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briefs

Alarm tips police to marijuana

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Dois E. Brown, 39, of Pikeville, probably regrets having his burglar alarm installed. It went off at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday and the responding officer allegedly found a fair amount of marijuana at the address.

Responding to the alarm, officer Chris Edmunds, of the Pikeville Police Department, noticed a strong smell of marijuana and notified a detective who secured a warrant and then proceeded to Brown's residence at 109 6th Street.

The resulting search turned up a growing operation and netted a hefty 326 marijuana plants. They also secured a heat lamp, several large starter bags of seeds and several bags of processed marijuana.

Brown has been lodged in the Pike County Detention Center and has been charged with cultivating the drug and trafficking. Detectives Anderson and Hayes are continuing the investigation.

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Partly cloudy

High: 65 • Low: 39

Tomorrow

Evening showers

High: 63 • Low: 46

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Four teens charged with church arson

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — Investigations into the arson of three Johnson County churches culminated in the arrest this week of four juveniles.

The Kentucky State Police, U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms,

Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Johnson County Sheriff's Office executed search warrants Wednesday at three Johnson County homes where they arrested four 17-year-old male juveniles suspected of arson at the Sugar Grove Baptist Church in Sitka, the New Bethel Freewill Baptist Church at Riceville — both of which were the target of arsonists March

27 — and Tom's Creek United Baptist Church, which went up in flames in February.

The juveniles, residents of Thelma, Tutor Key, Sitka and Staffordsville, now face felony counts that, if convicted, could lend them hefty jail sentences.

They were charged with three counts of second-degree arson, three counts of bur-

glary and a misdemeanor theft charge. The arson charge, a class B felony, carries a penalty of 10 to 15 years for adult criminals.

A Johnson County judge will determine if the boys, who are lodged at the Breathitt County Detention Center, will stand trial

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photo by Joyal Frazier

Red Light Diner had its annual Easter egg hunt Thursday, hiding over 1,500 eggs. Two of the kids look through their baskets at all the candy and toys that were inside the eggs. The Diner gave all the participants a free hot dog kids meal and ice cream cone.

Tourism agrees to woo tourney

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau called a special meeting Thursday at the tourism office to discuss sponsorship for Stonecrest and promotional brochures for the Battle of Middle Creek and East Kentucky Science Center.

Jason Crum, golf pro at Stone

Crest Golf Course, was present at the meeting to explain the details of the sponsorship.

The Kentucky Golf Association has contacted Stonecrest, showing interest in having the 2005 Kentucky State Amateur Golf Tournament in Prestonsburg. Crum explained that the tournament is usually held in Central Kentucky, and the KGA is concerned about losing qualifiers if the tournament is held in Eastern Kentucky. The KGA has asked that

Stone-Crest help to offset revenue by agreeing to provide between \$3,500 and \$5,000 if there is a lack of qualifiers.

To qualify for the tournament, a golfer must pay \$125 and play at a designated course set by the KGA. The top five golfers of each qualifying day will qualify to play in the amateur tournament. The top 25 golfers from last year and past win-

(See TOURISM, page two)

Bad info halts board redistricting

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN — The Floyd County Board of Education met in special meeting Tuesday evening at the Opportunities Unlimited High School to continue discussion on redrawing of the county's school districts.

Viewing data from the Big Sandy Area Development District, compiled from the 2000

U.S. Census Bureau canvass, along with data from the Floyd County Clerk's office, board members concluded that there was too much discrepancy in available data to forge ahead with redistricting plans.

"There is no point in doing this now if we are starting off with flawed data," said board chair Carol Stumbo, district 4.

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UNITE to host meeting next week

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — With the battle against drugs on the forefront in the community, local workers with the Floyd County Drug Coalition of UNITE (Unlawful Narcotics Investigation Treatment and Education) are getting the ball rolling in the Big Sandy area.

Congressman Hal Rogers announced funding last April for UNITE, an

anti-drug program which serves 29 counties and consists of three drug task forces in the Big Sandy, Kentucky River and Cumberland Valleys.

Its goals are to combine the efforts of community members with regional leaders, law enforcement officials and health care professionals to combat illegal drug use and sales.

With task forces currently operating in the

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Couple alleges social services 'vendetta' against them

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

AUXIER — A Floyd County couple, who lost custody of their seven children after abuse allegations were brought out since social workers began investigating their home in 1998, say they have been cheated by the system that was supposed to protect their family.

Standing on a sexual abuse indictment that was ultimately dismissed by the courts and a long list of domestic violence and other related offenses, many of which were also dismissed, Richard and Kimberly Michelle Hardy, of Auxier, say they've had enough of that system.

"Not a day goes by that we don't think of our kids and want them back," said Kimberly Hardy. "We have all these pictures and all these things, and that's all we have anymore."

The Hardys, a former Johnson County couple who moved to Floyd County in an attempt to get away from what they regard as "repeated attacks" from social services,

lost custody of all seven of their children after social workers began investigating their home in 1998.

They blame their own youthful "stupidity" and a long list of social services workers who've been involved with their case during this time.

According to Kimberly Hardy, social services first intervened in the Hardy family in 1998, after they received reports of domestic violence from an unnamed source. They visited the Hardy home and told them that they would open a six-month investigation into the family, which, at that time, included three children. Kimberly Hardy said her husband became extremely angry that social services wanted to intervene in their lives, and they both got "scared," so they packed up and moved to Ohio, where they lived for a year.

During that year, the couple, who fought frequently during the early years of their marriage, separated. Kimberly Hardy moved back to Kentucky and called social services in an attempt to "get things settled."



photo by Mary Music

Kimberly and Richard Hardy claim their family has been destroyed by allegations of abuse and neglect.

Their children were taken eight weeks after she made that call.

It wasn't long before the Hardy couple reconciled and the children were returned to live with the family. One week prior to the close of that six-month investigation, however, the children were taken again, Kimberly Hardy said, because, during an

unannounced visit, social workers found their oldest child with a black eye.

"It's been nonstop accusations since then," Kimberly Hardy said. "We've been accused of everything, from domestic violence, to abuse and neglect to sexual abuse ... It's not about our kids anymore. This is a tool to hurt us."

After a lengthy investigation into the alleged neglect and abuse, the Hardy children were returned by the Cabinet of Families and Children, upon the condition that Richard Hardy have no contact with the children.

When the couple failed to meet that condition, the children were taken again in 2002, the same year Kimberly Hardy said she got a divorce because social workers told her it would help her get the children back. They remarried last year.

"There is nothing in my heart or there is nothing in her heart to make us want to hurt a child. Not a night goes by that we don't wonder if or when they're coming

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Odds & Ends

■ **GLASSPORT, Pa.** — First, the Passion of the Christ. Now, the torment of the Easter Bunny?

It may not have been as gruesome as Mel Gibson's movie, but many parents and children

got upset when a church trying to teach about Jesus' crucifixion performed an Easter show with actors whipping the Easter bunny and breaking eggs.

People who attended Saturday's show at Glassport's

memorial stadium quoted performers as saying, "There is no Easter bunny," and described the show as being a demonstration of how Jesus was crucified.

Melissa Salzmann, who brought her 4-year-old son J.T., said the program was inappropriate for young children. "He was crying and asking me why the bunny was being whipped," Salzmann said.

Patty Bickerton, the youth minister at Glassport Assembly of God, said the performance wasn't meant to be offensive. Bickerton portrayed the Easter rabbit and said she tried to act with a tone of irreverence.

"The program was for all ages, not just the kids. We wanted to convey that Easter is not just about the Easter bunny, it is about Jesus Christ," Bickerton said.

Performers broke eggs meant for an Easter egg hunt and also portrayed a drunken man and a self-mutilating woman, said Jennifer Norelli-Burke, another parent who saw the show in Glassport, a community about 10 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

"It was very disturbing," Norelli-Burke said. "I could not believe what I saw. It wasn't

anything I was expecting."

■ **STAMFORD, Conn.** — Election day left its mark on one local man and he's not happy about it.

Robert Bonoff wants the city to pay for a new suede coat that he said was ruined during the March 2 presidential primary by an "I voted today" sticker.

Bonoff said he showed the coat to a dry cleaner who said the sticker's mark cannot be removed. He has filed a claim with the city seeking \$106, the purchase price of the coat, including sales tax.

When the damage was brought to her attention, Democratic Registrar of Voters Alice Fortunato said she told Bonoff to get the coat cleaned and bill the city. When that didn't work, she forwarded his case to the city attorney.

"I'm very sorry that he feels that the sticker ruined his coat," she said. "But there's not much this office can do in that regard."

Stamford Director of Legal Affairs Tom Cassone said Bonoff will not be compensated. The city is not liable for damage caused by stickers handed out at the polls, city-sponsored blood

drives or other events, he said.

■ **SYDNEY, Australia** — A distraught woman used cell phone text messages to persuade a thief to return her car.

Lee Alaban, 34, of Port Macquarie had her Holden Commodore sedan stolen while she was at work on March 30, The Daily Telegraph newspaper reported Wednesday.

Her 13-year-old son's cell phone was in the car, so Alaban sent text messages to the thief. She explained that the car was a

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Tourism

ners already qualify to play.

Fred James, tourism director explained, "People will be traveling into Prestonsburg all year to see if they want to play at Stonecrest." It is estimated that the tournament could bring in between \$175,000 to \$200,000 in tourism money in to Prestonsburg.

James explained to the Commission that he and Crum had proposed to KGA that if 440 or more golfers register no money will be paid to the KGA.

The tournament is the KGA's main fundraiser and that is why they have asked that Stonecrest help offset the revenue in case the number of players is low.

The KGA has its board meeting April 20 and it will be decided that day, depending on the decision of the tourism board to commit to sponsoring the money, whether or not the tournament will be held at Stonecrest.

Crum told the commission that the KGA looked for a good, quality golf course and one that is willing to give up three days of revenue. The only money that Stonecrest will make by hosting the event is cart fees.

After discussing the revenue that the tournament would bring to Prestonsburg for lodging and restaurants and the publicity that the area would get, it was agreed by the board to give \$5,000 to Stonecrest for sponsorship of the Kentucky State Amateur Golf Tournament.

Another topic on the agenda that was covered was promotional brochures for the Battle of Middle Creek and East Kentucky

Science Center. After much discussion about the Battle of Middle Creek and the fact that they no longer have the re-enactments there, no motion was made to give the money for the promotional brochures.

When the Commission started talking about the East Kentucky Science Center brochures, James proposed that a brochure be made for special attractions that covers everything from the May House to the science center and also including the Battle of Middle Creek. If the brochure is consolidated, the commission will not have to pay for two separate brochures and it will cover more than two attractions.

The commission asked James to get quotes on the cost of a larger brochure and decided that they would revisit the brochure topic at a later date.

Arson

as adults or juveniles.

According to Johnson County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Thomas Wyatt, who worked on the investigation, the boys were "acquaintances" at a Johnson County school.

They were arraigned in Johnson County District Court yesterday morning, he said, noting that he couldn't release information regarding the investigation, which is still ongoing.

The Sugar Grove Baptist Church was completely destroyed in a blaze March 27, roughly an hour before authorities were called to the scene of

the New Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, roughly 20 miles away, which sustained moderate damage in the fire.

KSP arson investigator Det. Don Parker, who headed the investigation, along with the ATF, FBI and Johnson County Sheriff's Office, said during a previous interview that the churches, along with Tom's Creek United Baptist Church which burned in February, were each isolated from public view.

At that time, he said evidence in the case indicated that the buildings were burned from the inside.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Good Friday, April 9, the 100th day of 2004. There are 266 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 9, 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

On this date:

■ In 1682, French explorer Robert La Salle reached the Mississippi River.

■ In 1939, singer Marian Anderson performed a concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., after she was denied the use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

■ In 1940, during World War II, Germany invaded Denmark and Norway.

■ In 1942, American and Philippine defenders on Bataan capitulated to Japanese forces; the surrender was followed by the notorious Bataan Death March, which claimed nearly 10,000 lives.

■ In 1947, a series of tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas claimed 169 lives.

■ In 1959, NASA announced the selection of America's first seven astronauts: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Donald Slayton.

■ In 1963, British statesman Winston Churchill was made an honorary U.S. citizen.

■ In 1965, the newly built Houston Astrodome featured its first baseball game, an exhibition between the Astros and the New York Yankees. (The Astros won, 2-1.)

■ In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger ended its first mission with a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

■ In 1996, in a dramatic shift of purse-string power, President Clinton signed a line-item veto bill into law. (However, the Supreme Court struck down the veto as unconstitutional in 1998.)

Ten years ago:

Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali ordered U.N. troops to use "all available means" to roll back Serb military gains in the Muslim enclave of Gorazde. The space shuttle Endeavour blasted off on an 11-day mission that included mapping the Earth's surface in three dimensions.

Five years ago:

Niger's president, Ibrahim Bare Mainassara, was gunned down by members of his own Presidential Guard. A judge ordered the federal government to pay \$909 million to Glendale Federal Bank in California for breach of contract. (The ruling stemmed from a 1996 Supreme Court decision that said the government broke its contract with Glendale and two other thrifts when it changed the rules on how they had to count their assets.)

One year ago:

Jubilant Iraqis celebrated the collapse of Saddam Hussein's regime, beheading a toppled statue of their longtime ruler in

downtown Baghdad and embracing American troops as liberators. In Afghanistan, a U.S. warplane called in to support allied Afghans under fire mistakenly bombed a house, killing 11 civilians.

Today's Birthdays:

Playboy magazine founder Hugh Hefner is 78. Naturalist Jim Fowler is 72. Actor Jean-Paul Belmondo is 71. Actress Michael Learned is 65. Country singer Margo Smith is 62. Country singer Hal Ketchum is 51. Actor Dennis Quaid is 50. Humorist Jimmy Tingle is 49. Golfer Severiano Ballesteros is

47. Country musician Dave Innis (Restless Heart) is 45. Sports reporter Lisa Guerrero is 40. Actress-model Paulina Porizkova is 39. Actress Cynthia Nixon is 38. Rock singer Kevin Martin (Candlebox) is 35. Actress Keshia Knight Pulliam is 25. Actor Ryan Northcott is 24. Actress Kristen Stewart is 14.

Thought for Today:

"It is indeed difficult to define just who the 'modern man' is, and what views he has to hold in order to be modern."
— Josiah Royce, American philosopher (1855-1916).

Board

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Supt. Paul Fanning agreed that there needed to be "consistency of data in regard to precincts," and board member Jeff Stumbo, district 3, suggested that the members "look more closely" at data that he felt could be provided by Floyd County 911 Coordinator Lon May.

District 1 board member Mickey McGuire also said that he was "not happy with the discrepancies" in the available figures and district 2 board representative Dr. Chandra Varia announced that she "liked things the way they are" and that she did not see a need for redistricting at this time.

Following the advice of County Clerk Chris Waugh, according to Fanning, to "not split (voting) precincts," the board ultimately agreed to contact and enlist the aid of experts from both the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky, both of whom are

expected to have correct, up-to-date statistical information in regard to the county's population.

Supt. Fanning told the board members that his office would contact university officials and determine what services they could offer to the board and at what cost. He will report his findings to the board members at a later date.

Also, in other business conducted at the Tuesday meeting, board members voted to approve the use of commercial carriers for school field trips for the students of Allen Central High School (to Louisville and Bowling Green), Allen Central Middle School (to Bowling Green) and May Valley Elementary (to Louisville and Frankfort). Due to a number of schools scheduling field trips during the spring semester, adequate numbers of county school buses were not available for the previously mentioned trips.

UNITE

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Cumberland and Kentucky River Valleys, the Big Sandy Valley task force is seeking input and volunteers from the community to head various committees.

In this regard, Terry Thornsberry, director of the Floyd County Drug Coalition of UNITE, who works with co-director Gary Rose, is asking that the community step up to bat against drug offenders.

"We're just getting it off the ground right now," Thornsberry said. "We've got the fundamental committee formed and we're trying to take it to the next step. We want to include anybody throughout the county who wants to join."

Using the guidelines suggested by the UNITE program, the coalition, which now employs approximately 30 individuals, will establish neighborhood watch groups — the "eyes and ears of the coalition" — that will work in conjunction with law enforcement officials to catch drug offenders.

Additionally, the coalition is also creating a court watch group, which will keep tabs on the judicial prosecution of accused drug offenders on a computer basis.

Other committees will work with focus on family needs, by establishing coalitions with churches and other civic organizations who can assist in drug treatment and by working with the Floyd County Board of Education to oversee youth

activities as a means of increasing education about drug abuse.

Medical advisory committees will also work with the task force to combat doctor shopping and corrupt medical professionals who abuse Medicare or Medicaid.

Currently, 11 officers are assigned to the Big Sandy Region, Thornsberry said, who will be directed by Scott Barker, a former FBI agent.

Dan Smoot, a former Kentucky State Police officer, is the law enforcement director for all three task forces.

"We don't care who catches the drug dealers," Thornsberry said. "We just want them to know that we're here to assist them in any way that we can ... We're trying to unite all citizens to assist, we don't care who, the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, the Floyd County Drug Task Force, law enforcement units, we want to help. We're not here to step on anybody's toes. Our intent for the coalition is to offer support for drug treatment and to support anybody who can stop or at least hinder drug problems in Floyd county."

The Floyd County Drug Coalition of UNITE will host a meeting at May Valley Elementary at 7 p.m., April 13, to obtain community input and sign up volunteers.

To report illegal drug use or for more information, call (800) 424-4382.

KNOW SOMEONE USING OR SELLING DRUGS ILLEGALLY?

HELP STOP ILLEGAL DRUG USE IN FLOYD COUNTY!

There will be an organizational meeting of the Floyd County Drug Coalition of UNITE on **Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.** This meeting will be held at the May Valley Elementary School located near Martin, KY at Stephens Branch.

Everyone concerned with the drug problem in our county is urged to attend this meeting. Our goal will be to organize the Floyd County Branch of UNITE with committees to assist in the following areas: Neighborhood Watch; Court Watch; Education Committee; Family Support; Medical Advisory Watch; Youth Activities; etc.

UNITE is a federally funded Task Force sponsored by Congressman Hal Rogers. Over 17 million dollars have been appropriated for this program. Representatives from the Somerset and Hazard UNITE programs will be present.

Please attend and decide how you can help solve the drug problem in Floyd County.

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Couple

home," an emotional Richard Hardy said during a recent interview. "After the charges were dismissed and there was no indictment, we thought it was over ... Then the foster parents call just three days before court and says that she thinks these kids have been sexually abused."

Now their seven children, including their youngest, an infant who was taken 72 hours after his birth, live in three separate foster homes.

At first glance, the circumstances surrounding the Hardy case seem pretty well cut and dry.

A criminal history check on both of their names brings up a long list of domestic violence claims, terroristic threatening charges, neglect charges, harassment charges and, of course, a dismissed sexual abuse charge against Richard Hardy.

At second glance however, the story takes another turn.

A former social services worker who covered the Hardy case for about two years, told The Floyd County Times the Hardys were treated "differently" by the employees at the social services department because those employees are "afraid" of Richard Hardy, who defended his "innocence" to the sexual abuse charge by hitting the streets and local media outlets with flyers regarding his "unfair" treatment by the social services department and by becoming extremely, verbally abusive to social workers investigating the case.

"This is one of the weakest cases I've ever seen against somebody in my experience as a social worker," the man, who wishes to remain anonymous for fear of losing his current job with the federal government, said. "To me, there's no professional reason for this to be continuing to happen to them. These workers are too subjective, too emotionally involved. The whole office hates this guy who'd do anything to have his kids back. They pegged him as guilty and didn't want to go back and have to change their records to make themselves look bad ... These kids have been bounced back and forth for the last three years ... It's been a constant battle because the social services let this get out of hand."

The former employee, who worked with social services for eight years, said he has testified in court on behalf of the Hardys and has defended them repeatedly against his own supervisors, so much, in fact, that he's "tired of talking about it."

The Hardys won't get relief, he says, until they seek a ruling from a higher court, a task they're currently trying to accomplish.

Another official with the Cabinet of Families and Children told The Times during an off-the-record interview that social workers are, indeed, "scared stiff" of Richard Hardy, who pleaded guilty to terroristic threatening charges in 2001 after social workers claimed he threatened to blow up their building at the First Commonwealth Bank in Prestonsburg.

While investigating allegations presented by Richard and Kimberly Hardy, the Times visited the Johnson County courthouse to view files related to their case. During that visit, the Times requested and was given Richard Hardy's case file relating to the first-degree sexual abuse charge against him.

After viewing the file, The Times requested copies of 14 pages, an investigative report by a leading officer. The clerk made those copies and accepted payment from The Times, but returned approximately 15 minutes later with money in hand, saying that the requested documents were sealed.

Circuit Clerk Vicky Rice con-

firmed that the records, which contained sensitive information related to the alleged sexual abuse of one of the Hardy children, were open to the public until The Times requested copies.

Judge Daniel Sparks, who issued a verbal ex parte motion to seal the records that day, said that they should have been sealed when they were submitted to the case file. It was an "oversight," he said, of attorneys working the case.

The sexual abuse charge against Richard Hardy, which came about last June, after his oldest daughter was allegedly found in two separate foster homes masturbating on numerous occasions and acting out sexually to her younger sister and foster siblings, was dismissed in Johnson Circuit Court last year because the Cabinet of Families and Children failed to submit requested documents in the case.

