw Reynolds says that's the best decision she's ever made. The woman, who found her future by a random flip of pages in a book, loves her job and the life she's created for herself. She now works,

(See SHAW, page seven)

Movies from the black lagoon

'Contamination'

Here's a low-budget Italian flick which borrows from "Alien" and Roger Corman's "It Conquered the World" in liberal doses.

It all starts when a suspiciously deserted ship drifts into Manhattan's Hudson River. The coast guard investigates and finds out that the crew all died from spontaneous combustion. In the cargo hold they come upon barrels of coffee and some pulsating green eggs which promptly explode and kill all but one of them. The survivor is quarantined and a



Tom Doty
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top secret government agency steps in to investigate.

Enter Col. Stella Holmes, who quickly sets up a lab where scientists can inject rats with the green egg goo and record how long it takes for them to blow

up. While this is all fun, our hotshot agent decides its time for action and heads out to the Bronx warehouse that was waiting on the coffee. The crew at the warehouse tries to ambush her team, but they all conveniently explode when the going gets tough.

Now agent Holmes decides to bring in an astronaut, named Hubbard, who was discharged after a Mars mission when he claimed that the planet was crawling with killer green eggs. Suspicion, naturally, falls on the astronaut's partner, who denied that there were green eggs (and ham?) on Mars. A race to Florida ensues and it is soon revealed that the other astronaut is running a coffee company there but taking all of his orders from a large, mega-tentacled and one-eyed alien who lays green eggs at a rate of one a minute. Holmes gets captured by the alien and gets to deliver one of the film's best lines, "If I have to die with the rest of the world, then I want to have a proper dress on and clean underwear."

Okay this isn't Shakespeare, folks, but it is a lot of fun. Good photography and special effects make up for the bad dubbing and 1950s-style plotting. The egg effects are pretty good and the only disappointing creature is the main alien, who is about as scary as a hair in your sink.

The music however, by Goblin, who also did the score for "Dawn of the Dead," is really good and way more suspenseful than anything on screen.

The film was released on video in the 1980s as "Alien Contamination."

(See LAGOON, page seven)

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Touched by an Equine

Melody Rogers-Kelley
(FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE
HORSE LOVER'S SOUL")

Emma arrived at the ranch on a typical Saturday morning about two and a half years ago. She was 5 years old and absolutely beautiful, with blue-green eyes, sun-kissed golden-brown hair and a smile that would melt even the coldest of hearts. Emma came to us because she was clinically diagnosed with autism, a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life. This precious child behaved like a windup toy.

"Emma, come here." "Get out of the tack room." "No, don't eat the

ball." "Emma, sit down." "NO, Emma," her mother's words rang constantly. It would take two people to keep Emma still. On more than one occasion, she got into one of the stalls and tried to eat the horse's rubber mats. Emma, to say the least, was in her own world.

I'll never forget the day, the very moment that she first got on Horse Angel Dottie. When Dottie began to carry her new rider around the ring, the transformation was immediate. Gone was the uncontrollable child. In her place was a beaming, relaxed, confident little girl. Wow!

Ever since I've known Emma, she's spoken only gibberish. "Saa pa awom nes sapa nom," she would say, smiling and laughing to herself.

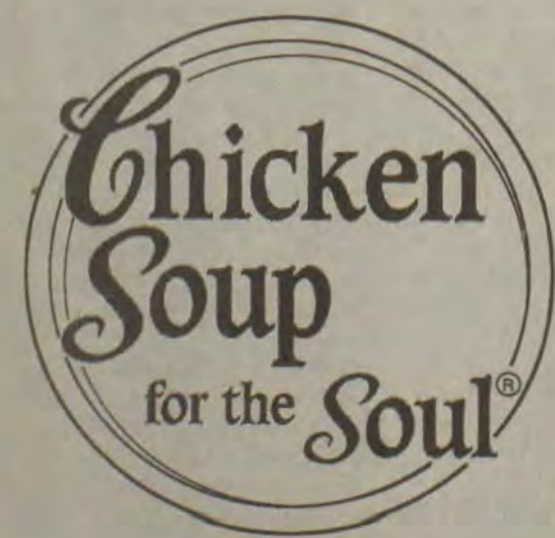
I longed to know what she was trying to say, and I could see in her eyes she wanted me to understand. We communicated on a different level, thanks to Dottie.

