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briefs

Police make arrest after tip

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

HAROLD — An arrest was made in Harold this week when police received a tip that a woman was selling marijuana at her place of employment.

Brandi A. Bentley, 19, was taken into custody at Exotic Tanning and Novelty after Kentucky State Police searched her purse and allegedly found 10 marijuana cigarettes and a small plastic bag. Bentley was taken into custody and a \$2,000 bond was set for her release.

When contacted for comment, Joyce Bentley, owner of Exotic Tanning and Novelty said, "It was the individual. It has nothing to do with my business."

Brandi Bentley is scheduled to appear in district court May 21 to face misdemeanor charges of marijuana possession.

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Drug suspect charged with threatening informant

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Cecil David Ousley, who already faces allegations of drug trafficking, was indicted this week in Floyd Circuit Court on a charge of intimidating a witness.

Ousley is accused of threatening a confidential informant for the Floyd County Drug Task Force. The informant is a key witness in a case from last September in which Ousley was charged with two counts first-degree trafficking.

"You hear about things like this but you can't always prove it," said

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, noting the dangerous nature of an informant's work.

Ousley's bond for this charge has been set at \$50,000.

Confidential informants are a key part of the Drug Task Force and their work does include appearing to testify at trials.

Turner said he is committed to the work of the task force and was firm in his attitude towards anyone who attempts to subvert its work by threatening witnesses or informants.

"We take the safety of informants and

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photo by Mary Music

Democratic candidates for 95th District state representative were put in the spotlight Thursday during a debate held at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, in Prestonsburg. Candidates were asked questions by a three-member media panel on various issues, including the state budget, taxes, economic development, health care and prescription drug abuse.

State rep candidates debate in Prestonsburg

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — They came. They asked. They answered.

Democratic candidates seeking to fill the seat of 95th District state representative laid all their cards on the table yesterday during a media-sponsored debate held at the Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

Instead of locking horns during the debate, however, candidates opted to give answers in general agreement to questions relating to the state budget, current problems in health care and education.

Candidates Lawton Ray Allen,

Charles "Little Shag" Branham, Mike Fitzpatrick, Jimmy Hopkins, Chuck Meade and Scarlett Stumbo addressed their responses of pressing concerns in the region by answering questions posed by WQHY news director Jeff Noble, WYMT reporter Danielle Hensley and Floyd County Times managing editor Ralph B. Davis.

All candidates were in agreement that state legislature has failed Kentucky by its inability to pass a budget, readily agreeing that, if they were elected, they work to reach a compromise.

When asked if the Gov. Ernie Fletcher's new tax plan was a good idea for the region, again all

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Audience has mixed reaction

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A small but attentive crowd gathered for the debate between candidates for the 95th District Kentucky House of Representatives seat.

The event, which was held at the new student center on the campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College, attracted students, supporters and several citizens who were

(See **REACTION**, page three)

Mother who fled with child caught

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

BANNER — A woman who is wanted as a fugitive was arrested this week and is now awaits extradition from the Floyd County Detention Center.

Charlene Kay Blankenship, 32, allegedly fled California with her 2-year-old daughter after a family court there ordered the child be taken into protective custody by Bruce Granlund, a senior investigator with the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, Child Abduction Unit, and returned to the father upon the agreement that he would bring the child before the court on May 19. The father, Eric Ray, was granted temporary custody of the child

with Blankenship having visitation. In January, she allegedly took the child during a visit and left the state of California for Kentucky.

An arrest warrant was issued March 30 for Blankenship by the Superior Court of California, when it was realized she was no longer in San Bernardino and a \$750,000 bail was set.

"Confidential and unique sources" began working with authorities in California, Granlund said. It was originally believed that Blankenship was in Frankfort with her parents.

During the time Blankenship had the child, she allegedly refused to let her have any contact with her father. She allegedly fled to Kentucky to escape

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Man faces attempted escape after wreck

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

SUGAR LOAF — Robert D. Delong, 32, of West Van Lear, was arrested Sunday after he landed his 1998 silver Jeep Grand Cherokee in a ditch at Sugar Loaf.

Delong was arrested at the scene when Officer Jeremy Shepherd allegedly detected the smell of alcohol on Delong and in the vehicle. It was at that point that Delong allegedly made the situation worse through a

series of actions that only added to a mounting list of charges.

He first refused to take a field sobriety test and was allegedly found to have an open alcoholic beverage container in his truck. He then allegedly admitted to being a convicted felon and said he would not submit to a blood test without an attorney present.

Things took another turn when Shepherd took Delong to Highlands Regional

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Off-duty cop on hand to catch alleged drug pitch

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

WATERGAP — Sam Conley, 60, of Johnson County, was arrested at Roadie's Around The Clock Restaurant Tuesday when he stopped in for some food and allegedly tried to sell a waitress a prescription pain medication.

In this case, Conley picked a bad spot for the alleged illicit sales pitch. The restaurant's owner is married to a

member of the Floyd County Sheriff's Office who happened to be there at the time.