Special Judge John David Caudill filed an order in Johnson Circuit Court on Aug. 21, demanding that the Cabinet for Families and Children provide a certified copy of all records regarding the Hardy family. On Sept. 17, Hardy's attorney, public advocate Kristi Gray, filed a motion to dismiss the case, based on failure of the Cabinet to produce those documents.

Johnson County Judge Daniel R. Sparks entered an order on Sept. 24, stating that the Cabinet provided those documents "outside of the timeline provided by the court," and that the documents received had been redacted, or modified, by the Cabinet. He ordered them to produce unredacted copies of the documents within 10 days, at which time the court would consider whether they would be held in contempt of court. The case against Hardy was dismissed by Sparks on Nov. 25 because of the Cabinet's failure to produce those documents, according to a subsequent order filed in the case.

Gray said that the requested documents were received, but came after the case had already been dismissed.

According to Mike Jennings, a spokesman for the state Cabinet for Families and Children, the Cabinet mailed 3,270 pages of the Hardy file in October.

Johnson County Commonwealth's Attorney Anna Melvin would not confirm Jennings' statement, refusing to comment because the case "is ongoing in another jurisdiction."

Richard Hardy doesn't deny the fact that he became very vocal, even harassing, to social workers during this time. When the sexual abuse charge was dismissed and his family wasn't reunited, he hit the streets with flyers depicting the "injustice" and verbally harassed social workers involved in the case.

"It's ridiculous. It's horrible. They shouldn't be able to get away with this," said Richard Hardy.

The Hardys believe that social workers have bribed their children with gifts and told his daughter to lie in order to keep the family separated, an allegation the Cabinet for Families and Children says is outrageous.

"It isn't just the nasty social workers — no, let me rephrase that, that's a bad description — It isn't just the social workers that can unilaterally do things that either are or are not in the best interest of the kids," Jennings said. "A court has to have the opportunity to review all the evidence and question whether the investigation has been adequate and complete. The accusation directed solely at social workers as if they were somehow the unquestionable auditors ... is simply not factual. Social workers can't do that on their own."

Jennings explained that as a first recourse to any report of problems, social workers try to correct the situation before removing children from the home.

If the situation is not resolved, he said, and further attempts are unsuccessful, they try placing a child or children with relatives of the family, while at the same time continuing to work to resolve issues with the natural family.

A safety plan is implemented, Jennings said, once the children are returned to the home. This plan could involve a variety of programs, including counseling, partial child care and frequent visits from social workers.

If the situation still is unresolvable, Jennings said, they seek a court order to change the status of the case from "return to custody" to "termination of all parental rights," the place the Hardys stand now.

"Removal of a child or children with the intent of keeping that child out of the care of their natural parents is never our intention," Jennings said, noting that such actions only occur in extreme situations where a child is found in immediate "grossly unsafe" conditions.

"They're perfectly free to say whatever they want to say," Jennings said about the accusations. "I can say that I trust our system and I trust the courts, and, again, for them to say there was a vendetta against them is completely false. The court is the ultimate arbitrator when a child or multiple children are removed from their homes."

During a hearing in February 2001 about the alleged neglect and sexual and physical abuse of the Hardy children, the couple's oldest daughter testified confusingly about the circumstances of the case.

When asked about how she received a black eye and about the domestic violence she witnessed in the Hardy home, a prosecutor in the case asked the child, who testified that her mother choked her and that her father gave her the black eye, if anyone told her to say those things about her parents.

The child's first response was a simple, "No," but a few seconds later, she recanted that testimony and said, "Rachel [Scoville, a social worker] did."

Questioned again, the child recanted her testimony again. "No, she didn't tell me. I did it by accident. I couldn't remember if she told me but she didn't," she said.

The child, who testified that she loved her parents and that her father hit her "on purpose," did not mention sexual abuse when authorities questioned her about "bad stuff" that happened while she lived in the Hardy home. Attorneys or prosecutors in the case didn't question her on that matter during this particular hearing.

The Hardys say that the child changing her testimony proves that she is being coached on what to say. According to them, sexual abuse allegations against Richard Hardy did not come to light until after the children had been placed in foster care for a few months.

During the course of the hearing, Richard Hardy's defense attorney alluded to the fact that the child, at one point, told social workers that another person, unidentified by social services, sexually abused her.

Social worker Toni Mullins testified that the child originally told her that the black eye was the result of a fight over a toy between her and her sister, a statement, Mullins said, the child later changed.

Johnson County chief deputy Darrel Preston, who investigated the black eye incident, testified that the child "originally" told him that her sister hit her with a toy, but that she later changed the story to implicate her father.

Social workers Rachel Scoville and Cheryl Smith testified that the child talked very openly and in vivid detail about her father sexually abusing her. Scoville also said that the child told her that she "accidentally lied" on her father but that it was after Hardy allegedly called during a home visit.

Smith also testified that the child said she lied on her father, describing to the court that when she recanted, the child "went into a fetal position on the floor." Smith, who said she couldn't remember why the child told her she lied, told the court that the

"children have indicated that they want to go home."

Foster parents who had cared for the Hardy children testified during the hearing that they found Hardy's oldest daughter acting out sexually on numerous occasions alone and with other children. They said the Hardy children "lacked discipline, structure and respect for others."

Similar statements were made by social workers involved in the case, who also gave a grim picture of the Hardy home, which was, during the unexpected visit, found in disrepair and dirty with crayon markings all over the walls. The home reeked of a foul odor, they said. The children, they said, were dirty and dressed in ragged clothes. The youngest, an infant at the time, suffered a bout of ringworm on his neck, they said, and was treated at a local hospital for the rash.

Judge Susan Mullins Johnson substantiated findings of neglect and physical abuse on Kimberly and Richard Hardy during that hearing. She also concluded that the child had been sexually abused, but would not speculate

as to the perpetrator.

The custody battle has continued since that time.

To answer questions relating to child abuse, Troy Price, director of the Big Sandy Area Child Advocacy Center Inc., in Pikeville, sent The Times various articles on the subject.

One of those articles, indicated that "60 percent of child sexual abuse survivors report incomplete or total absence of abuse-specific memories," and notes that between 2 and 10 percent of all sexual abuse allegations are false, and are usually "initiated" by adults, rather than children.

To avoid false reports, the article says, investigators should not repeatedly interview children, conduct interviews with multiple interviewers or use leading questions.

During the February 2001 hearing, the four prosecutors and defense attorneys who interviewed the Hardy child used leading questions several times.

In Richard Hardy's defense of the sexual abuse allegation against him, one of Gray's con-

cerns was the admissibility of the child's testimony. She filed a motion in January 2003 to determine whether "interview techniques" by the investigating police, the Cabinet of Families and Children, or "others" could have "undermined the reliability" of the child's testimony.

In that motion, Gray noted that the "use of incessantly repeated questions adds a manipulative element" to the interview and argued that the "interviewer's bias" with respect to a suspected person's guilt or innocence could have a "marked affect on the accuracy" of that testimony.

Peter O. Samples, president and CEO of the Kentucky Multi-County Task Forces on Child Abuse Inc., agreed that the memories of sexually abused children can be influenced by repeated interviews or questioning.

Samples, who has personally investigated 3,500 child sexual abuse cases since he founded the task force in 1985, says that children are "very perceptive to

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Pensacola (Fla.) News Journal, on U.S. control in Iraq:

The shocking events in Iraq over the weekend raise the real worry of civil war and put in doubt two critical aspects of the U.S. occupation: whether the number of American troops is adequate, and the wisdom of turning power over to an official Iraqi government on June 30. ...

A major re-evaluation of U.S. efforts is overdue. Over the weekend, Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Indiana, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said it might be time to send more U.S. troops to Iraq. No doubt the administration opposes that - for both political and other reasons - but the question is whether the United States is on the verge of losing control.

There has been an attempt by the U.S. command to disengage troops from direct action in Iraq and to let Iraqi forces play a more prominent role. But the Iraqis are barely trained and poorly equipped - another failure of the occupation authority. And the massive rotation of American troops in and out of Iraq recently also means the new troops are not yet familiar with the terrain or the nature and tactics of opposition forces....

If urban warfare breaks out now, it could be a grim and ugly summer. No one should make the mistake of thinking that following the wrong policies does not put the United States at risk of losing control in Iraq.

The Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio, on deaths in Fallujah:

The images of butchered, incinerated corpses strung from bridges and lying charred in the streets of Fallujah could not fail to shock and anger Americans and others around the world, including Iraqis.

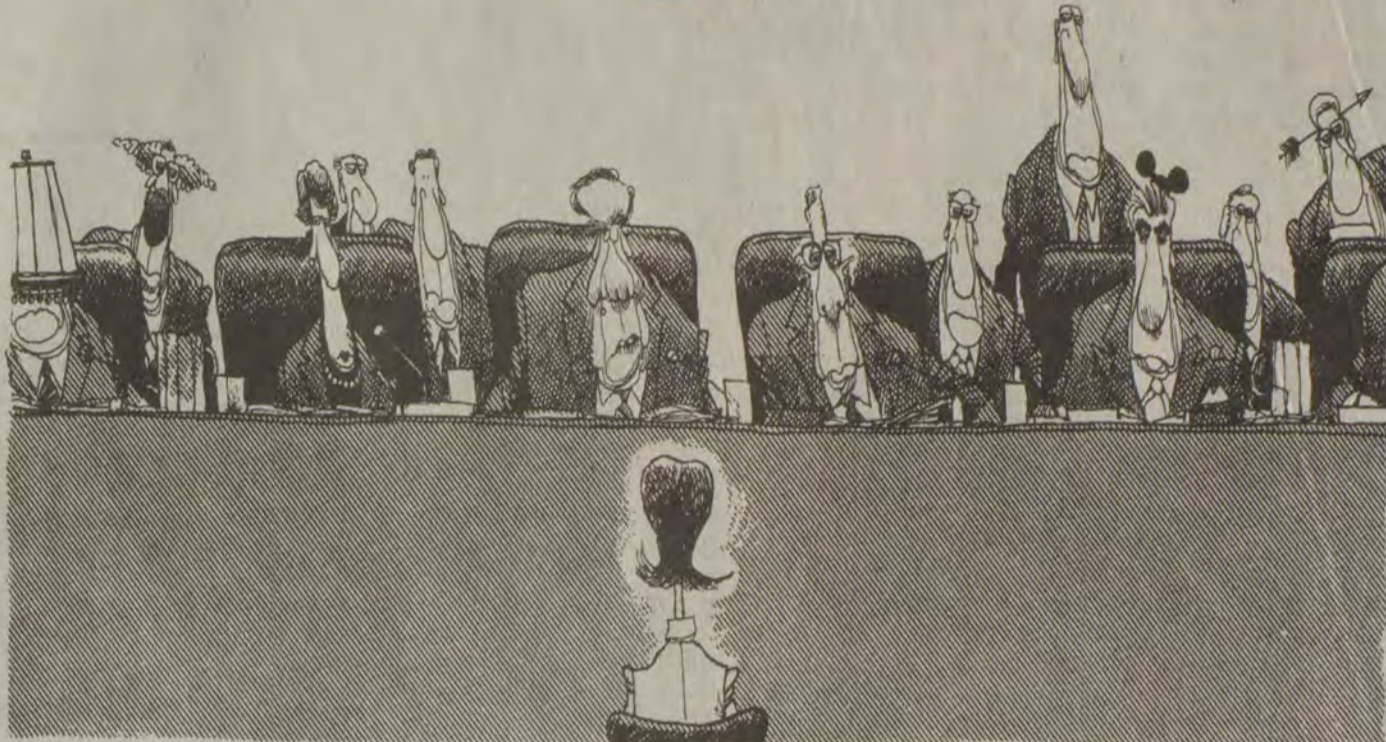
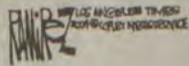
There was no denying the eerie resemblance to the depredations 10 1/2 years ago against the bodies of brave American soldiers who died in Somalia.

But Iraq is not Somalia. The United States will not be driven from Iraq by rampaging mobs, hit-and-run mujahedeen, or other cowardly leavings of the murderous Saddam Hussein regime.

The June 30 handover of sovereignty is not a deadline for U.S. withdrawal, nor should it be interpreted as such.

Iraqis' top concern remains security. Without U.S. forces, there is none.

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"MS. RICE, WE HAVE REACHED THE CONCLUSION, IF THINGS HAD BROKEN RIGHT IN ALL KINDS OF DIFFERENT WAYS, 9/11, PEARL HARBOR, WORLD WAR II, THE JFK ASSASSINATION AND THE MOVIE 'GIGLI' WERE ALL PREVENTABLE..."

Guest Column

The good, the bad, and the ugly political truth

by CRYSTAL CHAPMAN

Next week, the House of Representatives will have its last chance to rectify its schizophrenic position on a state constitutional amendment to protect marriage. Today, if you were to ask just about any Kentucky House member what his or her position is on SB 245, he or she would likely say with enthusiasm, "I'm for it!" But for many, their convoluted voting record tells another story.

Four weeks ago, 75 House members, including 43 Democrats and House Speaker Jody Richards voted for HCR 17, a resolution supporting a federal constitutional amendment defining marriage as between one man and one woman. That was good.

No, that was bad, because the non-binding vote only emboldened Democrats to throw up every roadblock imaginable

to keep from voting on similar legislation for Kentucky. First, they refused even to hear SB 245 in committee. Then, they voted 33-24, by secret ballot, not to hear the bill on the House floor. That was bad.

No, that was good, because House Republicans filed a Discharge Petition, a provision that allows all members to vote to hear a bill that hasn't been considered in a formal committee. That was good.

No, that was bad because House Democrats, in an effort to nullify the petition, hurriedly called a committee meeting wherein one member who was expected to vote in favor of the bill was called away for an unexplained emergency and the bill was killed by one vote. That was bad.

No, that was good because after a few procedural gaffes and a mountain of constituent messages supporting the bill, Democrats changed course and said, "Why yes, we believe we will hear that bill we so heartily support." That was good.

No, that was bad because they crafted a substitute bill that extracted one of the bill's vital organs — the prohibition on civil unions — then attached, like an extra arm and leg, unrelated items limiting judicial and executive powers. Even if

you believe a judge is likely to rule to restrict his own powers, it shouldn't surprise anyone that proponents of the original bill regarded the substitute as a freak designed to self-destruct because it violated the one-subject rule governing constitutional amendments. When House Democrats refused to allow anything but the substitute to be considered, Republicans and a lone Democrat walked out in protest. That was bad.

No, that was good, because they did it in broad daylight in front of God and everybody who had called or emailed to support the original, no-nonsense bill, and there are lots of them. They have awakened like a sleeping giant to roar at their waffling representatives who are behaving too much like politicians for most people's grass-roots tastes.

People like the original, straight forward language of SB 245: "Only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Kentucky. A legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized."

And 24 House Democrats voted for it

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Guest Column

Jewish-Christian unity at Easter

by DR. PAUL KENGOR

A few weeks ago I wrote an article describing Ronald Reagan's views on Jesus Christ and the crucifixion. While most of the response was positive, I did receive some negative email. One writer complained that I rekindled the same "divisive" issues that split many Jews and Christians over Mel Gibson's film. And yet, insisted my emailer, "Reagan was very tolerant of Jews. Why don't you focus on that?"

Point taken. And indeed, with Easter approaching, Reagan's mutual embrace of both the Christian holy day and Jewish people serves as a helpful example of Jewish-Christian unity.

Ronald Reagan always loved Easter. On Easter Sunday 1926, the 15-year old kicked off the Annual Sunrise Prayer Meeting at 7 a.m. at the First Christian Church in little Dixon, Ill. His saintly mother taught him that Easter Sunday was a joyous occasion — a time to replace the pain of the crucifixion. As president, he called Easter "Christ's victory over death." "We will remember," heralded Reagan in April 1981, "that He gave His body and His blood-washing clean the faults and the shortcomings of the world. In our rejoicing we renew the hope that is ours through the risen Lord."

Notably, in his first official presidential statement on Easter, Reagan devoted

equal time to Easter and to Passover—exactly four sentences on each.

Reagan learned to respect the Jewish faith at the Dixon church and at home. On November 11, 1928, his church's mission committee — chaired by his mother-brought in a Russian Jew named B. E. Kertchman, who provided an eye-opening modern history of Jews and their experiences. Reagan's hatred of prejudice was also derived from his faith. "The commandment given us is clear and simple," he said. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." In the Evil Empire speech, he said that bigotry was a "sin" and "evil" which Christians had a responsibility to oppose "with all our might."

His close friend Bill Clark, a devout Catholic, is quick to underscore this

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At the Movies: 'The Alamo'

by DAVID GERMAIN
AP MOVIE WRITER

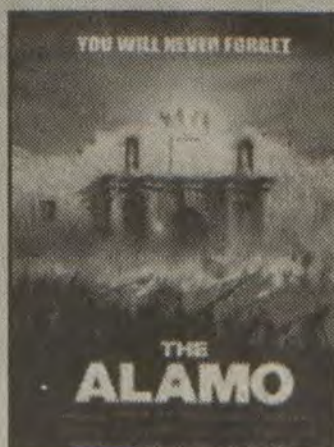
Remember the Alamo? Recall anything more than the war cry it inspired, "Remember the Alamo," and the fact that it's where Davy Crockett and a load of Texas freedom fighters died?

You'll come away with quite a history lesson from John Lee Hancock's "The Alamo," which generally delivers the goods as entertainment without becoming a stuffy classroom project.

The film drags a bit for the first hour in its exposition of the issues that led a raggedy assemblage of 200 men to hole up in the old Spanish mission in San Antonio and fend off a Mexican force 10 times its size for almost two weeks.

Yet Hancock, a native Texan who co-wrote the script, has crafted an intriguing dynamic among his heroes, ably led by Billy Bob Thornton as Crockett, Dennis Quaid as Sam Houston, Jason Patric as Jim Bowie and Patrick Wilson as William Travis.

Hancock's version forgoes the larger-than-life nobility of Hollywood's most famous depiction, the 1960 epic "The Alamo," directed by and starring John Wayne as Crockett. None of Wayne's holier-than-



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Running time: 136 minutes.

Three stars out of four.

thou preachiness carries over in Hancock's vision, an earthy story of decent men who find resolve in a hopeless situation not so much from patriotism as from one another.

"The Alamo" grabbed headlines as the latest Hollywood "troubled film" after Disney yanked it off the schedule last December to give Hancock more time in the editing room (the job came to Hancock after Ron Howard, who remained a producer, decided against directing it).

The only real trouble with the movie was the overly optimistic release date Disney picked, hoping to qualify "The Alamo" for the 2003 Academy Awards. That

earlier release date likely would have left the studio holding a much duller three-hour turkey instead of Hancock's crisp, two-and-a-quarter-hour finished cut.

The film provides a speedy introduction to 1830s Texas politics and the personalities that would make the Alamo live on in legend. Texas, part of the newly independent Mexico, is viewed as a land of opportunity for many Americans until Mexican dictator Santa Anna (Emilio Echevarria) starts flexing his muscles.

Houston, commander of the Texas army, is one of many settlers pushing to make the land a separate republic. Bowie, a broody frontiersman who carries

the big, fat knife that bears his name, and uptight yet upright Travis forge an uneasy alliance as leaders of the Alamo troops. Crockett, recently departed from Congress and looking for fresh adventures, simply turns up at the Alamo at the wrong time.

"Well, I understood the fighting was over. Isn't it?" Crockett says, his trace of a smile vanishing as realization sinks in that he's entered a war zone.

With only one other feature film behind him (the feel-good baseball tale "The Rookie," also starring Quaid), Hancock admirably marshals the action and scope of "The Alamo," though he tends to overdo the mythic imagery — bodies played in skeletal trees, a slain soldier face down in a river with a halo of blood.

The battle scenes are rousing, considering how repetitive 19th century cannon and musket fire can become. Painstakingly designed sets, props, costumes and particularly the hoary stylings of hair and beards lend great authenticity, as does Carter Burwell's memorable, rootsy score.

Thornton's hearty performance anchors the film, while Quaid largely is left on the sidelines until the aftermath of the Alamo massacre. Even then, Houston's vengeful engagement with Santa Anna's forces feels rushed, coming off as a rather clumsily appended epilogue.

As Bowie and Travis, Patric and Wilson present a captivating study of how the needs of the moment can foster cooperation, concord and even respect between utterly opposite sorts of men.

It's a fine microcosm of the civilizing cement that turned pioneer rabble into the Republic of Texas and later, the 28th state.

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

The first week of April shaped up as a good one for DVD collectors. Comedy fans are encouraged to check out "The Pink Panther Collection." All of the films in the series have been issued in a box set. The best ones are 1964's "A Shot in the Dark" and 1976's "The Return of the Pink Panther" (which isn't included

but is available at Wal-Mart for about six bucks).

The set includes five of the films which starred Peter Sellers as the incredibly clumsy French detective Inspector Clouseau. The set also includes a documentary on the series and several of the classic Panther cartoons.

For some strange reason all of the "Police Academy" films were also collected as a set, but avoid these films at all costs.

The series of seven films was so bad that even Steven Gutenberg turned down a paycheck after starring in the first two. Admittedly, the first one had some yuks, but this series went down fast and it didn't have far to go.

Television comedy fans got a treat this week with the release of the first season of "In Living Color." This sketch comedy series featured some great skits and the first appearances of Damon Wayans and Jim Carrey. Actress Rosie Perez makes her debut here as a dancer featured on the show.

The seventh season of "Friends" also came out this week, if you like that sort of thing.