Emma's been riding every week since her first visit. She's an excellent equestrian. She loves to ride and has no fear. I take some credit for her riding prowess and courage, but the real honors go to Dottie.

Emma had been riding for about 18 months when she came for her usual Saturday lesson on an unusually hot, humid and dusty day. Nobody felt like working on this dog-day afternoon, especially yours truly and our Horse Angel Dottie. Nevertheless, as we stepped into the arena, I instructed Emma to give

Dottie a little kick and say "walk," just as I had done a thousand times before. I tugged gently on Dottie's lead rope and started to move forward when, all of a sudden, I heard a little voice say "walk." I stopped dead in my tracks. So did Dottie, whose ears were already pricked to the rear. "Emma, oh my God, Emma, you said 'walk.' You said 'WALK!'" I shouted at the top of my lungs. "Your first word, Emma, your first word, and Dottie and I heard it." I don't know who was more touched by that one fantastic word, Dottie, Emma or me. Emma was smiling and clapping her hands. She knew. Tears were

(See SOUP page seven)



Public radio broadcast from Pikeville College explores chronic illness

PIKEVILLE — From asthma and diabetes to heart and lung disease, chronic illnesses affect thousands of eastern Kentuckians. But medical officials say there is hope for a better future.

Listen to WEKU's State of Our Health for a community forum broadcast live from the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine as we explore ways to improve the health of people in Appalachia. The program is Wednesday, April 7 at 7 p.m., in the Community Technology Center at 119 College Street in Pikeville. The forum is open to the public but space is limited and attendees should be seated by 6:50 for the live broadcast at 7.

The discussion will explore ideas for fostering change at the personal, community and state levels that will result in better health for Kentuckians. Panel members are scheduled to include Dr. Steve Davis, Director of the Division of Adult and Child Health Services at the Kentucky Department of Public Health; Dr. Baretta Casey, Director of the East Kentucky Family Practice Residency Program based in Hazard; Barbara Baird, registered dietician and clinical nutritionist for the Kentucky River District Health Department in Hazard; and Jack Rutherford, Associate Professor of Exercise and Sport

Science at Eastern Kentucky University and President of the Kentucky Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Bill Goodman (host of "Kentucky Tonight" on Kentucky Educational Television) will moderate the Pikeville event.

The program will air live on WEKU 88.9FM in Richmond/Lexington, WEKH 90.9FM in Hazard, WEKF 88.5FM in Corbin, WMKY 90.3FM in Morehead and WMMT 88.7FM in Whitesburg. The audio will also be available live on the WEKU website at www.weku.fm. Listeners can call with their questions or comments during the program to 800-621-8890.

Medical experts say 125-million Americans have chronic conditions such as diabetes, asthma, or heart and lung disease. If you live in Appalachian Kentucky, your chance of having a chronic disease is far greater than the national average. For example, deaths from heart disease in the region exceed state — and national — rates. More people in eastern Kentucky have diabetes than any other part of the Commonwealth. And asthma and lung disease are a daily struggle for thousands in central Appalachia.

For the past year, Richmond

public radio station WEKU, in association with Richmond's Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center, has examined chronic illness in Appalachian Kentucky. WEKU has presented investigative news reports about the causes and effects of chronic illness and how the state's health care system works to care for those suffering from a chronic condition. A series of call-in programs has given listeners a chance to speak directly to medical experts about asthma, diabetes and heart and lung dis-

ease. And an extensive website (at www.weku.fm/chronic.htm) has provided in-depth companion information including interactive quizzes, downloadable brochures, photographs and program audio.

Listener-supported WEKU broadcasts classical music and NPR News to central and south-eastern Kentucky 24-hours a day from the campus of Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond. WEKU's series about chronic illness in Appalachia is funded by Sound Partners for

Community Health, a program of the Benton Foundation funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which is dedicated to improving the health and health care of All Americans.

Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center is a not-for-profit hospital providing comprehensive acute, preventive and emergency services for patients in east central Kentucky.

Founded in 1889, Pikeville College is dedicated to educating leaders for the region and is a key

component in the area's civic, educational and economic growth. Affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA), Pikeville College provides higher education primarily to students from eastern Kentucky and central Appalachia. Established in 1997, the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine further demonstrates the College's commitment to the region through the training of family practice physicians for Appalachia.