Sgt. Gary Tackett, who was out of uniform, collared Conley and radioed the sheriff's office for an on-duty officer to take over the case.

Conley, who was out on bond at the time, is already scheduled for a court appearance May 3 in Ashland to face a host of charges. The offenses include

(See **OFF-DUTY**, page three)



Martin Fire Chief William Petry welcomed members of the community to the grand opening of his department's new temporary fire station, during an open house Thursday.

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Odds & Ends



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■ **WHITEHORSE, Yukon Territory** — There is nothing elementary about the mysterious, sudden disappearance of northern pike from Watson Lake.

"It's weird," said Aaron Foos of the Department of the Environment.

In one year, the community on the British Columbia-Yukon border went from a destination for anglers in search of trophy pike to a lake devoid of the fish.

In the summer of 2002, anglers caught 1,680 of the fish and kept 158.

Based on 2002 catch-and-release figures, Foos said it would be reasonable to expect there to be more than 20,000 pike in the lake.

But, for the summer of 2003, there is no known record of any pike being caught. Nor did any show up in an intensive search by ministry officials.

However, said Foos, the rest of the fish in the lake — lake trout, grayling, white fish and burbot — are doing just fine.

Watson Lake conservation officer Ryan Hennings received reports of dead pike

on the lake's surface last spring but didn't recover any of the reported fish.

When the reports began, Hennings started checking for the normally visible, shallow spawning beds used by pike.

There were none. "That is when we realized, that yep, we have a serious problem," he said.

■ **WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.** — Patients who had dental work done by Jairo Herrera may want to get a second opinion.

Herrera, 60, was arrested Tuesday on charges he ran an unlicensed dental office out of his garage.

Police said Herrera told them he made more than \$100,000 last year pulling teeth and mak-

ing dentures, crowns and implants.

He was charged with practicing dentistry without a license, use of dental equipment by a non-dentist, operating a dental lab without a license and dispensing drugs without a license.

West Palm Beach Detective

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Attention!

To all concerned citizens:
There will be a **Dwale Homecoming Labor Day Weekend 2004.**

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 23, the 114th day of 2004. There are 252 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

April 23, 1564, is believed to be the birthdate of English poet and dramatist William Shakespeare; he died 52 years later, also on April 23.

On this date:

■ In 1348, King Edward III

of England established the Order of the Garter.

■ In 1789, President-elect Washington and his wife moved into the first executive mansion, the Franklin House, in New York.

■ In 1791, the 15th president of the United States, James Buchanan, was born in Franklin County, Pa.

■ In 1904, the American Academy of Arts and Letters was founded.

■ In 1940, about 200 people died in a dance hall fire in

Natchez, Miss.

■ In 1954, Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves hit the first of his record 755 major-league home runs, in a game against the St. Louis Cardinals. (The Braves won, 7-5.)

■ In 1969, Sirhan Sirhan was sentenced to death for assassinating New York Senator Robert F. Kennedy. (The sentence was later reduced to life imprisonment.)

■ In 1985, the Coca-Cola Company announced it was changing the secret flavor formula for Coke (negative public reaction forced the company to resume selling the original version).

■ In 1993, labor leader Cesar Chavez died in San Luis, Ariz., at age 66.

■ In 1998, James Earl Ray, who'd confessed to assassinating the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968 and then insisted he'd been framed, died at a Nashville hospital at age 70.

Ten years ago:

Mourners left red roses, burning candles and cards at the Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace in Yorba Linda, Calif., in memory of the 37th president of the United States, who had died the day before at age 81.

Five years ago:

On the first day of a 50th anniversary NATO summit in Washington, Western leaders pledged to intensify military strikes against Yugoslavia and vowed "no compromise" on demands that Slobodan Milosevic withdraw his troops from Kosovo.

One year ago:

Global health officials warned travelers to avoid Beijing and Toronto, where they might get the SARS virus and export it to new locations. U.S. negotiators met with North Korean and Chinese representatives in Beijing for the first three-way meeting by the governments since the Korean War. American Airlines reported a \$1-billion first-quarter loss.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Janet Blair is 83. Actress-turned-diplomat Shirley Temple Black is 76. Actor Alan Oppenheimer is 74. Actor David Birney is 65. Actor Lee Majors is 65. Actress Sandra Dee is 62. Irish nationalist Bernadette Devlin McAliskey is 57. Actress Blair Brown is 56. Writer-director Paul Brickman is 55. Actress Joyce DeWitt is 55. Actor James Russo is 51. Political filmmaker-author Michael Moore is 50. Actress Judy Davis is 49. Actress Jan Hooks is 47. Actress Valerie Bertinelli is 44. Actor Craig Sheffer is 44. Actor George Lopez ("George Lopez") is 43. Rock musician Gen is 40. U.S. Olympic gold medal skier Donna Weinbrecht is 39. Actress Melina Kanakaredes is 37. Rock musician Stan Frazier (Sugar Ray) is 36. Country musician Tim Womack (Sons of the Desert) is 36. Actor Scott Bairstow is 34. Actress Rachel Skarsten is 19. Actor Camryn Walling is 14.