Camp movie fans might enjoy the "Ilsa" boxed set. It contains three films starring Dyanne Thorne as Ilsa, She-Wolf of the S.S. These are grind house classics that follow the adventures of a female prison warden who favors thigh high boots and a leather whip. She is also a sadist who finds herself on the run after the fall of the Nazi party. The sequels find her doing all manner of criminal activity, including serving as a harem keeper for some oil sheiks.

The set includes "Ilsa, She-Wolf of the S.S.," "Ilsa, Harem Keeper of the Oil Sheiks" and "The Wicked Warden." The fourth film in the series, "Ilsa, the Tigress of Siberia," is not included. The first Ilsa film was made on the set that was used

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Poet Thomas Rain Crowe featured at Pikeville College April 15

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College and the Appalachian College Association will present acclaimed poet Thomas Rain Crowe who will share a selection of his works during a poetry reading April 15 at 11 a.m. in Booth Auditorium. The community is cordially invited to attend this free event.

Crowe, of Tuckaseegee, N.C., is also an accomplished translator, editor, publisher, recording artist and author of 12 books of original and translated works. During the 1970s he lived abroad in France, then returned to the U.S. to become editor of Beatitude magazine and press in San Francisco and was co-founder and director of the San Francisco International

Poetry Festival. In the 1980s after returning to his boyhood home in North Carolina, he was a founding editor of Katuah Journal: A Bioregional Journal of the Southern Appalachians and founded the New Native Press. He also founded Fern Hill Records, a recording label devoted exclusively to the collaboration of poetry and music. Almost immediately, he formed his spoken-word and music band The Boatrockers, who have performed widely in the Southeast and produced two CDs.

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Mary Lynn McKinney, 59, of Harold, to Perry Kingsley, 55, of Toler Creek.

Lanessia Jane Collins, 29, to Tony Edward Sword, 29, both of Martin.

Amanda Jean Allen, 18, of Prestonsburg, to Brian Curtis Mullins, 22, of Pikeville.

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Civil Suits Filed

Floyd County vs. Old Dominion Bandag Corporation; complaint.

Ruby Preston vs. Edgel Tackett; complaint.

Ford Motor Credit Company vs. Paul Williams; complaint.

Cathy Younce vs. Jody D. Puckett and California Casualty Indemnity Exchange; complaint.

Timothy Blevins vs. Jeffrey Riley; complaint.

Floyd County vs. Michael Sloane and Shelia Sloane; complaint.

Branch Banking and Trust Company vs. Millard Stevens; complaint.

Charles O'Toole and Geneva O'Toole vs. Bill Sword; complaint.

Mary Wireman vs. Jay Dean Wireman; divorce.

Mary Ann Sloane and Gary R. Sloane vs. Jimmy D. Tackett and Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company; complaint.

Timmy Martin vs. Ron Eldridge Excavating Inc.; complaint with demand for trial by jury.

Citifinancial vs. Connie Stanley and Ted Stanley; complaint.

Elizabeth Fugate vs. Phillip Wells; petition for health care insurance.

Fayetta Slone vs. Gary L. Slone; petition for health care insurance.

Greentree Servicing LLC vs. James Campbell and Angie Campbell; complaint to foreclose security interest.

Angela Sturgill vs. Daniel Sturgill; petition for health care insurance.

NCO Portfolio Management vs. Roger D. Compton; complaint.

Bank of America vs. Dillard R. Boyd; complaint.

Credigy Receivables Inc. vs. Doris Griffith; complaint.

Citigroup vs. Shirley Hancock Wallen; complaint.

Jeanene Adkins vs. Terry Joe Adkins; divorce.

Greentree Servicing LLC vs. Terry Parsons and Brenda Slone; complaint to foreclose security interest.

Palisades Collection LLC vs. Harvey Douglas; complaint.

Greta Howard vs. Bryan Howard; divorce.

Johnny Martin vs. Wilma Whitney; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Small Claims Filings

George Dock Hale vs. Angela and Daniel Miller; seeking to collect back rent.

Ronald Hall vs. Heather Tackett Dotson; seeking to reclaim a jar of money valued at \$250.

Anita Moore vs. Prestonsburg Health Care Center; seeking to reclaim portion of garnished wages.

Charges Filed

Maria L. Reynolds, 41,

Martin; second-degree forgery.

Robert C. Anderson, 39, Salyersville; fugitive, governor's warrant.

Jamie Pennington, 39, Prestonsburg; theft.

Jackie R. Everage; No age listed; Prestonsburg; theft.

Nathan Newsome, 20, Pikeville; third-degree burglary.

Paul Wilburn Tucker, 18, virgie; third-degree burglary.

Clinton D. Elliot, 23, Hi Hat; driving under the influence, driving on a suspended license, no insurance, improper registration plates.

David Patrick, 36, Allen; Resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, fourth-degree assault.

Renee Martin, 31, Drift; third-degree criminal trespass.

Shaun Fraley, 23, Louisa; public intoxication, possession of marijuana.

Ronnie Hall, 36, Galveston; alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Kimberly D. Thacker, 34, Harold; public intoxication.

Larry L. Lewis, 44, Allen; alcohol intoxication.

Melinda Chambers, 28, Grethel; alcohol intoxication.

James Lester, 38, Grundy, Va.; third-degree criminal trespass.

James Sullivan, 55,

Belcher; third-degree criminal trespass.

Gregory Salisbury, 45, McDowell; third-degree criminal trespass.

Timothy M. Trimble, 57, Prestonsburg; harassment.

Rick Estep, 45, David; terroristic threatening.

Diana Hall, 42, Langley; harassing communications.

David Lynn Hurst, 38, Prestonsburg; terroristic threatening.

Stephen M. Starnes, 35, Prestonsburg; theft.

Nathan A. Hayes, 23, Betsy Layne; theft.

Brian Grimstead II, 23, Prestonsburg; two counts of menacing.

Arlene Hall, 23, Prestonsburg; third-degree criminal trespass, harassment.

Daryl Hall, 54, Galveston; public intoxication.

Shirlona K. Newsome, 21, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.

Jamey L. Bryant, 30, Grethel; alcohol intoxication.

Jonathan D. Bailey, 21, Salyersville; third-degree criminal mischief, theft.

Edgory Collins, 24, Wheelwright; fourth-degree assault.

Misty Lamartz, 18, Wheelwright; fourth-degree assault.

Misty Lamartz, 18, Minnie;

harassment.

Julie Hall, 34, Galveston; two counts of failure to send child to school.

William A. Marshall, 42, Hager Hill; harassment.

Kimberly A. Mullins, 33, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Clyde Blevins, 45, David; alcohol intoxication.

Trevor Anthony Cameron, 23, Hayward, Wis.; alcohol intoxication.

Grant Wesley Combs, 35, Banner; alcohol intoxication.

Christopher Shane Moore, 38, Langley; alcohol intoxication.

Brandon Kyle Thacker, 28, Pikeville; alcohol intoxication.

Dereck M. Bays, 22, Hayward, Wis.; alcohol intoxication.

Mary E. Kilburn, 52, Prestonsburg; hindering prosecution or apprehension.

Phillip P. Baldrige, 46, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Brian Thomas Shepherd, 20, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault, third degree criminal mischief.

Rhonda Green, 30, Martin; public intoxication.

Chad N. Wallen, 21, Prestonsburg; public intoxication, prescription in improper container.

Easter

aspect of Reagan's faith: "He was very tolerant of other faiths, especially the Jewish faith." In July 2003 I spoke to Clark inside the chapel he built in Paso Robles, California. As we walked to my car, Clark pressed: "Remember: Ronald Reagan was especially tolerant of the Jewish faith. You remind people of that!"

It was in his crusade against communism that Reagan's concern for Jews was particularly evident. He noted that Jews suffered cruel persecution under communism, from Nicaragua to the Soviet Union. He carried in his jacket a list of Soviet Jews held in prison camps or denied the right to emigrate. Each time he met with a Soviet representative, he pulled out the list. One-by-one, those captives were released.

Reagan lobbied Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to ease up on Jewish emigration.

His pressure was so intense that it annoyed Gorbachev. In one instance, a testy Gorbachev lamely countered that Reagan had no right to lecture while America busily searched its southern border for illegal Mexican immigrants. Reagan gently pointed out the absurdity of the analogy.

A dramatic example of Soviet persecution of Jews was Anatoly Sharansky. In 1977, Sharansky was abducted by the KGB outside his apartment on Gorky Street and charged with espionage and treason — crimes punishable by death. He spent nine years in Lefortovo Prison, where he symbolized Reagan's description of the "religious dissident trapped in that cold, cruel existence." Sharansky later said of his interrogators: "They wanted to use me to destroy Jews who

hoped to leave for Israel."

In prison, Sharansky befriended Volodia Poresh-a Christian. The two secretly started each day with a Bible study, reading both the Old and New Testaments. They called these sessions "Reaganite readings." Reagan had declared a "Year of the Bible," a designation dismissed as childish by the Kremlin and some Western elites. Sharansky and Poresh — Jew and Christian brothers — quite disagreed; they gained strength from that Bible in coping with the "evil" (Sharansky's word) they faced.

Eventually, Sharansky was freed. In January 1989 he met President Reagan, who awarded him the Congressional Gold Medal. Sharansky told Reagan that if he ever had any "sad moments" once he left the presidency, he should think about Sharansky's "happy family" and the thousands praying in Soviet camps. He thanked Reagan for Soviet citizens who were "free today not because of some good will of Soviet leaders but because of their struggle and your struggle."

Today, Sharansky, who goes by the first name Natan, is a prominent player in Israeli politics and a leader among Russian Jews seeking their Biblical homeland.

Ronald Reagan's respect for Jews was ingrained in his upbringing and his faith. He drew upon Christian motivations in interceding to help Jews whenever he could. Anyone who thinks that a Christian who rejoices over Easter cannot reach out to Jews ought to contemplate Reagan's example. Jesus Christ said that He came for all people — Jew and Gentile alike; it was a message Ronald Reagan took to heart.

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View

There is no lessening of U.S. resolve to hunt down the insurgents behind recent attacks.

Wednesday's atrocity should refocus attention on the need to deny terrorists a foothold. That means working with any Iraqi not bent on extremist goals or violent means, including Shiite and Sunni hold-outs who've so far felt alienated from U.S. plans.

Guest

by secret ballot, so why did nearly every

one of them dodge the issue on the House floor? Perhaps the method to their schizophrenic madness is this: Some powerful Democrats believe that if SB 245 ever gets to the ballot box that swarms of conservative, Republican-voting Kentuckians will blow into voting booths and "whoosh," the 40-some contested seats the Democrats now hold will be gone with the wind. Those who believe this are pressuring their colleagues to keep the amendment away from the polls.

But how do they think that same swarm is going to vote if they are denied the opportunity to weigh in on anything BUT the incumbents who denied them the vote on SB 245? House Democrats could wager that the thousands of people who want a Marriage Protection Amendment will conveniently forget that their representatives refused to allow their voices to be heard, but it's a gamble they might lose.

The better option would be to do the refreshingly un-political thing and simply vote their consciences, or at the very least, vote the consciences of the overwhelming number of their constituents.

Now that's good. No argument.

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for the popular T.V. comedy "Hogan's Heroes."

Interesting footnote: The Cannon Film Company (since bankrupt) was negotiating to make a Bruce Lee film where he would take on Ilsa in the Bermuda Triangle, but a script never even got written due to Lee's untimely death.

Anime fans might want to check out new volumes of "Yu-Gi-Oh" and "Patlabor Mobile Police."

The big news for action fans is the DVD debut of the final "Matrix" film "Revolutions." This one failed to wow audiences with its action sequences and totally went too far into the

Poet

ment, published his books The Laugharne Poems written at the Dylan Thomas Boat House in Laugharne, Wales, during the summers of 1993 and 1995. In that same year, his groundbreaking anthology of contemporary Celtic language poets Writing The Wind: A Celtic Resurgence (The New Celtic Poetry) was published in the U.S. The anthology includes poetry in Welsh, Irish, Scottish Gaelic, Breton, Cornish and Manx. His first volume of translations of the poems of the 14th century Persian poet Hafiz, In Wineseller's Street, was also released at that time. Crowe has translated the work of Yvan Goll, Guillevic, Hughes-Alain Dal, Marc Ichall and Hafiz.

Following six years as editor-at-large for the Asheville Poetry Review, he is currently writing a memoir in the style of Thoreau's Walden based on four years of self-sufficient living in a wilderness environment in the woods of western North Carolina from 1979

area of philosophical mumbo jumbo but it does wrap up the series neatly.

The real surprise this week is "Zoltan, Hound of Dracula." You guessed right, folks, this one is all about Dracula's dog. The bloodsucking canine goes on a mission to rescue the last descendant of Dracula and convert him to the bloodsucking lifestyle. The dog tracks his prey to a state park where he vampirizes a whole pack of hounds and they generally disrupt the vacations of a slew of families. Low-budget fun with a special appearance by an aging Jose Ferrer in search of a quick paycheck.

Odds

gift from her father shortly before he died and that presents for her son's birthday, which was on the following day, were in his trunk.

"We exchanged a number of text messages," Alaban told the newspaper. "He started apologizing and I felt I was getting through. Next thing, I got this text saying he will return the car."

The thief wrote another text message telling her where to find the car, which he abandoned in a parking lot — but not before stealing the cell phone and the birthday presents.

Alaban was so pleased to get her car back, she even sent a final tongue-in-cheek text.

"If I ever lock myself out of my car, I'll send you a message," she wrote.

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what they think you want to hear." Generally, he says, children won't answer the same question the same way when asked a second time, as seen in the February 2001 testimony of the Hardy child. Moreover, Samples says that social workers are not properly trained to handle such investigations.

"Social workers are not investigators," Samples said. "They are not criminal investigators. They are not trained as criminal investigators. They do not have the resources to do it. They do not have the knowledge to do it. If I have a criminal case, I am going to investigate it myself. Many social workers are incompetent in their ability to interview witnesses. At times, they do things to destroy the interviews like asking leading questions ... In a sexual abuse case, it's difficult to prove intent. Not only do they have to prove that the child's been sexually abused, but they have to also prove that the perpetrator gets some type of gratification from it ..."

"My experience has been, unfortunately — and, you're talking to a person who's been doing it 35 years — I've seen many, many cases where children are put back in abusive homes because social workers failed to conduct proper investigations ... Kentucky has got its problems. I'm a strong advocate in trying to find better ways to do things. I've had bad experiences with social workers doing child sexual abuse investigations."

Samples said that approximately 80 percent of calls received by the task force are complaints against social workers, one of the reasons why he has insisted, through the years, in doing all of his investigations himself.

According to him, 25 states in America, including Florida, Ohio and Arkansas, are taking actions to eliminate the ability of social workers to perform child sexual abuse investigations for these very reasons.

In Arkansas, he said, they've "gotten rid" of social services

and created a special division of the Arkansas State Police. In Florida, a similar tactic is being implemented, where social workers are employed by the police department and are "cross-trained" as both police officers and social workers. In Ohio, the same concept has been utilized with pilot projects for the last 10 years that implement specialized child sex abuse units in every county.

Samples, who is not affiliated with the Hardy case, said the fact that a child has been found acting out sexually alone or with other children shows that "something has happened to her."

"Without interviewing the child at the time, I couldn't say conclusively, but it sounds like she's probably exhibiting behavior beyond the typical exploratory behavior of a child that age ... Either one or two things have happened. The child has either been sexually abused or she's been in view of it — watching porn or has been in the position of watching adults do it."

Social workers testified during the February 2001 hearing that the child said she got out of her bed at night to watch her parents on several occasions, testimony that Richard Hardy denied during his own testimony.

Another interesting point Samples made regarded the demeanor of sexual abusers.

"Pedophiles are very passive," he said. "If you accuse them, they break down and cry, they'll say they're not like that, that they hate it and they'll beg you to believe them. I have never found a pedophile in my life to be aggressive. If it is, in fact, a pedophile being accused of something they did, they do not get angry. Now, on the other hand, if an innocent person gets accused, they might just come out fighting mad."

During the investigations into the Hardy family and since the dismissal of the sexual abuse charge against Richard Hardy, the couple has completed numerous parenting, domestic violence and other types of counseling, both voluntarily and court ordered. They say they

have "learned a lot" and have changed from their violent past, but are still unable to retain custody of their children.

Martha J. Roberts, a licensed professional clinical counselor who works with the family court system, confirmed Richard Hardy's completion of a domestic violence class last month. She sent a letter in January to Floyd County Family Court on behalf of Richard Hardy, saying that, "Richard is attending group voluntarily to learn how to control his temper in an effort to possibly speed up the process of having his children returned to their home ... I have not had a more honest and respectful gentleman in my class ... I have seen a complete change in attitude, control and a deeper understanding of the situation that related to his children being taken from the home. I feel this gentleman has done and is still doing everything possible to better himself and proved he is trustworthy for the return of his children."

"People can change and when the Lord saves you, He changes you. I see a change in this man for the good," Roberts said during a recent interview, noting that the circumstances surrounding Richard Hardy's case "made up her mind" to quit the offender's group, which will end the last Monday in May.

The former social worker who has defended Kimberly and Richard Hardy also says their case stood as one of the reasons he quit his job with the department.

"Susan Howard [Floyd County supervisor] believes Hardy is guilty as a dog," he said. "That's a big reason I left that place. It's all about politics. They're tighter than a vacuum, they have a buddy system, backing each other up."

He says he resigned after "banging heads" with a supervisor, who he claimed practiced in extensive "unethical behavior" with his position, an accusation which Jennings also denied.

"Ever since the first year I worked that job, I saw things I didn't like," the former social worker said. "People would go and take allegations out on families and the social workers would process the claims and tear families apart without properly researching it. Then, eight or 10 years down the road, they'd find out that the person lied, and, still, nothing was done about it."

Before he left the Cabinet of Families and Children in 2001, the social worker helped the Hardys file a grievance through the Ombudsman Organization, an organization that sifts through complaints made about social services.

"I'm not a fly on the wall," he said. "I don't know what happened. I believe only the children know that, but I believe that's a job where you don't go with your gut feelings. You need evidence to back it up. In social work, you're more like lawyers. Social workers know more about child legislation than the county attorneys do usually."

The Hardy children did "absolutely awesome" in school when they were returned home to their mother, he said, noting that he visited their school once a week, where teachers said the children did not sexually "act out" as they had been doing in foster care. During this time, the children excelled and brought home awards for math and science, as well as A's and B's in nearly all their other classes.

"Our workers are well trained in how to handle this sort of case and any allegation that they take information and run with them in order to prevent themselves from getting into trouble are false," Jennings said. "Moreover, our supervisors must overlook the case and evaluate whether workers have investigated the case adequately. There are multiple levels that culminate in the court. Social workers can't just take evidence and run with it without the decision being true. It's just not generally true."

When asked if she resigned from the Cabinet of Families and Children because of the Hardy case, Shaunanne Crider, another former social worker who testified during the February 2001 hearing said, "I had some concerns with the Hardy case, but it was not based solely on it."

Tom Nelson, pastor of Town Branch Christian Victory

Fellowship and Hope Center, who met Richard Hardy in jail when he was facing charges for threatening to blow up the First Commonwealth Bank in 2001, says that the Hardys have been treated unjustly.

"It's a vendetta," he said. "They hate this man. You have never run into a more evil, more horrible group of people than these social workers. They've tried leaving here, they went to Florida, Ohio, but as soon as they come back and put their kids in school, the social workers are following them. I hope to God they get help."

Tom Jones, a Paintsville native who has been a friend of the Hardy family for 10 years, said that the allegations against the couple are false.

"I've never seen those kids very mistreated," Jones said, noting that he spent the night at their Johnson County home on several occasions. "I'd say their only problem is that both of them [Kimberly and Richard Hardy] are very immature about some things."

When asked about the domestic violence issues of their family during the February 2001 hearing, Kimberly Hardy testified that several domestic orders taken out against her husband were "lies" she told as a way of revenge toward him for having an affair while they were married. Others, she says, were taken out because social workers "promised" her that it would help her get her kids back, which was a reason she filed for divorce in 2002.

Both agree that their past behavior has caused the battle they are now facing in their lives.

"We know what caused this trouble," Richard Hardy said. "What initiated it was between us. We yelled, we fought, we argued ... I wasn't spending time with her [Kimberly] like I should have, but it was a far cry from abuse like they were saying about me. In a way, we did neglect our children from arguing and fighting. We made a lot of mistakes, but that [sex abuse] is not one of them."

Prestonsburg attorney Gerald DeRossett, who represented Richard Hardy most recently, said he helped the couple file an

appeal in their case. They're in the preliminary stages of that process, he said, which could take six months to a year to process.

"For a lot of parents it would have been easy to give up and not continue with it, but he's determined to get his kids back," DeRossett said. "From the evidence, I thought they made a lot of effort and progress from the time I've been involved in it ... If I were a judge, I don't know how I would have ruled."

When talking of the confidentiality privileges of the social services department, DeRossett said, "Sometimes they can't [talk] and sometimes things like that are easy to hide

behind."

The Hardys were denied the right of custody of their youngest child in Floyd County family court this year. They were, however, granted visitation of the infant, who they now see on a regular basis. They haven't seen their other six children since 2002.

Kimberly Hardy says she's been informed that another one of their daughters, the second oldest, is making similar claims about sexual abuse. This time, she said, the accusations are pointed in her direction as well.

Prestonsburg attorney Jim Webb, who represents Kimberly Hardy, refused to comment on the case, noting a gag order placed by family court.