Shaw

surrounded by a "family" of friends, at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corp Rehabilitation Center in Paintsville, where she assists young adults in their quest to enter the job force and older adults recovering from brain injuries related to strokes and other maladies.

She's been there 11 wonderful years, and hopes to see many, many more.

"I love being a speech pathologist," Shaw said. "I love working one on one with my clients and I love working with someone whose had a stroke or brain injury, seeing their progress and using my experience to help them. I'm able to say 'Here's what I've seen, and here's what might happen.'"

Shaw says working in Eastern Kentucky adds a special blessing to her career because her clients are so open with their lives, enabling her to get to know them both professionally and personally.

"I am very possessive and close with my clients," she said. "Being from Eastern Kentucky gives us a common bond. They ask me where I'm from—you know, 'Whose your dad,' that's one of the first things they ask. I get to know them and fall in love with them."

Another blessing in her career is the close circle of

friends she's found at the center. When her mother, her "best friend," became ill last year, no one complained when she took off work. Instead, she said, they "pitched in" to carry her load and gave her daily reminders of encouragement by sending cards or leaving funny messages on her answering machine, acts of kindness which made her mother's passing easier.

"In all the years, we only had one fight," Shaw said, crying. "No one was ever closer with their mom than I was. When she died, it was the worst heartbreak I'd ever had...One of my sayings is that your heart gets broken open until it's big enough to hold the whole world. Her death helped me appreciate my friends more. They knew her. They helped in sharing our pain. That's another reason why I love this job so much."

Though she says it was the hardest thing she's ever had to face, Shaw says her mother's death made her stronger.

"After that, nothing scares me anymore," she said. "I'm more willing to speak my mind, more appreciative of every day. You never know when someone's going to leave you."

Shaw, whose father, Wendell, died 8 years ago, says her family now consists of her older sister and the friends she met at work and at her church, St. Michael's in Paintsville.

The woman, who moved to the area approximately 18 years ago, begins every year with a new life quote. She does so as a way to keep herself in tact with what's important to her.

This year, adapting a philosophy of Gandhi, she's going to "be the change" she wants to see in her world. Last year, life was not a destination, it was journey; and she lived it in unison with her beliefs.

Shaw, a Catholic, says that everything and everyone has a purpose, that "lessons come when a person needs to learn them," and that people who say they'll find happiness tomorrow "when this or that happens," are wasting their time today.

"There are no accidents," Shaw said. "You meet people when you need to learn things in your life. When I needed to learn patience and spirituality, it came just when I was ready for it. . . I

believe there is a Creator, whether you call it God or something else. There's a plan for all of us. We are here to learn lessons and when we refuse to learn things, that's when our trouble comes...The universe will teach you what you want to know. It's all laid out for you."

Saying that she "worries" about people who go through life "with their eyes closed," Shaw said her life philosophy doesn't entail a theory of predestination because people make their own choices.

And she's made many choices in her own life.

In addition to the love she has for her career, Shaw extends an overwhelming compassion for animals. The adoptive mother of 6 dogs and 2 cats that were formally abused or abandoned, the woman is an ardent animal rights activist who's spent the last 20 years shouting her anger to cosmetic companies who test products on laboratory animals.

She played a key role in changing the minds of executives with Avon, Merle Norman, and Mary Kay Cosmetics by gathering petitions and boycotting their products. She continues this effort today with the Laurel company, who still uses animals for product testing.

"Animals are cheap and disposable. They don't complain about their workplace environment," Shaw said, explaining how some companies inject products like White Out into the sensitive eyes of rabbits as a way to determine how the product would affect humans. "I understand that things need to be tested before they hit a public market, but I don't believe we need to torture other living creatures to do it...I am willing to pay more for a product that doesn't test on animals, and I'm willing to go without the products from companies that do."

Shaw, referring again to her belief that everything has a purpose, became a vegetarian, not because she's "against" eating meat, but because she's against the "horrific methods" used to slaughter animals.

"Growing up, we had a friend who was a farmer," the former Breathitt county resident said. "We knew he slaughtered his animals, and we knew he did it humanely. Now, we don't know where it comes from. I also don't

think it's healthy. All those growth hormones and antibiotics they give animals remain in the meat."