Thought for Today:

"...We are such stuff/ As dreams are made on, and our little life/ Is rounded with a sleep." — From "The Tempest," by William Shakespeare (1564-1616).

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Debate

agreed that it was not, but that something should be done to modernize Kentucky's tax code.

"East Kentucky seems to be the last of the last," Branham said, noting that the legislature's failure to pass a budget adversely affects Eastern Kentucky's road and education issues. "Without tax modernization, Eastern Kentucky will be left out."

Stumbo, Hopkins and Allen resonated the same beliefs, noting that the current problem will affect education in the area.

Meade received a round of applause with his rebuttal, "Gov. Fletcher is for the rich and the wealthy ... Yes, we do need a tax modernization plan, but not on the back of the poor people in Eastern Kentucky."

When asked what solutions they would propose to combat the "historical" problem of poverty in Floyd County, candidates again had much of the same things to say, noting the importance to focus education, industrial growth and tourism.

Fitzpatrick said the state needs to focus on "more diligent training" for area craftsmen, but suggested that companies who sign on to the region should sign contracts to remain in the area for at least two decades before giving them the opportunity to pull out.

Allen, reflecting on the Works Progress Association that employed the unemployed during Great Depression, said the

state should look into combining with federal efforts to battle the poverty, a thought which resonated in the answer given by Scarlet Stumbo, who said that federal programs initiated would "trickle down" to the state level.

Noting that he currently serves on an economic development committee, Branham said he believes that the needed infrastructure for industry in the area is already in place and that the state should continue to focus on tourism as a means build communities and attract new industries.

Meade responded by saying that Eastern Kentucky needs to focus on businesses from this area, rather than pulling in technologically advanced businesses like Sykes that leave.

"If we get people from here, they will not leave," Meade said.

Responding to a question posed about the closing of the Kentucky Appalachian Commission, candidates again were in agreement, saying that such an organization is needed in the area.

In addressing health care concerns, all candidates said they would push to improve pressing health care concerns.

each resonating promises to stand up and fight for the needs of Eastern Kentucky.

Hopkins said the state should allow for competitive wages in the health care field but not at "the expense of the citizens."

Allen additionally expressed a desire to see a national health insurance program enacted.

In addressing concerns of prescription pill abuse, all candidates were in favor of uniting communities in an effort to battle the problem.

Meade said a regional rehabilitation center is needed in Appalachia and suggested the integration of state programs currently working to track prescription abusers.

Hopkins and Stumbo, pointing out the need to increase drug awareness education, pushed for community support in programs like UNITE, which is currently in the organization stage.

Fitzpatrick, noted that, from his experience as a judicial worker, the problem would have to be taken further.

"You can only do so much through education ..." he said. "Police officers cannot combat this alone."

Allen answered the question

with a question, wanting to know where \$1.5 million in state funding for a youth drug prevention program at the Martin Community Center went.

The onset of questions from the audience began with a question from one woman sitting next to Meade's wife, who asked Meade what kind of community programs he would propose to address the lack of activities for local youth.

Meade, standing, responded with a promise to bring a YMCA to the region and develop a better system of parks in various communities.

Branham addressed the same issue by informing the group that the city of Prestonsburg is currently working to do just that because the state doesn't appropriate money specifically for youth activities.

Stumbo noted that Pikeville focuses on encouraging youth to participate in church athletics and said she believes more money should be appropriated to parks.

Another question posed by the audience was again posed to Meade, this time about rumors

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Judge order evaluation for assault defendant

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg man was in court this week facing charges of assault, criminal mischief and terroristic threatening.

Bobby Gene Hall, 36, allegedly went on a rampage in front of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center last September and broke out the windows of a van and struck the van's owner, Charles Bruner, with a long-handled shovel.

At the time, Bruner sustained injuries and was transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center. Hall was arrested and a \$50,000 cash bond was set.

Judge Danny P. Caudill ordered an evaluation this week to determine whether Hall is competent to stand trial. Personnel from the Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center at La Grange will be examining Hall and the report will be sent to Judge Caudill for his evaluation to determine the next action to be taken by the court.

Hall is charged with first-degree assault for allegedly striking Bruner with a shovel and causing physical injury, sec-

ond-degree assault for allegedly hitting Bruner with his fists, first-degree criminal mischief for allegedly damaging Bruner's van and terroristic threatening for allegedly threatening to kill Bruner.

Hall is scheduled to be back in court in May, when his competency will be determined.

Off-duty

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four counts of wanton endangerment and single counts of manufacturing methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and resisting arrest.

Conley is currently lodged at the Floyd County Detention Center and will be taking all of his meals there until his court date in Ashland.

Threat

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witnesses extremely seriously," Turner said. "Anyone who tries to intimidate or threaten a witness in a case is going to be prosecuted."

On a related note, Turner's office has received word of another alleged drug offender who plans to plead guilty.

Chris Francis, whose case was scheduled to go to trial Monday, has opted to enter a blind plea rather than face a jury. Francis joins a growing list of traffickers who have taken pleas after juries have imposed stiff sentences on defendants who have chosen to take their chances at trial.