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Spring sports begin to bloom

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

I have an uncle who loves NASCAR. I mean, he loves it. Many times, he's sick most of the winter. But come February when the wheels start rolling in Daytona, he gets his second wind, so to speak, and rallies. For the spring, summer and into the fall, all is right in his world. Because he can watch NASCAR, he's ok. I don't understand it. I'm not critical of those who enjoy it, but sitting around all afternoon on Sunday watching cars turn left-hand-

ed isn't my idea of fun. I'm glad my uncle likes it, and I'm glad others do too - I doubt they'd keep doing it just for his personal edification - but it's just not for me.

For me, life springs eternal about six weeks later. When the Boys of Summer come north from Florida, I get a little bounce in my step.

I begin reading box scores online and notes about players I've never heard of and wondering which "small-market" team will catch lightning in a bottle and spend one glorious summer chasing the big boys to the top of the standings.

I love baseball. Plain and simple, I love this game.

Monday was a big day for me. Monday was Opening Day, the day I've looked forward to since Josh Beckett tagged Jorge Posada to end Game Six last October.

Wait a minute. I know, by Monday they'd already played three games. The Yanks opened the season in Tokyo last week against Tampa Bay and then Sunday night saw Boston play Baltimore.

I've got two words for the schedul-makers about those games: Didn't count.

Opening Day was Monday. It happened in Cincinnati. It began with a parade, it ended with the Cubbies slapping the Reds around, and all was right with the world.

That, my friends, is baseball the way it should be.

Opening Day. In the sun. In Cincinnati. Thank you, Lord. Winter, at long last, is behind us.

See, the powers that be used to honor

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H.S. BASKETBALL

Ohio-Kentucky All-Star games on tap for Saturday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CRESTVIEW HILLS - Thomas More College will host the 13th Annual Ohio-Kentucky All-Star Game Saturday. The girls game will get underway at 6 p.m. with the boys game following. Tickets for the game will be available at the Convocation Center on Saturday at 5 p.m. when the doors to the venue open.

Mason County senior star Chris Lofton, most likely the 2004 Mr. Basketball, heads the list of Kentucky boys' basketball players. University of Kentucky football signee Lonnel DeWalt and Matt Meresca, both of state champ Warren Central, are also among those on the Kentucky boys team.

University of Kentucky women's basketball signee Sarah Elliott, a Jackson County senior, is the top player for the Kentucky girls.

PLAY BALL: Paintsville Little League

Paintsville Little League will begin its 51st season Saturday. Opening Day festivities are scheduled to get underway at 8:30 a.m. The league will have a parade on Saturday before games get underway at 10 a.m.

Lady Cats hold on to defeat Paintsville

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BETSY LAYNE - What looked as if it would be an easy win for the Betsy Layne Lady Cats on Tuesday evening turned into to a nail-biting finish, a 14-11 win. Coach Harold Tackett's Betsy Layne team entertained the

Paintsville Lady Tigers on Tuesday and the Lady Cats jumped out in front early, before fighting for the win at the end.

"We have to learn how to hold on to a lead," said Tackett.

"I felt like we hit the ball good and our defense was good at spots. We have a lot to learn about the fundamentals of the game because

we are young. I can see is improving each week. It should be a fun season."

Kristen Smith got the start on the mound for Betsy Layne and the junior hurler silenced the Paintsville bats over the first five innings. The Lady Tigers were

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photo by Jamie Howell

Betsy Layne junior Kristen Smith took the mound Tuesday night against visiting Paintsville.

HEADED TO THE NEXT LEVEL



photos by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne seniors Whitney Lykens and Tabetha Witt each signed letters of intent to play basketball at nearby Alice Lloyd College during a signing ceremony held Thursday afternoon.



BETSY LAYNE DUO INKS WITH ALICE LLOYD

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - Betsy Layne High senior girls' basketball players Whitney Lykens and Tabetha Witt won't have to go far to play college basketball. On Thursday, the duo signed with Alice Lloyd College and

first-year head coach David Adams. Both players will join Devon Reynolds and Natasha Stratton, two former Betsy Layne players who are now in Pippa Passes and part of the Alice Lloyd women's basketball programs.

The new Alice Lloyd College head coach was busy Thursday.

Earlier in the day, Adams signed Whitesburg senior Cassie Whitaker.

"We want to build a winning program," said Adams. "I'm looking forward to having Whitney and Tabetha join our program and become a part of Alice Lloyd

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Case opens, shuts East Ridge

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LICK CREEK - In a masterful pitching performance, sophomore Derek Case took to the mound Tuesday evening on the road at East Ridge, and led his team, Betsy Layne, to a 7-0 win over the host Warriors. Case limited East Ridge to just one hit in the winning performance.

In the pre-season, Betsy Layne head coach Duran Newsome admitted his team could be behind when the season got underway, saying, "it may take us a while to get going because we didn't have as much time to

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Derek Case

Pikeville finishes first in track meet; P'burg boys finish second

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Boys track and field squads from Pikeville and Prestonsburg high schools finished 1-2 in a track meet held Tuesday evening at Bob Amos Park. Pikeville boys and girls teams each won. The Pikeville girls finished out in front of Shelby Valley, scoring 131 points. Shelby Valley finished second with 115

Pikeville's boys, after 18 events were scored, finished first with 218 points. Prestonsburg finished second with 85.

Other schools fielding teams in the meet included Betsy Layne, Pike Central, Belfry and Jackson City.

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photo by Jamie Howell

Allen Central High baseball coach Craig Kidd talked with his team Tuesday evening following the loss to Johnson Central.

Johnson Central explodes for runs, beats Rebels 13-1

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN - Johnson Central, last year's 15th Region runner-up, beat defending region champ Allen Central for a second time in just over a week Monday, topping the Rebels 13-1 in six innings in the latest meeting.

As was in the case in the first meeting, Allen Central hung with Johnson Central early on, before being put out of contention in the later innings.

Allen Central enjoyed an early advantage, leading 1-0 after three innings. The Rebels had five hits in the loss.

Sophomore Tyler Turner took the mound for Allen Central and was riding a one-hitter pitch-

ing effort going into the fourth inning when Johnson Central's bats began to come alive.

The visiting Golden Eagles led 5-1 at the end of the fifth inning and cruised on to the victory.

Junior hurler Adam Blanton, the ace of the Johnson Central pitching staff, got the win for the Golden Eagles.

Blanton helped his cause with three hits, including a two-run home run.

Travis Montgomery, Shane Sturgill and Mike Walters all had two hits apiece.

Sturgill also drove in a pair of runs. Turner was tagged with the loss for Allen Central.

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Dominguez

Track

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Pikeville had several athletes finish first, second or third. Prestonsburg senior Nicholas Jamerson, a former Mr. Football candidate, led the Blackcat boys with a pair of first-place finishes. Jamerson finished first in the 300 meter hurdles and shot put events. Brad Bond, Brandon Peters, Amber Whitaker and Chanel Music also had successful outings for Prestonsburg, which is coached by Dewey Jamerson. Complete individual event results will appear in Sunday's edition. Team results follow.

Girls' Team Rankings - 16 Events

Place	Team	Points
1.	PIKEVILLE	131
2.	SHELBY VALLEY	115
3.	PIKE CENTRAL	45
4.	BELFRY 44	
4.	PRESTONSBURG	44
6.	JACKSON CITY	41

Boys' Team Rankings - 18 Events

Place	Team	Points
1.	PIKEVILLE	218
2.	PRESTONSBURG	87
3.	SHELBY VALLEY	77
4.	PIKE CENTRAL	53
5.	BELFRY 41.50	
6.	JACKSON CITY	21.50
7.	BETSY LAYNE	2

Schumacher looking for first Bristol win at O'Reilly NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals

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BRISTOL, Tenn. — Tony Schumacher has an opinion about professional athletes and their status as role models. And it's a very definite opinion. Unlike many professional athletes who prefer not to be labeled as such, Schumacher is proud to be considered a role model and has little patience for those who consider it anything but an honor. "Here's what I have to say about athletes who say they don't want to be considered role models," said the 34-year-old U.S. Army Top-Fuel dragster driver, "if they can't handle it, then they should pick some other line of work."

"It makes me so angry to hear that. They want the money, the fame, the pretty girls but they don't want to take responsibility for being in the position they're in. Those people, especially the young kids, who look up to athletes need to know that we're good people, doing good things. If athletes

don't want to be role models then they should give up all the money and prestige and find another job."

The son of Funny Car legend Don Schumacher grew up around the sport and saw firsthand how professional athletes of that era treated fans.

"When I was a kid, I was around all those guys that my dad raced against and they were the best," he said. "Now, when I see a kid I make sure I take the extra time to talk to them or sign an autograph. That's the difference between me and a lot of other people. I know what that meant to me as a kid and now I'm honored to be in a position where they might want my autograph. I think it's wonderful to be a role model."

Schumacher, who is currently leading the NHRA Powerade Top Fuel points after winning three of the first four events this season, will be the perfect champion should 2004 be his

year to score that first crown.

"It would mean everything to me," he said. "In 2000 we won four races but I was out for a couple of races after my crash in Memphis and I really feel like we could have won it that year if it hadn't been for the accident. Not being able to win it was very disappointing. Winning it this year would help heal those old wounds."

Schumacher comes into the O'Reilly NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals April 31-May 2 hoping to do something he's yet to do at Bristol.

"I haven't been able to win yet at Bristol and it would mean a lot to me to be able to win there," he said. "It's such a great facility, a first-class operation and the fans are so great."

"So far nobody's been able to repeat there in any professional class so that's good news

for me. Brandon (Bernstein) won it last year so maybe that'll keep him from winning it this year and I can get mine (win.)"

Schumacher has already snagged wins at both Pomona and Gainesville, tracks he'd never won on before this year, so he's hoping that streak continues.

"I went into Pomona and was saying 'No, I've never won here,' then I won. I went into Gainesville saying the same thing and I won," he said. "So I'm coming into Bristol publicly stating that I have not won Bristol... and hoping that I won't be able to say that after the race is over."

Who will be his toughest competition at Thunder Valley? "Bernstein, Dixon, the Kalittas," he said. "There will be a lot of tough guys there but

Brandon may be the toughest because he's been the most consistent.

"Nobody will want to win Bristol more than I will, though. I like Bristol and I want to win there. That would mean an awful lot to me."

The O'Reilly NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals get under way on Friday, April 30 and will continue through Sunday, May 2, with the finals slated to begin at noon. Gates

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Teams still needed for Lady Hawk tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BUCKLEYS CREEK — The Pike County Central girls' basketball team is looking for two more teams to play in the 2004 Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic Tournament Nov. 29-Dec. 4. Each team will receive three games and 20 T-shirts. Teams will also be fed following the first round game. Interested coaches should call Tammy Tussey at 606/432-4352.

Miss Basketball announcement

Miss Basketball will be announced on Friday, April 16 in Frankfort at the Capitol Rotunda at 3 p.m.

Curry to host Duffy Daugherty memorial award banquet

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Television football analyst and former coach Bill Curry will serve as the master of ceremonies for the Duffy Daugherty Memorial Award banquet.

Curry has been a member of ESPN's college football broadcast crew since 1997. Before that, he spent 17 years as a head coach at colleges including Georgia Tech, Alabama and Kentucky.

Former Iowa head coach Hayden Fry and current Birmingham Brother Rice coach Al Fracassa will be honored at the April 22 event for their life-long contributions to football.

Fry, a member of the College Football Hall of Fame, compiled a 232-178-10 record in 37 years as a college head coach. He produced a 142-89-6 record in 20 seasons at Iowa, including 14 bowl appearances.

In 44 seasons in the Detroit Catholic League, Fracassa has posted a 332-91-7 record.

Case

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work on fundamentals and situation-type stuff like we should have."

Well, Case came ready to pitch Tuesday night and his teammates didn't let him down, holding their own at the other eight positions and carrying potent bats when they came to the plate.

After losses to Johnson Central and Belfry to begin the season, Betsy Layne turned things around in a big way with the win over East Ridge.

The Bobcats scored three runs in the third inning and one in fifth. Betsy Layne closed the game out strong by plating another three runs in the top of the seventh inning.

Patrick Stapleton led the offensive charge for Betsy Layne by going three-for-four with a double and two singles. Stapleton scored three of Betsy Layne's seven runs.

Betsy Layne leadoff hitter Brandon Thacker reached base three times, going two-for-three at the plate with a pair of hits.

Case, who came on strong as a contributing player during the 2003-04 high school hoops

season, also helped his cause, going two-for-four at the plate. Lance Collins also went two-for-four. Others to collect hits for the Bobcats included Jordan Kidd, Jordan Case and Cody Click.

In all, Betsy Layne had 12 hits.

East Ridge entered the home game against Betsy Layne on a two-game winning streak with wins over Haysi, Va. and Hazard behind it.

Defeat

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held scoreless in the first two innings, and the only run that the Paintsville team could manage in the first five innings came in the third frame.

Betsy Layne came out of the gate on fire, as the Lady Cats put four runs on the board in their first at-bat. Smith, Misty Tackett, Kaitlin Lawson and Kim Clark each reached base and scored in the first inning.

After Paintsville was held scoreless again in the second inning, Betsy Layne pushed two more runs across the plate in the bottom of the inning.

Paintsville trailed 6-0 after two innings of play, and 11-1 after three innings.

Betsy Layne took advantage of several Paintsville errors, and the Lady Bobcats got good play from several players. Clark and Amanda Hunter each had productive outings at the plate, and Smith held the Lady Tigers in check over the first five innings.

Betsy Layne looked to be on cruise control until the fifth

inning when the Lady Tigers put three runs on the board to cut the lead to 11-4.

After Betsy Layne went quietly in its half of the fifth inning, Paintsville exploded for seven runs in the top of the sixth inning to tie the game at 11-11.

Betsy Layne would not be denied, though. The Lady Cats stormed back to put three runs on the board in the bottom of the inning to take a 14-11 lead.

Paintsville could not mount a threat in its last at bat, and Betsy Layne held for the win.

Beats

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Johnson Central, coached by Shawn "Pooh" Hall, managed to get 13 hits off Rebel pitchers. The Golden Eagle defense committed two errors.

Wilfredo Dominguez led Allen Central offensively with two hits. Justin Jacobs, Scottie Little and Ryan Hammonds each had one hit apiece.

Bentley

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baseball's oldest franchise and allow it to open the season with the first game, and at home. That was when baseball still held its history in high esteem. All of that, of course, has been replaced by things like the DH and artificial turf.

I liked it that baseball's season began in the Queen City. It was eloquent. It was as it should be. It was nice to begin the season there, because more often than not, it sure didn't end there.

Baseball is about tradition, and nothing says tradition like baseball in Cincinnati. Of course, most of the time it isn't about winning in Cincinnati, and on Monday it didn't take long to see that those who will pay a war price for tickets and concession-stand food and souvenirs and parking there in 2004 will again do so to marvel at the new ballpark.

For the most part, the talent on the field was wearing blue.

Still, it's baseball season and I'm happy. I may not be Cincinnati's year (again), but that doesn't mean Ed Taylor and I can't dream a little, right?

Over the next six months, we'll try to find a radio station to tune to (thank you, WMDJ), a Web site to look at and maybe even the occasional game on television. We'll pull for the Reds and hope for the best and mostly enjoy the smooth delivery of Marty Brennaman.

And if the Reds can be around 80 wins or so come the last week of the season, we'll take that too.

I know it isn't the popular sentiment in these mountains. This is basketball country; I know that. And I live in a football town.

But when March Madness ends, I'm never too disappointed. Because on the same day the NCAA crowns a champion, we pop the cork on a new baseball season.

And that, friends, is what life's all about.

Wells, Moir named Kentucky all-star coaches

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — Mason County head coach Kelly Wells and Donna Moir of Sacred Heart have been named coaches for the Kentucky teams in the Kentucky-Indiana all-star series that will be played this summer.

Wells led a Mason County squad to the state title last year

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROBINSON CREEK — The Prestonsburg offense got on the board first Tuesday evening, but couldn't keep things going, eventually falling to host Shelby Valley. The Blackcats got one run in the first inning off Shelby Valley freshman pitcher John Johnson, then didn't score again. The Shelby Valley offense clicked later on in the game and went on to win 12-1.

Prestonsburg is scheduled to open 58th District play at home on Tuesday against Betsy Layne.

and to the championship game again this year, where the Royals lost to Warren Central. Moir has led Sacred Heart to three straight state titles and 95 straight wins against Kentucky opponents. The Valkyries ended the season ranked as one of the top teams in the country. Sacred Heart was ranked number one in the state all season.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Derek Case, Betsy Layne Baseball



Kristen Smith, Betsy Layne Softball

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Catching the Reds on TV

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

I took in the Cincinnati Reds versus the Chicago Cubs game last Wednesday night. No! I was not at the ball park

in person but by the magic of television and ESPN's Extra Innings, I was able to see the game from the comfort of my own living room.

I did not have to wait in the long lines at the concession

stand nor try to catch a foul ball that might happen back my way. Instead I watched as Paul Wilson turned in seven strong innings for Dave Miley's ballclub. I watch, also, as Adam Dunn picked up where he left off in spring training and Ken Griffey, Jr. displayed his home run stroke after missing the opener last Monday.

The Reds were facing one of baseball premier pitchers in Greg Maddox.

True, Maddox is not the pitcher he was three or four years ago when he dominated every National League club. This time out the Reds would use the long ball to beat Maddox and his Cubs 3-1.

But I got to see Monday's opener as well and found it rather humorous at all the pregame talk. "Pitch to contact!" I watch as Cory Lidle pitched and the Cubs made contact as the ball sprayed all over the park. Much was made of better defense for Cincinnati. I watched as Juan Castro could not make a play at third base. I watched in anger as Adam Dunn tried to one hand a fly ball in left field that dropped for an error allowing two unearned runs to score. I watched as Ryan Freel could not hit the cut off man as the Cubs scored run number seven and eventually win the game 7-4.

To me, even though the Reds did win Wednesday's night game, it is going to be the same old thing for Cincinnati this season. When I

grew up and played a little baseball the fundamentals of playing the outfield was to catch the ball in the glove and squeeze it with the other hand. In other words, use two hands in catching the ball. Fundamentals of the game is what wins games - even at the major league level.

Lidle and Wilson were impressive in their first starts for the Reds.

Lidle was a victim of the big error by Dunn in the outfield as well as some shaky fielding in the infield as well. So, I think he will help the Reds this season. He will not win 20 games nor will he win 15. Wilson could be an ace for the Reds and could possibly win 15 games. Jimmy Haynes is still a very big question mark and may yet get his release before we make it to the all-star classic in July. Jose Acevedo and Aaron Harang have yet to take the mound but both were impressive in spring training. But that is spring training when you pitch against mostly weaker hitters.

When you look at the Milwaukee Brewers, who for the past five seasons has been the doormat of the National League Central, they improved themselves with some good trades and could not longer be holding up the rest of the division this season.

I don't think the Reds will lose 93 games this season but I don't think they will finish any higher than where they did last season. I look for the Reds and the Pittsburgh Pirates to battle to stay out of the cellar. But baseball is here and I for one am very happy about it.

I expect the Reds will negotiate with former Yankee third baseman Aaron Boone to come back as their third baseman next season. Especially if Brandon Larson does not work out. In fairness to Larson, he was having a good spring until he hurt his toe. Well, we have a long ways to go this summer and I am just going to enjoy it all that I can.

Until Sunday, good sports everyone and be good sports!



Kraig Grayson, right, got help showing his tourney winning catch at Yatesville Lake by KBF representative Donnie Keaton (center).

Wise men's tennis team ends drought with win over Bears

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WISE, Va. - The steak is over.

Going back to last season the UVA-Wise men's tennis team had dropped 16 consecutive contests. On Tuesday, however, the Cavaliers put an end to their losing skid in a big way by crushing non-conference and regional rival Pikeville College 9-0, at the Humphreys Tennis Complex on the UVA-Wise campus.

"It was very exciting for us to get the win," Wise men's and women's tennis coach Danny Rowland said. "The guys have been playing hard all year and have had some tough breaks. They really needed something good to happen for them."

The Cavaliers won all six singles matches in straight sets. UVA-Wise No. 1 David Wallis

splashed Pikeville's Ronnie Howard 6-1, 6-4. Jake Johnston, Steve McCoy, Matt Carter, Mark Meadows and Adam Meadows all earned singles wins.

The Cavaliers, who now are 1-10 overall, won the three doubles matches 8-1, 8-2 and 8-5.

Meanwhile, the Lady Cavaliers increased their winning streak to five matches with a 7-2 victory over Pikeville.

Erin Dorsey, Jessica Bruce, Nicole Pilkenton and Amanda Terry all won their singles matches. The Cavs, now 5-4 overall, also won their three doubles contests.

The men's and women's teams were scheduled to return to the Humphreys Tennis Complex yesterday against non-conference foe Alice Lloyd College.



photos by Jamie Howell

Harold-Allen-Prater Little League will begin play Monday. Players from various divisions were busy Tuesday evening getting in practice time.

Gaughan finds fun at Martinsville test session

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MARTINSVILLE, Va. - Brendan Gaughan's greatest successes have come on superspeedways, but Wednesday afternoon, he was having a pretty good time at Martinsville Speedway.

"I've always had the reputation of hating short tracks and it's not that I didn't like the tracks; I just didn't do well on short tracks," Gaughan said Wednesday during a testing session at Martinsville. "After today, maybe I like Martinsville a lot. We've made a lot of gains here today."