She now has an extensive herb garden, one that she uses both for cooking and to cure everyday ailments like pain, cuts or bruises.

And to add spice to her life, Shaw uses humor.

Since writing is one of the "few" things that come easily for her, Shaw decided to start freelancing, an effort which paved the road for her "second job."

She writes comedy skits and jokes for stand up comedians and currently has two clients in California who purchase her work. She's also been featured as a comedy writer in the <italics>USA Comedy Guide, an accomplishment that's made her name well known in the comedy world.

"Writing comedy is my second job," she said. "It's a good supplement. Being able to look at things with humor helps all sections of my life."

Though stand up comedians appear spontaneous, Shaw, whose favorite comedians are Robin Williams and Bill Marr, says those that she's dealt with are very organized with their skits, outlining jokes, what to do if the crowd lags in laughter, and what to say to hecklers who may interrupt the show.

Shaw's "inherited humor" filters through all aspects of her life, even her current job at the center, where smiles encourage healing and helps reduce stress.

"I have never been bored a day in my life," she said, noting that growing up away from the hub-bub of a busy city taught her how to find various hobbies to occupy her time.

If time is wasted worrying about the "little things," she said, no one would have the energy to overcome the big obstacles in their lives.

Shaw served on the boards of the Brain Injury Association of Kentucky and the Kentucky Speech Language Hearing Association, where she is now a member. She frequently visits local schools, where she speaks about brain injury prevention. She also teaches a memory group and a pragmatic group, which focuses on improving social skills and conversational skills.

"It's who you are inside, not what you do, that's makes you a success," she said.

Diabuddies Corner

Tip of the week from www.diabetes.com

A 5-10% reduction in body weight, coupled with 30 minutes a day of moderate physical activity, can reduce your chances for developing type 2 diabetes by 58%.

Recipe from www.equal.com

Triple Berry Jam-56 Servings

- 4 cups fresh strawberries or thawed frozen unsweetened strawberries
- 2 cups fresh raspberries or thawed frozen unsweetened raspberries
- 1 cup fresh blueberries or thawed frozen unsweetened blueberries
- 1 package (1-3/4 ounces) no-sugar-needed pectin
- 3/4 cup Equal® Spoonful*

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Preparation: Mash strawberries, raspberries and blueberries by hand or with food processor to make 4 cups pulp. Stir in pectin; let mixture stand 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Transfer to large saucepan. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture comes to a boil. Boil and stir 1 minute more. Remove from heat. Stir in Equal®. Skim off foam, if necessary. Immediately fill eight half-pint jars, leaving 1/2-inch headspace. Seal and let stand at room temperature several hours or until firm. Store up to 2 weeks in refrigerator or 3 months in freezer.

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LOCAL NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

We don't propose to dabble in politics, or to advertise any candidate, but the platform of one of our candidates should be preserved for posterity. It reads, in part:

1. More federal spending (Less federal control).
2. A more stable government in South Viet Nam (More bombs for the North).
3. Register every voter in Alabama (Don't count 'em on Election Day).
4. Audit every office in the courthouse.
5. Combine the offices of Constable and Magistrate (Then eliminate both).

SUGGESTION

I am just now reminded that

Soup

streaming down my face. And Dottie, well, she quietly walked on, just as she'd been told. I felt an overwhelming joy and gratitude for that incredible moment and this wonderful Horse Angel. I believe with all my heart that this is the reason Emma is speaking today.

Emma's vocabulary has increased to include the words "whoa," "yes," "no," "peanut butter," "red," "blue," "yellow," "green," the numbers 1 through 10, and Dottie's and my person-

Friday of this week has been designated Arbor Day in Kentucky. We might observe the day by planting more dogwoods.

MORE THAN ONE DANGER

Unless Congress specifically forbids it, cigarette packages will soon be plainly marked to warn smokers of the danger involved. Which may be a good thing. But who will come forward now and demand that a "danger label" be placed on every whiskey bottle? Cigarette-smoking brings on lung cancer, we are told. That means death for the one individual who indulges in the habit. The use of alcohol often destroys more than the individual who drinks. It leads to a dismaying array of crimes, including murder, and

the drunken driver often becomes an instrument of wholesale murder.