Fugitive

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turning the child over to authorities after the courts ruled to take visitation away from her.

Blankenship was found in Banner and was arrested and charged for taking a child illegally out of the state of residence. The child is now back with her father in California.

Charges

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Medical Center for treatment. There, Delong allegedly tried to escape, but first had to unhook his intravenous needle. He was easily recaptured but allegedly took another shot at it when the officer's back was turned. This attempt got him as far as the lab area before he was nabbed again.

Afterwards, Shepherd alleged that Delong threatened the officer with harm after he could secure a

release. At his arraignment, Delong requested a public defender.

The final list of charges filed against Delong includes operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, driving on a suspended license, refusal to submit to a sobriety test, possession of an open bottle of alcohol in a vehicle, attempted escape, disorderly conduct and terroristic threatening.

Reaction

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hoping the event would help them choose a candidate for the May election.

Though the acoustics could have been better, and the noise from students dining at Nellie's Grill was constant, listeners heard well enough to give feedback on their impressions of the candidates.

Three students came forward to express their support for Chuck Meade, who pledged to support education.

Student Jessica Hackworth was staunch in her support and said, "I like Chuck Meade's opinions about the school system."

A group of health care professionals attended and came away with a stronger consensus about Charles "Little Shag" Branham and Scarlet Stumbo. The feeling amongst the group was that those two candidates had studied the issues at hand and had formed strategies to the problems, rather than waiting for others to give them direction.

Tonya Newsome Sanders was particularly taken with Branham, who met her standards by work he's already done for health care

professionals. "He's already taken the initiative and done things on his own," Sanders said.

One Floyd Countian showed up with no affiliations and just wanted to hear what the candidates had to say. The man, who asked not to be identified but said he is from Prestonsburg, found the advertisements from candidates to be less than helpful.

"I don't know what any of them stand for [from the ads]," the man said prior to the debate. "They all seem to be relying on family ties."

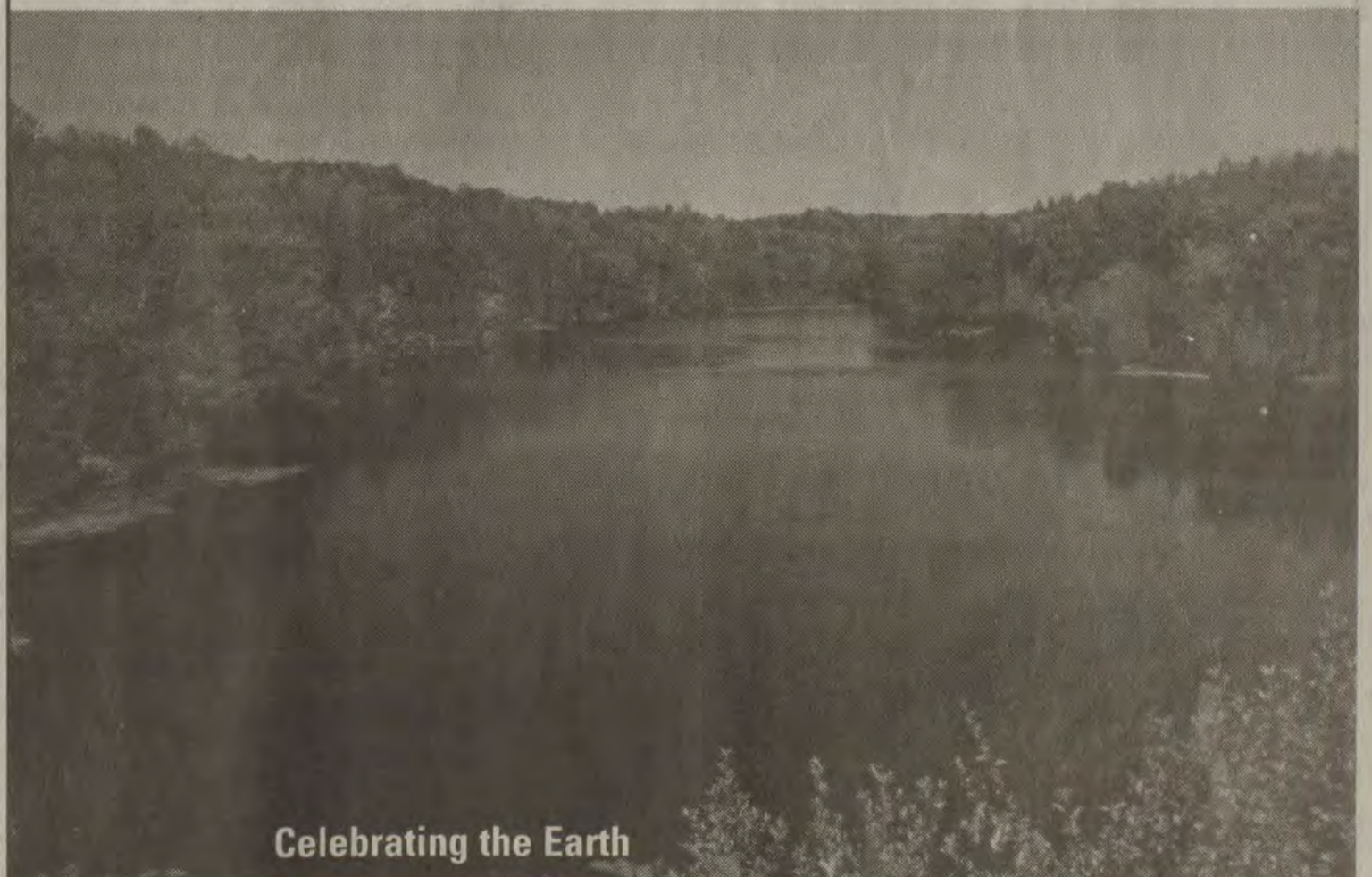
After the debate, the man had formulated an opinion and a rationale.