Gaughan and seven other drivers were testing Wednesday in preparation for the April 18th running of the Advance Auto Parts 500 NASCAR Nextel Cup Series race at Martinsville.

Gaughan has three starts at Martinsville in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series, but has never fared especially well. His best finish, a ninth, came in

his first Martinsville start in the spring of 2002. He was 16th last spring and 11th in the fall.

But despite only one top-10 career finish at the historic Virginia track, he was feeling pretty good about the difficult half-mile layout Wednesday afternoon.

"We've made a lot of gains today. We learned a lot about the braking system today," said Gaughan, a Penske Racing teammate to Rusty Wallace and Ryan Newman. Newman also tested at the track Wednesday.

"It was some data from a teammate that really helped me today. Man, I can't say enough about what it means to be a member of this Penske team."

Gaughan has been tutored this season by legendary driver Buddy Baker, and although Baker didn't make the trip Wednesday, he still had an impact.

"I've been telling Buddy the past two weeks how much I didn't like short tracks and he's been growing back at me. He's

been telling me 'I'm gonna make you love Martinsville'."

That certainly seemed to be the case Wednesday.

"You know, I've had the moniker of hating short tracks, but Martinsville is one track that I like in the respect that you have to drive the heck out of it," said Gaughan. "You can't be aero dependent and just let it go at Martinsville. You have to drive the car and drive it hard. It's a unique place."

"And as a fan I just look at Martinsville and everything they've done. I look at the grandstands and the suites and they're always full. What's not to like about the place."

Gaughan was joined by a nearly full garage of competitors Wednesday, the final day of testing before the Advance Auto Parts 500 on April 18. Other Nextel Cup drivers testing were Brian Vickers, Jimmy Spencer, Newman, Ricky Craven, Jeff Green, Johnny Sauter and Ward Burton.

2004 Bracket Season opens with 12 different winners over two days

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. - The 2004 Bristol Dragway bracket season opened over the weekend with plenty of diversity, as there were no repeat winners in any class on Saturday and Sunday.

The Junior Dragster action provided some of the most entertaining moments of the weekend as the Boling siblings of Seymour, Tenn., battled it out in the Division 2 finals on Saturday. In the end, it was Chelsea Boling taking the win over her brother Jacob. Chelsea beat her brother off the line with a .118 reaction time with an elapsed time of 8.991 at an impressive 71.36 mph. Jacob came off the line in .204 with an E.T. of 9.074 at 69.64 mph.

In Junior Dragster Division 2 action on Sunday, Scotty Johnson of Roan Mountain, Tenn., earned his first-ever Bristol bracket win over Christi Johnson of Maryville, Tenn. Scotty had a .133 reaction time with an 11.886 E.T. at 53.93 to oust Christi, who posted a cool .089 green light with an 11.119 E.T. at 56.77 mph.

In other Junior Dragster results, Austin Olinger of Kingsport captured the Division 1 title on Sunday after blasting off the line with a .015 reaction time with a 9.460 E.T. at 70.46 mph. Runner-up honors went to first-time finalist Lacey Durbin of Johnson City. Durbin had a .094 light with a 12.048 elapsed time at 53.87 mph. On Saturday, the Division 1 win went to Avery Denton of Bristol, Va., who knocked off Olinger in the finals. Denton came through with a .124 light with an E.T. of 10.845 at 58.52 mph while Olinger's .066 reaction time with a 9.572 E.T. at 63.56 wasn't enough to snag him another win.

Others winners included

Kenny Jones of Max Meadows, Va., in Pro action. Jones got to the dragway late on Sunday and without benefit of any time trials was able to cruise to his first win, over Mike Briscoe of Bristol, Tenn. Jones and his 1999 Trans-Am cut a .051 light with a 8.928 E.T. at 80.50 mph. Saturday's Pro win went to Scott Vestal of Bristol, Tenn., who bested Stanley Smith of Maynardville, Tenn.

Also notching victories was Brian Farrar of Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Allen Byrd of Kingsport in Super Pro; Tim Smith of Blountville, Tenn., and Jonathan Hutchinson of Bluff City, Tenn., in Sportsman; and Donald Wilson of Elizabethton and Joe Perry of Kingsport in Pro Bike.

On Saturday, Jeff Smith was the Low Qualifier (door) with a 5.269 time and backed that up on Sunday with an ever better

5.341. Saturday's Low Qualifier (open) was Jeremy Honeycutt with a 4.808 while Willie Alexander took that honor on Sunday with a 4.794. On Saturday, Justin Coleman (Super Pro) and Travis Stinson (Pro) had perfect reaction times while Jamie Holston (Pro) and Charlie Cook (Super Pro) had perfect lights. Ken Haga (Super Pro) and Kenny Jones (Pro) had perfect reaction times on Sunday while perfect light honors went to Charlie Pendley (Super Pro) and Kaylee Cox (Junior Dragster).

Bracket racing continues at Bristol Dragway with a Test & Tune session on April 9, from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. The next bracket race will take place on Saturday, April 10. Gates will open at 10:30 a.m.

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Betsy Layne Elementary 'A' squad bests ACMS

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE - The Betsy Layne Elementary volleyball team entertained the Allen Central Middle squad Wednesday night at the Dome. Allen Central defeated Betsy Layne in the B-team match. Allen Central won the first meeting 21-2. The Lady Cat B-team battled back and took the second game 21-5. Allen Central won the final match 15-7.

In the B-team match, Betsy Layne came out on top, beating

Allen Central in straight sets, 21-7, 21-9. The Lady Cat A-team was led by Stacy Lawson, Jordan Jarrell, Mercedes Neeley, Candice Reynolds, Melissa Slone, Corby Hall, LeDeanna Kidd and Amanda Hollyfield. Betsy Layne is now 5-1 on the season.

The Allen Central Middle volleyball team is coached by Larry Maynard, coach of the Allen Central High team.

Betsy Layne was due back in action yesterday evening at home against Adams.

Thirty years ago, the 'Hammer' passed the Babe

by PAUL NEWBERRY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Thirty years later, Hank Aaron is a bit fuzzy on the pitch Al Downing threw that night in Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium.

"Downing was more of a finesse pitcher," Aaron said. "I guess he was trying to throw me a screwball or something. Whatever it was, I got enough of it."

As the ball sailed over the left-field fence, the Hammer trotted into history, having passed the Babe as the greatest home-run hit-

ter. No. 715. It's a figure that still resonates as one of sport's magical milestones. Aaron would go on to hit 40 more homers before he retired in 1976.

While 755 is the target that Barry Bonds chases, it was 715 —

struck against Downing and the Los Angeles Dodgers on April 8, 1974 — that stands as the seminal moment for Aaron.

Babe Ruth's 714 became a relic of history, cast aside by a quiet, black man from Mobile, Ala., who endured death threats during his quest.

Aaron spent most of his 23-year career with the Braves, first in Milwaukee, then in Atlanta. The team will honor the 30th anniversary Thursday night before its game against the New York Mets.

"Oh, it really doesn't seem like it's been 30 years," Aaron said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Time really creeps away from you, doesn't it?"

He's 70 now, a landmark reached a couple of months ago, accompanied by reminders of his advancing years. Four of his seven siblings have died. Another is crippled by a stroke. Aaron had to give up tennis because of creaky knees.

But he still leaves the house

almost every day at 5:30 a.m., heading to Turner Field for an hourlong workout. He enjoys a round of golf (as long as the cart is included). He looks fit and happy, a successful businessman who owns a car dealership and 17 Krispy Kreme doughnut shops.

"That's why I work out every day," he joked. Aaron doesn't spend much time watching baseball on TV — "I don't need some announcer to tell me if it's a fastball or a curveball" — but he enjoys getting out to the ballpark.

He went to see Pedro Martinez pitch. Ditto for Randy Johnson.

While Aaron played on just one team that won a World Series, the 1957 Milwaukee Braves, his only regret is failing to capture the Triple Crown.

"Other than that," he said, "everything else was completed."

Aaron's role with the Braves — senior vice president and assistant to the president — is largely ceremonial, but that hasn't stopped him from speaking out on some of the game's most pressing issues.

He's against putting Pete Rose in the Hall of Fame. He wants baseball to adopt a tougher drug-testing policy. He called for more blacks in upper management. He doesn't believe the New York Yankees are assured of a championship just because they spend more.

"I don't think it's good for the game, but I also don't think it guarantees a winner, either," Aaron said. "All those guys they got are used to being the star on their ballclub. They're used to hitting home runs and seeing their name in lights."

When it comes to steroids, Aaron would rather speak in generalities than focus on anyone — especially Bonds, who begins the season with 658 homers.

"I'll just say collectively that all this talk about steroids in baseball is bad," Aaron said. "I wouldn't want anyone setting records if

they're on steroids. But none of these guys is accused of anything. It's just being talked about."

Aaron is dismissive of the current testing system, which allows for a one-year suspension only after the fifth positive test for a banned performance-enhancing drug.

"It's got to be much more serious than what we have now," Aaron said. And what does he remember about 715? Mostly, those who watched him break Ruth's record.

Jimmy Carter, then two years away from being elected president, was there on that cool night in Atlanta. So was Maynard Jackson, the city's first black mayor. And don't forget Sammy Davis Jr.

"Those were the giants in our time," Aaron said. "I was out there playing this little bitty baseball game ... and these guys were coming to watch me play. I guess it must have been a pretty big deal."

Aaron also remembers who wasn't there: then-baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn, who had forced Aaron to play in a season-opening series at Cincinnati, jeopardizing his chances to break the record in Atlanta.

Dusty Baker watched the homer from the on-deck circle, shooting a fist in the air when the ball left the bat. As Aaron rounded second, two young fans sprinted in from right field, startling No. 44 when they patted him on the back before racing back to the stands in left.

"I guess that will always be a part of me running around the bases," Aaron said. "I never had anyone run with me before. They were just kids having a good time."

A teammate then, Baker now manages the Chicago Cubs. The passage of 30 years hasn't lessened his admiration of Aaron's accomplishment.

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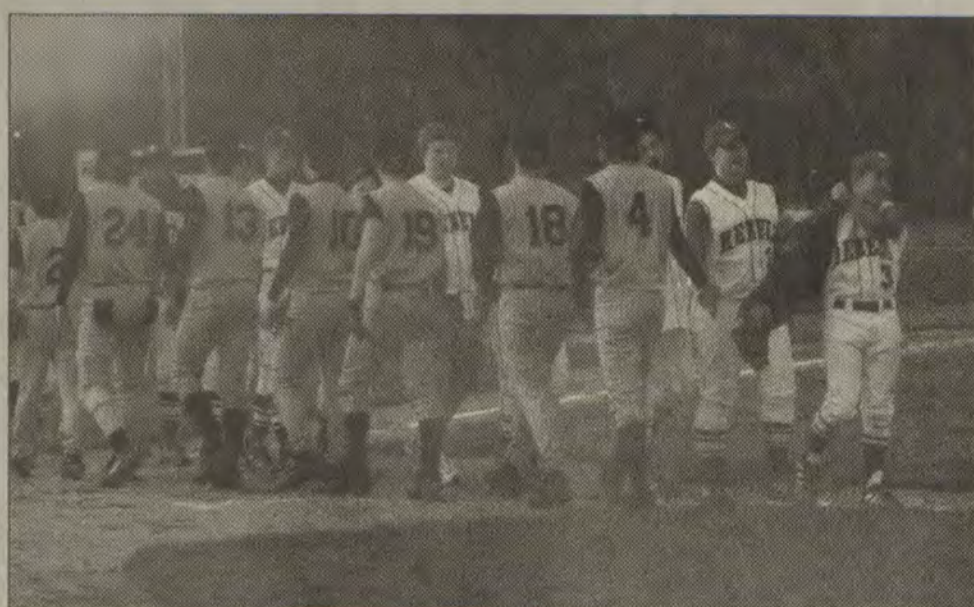


photo by Jamie Howell

Allen Central lost to Johnson Central in a game played Tuesday evening. It was Allen Central's second loss to Johnson Central this season.

State high school fast-pitch softball poll

1. Owensboro Catholic (13)
2. North Laurel
3. Mercy
4. Middlesboro
5. Grayson County (1)
6. Ballard
7. Christian County
8. Greenwood
9. Elizabethtown
10. Allen County-Scottsville
11. Hopkins County Central
12. Reidland
13. Madison Central
14. Boone County
15. Eastern
16. Dixie Heights
17. North Hardin
18. Central Hardin
19. Lafayette
20. South Laurel
21. Meade County
22. Sacred Heart
23. Tates Creek
24. Manual
25. Presentation

Others receiving votes: Russell 23, Dunbar 21, Daviess County 15, Montgomery Co. 13, Butler 12, Henderson Co. 12, Calloway Co. 12, Hazard 12, Franklin Co. 10, Western Hills 9, Lexington Catholic 5, Hopkinsville 5, Conner 4, St. Mary 4, Murray 4, Assumption, Clark County, Bishop Brossart, Lone Oak, LaRue County, Breathitt County, Pulaski County, Estill County, Greenup County 1

Gordon to bring back rainbow for All-Star race

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CONCORD, N.C. — One of the most famous and photographed race cars of all time, Jeff Gordon's No. 24 DuPont Automotive Finishes "Rainbow Car," will be in competition once again for the NASCAR Nextel All-Star Challenge on May 22.

As a little-known driver in the NASCAR ranks at the time, Gordon took the sport by storm as he went outside tradition to achieve huge success both on and off the track, making the Rainbow Car one of the most recognizable symbols for NASCAR racing in the 1990s.

With the colorful paint scheme, Gordon won 52 races, 33 poles, three championships, The Winston Million and tied or broke numerous records starting with his rookie-of-the-year season in 1993 through the 2000 millennium season. Having contributed greatly to the success of the organization, the rainbow car will also commemorate Hendrick Motorsports' 20th Anniversary in NASCAR.

The Rainbow Car came to being as a result of renowned motorsports artist Sam Bass's

challenge to design a car back in 1992 that would reflect DuPont's paint business sponsorship of the rookie driver. It was the rainbow concept of showcasing many brilliant colors that sealed the deal and the rest, as they say, is history.

Now with DuPont's introduction of its "Hot Hues" line of custom finishes, the Rainbow Car will be back on track, appropriately, at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord where Gordon won his first Cup-Series race 10 years ago from the pole position.

It was his first career pole in 1993 at Lowe's that created the momentum that led to a hot streak for Gordon at the 1.5-mile quad-oval. He went on to achieve five consecutive poles for the 600-mile event, three of which he translated into wins between 1994 and 1998. In that period of time, the Rainbow Car was the car to beat in NASCAR's longest race.

Gordon has also found his share of success in the All-Star event, having been victorious three times, once in the Rainbow Car. Overall, Gordon has four wins, seven poles, 12 top-five and 14 top-10 finishes in 22 starts at Lowe's.

"I've got so many amazing memories with that Rainbow Car," said Gordon. "For a few years there, we were pulling that thing into Victory Lane for nearly a third of the races. It's really something to think back and reflect on."

"We're very excited to bring it back for the All-Star event. Hopefully, it will bring us some luck. Our first win in the All-Star race was in the Rainbow Car. Maybe it will be like starting all over again, although I wouldn't go back and change a thing about my career."

Baffert, Zito look to Wood for Derby help

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
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NEW YORK — Bob Baffert and Nick Zito can never have enough Kentucky Derby contenders.

Each trainer already has a pair of 3-year-olds headed to Churchill Downs on May 1, but those numbers could increase after Saturday's Wood Memorial at Aqueduct.

Baffert plans to run the seasoned Consecrate, and Zito is going with lightly raced Royal Assault in the 1 1/8-mile Wood, one of three major Derby prep races Saturday.

Baffert, a three-time Derby winner, is Louisville-bound with Wimbledon and Preachinathebar, who will run in Saturday's Blue Grass at Keeneland. Zito, a two-time Derby winner, saddles Birdstone and The Cliff's Edge in the \$750,000 Blue Grass.

Two other trainers hope to come out of the \$750,000 Wood with an additional Derby starter. Todd Pletcher has a horse in each of Saturday's preps — Value Plus in the Wood, Limehouse in the Blue Grass and Purge in the Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park. Rick Violette Jr., set for his first Derby with Fountain of Youth winner Read the Footnotes, is counting on a solid Wood from Swingforthe fences to improve his chances on the first Saturday in May.

The Wood is likely to draw a field of 12 on Thursday.

Baffert decided to send Consecrate to the Wood because owner Jim McIngvale is "willing to take a chance" with his colt. Consecrate, a son of 1997 Derby and Preakness winner Silver Charm, has lost his last seven races, but was second in the WinStar Derby and third in the San Rafael in his last two starts.

McIngvale also owns Wimbledon, the Louisiana Derby winner who finished fifth in last week's Santa Anita Derby.

"The owner thinks he has a chance, so we're going to give it a try," Baffert said.

Royal Assault broke his maiden in his first start, then finished third to Value Plus in an allowance and was second behind Suave in a 1 1/8th-mile allowance at Gulfstream Park last month.

"This horse lost to Value Plus, but that was at seven-eighths (of a mile). It's a whole new ballgame now," Zito said. "We got started late with this horse, mainly because of maturity. But this horse has developed by leaps and bounds."

"The Wood Memorial is a tough race, as always, but it

will give us a chance to see where we're at with this horse."

Last week, Zito's Eurosilver was taken off the Derby trail with a gland infection.

Pletcher and Violette are looking for their first Derby victories. Pletcher has had a few chances, while Violette is set for his first Derby try.

Value Plus may be Pletcher's best chance. The son of Unbridled's Song was a solid second to Friends Lake in the Florida Derby in his second start of the year.

"I thought his race in the Florida Derby was very solid," Pletcher said. "It was only his second start of the year and first going nine furlongs and the track was like a desert. We're encouraged by that, but now he's got to go out and prove it." Swingforthe fences displayed his Derby potential with a strong allowance win at Gulfstream on Feb. 14. The colt was third behind Limehouse in the Tampa Bay Derby in his last start.

"The horse has won a mile-and-an-eighth and not a lot of them have," Violette said. "Then, I thought his race at Tampa was very good. Unlike his normal self, he got all worked up in the paddock. He overcame a lot and ran a winning race — he just didn't win."

Other expected Wood starters include Eddington, Master David, Sinister G, Tapit and Bride's Best Boy, a stablemate of last year's Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Funny Cide.

Lion Heart, undefeated as a 2-year-old and second by a neck to Imperialism in the San Rafael, is the 5-2 morning-line favorite for the 1 1/8-mile Blue Grass, which drew a field of nine. The Cliff's Edge and San Felipe winner Preachinathebar are the 4-1 co-second choices. Also in the field is Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Action This Day.

Smarty Jones, winner of the Rebel and undefeated in all five of his starts, is the 7-5 morning-line favorite for the \$1 million Arkansas Derby, which drew a field of 11. Among the colt's challengers are Rebel runner-up Purge, Louisiana Derby runner-up Borrego and Turf Paradise winner Mambo Train.

Season

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2004

SUPER PRO

Driver, Hometown	Car	RE	DI	E.T.	MPH
W — Brian Farrar (Oak Ridge, Tenn.)	57 Bel-Air	.313	5.34	5.346	129.85
R — Don Brandon (Johnson City, Tenn.)	93 S-10	N/A	foul		

SPORTSMAN

W — Tim Smith (Blountville, Tenn.)	77 Fury	.080	13.39	13.519	99.17
R — Mike Parker (Bristol, Tenn.)	94 Firebird	.050	13.96	13.950	102.14

SPORTSMAN

W — Scott Vestal (Bristol, Tenn.)	89 Mustang	.032	7.61	7.641	93.13
R — Stanley Smith (Maynardville, Tenn.)	55 Chevy	foul			

PRO BIKE

W — Joe Perry (Kingsport, Tenn.)	00 Buell	.104	10.50	10.624	64.88
R — Mike Gill (Elizabethton, Tenn.)	92 Suzuki	foul			

JUNIOR DRAGSTER DIV. 2

W — Chelsea Boling (Seymour, Tenn.)	02 Boling	.118	8.95	8.991	71.36
R — Jacob Boling (Seymour, Tenn.)	02 Boling	.204	9.07	9.074	69.64

JUNIOR DRAGSTER DIV. 1

W — Austin Olinger (Kingsport, Tenn.)	01 Mike Bos Jr.	.015	9.38	9.460	70.46
R — Lacey Durbin (Johnson City, Tenn.)	Jr.	.094	12.12	12.048	53.87

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2004

SUPER PRO

W — Allen Byrd (Kingsport, Tenn.)	04 RaceTech	.016	4.98	5.008	136.25
R — Barry Brown (Blountville, Tenn.)	65 Mustang	.031	6.85	6.846	93.18

PRO

W — Kenny Jones (Max Meadows, Va.)	99 Trans-Am	.051	8.91	8.928	80.50
R — Mike Briscoe (Bristol, Tenn.)	64 Belvedere	.051	8.23	8.260	81.15

PRO BIKE

W — Donald Wilson (Elizabethton, Tenn.)	87 Harley	.389	9.00	8.90	84.71
R — Joe Perry (Kingsport, Tenn.)	00 Buell	foul			

SPORTSMAN

W — Jonathan Hutchinson (Bluff City, Tenn.)	65 Mustang	.062	12.73	12.804	103.99
R — Tim Vinson (Dante, Va.)	81 Mustang	.102	12.55	12.520	101.51

JUNIOR DRAGSTER DIVISION 2

W — Scotty Johnson (Roan Mountain, Tenn.)	Jr.	.133	11.84	11.886	53.93
R — Christi Johnson (Maryville, Tenn.)	02 Boling	.089	10.95	11.119	56.77

JUNIOR DRAGSTER DIVISION 1

W — Avery Denton (Bristol, Tenn.)	03 Jr.	.124	10.96	10.845	58.52
R — Austin Olinger (Kingsport, Tenn.)	01 Mike Bos	.066	9.80	9.572	63.56

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Babe

"That wasn't in the day of modern medicine," Baker said. "If you hurt your knee or your shoulder, you were almost done. That's what is so amazing to me, the fact that he averaged so many games. He averaged 150 games a year for 20 years."