Alcoholism, they say, is a disease. Then why advertise the germ? Why not plainly label it with a big, red "Warning?"

IT SORTA RANKLES

Lenna Moore is having a time of it, trying to get himself around to forgiving John Warrix.

It happened almost a year ago, but Lenna is still brooding, licking his wounds, so to speak. He had speat the better part of a week at Dewey Lake and had literally hauled 'em in.

This day of the encounter between these two. Moore had caught fish till he didn't want any more (he says.) He was throwing them back in the lake and was preparing to shove off home when Warrix arrived. "I'm tired of catching fish," he told the other. "Don't want any more."

"Don't throw 'em back—I'll take all you don't want."

"Well, now, I didn't know you wanted any fish," said Moore, feeling plumb sorry. "I've got my freezer full and can't handle any more. I'd have been glad to give you two or three messes of these nice—"

"Don't want 'em to eat," Warrix interrupted. "Wanted 'em to bait my trot-line with."

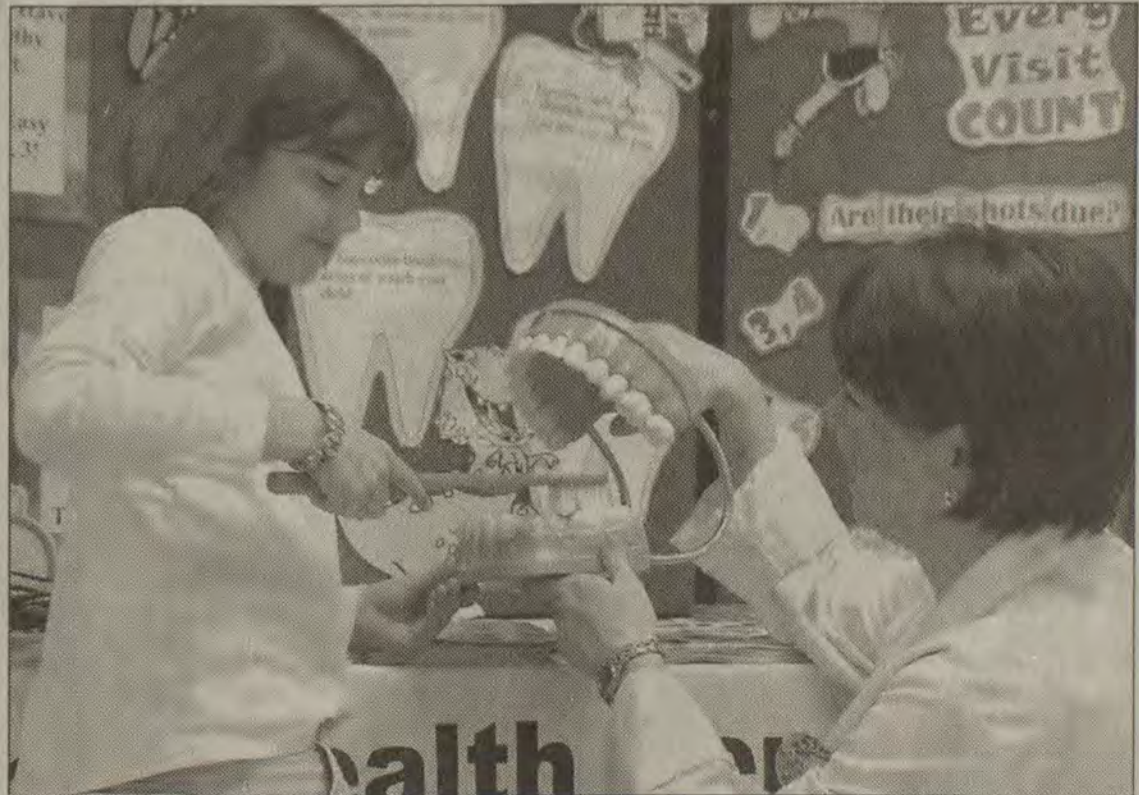
Moore left, talking to himself, and these days of bright sunshine have opened up the old wound, all over again.