"I liked Mr. Fitzpatrick," he said. "He spoke in regular English and could make point. If you have an idea and can't explain it in seven-and-a-half minutes, then you have a problem, son."

The only complaint heard about the debate came from Nick Frazier, who pointed out that one issue never came up.

"Why didn't anyone talk about the coal severance tax?" Frazier wondered.

7:16 a.m. Thursday



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Worth Repeating ...

"The times are not as bad as they seem; they couldn't be."

— Anonymous

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Daily Times-Call, Longmont, Colo. on campaign finance reform:

Political campaigns run on money, and no one should be the least bit surprised that dollars have found a way over and around the supposed dam that is the McCain-Feingold campaign-finance reform legislation that became law in 2002. ...

That outlet is a 527 group, a nonprofit organization named for its Internal Revenue Service designation. The 527 groups are sprouting rapidly, and while regulations prohibit federal officials from soliciting money for a 527 and ban the nonprofits from directly coordinating campaign activity with candidates or parties, they will be major players in this fall's presidential campaign and in other key battlegrounds ...

But most observers don't expect the FEC to take strong action, especially in the middle of a campaign cycle. What's much more likely is that the GOP will get busy building its own network of 527s and turning the tap on millions of dollars for its efforts. ...

This isn't what the reform advocates had in mind. ...

If Congress is serious about limiting the role of big money in elections and creating something resembling a level playing field, it has to return to the drawing board and go back to work on a comprehensive — and loophole free — campaign-finance overhaul.

The Times Union, Albany, N.Y., on Spain's withdrawal from Iraq:

Although his decision to withdraw troops from Iraq comes as no surprise, Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero nonetheless acted with unexpected swiftness in ordering the troops home "as soon as possible." Moreover, his justification for wasting no time — he issued the order barely 24 hours after his swearing-in ceremony — strains credulity.

Some observers have questioned why the new prime minister did not wait until closer to the June 30 deadline for the transfer of sovereignty to the Iraqis. It's a valid question. During his presidential campaign, Mr. Zapatero had said that Spain's 1,300 troops would remain in Iraq if it became clear that the United Nations was in a position to assume the dominant civilian and military role in that country. Now he has concluded that things aren't changing rapidly enough.

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Guest Column

A note from the editor

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

Thursday's debate, I think, was an unqualified success. Our goal was to gather the candidates so that voters could be treated to an airing of the most important issues facing our state, region and community. That was accomplished. But like all things, there were a few blemishes, one of which I would like to address in this space.

Back when the debate was still in its planning stages, there was some discussion at that time about whether or not to include Republican candidate Bobby Stumbo, since the debate was for the primary and Mr. Stumbo has no opposition in that race.

Most debates before a primary do not include candidates from both parties. Evidence of that can be seen in this year's presidential race. When the

Democratic candidates gathered on CNN to debate, President Bush was not there. President Bush was, in fact, not in any debates, because he has no opposition in the primary. If President Bush had been challenged by another Republican, there would have been a separate debate held for the Republicans.

Despite that, the organizers of our debate agreed it would be more fair to include Mr. Stumbo and, when the invitations were mailed, he was sent one. All candidates were treated the same, with invitations being mailed to the addresses listed on their filing papers. We chose mail because, during an earlier attempt to stage a similar debate, efforts to contact candidates by telephone produced unsatisfactory results.

With all that being said, Mr. Stumbo claims to have never received notice of the debate. As a result, we received no confirmation from him by the stated deadline that he would attend the debate, and no plans for his participation were made.

The afternoon before the debate, Mr. Stumbo called me, after reading about the debate, to ask why he had not been

included. I tried to explain to him what I have just explained to you.

Of course, Mr. Stumbo was somewhat upset, but I suppose that is understandable because he felt he had been treated unfairly. After a while, our conversation became a little heated, and, after becoming angry myself, I rudely ended our conversation.

Mr. Stumbo, I wish to publicly apologize for my rude behavior. I attempted to handle your concerns professionally at first, but at a certain point my own human weakness overruled my more rational self, and I reacted in a way that you did not deserve.