Aaron never hit more than 47 homers, but he reached 20 for 20 consecutive seasons. He won a batting title and averaged just 63 strikeouts a year. He led the National League in homers and RBIs four times each.

For good measure, Aaron won

three Gold Gloves in the outfield and averaged more than 20 steals during a nine-year stretch.

Aaron didn't put up his numbers in an era of gaudy offense and watered-down pitching. He faced Sandy Koufax and Don Drysdale, Juan Marichal and Tom Seaver, Bob Gibson and Steve Carlton.

As Aaron closed in on Ruth's record, there were plenty of people who didn't want to see a black man surpass a towering figure such as Ruth, who happened to be white. They expressed their senti-

ment with thousands of hateful letters, which Aaron has kept to this day.

"They exist," he said rather cryptically. "Now, if someone wrote a letter saying he didn't want me to break the record, that's not the issue. We all have people we admire. I'm sure if someone comes along and breaks my record, people will be saying this and that. That's normal. But I guess I was a little bit taken aback because of the way most of the letters were attacking me."

If someone breaks Aaron's record, he plans to be there to shake their hand.

"It wouldn't matter to me one bit," he said. "The athletes today, most of them, are much more superior collectively to when I was playing. They're bigger. They're stronger. They're healthier."

Not that Aaron wouldn't have been a success in any era.

"I may not have hit 70 homers in a season," he said, "but I would have been up there."

NHRA

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open on Friday and Saturday at 7 a.m. and at 9 a.m. on Sunday.

Ticket prices are as follows: Friday (Sections A-D) \$20 Adult, \$5 Junior, (Sections E-S) \$25 Adult, \$5 Junior; Saturday (Sections A-D) \$35 Adults, \$15 Junior, (Sections E-S) \$45 Adult, \$25 Junior; Sunday (Sections A-D) \$40 Adult, \$15 Junior, (Sections E-S) \$50 Adult, \$25 Junior. Weekend combos (Sections A-D) are \$75 for Adults, \$30 Junior, (Section E-S) are \$95 for Adults, \$50 Junior.

For tickets, please call 423/764-1161 or go to bristol-tix.com.

Signing: East Ridge's Ratliff joins sis at Pikeville College

TIMES STAFF REPORT

There will be very few surprises in store for the newest Pikeville College softball signee when she begins school next fall.

Melinda Ratliff, a senior catcher at East Ridge High School, was added to the 2005 roster this afternoon when she signed a scholarship agreement with the school. Ratliff will join her sister Sara in the Lady Bears fold this autumn.

"I'm very happy to get a quality player like Melinda," said Coach Robert Staggs, head coach of the Pikeville College softball team. "Obviously Sara has worked out very well for us and we think Melinda can be a very good player for us as well. We're excited about adding her to the family."

Melinda Ratliff has just begun her senior year at East Ridge, but has already started for four seasons in high school. She was the starting catcher at Elkhorn City for three years, including her eighth-grade season, before the school was consolidated into East Ridge.

In her four seasons, she has a career batting average of .325, and 34 of her 117 hits have gone for extra bases — 22 doubles, 10 triples and two home runs. She has scored 138 runs while driving in 91 and has stolen 96 bases.

"Those are solid stats right there, and she's done this in two winning programs," said Staggs, noting she has a regional title under her belt in Elkhorn City's final year. "I

think a big part of building a winner begins with mentality, and she certainly brings that with her."

Ratliff is the third player to sign to play at Pikeville next season. She joins Pikeville's Kalaiah Evans and Anna Bevins of Belfry in the incom-

ing freshman class.

Ratliff will join her sister Sara at Pikeville for her senior season. Sara is among the leaders in the Mid-South Conference in batting average, hits, runs, triples and homers, and leads the league in doubles.

Duo

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College." Lykens and Witt have many individual and team accolades behind them.

"Whitney and Tabetha had great careers here at Betsy Layne," said Betsy Layne head coach Cassandra Akers. "Whitney scoring over 2,000 points speaks for itself. She started five seasons for us. Tabetha did all the little things that made our team win. She did not receive much credit for it, but without a doubt, without her, all things this

team accomplished in the past three years would not have happened. She is a true team player and leader in every way. We're real proud of both of them."

Lykens finished her high school basketball career with 2,028 points, 798 rebounds and 506 assists.

Each player has also kept up in the classroom.

Both Lykens and Witt list going into a medical field as future plans. Witt has a GPA of 3.9. Lykens has a GPA of 3.8.

Mullins ending prep hoops career with all-star game

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — It didn't take Terri Mullins long to make a mark in the Allen Central High girls' basketball program. Mullins, who in her time at Allen Central High has played volleyball, softball and basketball, became a starter for the Lady Rebel basketball team as a freshman. She played three seasons for Cindy Halbert and spent this past season, her senior campaign, under the watchful eye of first-year head coach Mark Martin. Mullins has received an invitation to play in this year's Gatorade All-Star event in Hazard.

"Terri receiving the invitation to play in the Gatorade All-Star event was exciting news," said Martin. "Game Director Ira D. Combs has put together what seems to be a very talented and athletic group of seniors to play on April 10 in Hazard. The competition will be strong, yet, I feel Terri will hold her own."

According to the Allen Central head coach, seeing Mullins play at the next level

isn't out of the question.

"Terri wants to continue playing sports in college and this game is going to give her an opportunity to help make that a possibility," Martin added. "She has been a very big part of the girls' basketball program over the past four years here at Allen Central and everyone involved is proud of her."

If she played at the next level, Mullins would be a point guard.

"Without a doubt, she could make someone a very good point guard," Martin said. "Terri knows the game of basketball well, and her mentality is one of her stronger points. She had a solid season this past season, and I'm very proud of her. This invitation is just a reflection of her hard work and the time that she has put in."

Mullins finished her hoops career at Allen Central with an average of 10 points and five assists per game. In her prep career, she scored over 900 points.

Reds 5, Cubs 3

by JOE KAY
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CINCINNATI — Not even Sammy Sosa's first homer could prevent the Cubs from losing again.

Sean Casey had three hits, including a bases-loaded double that drove in two, and overlooked Jose Acevedo pitched six solid innings Thursday, leading the Cincinnati Reds to a 5-3 victory that represented an about-face for both teams.

By taking two of three, the Reds moved above .500 for the first time since June 19. They opened their new ballpark last year by getting swept in a three-

game series against Pittsburgh.

The Cubs dropped below the break-even mark for the first time since last July, when they were a season-low one game under three times. They got on a roll and won their first division title in 14 years.

The opening series showed they've got some work to do.

Matt Clement (0-1) had a familiar bout of control problems, allowing the Reds to pull ahead 4-0 after three innings. The streaky right-hander needed 29 pitches in the first inning alone, when Casey doubled home two runs.

Clement tied for the NL lead in wild pitches last season with 13. He had one in his 2004 debut and also walked three and hit a batter. Catcher Michael Barrett wasn't much help — his passed ball let in a run.

Acevedo (1-0) won only two games in the majors last season and was such an afterthought that he's featured in the 2004 media guide for Triple-A Louisville. He won a spot in the rotation this spring by avoiding walks and emotional meltdowns after mistakes.

The right-hander gave up five hits — all for extra bases — and didn't walk a batter in six innings, throwing 61 strikes in 81 pitches.

Sosa had two of the hits, emerging from an 0-for-9 slump to open the season. He doubled home a run in the fourth and hit a two-run homer in the sixth, a shot that landed only a few rows into the seats in left. Sosa was so uncertain it would get out that he didn't do his home-run hop.

Sosa had another double in the eighth off Todd Jones.

The Reds won the last two games of the series by getting solid starts from Paul Wilson and Acevedo. Danny Graves saved both games, this time by working a scoreless ninth.

The NL Central rivals entered the series with opposite expectations.

The Reds slashed \$14 million off their payroll from a year ago, leaving them at \$43 million. That's roughly \$2 million less than their payroll for the final season at Cinergy Field.

Reds fans are just hoping for respectability.

By contrast, the Cubs have upgraded their roster and set their sights on another break-

through — their first back-to-back winning seasons since 1971-72. They're starting out on the wrong side of .500.

More often than not Thursday, they were vintage Cubs.

Corey Patterson misjudged Adam Dunn's liner to center and let it drop in front of him for a single. Kent Mercker loaded the bases in the fifth and walked D'Angelo Jimenez on four pitches to force in a run.

Sosa provided most of their offense, emphatically ending his two-game slump. His homer left him one behind Ernie Banks' 512 for the franchise record. He

has 540 overall, 10th on the career list behind Mike Schmidt at 548.

Ken Griffey Jr. had a pair of singles for the Reds, leaving him 3-for-8 with a homer in two games. He had to sit out the opener with a sore calf and ran the bases slowly as a precaution.

Notes: Cubs 2B Mark Grudzielanek had a pinch single. He went 6-for-10 in the series. ... The Reds opened last season with a 2-4 homestand and were never more than two games over .500 last season. ... Five youths in the upper deck held up a banner that read, "Skipped skool to see Jr.'s MVP run."



Warrior midfielder Joshua Holbrook raced the Johnson County forward to the ball cleared by defender Christian Smith (not pictured) in soccer action Saturday. The spring soccer season continues with games on tap for the upcoming weekend.

EAST KENTUCKY YOUTH SOCCER

In a youth soccer game held Saturday, forward Luke Greene of the Warriors showed off his ballhandling abilities against the Johnson County defense.



photo by Jamie Howell

Betsy Layne Coach Harold Tackett talked with players during Tuesday's game against Paintsville. The Lady Cats scored the win, outlasting the visiting Lady Tigers.

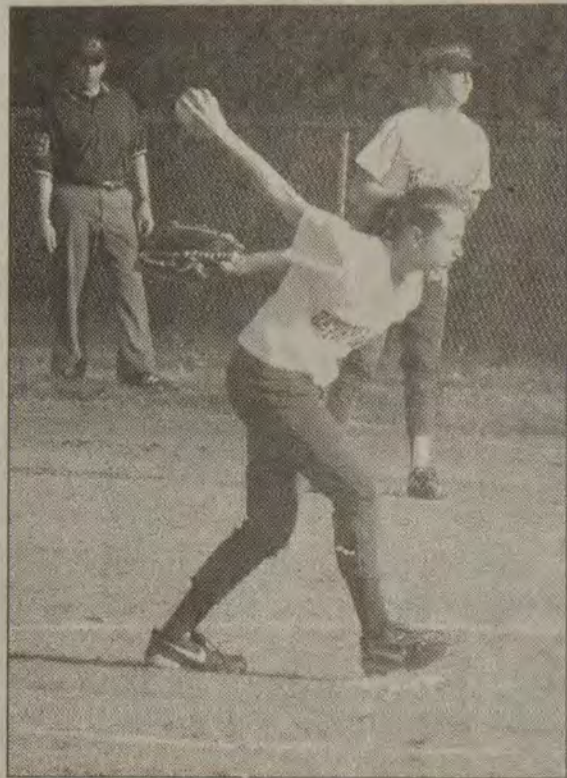


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Junior hurler Kristen Smith helped host Betsy Layne to a win over Paintsville. Pictured behind Smith is Betsy Layne junior first baseman Kristal Daniels.

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THROUGH MY EYES

Too 'early' for Easter

Just paused to powder my nose and a quick glance into my compact's mirror revealed an awfully red and tired-looking set of baby blues staring back at me. And it's no wonder, for once again, I've been cheated out of yet another precious hour of a commodity

that is all too rare and hard to come by for most of us these days - sleep.

I don't care how much some of you want to encourage and boost my spirits by

telling me that this time change is great because, hey, we get an extra hour of daytime in the evening. So what? My tired old body needs that extra hour of rest a whole heck of a lot more than it needs an extra hour of daylight which, in my opinion, only creates another hour of work.

According to a 2004 Daylight Saving Time Survey commissioned by Maxwell House Coffee Company, 91 percent of all

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Kathy Prater
 Lifestyles editor

POSTSCRIPT

Holding the glass

I don't know about you, but I've always been one of those people who tries to take on all the responsibility, all the weight for way too many things. A good friend recently passed on an

email message that made me sit and think awhile. I hope it affects you the same way and that you enjoy the words of wisdom that follow.

A lecturer was giving a lecture to his student on stress management. He raised a glass of water and asked the audience, "How heavy do you think this glass of water is?"

The students' answers ranged from 20g to 500gm.

The lecturer responded, "It

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Pam Shingler
 contributing writer

Co-op News: Feeding Horses

by Ray Tackett

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT FOR AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Do you know children who squabble over food at home, perhaps to get the largest piece of pie? Horses bicker

over food in the pasture as well.

Herds have a definite pecking order. This hierarchy ranges from the most dominate horse to the most shy or timid one. As a horse owner, observe each animal to determine which one is the dominant horse and

which one might be on the bottom of the pecking order so you can provide the opportunity for every horse to eat its grain ration.

When feeding horses on pasture, avoid putting grain directly on the ground, because you will lose feed,

and horses might get colic from ingesting sand.

One problem with using a feed trough is that dominant horses can take

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"Miss Kim" May Valley Elementary Head Start class were happy to receive their books from Joyce Mitchell, second from right, and Sr. Kathleen Weigand, far right. "Miss Kim" is shown standing at left.

David Homemakers promote child literacy

The Homemakers' Clubs of Kentucky were challenged in 2003-2004 to help promote literacy in children ages 0-5. The David Homemakers' Club of Floyd County accepted that challenge and purchased 60 individual books as well as additional classroom materials for the two Head Start classes at May Valley Elementary School, in Martin, and the Head Start class at Clark Elementary School, in Prestonsburg.

Each student in these classes received a book of their own to take home. The David Homemakers have committed to continue donating books and classroom materials to these schools and have plans to read to preschool children throughout Floyd County.

Shown are photos of the Head Start students receiving their books from David Homemakers' Club representatives, Sr. Kathleen Weigand and Joyce Mitchell. The books were presented to the children this past March.

Anyone interested in joining Extension Homemakers Clubs in Floyd County may call 886-2668 for more information.



"Miss Susan" and her helpers enjoyed the smiles on their student's faces when Sr. Kathleen Weigand and Joyce Mitchell, of the David Homemakers' Club presented take-home books to the children enrolled in the Clark Elementary Head Start class.



"Miss Jamie," seated, far left, was thrilled to receive children's books from the David Homemakers' Club for her Head Start students at May Valley Elementary. Sr. Kathleen Weigand and Joyce Mitchell, club representatives, are standing at rear.

Hillfolk Arts Guild offers scholarship

The Hillfolk Arts Guild is offering a scholarship to region-wide high school seniors in the arts (any discipline - visual, music, drama, dance and writing) who are college-bound to a program in the arts. Deadline for submitting materials to be considered for the scholarship is Wednesday, April 28. Student work samples and application materials must be brought to the Kentucky Appalachian Artisan Center on Main Street in Hindman, KY. There is a requirement that the student be recommended by a Hillfolk member for the scholarship. Students may contact the following members: Ms. Martha Risner (606) 297-7686 or Carolyn Gibson (606) 785-3166 or attend the April 22 meeting of the Guild at the Artisan Center in Hindman between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m.

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, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or you may e-mail to: features@floydcountytimes.com. You may also send questions only to Dr. Carol at: 1768 KY Rt. 7, Estill, KY 41666, or e-mail to: carolbac@tusa.net. We'll be waiting to hear from you!

PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH

Things to ponder: Criticizing kids

Childhood experiences is a frequent topic around here, such as how family members got along over the years, what was the greatest fun activity, and where did most of the stress come from. So often, adults still refer to how their parents talked to them when they were growing up, especially when they felt that they were painfully criticized more by parents than they were praised. One middle-aged man repeatedly told how he felt that he could not satisfy his mother, no matter

what he did. He recalled always feeling frustrated, ashamed, and/or belittled, by her comments. He felt that as a young boy he could just not make the right choice, as far as she was concerned. He also felt that his mother's negative attitude toward him never stopped impacting upon him over the years. In fact, the man described hearing her voice in his head yet today, about how he "did that wrong," and "did not fix it right." It was very difficult for the man to be able to accept that

he did not need to keep his mother's "tape" playing, as he had done in the past. He worked hard to learn to make his own decisions about what he wanted and to gain an adequate level of self-confidence.

Do you really hear what you say to a child - your tone of voice, the loudness of your voice, and the words you use? Would the stranger down the road think you sound mean and nasty or do you sound understanding and fair? Or do you explain to your child how to improve

without getting him on the defensive or angry? Do you criticize your child in a constructive manner? Needless to say, not every moment and interaction with your child is going to be filled with sunshine and roses. As they say, "there needs to be some rain for new growth." It's just that no one needs long lasting pain related to learning to survive. Besides the fact that every child learns by doing, they also learn by honest feedback, so behaviors

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Mable Rowe Lineberger,
 Ph.D.

School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Apr. 17 - Community Baby Shower, Mt. Arts Center, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. FREE to all Floyd County expectant parents or parents with children up to 1 year of age. Mini-workshops, exhibits, door prizes, goody bags, refreshments. Sponsored by various community agencies.

■ Apr. 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day" at Mt. Arts Center. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., program begins at 9 a.m. FREE to all Floyd County parents. Information, fun, door prizes, refreshments. Sponsored by Floyd County Family Resource and Youth Services Centers.

**Recreation Room now open for students after school. Anyone who has items to donate to the rec room, please call the center.

■ The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year to assist

students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center at 886-9812 for more information on any of the above activities, or to request assistance with a family need. Center is open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to all students regardless of income.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

■ ACMS Youth Service Center distributes school activity calendars on the first school day of each month to all students. Parents should be advised to watch for these informative materials as a means to staying informed on school happenings.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later

by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

■ The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

■ Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

BETSY LAYNE HIGH SCHOOL

■ Apr. 9 - Special-called SBDM Council meeting, 3:30 p.m.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

■ Thru April 16 - FRC Fundraiser (Buy one-Get one FREE food cards).

■ Apr. 9, 15, & 29 - Health Dept. nurse in center.

■ Apr. 14 & 21 - Blue Ribbon activity (K-3).

■ Apr. 15 - SBDM Council meeting, 6 p.m., in school library. All welcome.

■ Apr. 17 - Fun Fair for New & Expectant Parents - Mt. Arts Center.

■ Apr. 19 -23 - Volunteer Appreciation Week and Blue Ribbon Month Observance (wear your blue ribbons all week).

■ Apr. 22 - Kindergarten transition meeting for parents.

■ Apr. 23 - Wear Blue Day.

■ Apr. 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day" for parents - Mt. Arts Center.

**Each Wednesday, 3:15 p.m., "Fit Club" for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

■ We are currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for 5th grade students. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These services are available to anyone in the community.

■ The FCHD nurse is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; Kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Please call or stop by to see us in our new location. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Headstart physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

■ Lending library available to parents for check out of videos of their interest.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ GED classes held in the library on Monday and Wednesday of each week, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Parent Support Group Calendar:

■ April 15 - No meeting. All parents invited to attend "Give Yourself a Break Day" at the Mt. Arts Center.

■ May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity. ■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

*Character Education words for the month of April - Caring & Helpfulness.

PES wants to THANK everyone for helping us reach our goal of \$400,000 in Food City receipts!!

■ April 9 - FRC Summer Camp registration. Summer Child Care Camp will be held June 21-July 16. Total fee is \$190. A \$95 (non-refundable) deposit is required on the day of registration.

■ April 13 - "Connecting with Kids" will be shown on WYMT-TV. Topic: "Silent Epidemic."

■ April 17 - "Fun Fair for Expectant and New Parents," 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. For additional info., call the FRC at 886-

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Eyes

Americans report feeling "cheated, tired and disoriented because of the lost hour of sleep" that cheerily "springing forward" creates each spring-time.

So, if 91 percent of us feel this way, how come so many of the people I ask say that it doesn't really bother them? Either I repeatedly ask those of the 9 percent minority or else most folks just have more than a little trouble being honest about their true feelings on the subject. Come on, people, fess up! We won't think any less of ya - as a matter of fact, we'll really only love ya that much more.

I don't know about you, but these tired eyes are looking forward to getting home and just "falling back" on the living room sofa for awhile - no matter how much darn daylight is left out there in the front yard.

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Dr. Carol's column on resisting purchasing baby rabbits and

chicks for Easter fun brought along a flood of memories for me. Like the good doctor, I, too, agree that impulsively purchasing baby animals for Easter without pausing to think beyond the cheery holiday afternoon is not a good thing. Living animals, especially baby ones, require loads of time, attention and care. You can't just plop a bunny or a chick or a little fuzzy duck into a basket and think that it can live a happy life just wandering around the house or the backyard.

Although I have happy memories of receiving baby bunnies and chicks for Easter, I can also remember that my parents were very quick to caution me about handling the tiny critters too much and about being very careful to not squeeze or hurt them in any way.