al favorite, "I love 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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Samantha Olzeski, a first-year student at Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine, uses a model to demonstrate proper dental care to Caitlyn Brooks of Kimper, during the "D.O.s on the GO" traveling health fair. The event was held at the Phelps Inter-generational Center and marked the first of many community health fairs planned for the region. Participants received a variety of free health screenings, health-related information, and demonstrations in osteopathic manipulative treatment. The mission of D.O.s on the GO is to take healthcare screening and education to local communities throughout Eastern Kentucky. The community service project is a collaborative effort between the School of Osteopathic Medicine, the Elizabeth Akers Elliott nursing program at Pikeville College, Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Highlands Regional Medical Center, the Christian Appalachian Project, Big Sandy Area Development District and the Pike County Health Department. Representatives from the Area Health Education Consortium (AHEC) and Hilltop Family Medicine also participated in the event at Phelps.

Sunday Comics

Amber Waves

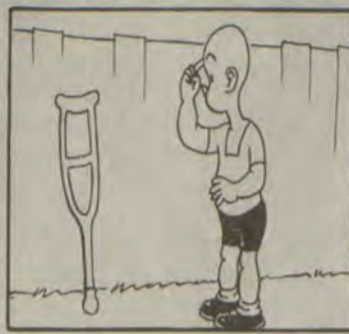
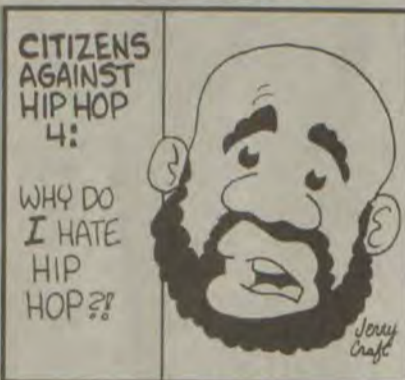


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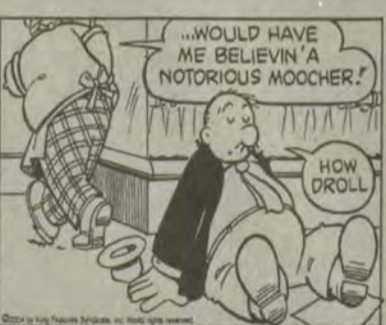
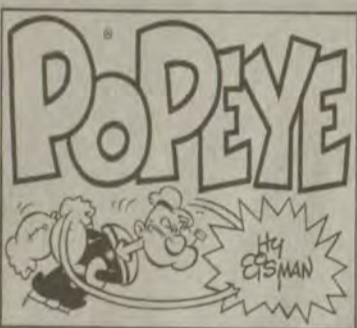
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

1. Mower is longer
 2. Tree is missing
 3. Shutter are different
 4. Hat is added
 5. Mower base is taller
 6. Woman's arm is longer