I cannot, however, apologize for the debate itself. We did our level best to treat every candidate the same. If you did not receive your invitation, Mr. Stumbo, I have no explanation for that. All we could do is take your lack of response as a desire not to participate and move forward according to the ground rules we had set.

Obviously, this experience has exposed a need for us to make additional adjustments to make sure all candidates are given ample notice of such events, and I can guarantee those changes will be made.

Letters

Article unfair and misleading

This is a response to the April 9 Floyd County Times article, "Couple alleges social services 'vendetta' against them." While the press should certainly be free to champion the cause of individuals or entities seeking legitimate redress, unbalanced and inaccurate coverage can do more harm than good, particularly with regard to the public's understanding of related issues. In this case, your reporter seems to have missed the forest because of the trees.

Ms. Music writes extensively about one couple's perceived persecution by social services. However, much less attention is given to the larger question of why they have been involved with social services for six years and why they've been unable

to regain custody of their children. The author notes that Cabinet for Families and Children staff have been trying to work with the Hardys since 1998. She also notes that criminal background checks revealed "a long list of domestic violence claims, terroristic threatening charges, neglect charges, harassment charges."

Rather than following up on what appears to be an established pattern of problematic behavior and family dysfunction, Ms. Music remains almost entirely focused on a past sexual abuse allegation. Readers could be left with the impression that Cabinet and court actions were largely based on an isolated, subsequently dismissed charge when this is clearly not correct. Mr. Hardy is said to have been charged with sexual abuse "last June," five years after social services initiated an

investigation and over 3,000 pages of documentation later. The article also contained references to physical abuse allegations against both parents, "grim" substandard living conditions, failure to meet Cabinet requirements and relocation to other counties and states resulting in service disruption and loss of contact.

Domestic violence was also mentioned numerous times. It is not surprising that this couple denied the occurrence of intimate partner abuse. Victims and perpetrators often do. If their marital altercations had truly consisted of nothing more than heated arguments, then an inordinate number of trained law enforcement, legal and human services professionals have been duped over and over again.

Whether alleged or substantiated, domestic violence must be taken seriously.

Intimate partner violence is the leading cause of injury and death to women in this country. Children in these homes are abused and/or severely neglected at a rate 15 times higher than the national average. Sexual abuse of children, whether alleged or substantiated, must also be taken seriously. Because it is an extremely sensitive and controversial subject involving the most vulnerable members of society, matters related to sexual abuse should be approached with extreme discernment and concern for the victim.

Ms. Music obviously employed neither. Instead of interviewing a child sexual abuse expert, documenting her own research or providing an overview of education materials submitted by the Big Sandy Child Advocacy Center, she makes a two-sentence reference to one article

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Entertainment Extra

At the Movies: '13 Going on 30'

by CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Jennifer Garner goes big in her first starring role in a comedy — and it pays off big-time — in "13 Going on 30."

The star of TV's "Alias" plays an awkward 13-year-old girl who yearns for adulthood and is transported to her future as a 30-year-old woman, so comparisons to "Big" are inevitable. (And there are more than a couple of nods to that 1988 movie: She marvels at Manhattan through the sun roof of a limousine and makes simplistic suggestions at the office that are interpreted as genius.)

That's OK, though, because Garner accomplishes something that Tom Hanks did, too: She truly makes you believe you're watching a child trapped inside the body of an adult, and is absolutely charming in the process.

It's a joy to see Garner's radiant smile replacing her usual



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Three stars out of four.

tough-gal scowl, to watch her use her physicality for having fun instead of kicking butt. Even during a potentially cringeworthy moment at a party — when she busts out the moves from Michael Jackson's "Thriller" video and everyone else joins in — Garner is so lovably goofy, she makes it palatable.

As Jenna Rink, she wishes

during her 13th birthday party that she could be "30, flirty and thriving," to quote the fashion magazine that's her bible.

That was back in the big-haired days of 1987 — which brings me to a truly nitpicky quibble: The music, which is a huge part of the movie, is just a little bit off. Jenna listens obsessively to "Jessie's Girl" by Rick

Springfield, which came out in 1981, and Madonna's "Crazy for You," a hit in 1984, plays during a game of Seven Minutes in Heaven. The aforementioned "Thriller" was big in 1983.

Anyway, Jenna suddenly wakes up in a Greenwich Village apartment (with a fabulously stocked closet) and finds she's dating a New York Rangers star and has a high-powered gig at the same fashion magazine she read as a child.

The logic in the script from husband-and-wife Josh Goldsmith and Cathy Yuspa, who also wrote "What Women Want," gets shaky here. At times, Jenna seems to have the mentality of a young girl: She gets giggly and grossed out by the idea of making out with her boyfriend, for example. But at other times, she functions capably as an adult: Jenna commandeers a redesign of the magazine and competes with Lucy (Judy Greer), the meanest girl in school who, she's now surprised to learn, has become her best friend and co-worker.

Gary Winick — who previously directed the low-budget "Tadpole" and produced indie films on digital video including "Tape" and "Chelsea Walls" — also goes big here, depicting Jenna's adventures with bright color and high energy.