In addition, my dad actually had a chicken house and two large rabbit pens in the backyard, so my Easter babies actually had real homes to move into

once the day of fun was over and we all went back to school and work.

I still had the responsibility of making sure the rabbits were fed each day after school and checking to make sure that all the animals had clean water (my dad got up much earlier than I did and so fed the chickens bright and early). It was a fun learning experience and, I'm sure, can still be so for anyone who still wants to purchase an Easter bunny or chick for their little one. Just be aware that once the holiday is over, the bunnies, chicks and ducks deserve the same love and attention they got the day they were purchased, and if that sounds like a little more work than you're cut out for, then stick to the stuffed variety. Kids like those an awful lot, too.

'Til next week, enjoy your Easter holiday and remember to be kind to animals and to one another, as well.

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Ponder

and decisions might be shaped appropriately for the "next time." Although most parents learned how to parent from their own parents, it is necessary to break the chain of improper feedback.

Seven quick steps have been suggested for when you need to criticize your child and for the situation to not end up in conflict and (emotional) injury. Step one: Explain what you view to be the problem, without attacking the child, judging him or moralizing, and avoiding comments similar to, "Of all people, I didn't expect you to do such a dumb thing!" The laying on of a heavy "verbal" hand will usually end up with turning off of the child. The goal is for resolution and not battle. Step two: Give feedback that is as exact and concrete as possible. A negative example might be, "You do things wrong, ALL the time!" Generalities are not going to provide clear directions as to how to solve the difficulty and they often lead to a personality issue or power struggle between the parent and child. Or worse yet, the child ends up feeling that he is not capable of doing ANYTHING right.

Other parts of "acceptable" criticism have to do with being sensitive to ways to communi-

cate effectively. Step three: Talk with your child when he is most apt to hear it, such as being aware of when he is less irritable or watching a favorite TV program. There is no such thing as an ideal time, but usually it is thought best to not wait hours or days. The rule of thumb is to give feedback as close to the negative event as possible, especially after emotions have calmed down, if there has been an uproar. Step four: Follow up after giving feedback, by asking if your child understood what you said. It's a good idea to have him repeat what you said and this will show if he was right on or way off base. This will also give you a chance to correct what might have sincerely been misperceived. Try not to react, if he did misunderstand.

Step five: Give feedback in small doses. Try hard not to load all of your feelings and frustrations on to the moment. Comments such as, "Every time I try to tell you something to help you, you end up yelling, screaming, and crying. Just look at you!" typically do not support the cause of you helping your child to learn to make different or better choices. No matter what age a person is, it is very difficult to take in new information or a differing viewpoint when feeling distressed. Too much information or

details are likely to overwhelm him and decrease the likelihood of cooperation.

Step six: Make "I" statements at the start of each criticism. Instead of saying, "You were late again. You just seem unable to tell time," try "I was very concerned and upset that you did not come home as you were asked." Most likely, there will be less of a defensive response from the second comment than the first. Step seven: If you really try hard to follow these suggested ways of more appropriate criticizing and your child still feels that you are being mean, cruel, or unreasonable, arrange for a neutral person to give you and the child feedback. Be prepared to accept their constructive criticism and make attempts to change accordingly. It would be helpful if the person read the first six steps just mentioned beforehand.

Although none of us are perfect in our interactions with our children, it is helpful to be as aware as possible about how we do and say things to young ones. As we know from personal experience, we remember the nice and pleasant things of life, but we have a very difficult time forgetting the negative feedback that hurt so deeply and came from someone we truly loved and from whom we wanted acceptance.

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Co-Op

a bite of feed and then chase away the more timid horses, unless you have long feed troughs or enough of them to allow ample feeding space. Without adequate space, "bossy" horses get too much feed, while the timid ones don't get enough grain.

Another problem is that some troughs might have sharp corners that could cause injuries to horses. Although some commercial feed troughs have rounded corners, there's still the problem of herd members getting unequal amounts of grain from the trough.

If you put feed containers on the ground, use rubber tubs rather than metal or plastic ones. If a horse steps into a rubber tub, the animal isn't injured. Metal tubs, and some plastic ones, might break and cause an injury.

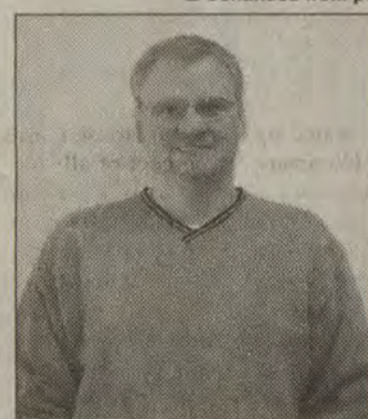
University of Kentucky researchers did a study to deter-

mine how closely to place rubber food tubs to allow each horse to get its feed without too much disturbance from the more dominant horses. Putting feed tubs 12 to 24 feet apart was best.

Putting the tubs more than 24 feet apart results in inequitable grain consumption in the herd. As soon as you put feed in the first tub, the most dominate horse begins to eat. Putting food tubs further apart takes more time so timid horses have less time to eat. After eating from their tubs, dominant horses chase timid ones away and eat their grain, too.

Another part of the UK study was whether to put feeders in a straight line, or in an equilateral triangle. This comparison showed that submissive horses had more time to eat when feed tubs were placed in a triangle with angles 12 or 24 feet apart,

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Ray Tackett

instead of a straight line.

When feeding grain to outside horses on pasture, place tubs 12 to 24 feet apart to improve your horses' chances of getting their daily grain allowance.

For more information, contact Ray Tackett, at the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service at 886-2668.

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For information contact:

1-800-525-3456, or

www.trustforlife.org

PSA

Local residents recently perform in Transylvania's "Evening at the Cabaret"

Prestonsburg High School graduates and Transylvania University senior Greta Hicks and sophomore Jessica Hicks, recently performed in the Transylvania music program's production of "An Evening at the Cabaret," which featured love songs performed by the Transylvania Choir, Transylvania Singers, and the Transylvania Men's Chorus.

Greta and Jessica Hicks, along with the Transylvania Choir, sang "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" arranged by Nickolaus Ashford and Valerie Simpson.

Greta Hicks, a music education major, and Jessica Hicks, an English major, are the daughters of Donald and Deborah Hicks, of Prestonsburg.

PHS FBLA attends regional conference

Prestonsburg High School Future Business Leaders of America attended the Region 5 FBLA Regional Leadership Conference at Morehead State University on March 9.

This conference allows students the opportunity to test their skills and knowledge of business concepts taught in the classroom. Students from across eastern Kentucky compete in individual and team

events and the top three winners in each event go on to compete at the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Louisville.

Five PHS students were winners at the Regional Conference: Ryan Goble, 2nd place in Banking and Financial Systems; Stephanie Prater, 3rd place in Word Processing I; Kyle Colley, 3rd place in Visual Basic; and, Daniel Neeley and Michael Conn, 3rd place in Web

Site Development.

These students, along with two voting delegates, will represent Prestonsburg High School at the FBLA State Leadership Conference, to be held April 13-15.

Students in grades 9-12 enrolled in a business class are eligible for membership in FBLA. FBLA is sponsored by business instructors Judy Combs and Terri McCoy.



Family Medicine

By Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.



No kissing or sharing of eating utensils helps stop spread of Mono



Q My daughter was diagnosed with mono. The doctor told her there was no treatment for it, and she shouldn't kiss anyone. Can you tell me more about this? How did she get it, and why can't she kiss anyone? Does she have the "kissing disease" that teenagers get? What can she do since there is no treatment?

A Mononucleosis — also called infectious mononucleosis or simply "mono" — is a very common infection caused by the Epstein-Barr virus (EBV). Sixty percent of U.S. children and ninety percent of adults over 40 years old have antibodies to this virus in their blood.

It is interesting, however, that this illness is often so mild that less than half of us can recall ever having a "mono-like" illness.

That leaves an unfortunate one third, like your daughter, who develop classic "mono" symptoms — usually during their teenage years. Though the peak age for infection is between 15 and 17, mono is common throughout the young adult years.

After exposure to the infection, symptoms can develop in 14 to 30 days. This often makes it hard to find the source of the infection. The symptoms of mono can come on gradually or abruptly. Usually, there is a fever, a very sore throat, swollen glands and

fatigue. The person may also have very bad breath. In some cases the spleen and liver can become enlarged. It is not unusual for mono to coexist with strep throat — or a "streptococcal infection of the throat," if you want to get technical about it. In fact, it is usually the very sore throat that triggers the visit to the doctor.

Those with an acute infection have a high concentration of the Epstein-Barr virus in their saliva, and the disease is spread by exchange of this bodily fluid. In the teenage years and on college campuses, this exchange is most often accomplished by kissing. So, you are correct, mono is often referred to as the kissing disease. However, the infection can also be spread by drinking out of someone else's glass, using another's straw, or coming into contact with the airborne virus as a result of an infected person's coughing and sneezing.

Remember that I mentioned earlier

that a large number of people can have mono and never have symptoms? Well, guess what — they can spread the infection, too.

The diagnosis of mono can be made with a simple blood test that many physicians perform in the office. Once this diagnosis is made, the treatment is primarily rest, fluids and management of the fever as well as over-the-counter medications for aches and pains. If a strep throat is present, that is treated with antibiotics. Strenuous exercise and contact sports should be avoided for the first few weeks. These activities can be resumed once the fever is gone, any spleen enlargement has subsided and the patient has no more symptoms.

While there can be serious complications from mono, they are not very frequent. Most people can resume full activity in three to six months with no problems.

But while your daughter is ill, be

sure that no one drinks or eats using the same cups, bowls, glasses, place setting or utensils. Even when free of symptoms, she still may be able to spread the virus for several weeks. That's why I'd recommend that you keep up this routine for the next month or so. Also, it's always a good idea to use paper cups in the bathroom.

Family Medicine® is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701, or via e-mail to readerquestions@familymedicine-news.org. Medical information in this column is provided as an educational service only. It does not replace the judgment of your personal physician, who should be relied on to diagnosis and recommend treatment for any medical conditions. Past columns are available online at www.familymedicine-news.org.

- April 20 - PTA meeting, 7 p.m. in school auditorium. SDEAM parent election (school year 04-05) will be held at this time.
- April 20 - Family Reading Night, 6 p.m., school library.
- April 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," sponsored by the Floyd County FRYSC's, 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Door prizes, fun workshops and FREE lunch!
- May 3-14 - Spring testing.

May 21 - Kindergarten registration, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in school auditorium.

The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

School now has applications for 2004 Summer School program, dates to run from June 1-June 28, 2004 for 1 credit. For more information, call 886-2252.

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

Apr. 21 - Child Abuse Awareness Informational Booth in school foyer. Students, employees and community welcome to stop by.

Apr. 26 & 27 - Self-Esteem presentation.

Apr. 28 - CPR training.
May 4 - Drug Awareness presentation.

Walking track open to public (except during special event).

The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus,

Room 232, and see Mable Hall. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Apr. 17 - "Fun Fair for New & Expectant Parents," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mountain Arts Ctr.

Apr. 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," for all parents, grandparents & guardians, Mountain Arts Ctr.

Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

W.D. OSBORNE "RAINBOW JUNCTION" FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

"Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.

Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment.

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Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 358-3400; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500.

Tuesday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 285-5111; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

Wednesday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11:30 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 358-3400.

Thursday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 285-5111; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

*All classes and materials free of charge. Feel free to contact any of the above numbers or the David School at 886-8374 for further information.

Postscript

does not matter on the absolute weight. It depends on how long you hold it.

"If I hold it for a minute, it is OK.

"If I hold it for an hour, I will have an ache in my right arm."

"If I hold it for a day, you will have to call an ambulance.

"It is the exact same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, we will not be able to carry on, the burden becoming increasingly heavier.

"What you have to do is to put the glass down, and rest for a while before holding it up again. We have to put down the burden periodically, so that we can be refreshed and are able to carry on."

So before you return home

from work tonight, put the burden of work down. Don't carry it back home. You can pick it up tomorrow. Whatever burdens you are having now on your shoulders, let it down for a moment if you can. Pick it up again later when you have rested. Rest and relax. Life is short, enjoy it!

WORDS TO LIVE BY

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

Eat a live toad in the morn-

ing and nothing worse will happen to you for the rest of the day.

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

If you lend someone \$20, and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

Never buy a car you can't push.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you don't have a leg to stand on.

Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

The early worm gets eaten by the bird, so sleep late.

When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong

lane.

Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.

We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors but they all have to learn to live in the same box.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.

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Birthdays



Alexis is 1!

Alexis O'Neal Hamilton will celebrate her first birthday today, Friday, April 9, 2004. Alexis is the daughter of Neal and Jennifer Hamilton, of Louisville, formerly of McDowell. She is the granddaughter of Keith and Sharon Patton, of McDowell, Carol and O'Neil Day, of Whitesburg, and Amos Hamilton, of Teaberry. Her friends and family all wish her a very happy and very special day!

A Seed of Love

By Vickie Poe

(For parents everywhere in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month)

I don't need your lies and excuses,
Your pocket full of tricks.
I just need your love and time,
With those things I cannot fix.

I keep looking for one simple thing,
A love that I have lost.
Somehow your gifts don't satisfy,
It's never near the cost.

And that time that you have wasted,
To satisfy your soul.
You'll know the love I'm looking for,
When you start growing old.

Time is really slipping by,
You want a second chance.
Help me find the love I've lost,
This seed of God I'll plant.

You dress the outside up a lot,

But I'm empty from within.
Fill me with the Love of God,
Not with bitterness and sin.

Others show their pity,
And whisper about the shame.
And I think that I'm a problem child,
So I guess I'll take the blame.

Do I fill up on these worldly things,
When my love gets no return?
But my Granny plants the seed of God,
For my heart she can discern.

She said, "Greater love can no man have,
As he who lays down his life for another."
So I'm here today to thank my God,
For my precious dear Grandmother.

Forgive them for they know not what they do,
Granny planted that seed in me.
And we'll wait for all the Mom's and Dad's,
'Till that light comes on for you.



Voices of Appalachia Complete Tour

The Voices of Appalachia, Alice Lloyd College's concert choir, has a long tradition of excellence. Each year, the Voices travel to different parts of the country sharing their Southern Appalachian hymns and ballads. The choir just recently returned from a successful tour in the Southeast United States. The Voices of Appalachia performed twelve concerts in ten days under the direction of Mr. Richard Kennedy. The group visited several churches and communities, giving them a taste of our Appalachian culture through song. This year's tour culminated in a concert at Alice Lloyd College on the evening of March 28th. Congratulations to the Voices of Appalachia for a fine performance!



Cub Scouts enjoy Mexican fiesta

Cub Scout Pack 839 recently celebrated their annual Blue and Gold Banquet with a Mexican Fiesta. Those in attendance were treated to a wonderful Mexican dinner, and songs and skits were presented as entertainment by the attending Cub Scouts. The festive celebration concluded with an exciting Pinata game enjoyed by all the children in attendance. Pack 839 is sponsored by the Church of Latter Day Saints, in Martin. Meetings are held Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. All interested boys, ages 8-11, are welcome to attend at any time.

Wildfire

Beware & Prepare

Prepare your home, family & community for survival.

In a wildland fire emergency, call 9-1-1, your local Fire Department, or your local Division of Forestry office.

BSCTC honors students with annual Spring ceremony

The third annual Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) Honors Night was held at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2004. Families and friends of students from all four campuses of BSCTC met in the auditorium of the Mayo Campus to celebrate the academic excellence of students who had earned recognition.

Dr. George D. Edwards, President of Big Sandy

Community and Technical College said, "This level of achievement requires diligence and hard work on the part of the students and also requires the love, support and encouragement of family, friends and faculty." He congratulated the students and encouraged them to remember those who supported them in their efforts to achieve excellence.

Dr. Nancy Johnson,

BSCTC Provost, recognized students who had earned the distinction of President's List, Dean's List, Who's Who or membership in Phi Theta Kappa. The President's List recognizes the academic excellence of full-time students who have earned an overall semester grade point average of 4.0. The Dean's List recognizes the academic excellence of full-time students who have earned an

overall semester grade-point average of 3.5 or higher in courses numbered 100 or above. Certificates of merit are generally awarded to students who have achieved this distinction. Each fall, BSCTC submits a list of academically outstanding students for recognition by Who's Who in American and Junior Colleges. Who's Who recognizes the academic excellence of full-time sophomore-status

students. Selected students must have 33 degree credit hours completed. The credit hours and GPA are from the most recent completed term (Spring or Summer). Phi Theta Kappa is the honor society of the two-year community and junior colleges. Individuals invited to join must have completed 12 credit hours, be currently enrolled and have achieved a 3.5 grade point average. The four hallmarks of the society are Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship and provides the members with a variety of opportunities for the development of leadership and service, an intellectual climate, lively fellowship and the stimulation of an interest in continuing academic excellence.

Dr. Bill Loftus and Hassan Saffari, advisors for Phi Theta

Kappa introduced the officers of Phi Theta Kappa and acted as hosts for the evening.

Dr. Edwin Barnes spoke to the students and their guests on "Academic Achievement: A Positive First Step." The audience listened to the entertaining yet appropriate words of wisdom. His words of encouragement tied to life experiences kept the audience listening, laughing and nodding heads in agreement.

The Honors Night program is an important event held each spring at Big Sandy Community and Technical College. It exemplifies the commitment to excellence of BSCTC students, faculty and staff. In a season of budget cuts, a lean economy, growing inflation and world unrest, students still strive to achieve academically.

Martin Homecoming News

The Martin Homecoming Committee meets every Monday evening at 6 p.m., in Giovanni's, located in downtown Martin. So far, the committee has discussed many items relating to the upcoming springtime reunion. The reunion event will be held on Memorial Day weekend, and will honor the class of 1954. The theme will be "Forever More...Loyal and True," taken from the old school song.

A reception will be held on Friday night, inside the old school gymnasium. There will be a videotape showing of all senior classes and former homecoming shows from 1986 thru 2000.

On Saturday, the Martin Senior Citizens Center will host a breakfast/brunch for the alumni. The program will start at 1 p.m. on the school grounds, weather permitting. After the program, a tour of the old high school build-

ing, will take place. Although the top floors have now been closed off, the lower portion will be made available for the tour.

The Homecoming Dance will be held in the gymnasium beginning at 8 p.m. Music will be provided by "Vern." The Allen Central Beta Club has agreed to operate a hot dog and Pepsi booth during the dance.

Due to the time frame available to us, a mass mailing will

not be done this time. We are asking all Floyd County residents to contact family members who live away, and individual class members to contact their classmates. The pre-registration fee is \$10 per person.

We invite everyone interested in helping to come out each Monday evening and join us at Giovanni's to share their ideas and help make this reunion, the "last one," a great one.

Loyal Jones to be featured guest speaker at April 23 T-GIFT Banquet

Silent auction to be featured prior to banquet

T-GIFT (Technology Gift Incentive Foundation Team), founded in September, 2001, at the Brushy Fork Leadership Institute, Berea College campus,

by Floyd County participants, will hold their annual banquet on Friday, April 23, at the Mountain Arts Center, in Prestonsburg. Loyal Jones, celebrated Kentucky storyteller, will be the guest speaker. The banquet will begin at 6 p.m. and guests will receive a choice of prime rib or turkey entrees. A silent auction will be held immediately prior to the banquet, from 5-6 p.m. Proceeds from the auction will go toward purchasing a new computer for a Floyd County non-traditional student. This year's recipient of a new computer will be presented with their award by T-GIFT members during the banquet ceremonies. Those interested in reserving seats for the banquet dinner may do so by calling 886-2513 and speaking to either Joyce Mitchell or Sr. Kathleen Weigand. Individual ticket prices are \$20 each. Six-seat (6) corporate tables are available for \$150 (company name will be included in the evening's program). Those wishing to simply make a donation to the T-GIFT program may do so by mailing to: T-GIFT, P.O. Box 1802, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The 2002 recipient of the T-GIFT computer award was Floyd County resident, Linda Keathley. Eva Whitaker, of Alum Lick, was the recipient of the 2003 award. The winner of the 2004 T-GIFT award will be announced at the April 23 banquet.

Reader Response

"When I get crabby, I go to my room and listen to music and don't come out for a very long time. Nobody comes in to talk to me because they know I would give them a smart ellegh reply because they try to clam me down but I get madder. I just need to be alone until I calm down."

-Samantha W., 5th grade, Mullins Elem.

"When I get crabby I go to my room turn on music. And if anybody talks to me I get mad And get in even more trouble. Then what cheers me up I go out side and count the neighbors dogs."

-Dwayne S., 4th grade, Mullins Elem.

Announcements



Heading for home

Riverview Health & Rehab Center was happy recently to congratulate Mr. Bobby Jones, of Melvin, on the successful completion of his rehab program and his happy return home. Shown with Mr. Jones is Missy Allen, center administrator.



Local group donates hats to Highlands chemotherapy patients

A thoughtful and concerned group of Prestonsburg women donated their time and talents in an effort to make "life more pleasant" for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment at Highlands Cancer Center. Chemotherapy can cause a temporary hair loss in patients undergoing treatment. Local residents Phyllis Hornbaker and Carol Gibson presented a basket containing thirty-three hats/toboggans in various colors and sizes to Kathy Allen, Highlands Regional Medical Center's Director of Volunteer Services. Ms. Allen will see that the hats are made available for Cancer Center patients. Prestonsburg women donating their time and talents to the hat project included Phyllis Hornbaker, Carol Gibson, Bonnie Spencer, Nivia Bruner, Erin Droege, Erica Ash, Rita Collins, Emma Pelphey and Maxine Crider.