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Super Crossword APTLY NAMED

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- 1 Ohio city
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 - 10 Long Island resort
 - 15 Arafat's grp.
 - 18 Perfect
 - 19 Perry's creator
 - 20 Ancient Greek region
 - 21 CSA soldier
 - 22 Pungent person?
 - 24 Hit man?
 - 25 Compass pt.
 - 26 Goal
 - 27 Horrid Heap
 - 28 Swedish port
 - 29 Fresh
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 - 32 Sheik site
 - 34 Coin-toss call
 - 36 Actress
 - 40 Sly — fox
 - 41 Annoying woman?
 - 43 Hole punchers
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 - 64 — a customer
 - 65 Bear barrel
 - 66 Avid hiker?
 - 70 Good-looking girl?
 - 74 Sneeze and wheeze
 - 75 Declaim
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 - 78 Loser to DDE
 - 80 Trolley sound
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 - 92 Actress
 - 93 LAX letters
 - 94 New York stadium
 - 95 Veneration
 - 96 Pres. protectors
 - 97 Industrious fellow?
 - 99 Fleur-de- —
 - 101 Ravenous
 - 105 Pack peppers
 - 106 Austin or Smith
 - 108 Rainbow goddess
 - 109 "Paganini" composer
 - 111 Flourishes
 - 113 Sluggo's sweetie
 - 115 Scepter's sidekick
 - 118 Clay, today
 - 119 Happy guy?
 - 121 Tool man?
 - 123 Bell and Barker
 - 124 Glorifies
 - 125 Memo words
 - 126 Rigg or Ross
 - 127 Tiny colonist
 - 128 Hold up
 - 129 Pilsner
 - 130 Seraglio
 - 89 Cognitive
 - 91 Publisher Conde
 - 94 Behaved like bees
 - 96 Watching machines?
 - 98 — la-la
 - 99 Living-room accessories
 - 100 "— Too Late" ('71 hit)
 - 102 Fiddle (with)
 - 103 Roman structure
 - 104 Saudi city
 - 106 Sullen
 - 107 Absurd
 - 109 Tibetan monk
 - 110 Dash
 - 112 Tulsa's st.
 - 114 Farm measure
 - 115 Actor Epps
 - 116 Magritte or Descartes
 - 117 Spooky Stoker
 - 120 Bunyan's whacker
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 - 8 Maui greeting
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 - 11 Eye problem
 - 12 Tourniquet, e.g.
 - 13 Hosp. area
 - 14 Garden flowers
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 - 17 Toe the line
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 - 30 Clerical garb
 - 31 Pecc's partners
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 - 35 Once again
 - 36 Poetic feet
 - 37 Self-govern-ment, in India
 - 38 Llama kin
 - 39 86 Across or 9 Down
 - 41 "Swanee" singer
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 - 50 VIP
 - 51 Hoopster Shaquille
 - 52 Zodiac animal
 - 53 Hostelery
 - 54 Sib's kid
 - 56 Bear or Berra
 - 60 School grp.
 - 61 Phone button
 - 64 Shy primate
 - 65 Former Japanese capital
 - 67 Pull sharply
 - 68 Alaskan bear
 - 69 Epoch
 - 71 Bond foe
 - 72 Deli meat
 - 73 TV's "Highway to —"
 - 76 Golfer's gadget
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 - 85 Imitates
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AUTOMOTIVE

130-Cars

2001 Buick LS very good condition book price 13,500. will sale for \$9,000 call any time 886-2847

150-Miscellaneous

2004 Dutchman 27 foot long. 5th wheel with slide, sleeps 8, heat and air, full bath, Freg, microwave, gas oven, 3 burner stove, AM / FM / CD. Stereo system, outside shower, outside grill, excellent condition. For more information call 886-9291

160-Motorcycles

2003 Harley Davidson Sportser 1200, custom Black 100th \$7,900 call 606-447-2956

1998 YAMAHA YZ80 New tires, pro-circuit pipe. \$1600. Call 452-9599

170 - Parts

Save Money - Buy Rebuilding Radiators, Starters, Alternator call 606-478-9517

180 -Trucks

2003 Chevy Silverado 250 Crew Cab 4 x 4 White 6.0, V8 engine 5,500 miles auto, A/C tilt, cruise, am (fm) CD. Key less entry lots of extras, excellent condition

EMPLOYMENT

When responding to Employment ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

Legal Secretary Position Salary Negotiable and Based upon Qualifications Minimum 2 years experience required

Medical Position Available Hospice of Big Sandy, Inc. On Call positions, can be Full Time with every other weekend off, or can be Several RN's sharing the call time. Please call 606-789-3841 for more information. Benefits for the full time position.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT STEAM CLEANING COMPANY NEEDS EMPLOYEES
 Experience and surface mining papers are a plus. Must have valid driver's license.
Call 606-886-1759

210-Job Listings

Attention Physical Therapists Salyersville Health Care Center is expanding its therapy department and is seeking qualified therapists to join our team. We offer excellent benefit packages and a highly competitive salary. Part time or full time hours or a flexible schedule available. If you are interested in making a difference in the lives of our residents, please contact us at Salyersville Health Care 571 Parkway Drive 606-349-6181

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Now Hiring Seasonal Help

Jenny Willey State Resort Park is looking for some hard working, reliable, and energetic individuals that can contribute to the overall operation of the facilities at the park. These paid positions are interim (seasonal) and are available in all departments. Also, the park is looking for Volunteers to assist in the campgrounds, recreation, and golf course, operations. Applications can be obtained at the Park's Business Office or Front Desk. For additional information on these positions, please call 606-886-2711, extension 2159

Sub Station Express and Pizza and more. Now hiring for full time delivery drivers call 886-6395 or 886-6393

Busy Multi specialty physicians office seeks energetic, motivated receptionist, Medical office experience required. Experience with Medical Manager Computer Software preferred. Send Resume to P. O. Box 505, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653