But this teen-girl fantasy has some poignant moments, too, especially with Mark Ruffalo, who plays a grown-up version of the geeky boy next door she jilted as a child. Ruffalo, the co-star of "You Can Count on Me" who's great in everything he's in — even the self-serious "In the Cut" — gives the movie some emotional weight and resonance when everyone else is flitting about being girly.

"13 Going on 30" opts for the obviously happy ending when there's at least a couple others that would convey the film's message. But now I'm probably just being too grown-up and uptight.

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

The big release this week is "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World." This is an epic movie — think "Lawrence of Arabia" with boats — that can support a rather long title. It was well received by critics and audiences, but got shut out at the Oscars by "The Return of the King." It's worth a look on video and DVD, but avoid the full-screen version, which chops off one-third of the image and ruins the battle scenes. It is based on a series of books by Patrick O'Brian and centers on a British naval vessel in 1805 which must do battle with a bigger and sturdier French battleship.

The other big release for the

week is the disappointing "Haunted Mansion." This film is the second one based on a Disneyworld ride, but is far inferior to "Pirates of the Caribbean." Eddie Murphy stars here as the head of a family which inherits a haunted house that is chock full of ghosts and special effects, but unfortunately very little entertainment value.

The real thrills this week come from older material. "King of New York" is the latest DVD special edition of an older film and it's worth a look. Christopher Walken is in top form as paroled gangster Frank White. The film follows his exploits as he rebuilds his underworld empire with help from his old gang. His plans run into trouble, though, when he must deal with a rival gang and

a determined cop. A great cast supports the action with David Caruso, Lawrence Fishburne and Wesley Snipes all on board. Special features include a documentary on director Abel Ferrara ("Bad Lieutenant") who got his start directing adult films.

There is also a special edition of "A League of their Own," which is a spot-on portrayal of the brief but exciting women's baseball league which flourished during World War II. Tom Hanks and Geena Davis star.

Television fans might enjoy the third season of the British crime series "Cracker." Robbie Coltrane stars as a psychologist/cop whose personal life is a mess as he struggles with addictions to booze, gambling and cigarettes. His saving grace is his uncanny ability to get into the heads of criminals and he is at his best when interrogating suspects who he can manipulate into writing full-scale confessions.

Musical and horror fans might like "Sweeney Todd." This is a filmed performance of the stage musical which features Angela Lansbury and George Hearn as a pair of miscreants who combine their passions for revenge and cooking. He's a murderous barber with a body count and she's a so-so cook who crams his victims into meat pies. The score by Stephen Sondheim is amazing and you will find yourself humming the tunes despite the fact that they are chockablock with references to murder, cannibalism and revenge.

Next week shapes up as a good one for fans of the old Universal Studios horror flicks. Three boxed sets are being released which will feature some of their best known classics. The first wave of horrors will include the "Dracula," "Wolfman" and "Frankenstein's Monster" series.

Odds

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Lt. Mark Anderson said police found a dental chair, moldings, needles and vials of a local anesthetic as well as a lab to make dentures, crowns, bridges and implants in the neatly kept two-door garage.

Police said they weren't sure how long Herrera had been working out of his home, but that he used to do dental work in his native Colombia.

Herrera was released Wednesday from the Palm Beach County jail on \$3,000 bail.

PHILADELPHIA — Can't complete a calculus problem or add fractions? Blame it on your brain.

Our brains aren't well equipped to grasp those kinds of advanced mathematics, said Stanford University mathematician and National Public Radio's "Math Guy" Keith Devlin. Most people who can do such abstract number twisting don't even understand what they're doing at first, he said.

Unlike what Devlin calls "natural mathematics," such as counting, algebra, geometry and simple arithmetic that the brain does naturally, "formal mathematics," such as adding fractions and calculus, seems counter to common sense to our brains.

Because natural and formal math require different kinds of thinking, teachers may want to look for ways to teach them differently too, said Devlin, who was speaking at the annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. The four-day conference of about 17,000 math teachers started Wednesday in Philadelphia.

So how does one learn formal math? Fake it until you make it — and not everyone does because it can take years of frustrating, repetitious and rote rule-following,

Devlin said.

"You have to be psychologically willing and able to just follow the formal rules, play the game and not try to make sense of it," he said. "Eventually, for some people, the meaningless game will eventually become meaningful."

■ CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa

— Dogs may no longer be the butt of their owners' jokes, thanks to Frank Morosky.

Morosky, owner of Flat-D Innovations, has developed a product to reduce the odor of flatulence in dogs.

Two years ago, Morosky, who runs the business with his partner, Brian Conant in Hawaii, developed a similar product for people. He said he could only laugh when people first asked if he could make it work for dogs.

"For a year, we said, 'No, that's stupid. Nobody would buy that for a dog,'" Morosky said.

But Morosky changed his mind after a customer asked him to custom make a pair of full underwear using his material. It was during that project that he realized making charcoal-lined panties for dogs might just work.

Morosky has developed two versions that will go on sale later this month. One, similar to a G-string, will sell for about \$20. The other, a denim diaper with a detachable charcoal pad inside, will sell for about \$50.