Riverview rehab patient goes home

Riverview Health & Rehab Center sends a warm congratulations to Mr. Abe Vanderpool, of Prestonsburg, on his successful completion of his rehab program and happy return home! Shown with Mr. Vanderpool, center, are Bill T. Compton, PTA, left, and Lanna Ratliff, COTA, right.



PHS students who won \$25 gift certificates for perfect attendance for the month of March were Gregory C. Ousley, freshman class; Christopher R. Hall, sophomore class; Megan R. Goble, junior class; and, Sky Garten, senior class. Principal Ron Hampton is shown (far right) presenting the students with their awards.

PHS works the 'reward system'

Prestonsburg High School recently held their second drawing for a \$25 Wal-Mart gift certificate this past Monday, April 5. The drawings are held to reward those students who have daily perfect attendance and are

in school from 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. each day for an entire month. Drawings are held once each month and one student name from each grade level is drawn.

HCTC's PTK nets seven awards

The Phi Theta Kappa honorary society at Hazard Community and Technical College recently received seven

outstanding academic service awards.

Assistant professor Jennifer Chester won the Most Distinguished Advisor Award, noted Naomi Duff, President of Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Beta Epsilon. Mrs. Chester, along with Assistant Professor Donna Sparkman, also won the Horizon Advisor Award.

Club awards included: Leadership Hallmark, Fellowship Hallmark, 5-Star Chapter Award, and Pinnacle Award.

PTK is also proud that its Vice President, Cindi Osborne, was named the student representative to the KCTCS and she was also named to the All USA Academic Team along with Kenny Neil Johnson, of Hindman; Heather Bowling, of Hyden; and Angela C. Abner, of Hazard.

"Cultures Around the World"

The public is invited to participate in an event geared toward learning about the world's different cultures. Hazard Community and Technical College will hold "Cultures Around the World" from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 24 in the grill located in the First Federal Center at HCTC's Hazard Campus. Participants are asked to either bring a covered dish, preferably something ethnic and/or display items from around the world, notes Scott May, Spanish faculty member, who is coordinating the event.

Admission is free for those who bring food or artifacts or \$4 per adult 12 and up. There will be no charge for children younger than 12.

For more information, call Scott May at 487-3201.



Top Seller

Abby Jervis, the 16-month old daughter of Darrell and Cindy Jervis, of Prestonsburg, was named "Top Seller" in a recent fundraiser sponsored by Linda's Carousel Day Care and Preschool. Abby was awarded a large stuffed teddy bear which made her very happy. Abby thanks her mom and dad for a job well done!



Floyd County Devotional Page

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lonie Vannucci, Minister.
 New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.
 Sunrise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

BAPTIST
 Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.
 Audler Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.
 Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.
 Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.
 Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.
 Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Com Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.
 Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.
 Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.

Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.
 Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.;
 Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.
 Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.
 Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Eglpt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Buddy Jones, Minister.
 First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.
 First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.
 First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial); Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.
 Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 2656 West Mt. Parkway, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jennings West, Minister.
 Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
 Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branham's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

700 LEFTIES!

ALTHOUGH MODERN BASEBALL HAS PRODUCED SOME AMAZING LEFT HANDED PITCHERS WHO THREW WITH EXTREME ACCURACY, SUCH AS LEFTY GROVE, WHITEY FORD, CARL HUBBEL, JOHNNY VANDER MEER, SANDY KOUFAX, IT CAN'T MATCH THE BIBLE'S SEVEN HUNDRED "LEFTY" SLING SHOOTERS!

THE SLING SHOOTER WAS THE COUNTERPART OF A MODERN ARMY'S RIFLE MAN AND THE TRIBE OF BENJAMIN HAD "SEVEN HUNDRED CHOSEN MEN LEFT HANDED" (JUDGES 20:14) ALL OF THEM COULD "SLING STONES AT A HAIR'S BREADTH AND NOT MISS." ALL THE SHEPHERD BOYS USED SLINGS TO PROTECT THEIR HERDS FROM BEASTS OF PREY AND THIS CONSTANT PRACTICE AS THE YOUTHS GREW UP TO MANHOOD ASSURED ISRAEL OF A CONSTANT SUPPLY OF SHARP-SHOOTERS IN TIME OF WAR.

NEXT WEEK: MONEY IN THE MOUTH OF A FISH?!

SAVE THIS FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRIPBOOK

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Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.
 Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinsville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeff Barrett, Minister.
 Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.
 Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.
 Lancer Baptist Church; 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter
 Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.
 Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.
 Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.
 Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.
 McDowell First Baptist, McDowell, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Gene Bracken, Minister.
 Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Eugene Cook, Minister.
 Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister. home phone 285-3385
 Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.
 Prater Creek Baptist, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; J.B. Hall, Pastor. Phone: (606) 874-3222.
 Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; French B. Harmon, Director; Ella C. Goble, President; 874-9468/478-2978.
 Rock Fork Freewill Baptist; Garrett Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Crager, Minister.
 Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Earl Stone, Minister; Jerry Manns, Assistant Minister.
 Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Sunday; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Chester Lucas.
 Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Shane Powers.
 Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.
 The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
 Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist; Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.
 Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist; Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.
 United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.
 Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrar, Minister.
 Mother's Home Church, Toler Creek, Harold; 9:30 the 2nd Saturday and Sunday of every month. Moderator, Kermit Newsome.

CATHOLIC
 St. Martha, Water Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday; Father Robert Darron, pastor.

CHRISTIAN
 First Christian, 580 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.
 Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, Minister.
 Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sharr Williams, Minister.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.
 Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Benny Blankenship, Minister.
 Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.
 Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
 Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.
 Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.
 Mere Creek Church of Christ, Starville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
 Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD
 Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.
 Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Benny Blankenship, Minister.
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PRESBYTERIAN
 Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.
 First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; George C. Love, Minister.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
 Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Gary Sheph Minister.

Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.
 Weeksby Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD
 Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.
 Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.
 First Church of God; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.
 Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.
 Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.
 Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.
 The Church of God of Prophecy, Hi Hat; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Don Fraley, Jr., Minister.

EPISCOPAL
 St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.

LUTHERAN
 Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLW (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Roland Bentrup, Minister.

METHODIST
 Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Doug Lawson, Minister.
 Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.
 Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lamaster, Minister.
 Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pescosolito, Minister.
 Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.
 Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Jack Howard, Minister.

First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.
 Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday Morning Service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.
 Martin Methodist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
 Maytown United Methodist, Langley; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
 Salisbury United Methodist, Printer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.
 Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister.

Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.
 Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.
 Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksby; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister.
 Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.
 Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sanlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.
 Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcom Stone, Minister.
 Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line; ; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister. 297-6262.
 Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Saturday, 7 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Relief Society/Priesthood/Primary, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sacrament Mtg., 11:20 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m. Church Meeting House address, Hwy. 80, Martin, KY 41649; Meeting House telephone number: 285-3133; Ken Carriere, Bishop.

OTHER
 Pastor Altha Johnson welcomes everyone to attend services at the CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY TRAM KENTUCKY, Sunday school 10 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m.
 Drift Independent, Drift; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
 Dwale House of Prayer, Dwale; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 6 p.m.; William Jarrell, Minister.
 Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg, (next to old flea market), Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 889-0905.
 Faith Bible, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.
 Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.
 Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Randy Hagans, Minister.
 Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.
 Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.
 Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.; Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.
 Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.

Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.
 Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg; Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dan Heintzelman, Minister.
 Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.
 Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.
 Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m. Prayer Line: 358-2001; Darlene Arnett, Pastor
 Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment, Rt. 1428, Sun. Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Sun. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m. Kenny Vanderpool, Pastor.

International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.
 Rising Sun Ministries, 78 Court Street, Allen, Ky.; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor: D.P. Cury.
 Church of God of Prophecy, Sun. School 10 a.m., worship Service 11 a.m., Sunday Night - 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Night - 6:00 p.m. Pastor Glenn Hayes. West Prestonsburg.

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House for Sale in McDowell 2 bed room call 606-377-1145

550-Land/Lots

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580-Miscellaneous

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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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RENTALS

610-Apartments

2 bed room partially furnished central air, utilities already turned on, 5 miles from Martin on Route 1210, \$335 plus \$150 deposit call 285-3641 anytime

Duplex Apartment for rent: 2 Bed room 1 bath stove, refrigerator, central h/a, w/d hook up, city limits at US 23 & 80. \$425 mo. + utilities and \$250 deposit. 1 year lease, no pets. Call 886-7237 or 237-4758.

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640-Land/Lots

For Sale Large Level Lot out of Flood area call 606-285-3410

650-Mobile Homes

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705-Construction

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NOTICES

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.

Rn Day Shift Available 8:30 am-5:pm Hospice of Big Sandy, Inc. Call 606-789-3841 or come in and fill out an application at 1520 Ky. Highway 1428 Hager Hill, Ky. 41222 (psa)

812 - Free

FREE PALLET: Can be picked up behind The Floyd County Times.

850-Personals

When responding to Personal 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.

Seeking descendants of Sanford and Isabel Justice Allen. Daughters - Levina Hayes Justice, Ellen Maggard, Lora Bailey Sons - Marion, Henry, Joe and Tom Allen Contact me at: P.O. Box 484, McCalla, AL 35111

\$\$\$ Reward \$\$\$ for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who burgled the home of Edward Richie on Sat. April 3, 04 at Wayland, Ky call \$\$\$ 358-2103 \$\$\$

900-Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5435, Renewal In accordance with 405 KAR 8.010, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal Inc., P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has filed an application for renewal of a permit for an underground mining operation, located 2.6 miles southeast of McDowell, in Floyd County, Kentucky. The proposed operation will affect a surface disturbance of 4.0 acres, and will underlie an additional 846.49 acres, for a total permit acreage of 850.49 acres. The operation is located 1.5 mile southeast from KY 680's junction with KY 1929, and located 0.11 mile south of Hall Fork. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37°26'58" and longitude 82°42'00". The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Premium Elkhorn Coal Corporation and Klein and Doris Stumbo. The operation will underlie land owned by Sam Eversole, Klein and Doris Stumbo, Loretta Sue Newman, David Akers, Dorothy Bentley, Brenda Moore, Earl Evans, John B. Newsome, and Premium Elkhorn Coal Corporation. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle

map. The operation will use the contour method of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by James Guess. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road Ky. Rt. 1428. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road. This application contains a request for a variance for experimental practice from the requirement to return to approximate original contour as required under regulation No. 405 KAR 16.190. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0297 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Heartland Estates Inc., 1735 Right Fork of Bull Creek, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 8.29 acres located 1.5 mile west of Auxier, in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 0.25 mile southeast from Ky. Rt. 1428's junction with Hager Branch Road, and located along the waters of Paint Creek. The latitude is 37°43'57". The longitude is 82°47'13". The proposed operation is located on the Prestonsburg U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle

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map. The operation will use the contour method of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by James Guess. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road Ky. Rt. 1428. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road. This application contains a request for a variance for experimental practice from the requirement to return to approximate original contour as required under regulation No. 405 KAR 16.190. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-7008 NW In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located at Beaver in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 20.01 surface acres within the permit boundary. The proposed operation begins at the intersection of KY Route 979's junction with Mitchell Branch Road of Mud Creek in Floyd County. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the haul road only method of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Carl Mitchell et al., Sam Hamilton, and Carmel and Marie Clark. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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on Permit No. 836-5368, which was last issued on 04/22/2003. The application covers an area of approximately 122.24 acres, located 1.5 mile north of Drift, in Floyd County. (2) The permit area is approximately 1.5 miles North from KY's 122 junction with Stonecoal Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell Quadrangle Map, at latitude 37°29'30". The longitude is 82°44'46". (3) The bond now in effect for the Permit 836-5368, is a surety bond in the amount of \$ 1 3 , 4 0 0 , 0 0 . Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$13,400.00 is included in the application for release. (4) Reclamation work performed includes backfilling, grading and seeding. Completed October 13, 2003. (5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Div. of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by May 24, 2004. (6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for May 25, 2004, at 9 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. The hearing will be canceled, if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by May 24, 2004.

Phase 1 bond release (1) In accordance with KRS 350.0093, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Ky. 41501, has applied for

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

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Pursuant to Application No. 858-5064, Amendment No. 1
In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Deborn, Ky. 41214, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located approximately 2.5 miles southeast of Odds, in Martin, Floyd, and Johnson counties. The proposed amendment will add 3.50 acres of surface disturbance, making a total area of 5873.16 acres.

The proposed amendment is approximately 2.5 miles south of Kentucky Route 3's junction with Big Sandy Regional Airport Road, and located at the mouth of Bear Water Branch on Daniels Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Thomas and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Poca-hon-tas

Development Corporation. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, No. 2, Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5220, Renewal (1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that, FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 0.75 miles North of Dana in Floyd County. The pro-

posed operation will disturb 6.84 surface acres and will underlie 1175.33 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1182.17 acres. (2) The proposed operation is approximately 3.2 miles South from U.S. 23's junction with County Road 1426 and located 0.00 miles West of Prater Creek. The latitude is 37°33'51". The longitude is 82°41'40". (3) The proposed operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Turner Elkhorn Mining Company.

The operation will underlie land owned by Sophie and Fiongo Crum, Garner Adkins, Donald P. and George Ann Adkins, Norman and Mae Martin, Herman Conn, James Johnson, Bailey Crum, Mexico Spears, Jim and Gertrude Sammons, Mousie Dingus, Allan Conn, Fred Presley, Brice Conn Estate, Kenneth Spears, Emmin and Cynthia Akers, Jr., John D.

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(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5377, Renewal (1) In accordance with 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road 41501, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 1 miles Northeast of Drift in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 2.59 surface acres and underlies 895.10 acres. The total permitted acreage is 897.69.

(2) The operation is approximately 1 miles East from KY 122's junction with Stonecoal Br. Rd. and located 0.05 miles North of Stonecoal Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps at latitude 37°30'41' and longitude 82°44'15". The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Alma Land Co. The operation will underlie land owned by Phillip Meade, Tommy and Sherry Shelton, Denzil and Josephine Yates, Cas and Verlie Spurlock, Clayburn Bailey Heirs, Alex Stephens, Ellen Halbert, James Ervin Halbert, Bernard P. and Fron McKinney, John A. Salisbury, David May, Bee and Ola Halbert, James W. and Janie McKinney, Willard McKinney, Paul and Anna Mae Perkins, Harold Bowling, Bernard and Frona McKinney, Oscar and Opal McKinney, The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Barbara and Oscar Hancock, Jr., Lois and Henry Meade, Cecil McKinney and Tandy L. Spurlock, James and Melissa Collins, Johnny Kidd and Kermit and Doreen Martin, Martin G. Halbert, Jr., and Alma Land Company. (3) The application has been filed for public inspection at

the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Dr., suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5203 RENEWAL

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, INC., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501 has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 1 1/2 miles Southeast of Martin in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 7.37 surface acres and will underlie 507.45 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 514.82 acres. (2) The proposed operation is approximately 1.0 miles southeast from KY 1428's junction with Arkansas creek road and is located 1.1 miles East of Arkansas Creek. The latitude is 37°34'03". The longitude is 82°43'02". (3) The proposed operation is located on the Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Turner Elkhorn Mining Company,

James Sammons and Thurman Akers. The operation will underlie land owned by Norman and Mae Martin, James Johnson, Mexico & Lizzie Spears, Thurman Akers, Emmitt and Clara Conn, J.W. and Emily Allen, Opal M. Boyd, Bradley Akers, Emery Bentley, Fair Bentley Estate, Claude and Mae Ryan, Leonard and Susan Akers, Hezzie Sammons, T.F. Hamilton, Jr., John Delong, Lum Click, Tina Meade, Harry and Nadine Stephens, Leonard Conn and Turner Elkhorn Mining Company.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Budget Hearing Regarding proposed use of County Road Aid and Local Government Economic Assistance Funds

A public hearing will be held by Floyd County in the Courtroom of the Floyd County Courthouse on April 16, 2004 at 9:30 A.M. for the purpose of obtaining citizens comments regarding

the possible uses of the County Road Aid (CRA) and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds. All interested persons in Floyd County are invited to the hearing to submit oral or written comments on possible uses of the CRA and LGEA Any person(s) who cannot submit written comments or attend the public hearing but wish to submit comments, should call the Office of the County Judge/Executive at (606) 886-9193 Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. so that arrangements can be made to secure their comments.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application #836-5334 Renewal #3

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that MATT/CO., INC., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a renewal of a permit for an underground/refuse storage coal mining operation located 2.0 miles north of Emma in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 3.16 surface acres and will underlie 1,124 acres and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1,127.16 acres. The Proposed operation is approximately 1.0 miles east from KY Route 1428's junction with Sugarloaf Branch Road and located 0.1 miles north Sugarloaf Branch. The latitude is 37°39'40" and the longitude is

82°41'58". The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Joe Burchett. The operation will underlie land owned by Joe Burchett, Landon & Nellie Charles, Ed & Bertha Cline, Freddie Collins, Maxine Crider, James Crisp, Esta Crum, Elkhorn Coal Corporation, Bradis Goble, Charles Harris, Floyd & Ona Harris, Irvin & Jenny Harris, Johnny Huffman, Lester Hunt, Ransom Hunt, Lewis Irvin Hunt, Gardie Jarvis, Greg Johnson, Timmy Plummer, Albert Ratliff, Ronald Reid, Mary Reynolds, Randall Robinson, Grace Weedman, and James & Mary Wells.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Clara C. Ison, mailing address, 144 Chestnut Lane #7 Bypro, Ky 41612, hereby declares intentions to apply for a Beer, Wine and Whiskey License, no later than April 12, 2004. The business to be licensed will be

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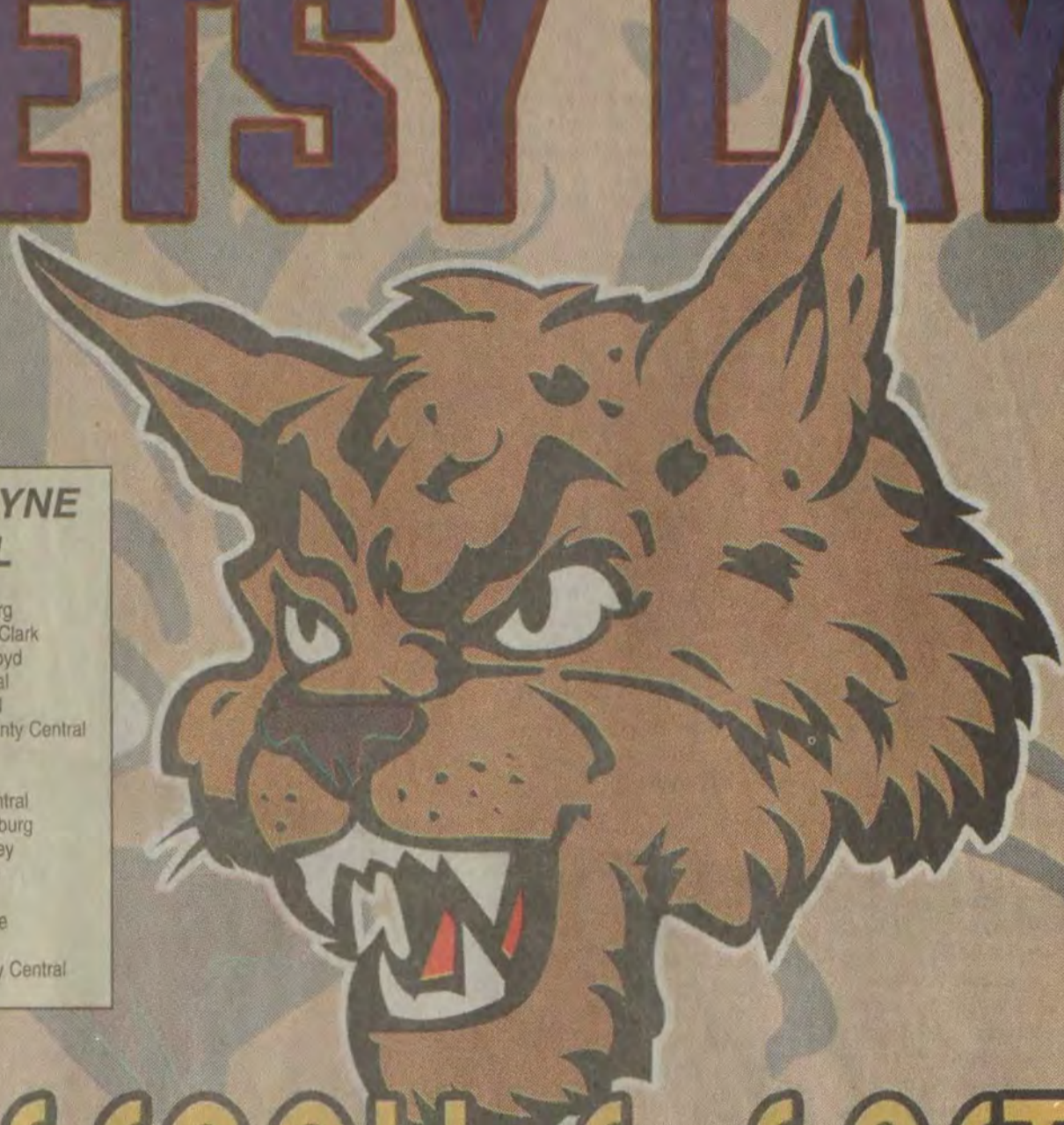
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