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220-Help Wanted

S - Curve Automotive needs Experienced Mechanics, Experienced Wheel Alignment personal. Employee medical program available get Applications on site, 487 South Lake Dr. in Prestonsburg, Ky. or local Employment Office

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Office/Clerical Position High School diploma basic knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel, typing skills, experience with office machine such as faxing, copying ect. 1 year experience in similarly related field a plus but not necessary, pay commensurate with experience, send resume with references and cover letter to P.O. Box 2363, Pikeville, Ky. 41501

Attention Prestonsburg Postal positions. Clerks, carriers, sorters No exp. required. Benefits, For Exam. salary, and testing info, call 630-393-3032 extension 234 from 8am-8pm 7 days

MERCHANDISE

410-Animals

Want to buy, Very young female teacup Chihuahua, Prefer all white in color but will consider solid tan, also Call Kathy at 886-8506 or email to features@floydcountytimes.com may also call 789-8380

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480-Miscellaneous

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NURSING MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES At the ARH Regional Medical Center Hazard, KY

Appalachian Regional Healthcare is seeking candidates for the following newly created nursing management opportunities at the not-for-profit healthcare system's 208 bed ARH Regional Medical Center in Hazard, KY:

DIRECTOR OF NURSING - MEDICAL/SURGICAL SERVICES
 This position is accountable for the overall administration of the Medical/Surgical Services at the ARH Regional Medical Center. Position requirements include graduation from an approved School of Nursing, current non-limited KY RN licensure/eligibility, and a minimum of five (5) years of experience in nursing supervision and/or administration. A BSN is preferred and demonstrated leadership and excellent communication skills are musts.

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The ER Head Nurse has primary responsibility for the management of patient services for the Emergency Department at the ARH Regional Medical Center to include implementation and enforcement of work standards and standards of nursing practice, implementation of total quality management concepts, and, for maintenance of effective communications between patients, families, physicians and hospital departments. Requirements include completion of an approved School of Nursing program with current non-limited KY RN licensure/eligibility and at least three (3) years of clinical experience, preferably in an ER or similar setting. Excellent communication and interpersonal relationship skills are musts.

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Please send resume to:

Wendy Morris
 Community Chief Nursing Officer
 ARH Regional Medical Center
 100 Medical Center Drive
 Hazard, KY 41701
 e-mail: wmorris@arh.org
 Telephone: 606-439-6619

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REAL ESTATE

510-Comm. Prop.

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530-Houses

House For Sale: Seven room older home located on Riverside Drive in Prestonsburg. Good Condition and well maintained. Priced \$57,500 Call after 5:00 p.m. 874-9595

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570-Mobile Homes

For Rent 3 bed room Home and a 2 bed room 1 1/2 bath Town house, No Pets call 886-8991

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580-Miscellaneous

630-Houses

NOTICES

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For Sale: 2 Prom dresses size 20 asking 80.00 each call 86-9305

House for Rent 2 bedroom in Martin \$350.00 month \$150.00 deposit call 285-1624 after 5 pm

805-Announcements

HELP THE KIDS IN THE COMMUNITY. We are looking for donations for new & used computers to distribute to the kids community facilities. For pick up call Scott 889-9551 and to deliver call Scott 889-9551.

Little Salem Church at Prater is in need of donations of baby furniture for the church, anyone who can help please call 606-478-3066 psa.

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812 - Free

FREE PALLETS: Can be picked up behind The Floyd County Times.

850-Personals

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590-Sale or Lease

Building #1- Shop Metal Building 120 wide x 60 deep, insulated, gas heat, office bath with 5 large bays, each with 12' wide x 14 high doors, approximately 165 wide x 240 deep

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House for Rent located in the Dell Wood Town houses area. 3 bed room 2 bath with Hardwood floors new carpet 750.00 per month call 886-0893

For Sale 3 bed room house 1 bath, living room and large kitchen at Depot road in Auxier call 886-2106

640-Land/Lots
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SERVICES

705-Construction

ALL TYPES: Remodeling & additions, garages, decks, etc. Also concrete work. Robbie Johnson, Jr., call anytime, 886-8896.

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RENTALS

610-Apartments
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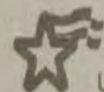
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