Veterinarian David Graeff of Animal Care Hospital, said flatulence is common in dogs, but is not a medical problem.

"I think it would be great if they could find a way to keep them (the diapers) on," said Graeff, adding that many dogs won't wear a bandage without tearing it off.

Graeff said pet owners often jokingly blame their own flatulence on their pets.

"Unfortunately," he said, "the dogs do get blamed for this, no matter what."

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Sheena Rena Little, 19, of Virgie, to Thomas Martin Johnson, 23, of Prestonsburg.
Peggy Renee Martin, 31, of Martin, to Gregory Salisbury, 35, of Pikeville.
Nancy Lee Williams, 55, of Whitesburg, to Bobby R. Reynolds, 55, of Prestonsburg.
Amanda Rae Shepherd, 21, to Nathan Barkley, 23, both of Prestonsburg.

Civil Suits Filed

Lorraine Reynolds vs. Consolidated Health Systems; complaint.
Cristol Hall vs. Matthew Hall; divorce.
Ricky Vance vs. F.E.E. Inc. and Gene Prater; complaint.
Frank Fugate vs. Loretta Fugate; divorce.
Community Trust Bank vs. Patricia Rister and Floyd County; complaint.
Melissa Collins and James Collins vs. Blue Rhino Corporation, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Wal-Mart Stores Inc.; complaint.
Jesse Douglas Blair vs. Leslie Nicole Blair; divorce.
Myrl McKinney vs. Teresa McKinney; verified petition for divorce.
Richard Lowell Conn vs. Beatrice Sue Conn; divorce.
Glenn Dale Rackey vs. Cynthia Deanna Rackey; divorce.
Phillip Robinson vs. Georgia Robinson; divorce.
Jamie Bentley vs. Donald Bentley; divorce.
Lola McClanahan and Sera Lawson vs. Willard H. McKinney; complaint.
Margaret Hall vs. Hugh A. Hugh; complaint.
Daryl Branham vs. Norma Butler and Progressive Max Insurance Company; complaint.
Linda Whitt vs. Marvin Burts; complaint.
Floyd County vs. Danna Holland; complaint.
Gladys Mitchell vs. Foster Mitchell; divorce.
Billie Fultz vs. McDowell Regional ARH Hospital; complaint.
Lloyd Daniels III vs. Anita Daniels; divorce.

Monogram Credit Card of Georgia vs. Dave Blankenship; complaint.
Marlene Arms vs. Robert Meek; petition for health care insurance.
Teresa E. Basham vs. Joe Jayne; petition for health care insurance.
Tennie P. Boyd vs. Jeff Lewis; petition for health care insurance.
Joseph W. Campbell vs. Maria L. Campbell; petition for child support and health care insurance.
Shauna M. Jones vs. Christopher B. Jones; petition for child support and health care insurance.
Melissa Stevens vs. Scottie L. Stephens; petition for health care insurance.
James M. Layne vs. Tena R. Mosley; petition for health care insurance.
Molly K. Green vs. Loren L. Wright; complaint.
Brock McVey Company vs. Gary Bevins and Linda Bevins; complaint.
Rickey Slone vs. Alicia Slone; divorce.
Clyde Edward Burke vs. Beve B. Jones and GWS Contracting; complaint.
Teresa L. Grisco vs. James D. Meade; petition for health care insurance.
Bill Montgomery vs. Kim Montgomery; petition for child support and health care insurance.
State Farm Mutual Insurance Company vs. Thomas Skeens; complaint.
Tara Hamilton vs. Barry Hamilton; joint petition for legal separation.
Richard Samons vs. North Tobacco Company; complaint.

Clark L. Adkins, 42, Paintsville; alcohol intoxication.
Ronnie D. Terry, 49, Estill; theft.
Wendy Fugate, 25, Martin; wanton endangerment.
James C. Music, 26, Lackey; criminal trespassing.
Herbert Smith, 25, Teaberry; harassment.
Christopher S. Adkins, 30, Honaker; Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages.
Carolyn Stricklin, 45, Allen; theft.
David Setser, 21, Prestonsburg; criminal trespassing.
James Houston, 30, Prestonsburg; criminal trespassing.
Rickey Harris, 39, Auxier; criminal trespassing, alcohol intoxication.
Jerry Amburgey, 27, East Point; alcohol intoxication.
Rudy Robinette, 59, Banner; alcohol intoxication.
Tracy Boyette, 45, Dana; alcohol intoxication.
Jeffery Turner, 41, Garrett; alcohol intoxication.
Shauna R. Mullins, 24, Pikeville; public intoxication.
Mica Jean Patrick, 33, Lexington; alcohol intoxication, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct.
John C. Murphy, 24, Langley; theft.
Eddie D. Chaffins, 43, Hindman; DUI, operating a motor vehicle on DUI suspended license, no Kentucky plates, no insurance.
Robert K. Kinman, 34, Wayland; theft.
Danny Martin, Sr., 49, Drift; theft.
Alex Skeens, 20, Prestonsburg; second-degree assault, terroristic threatening.
Charlene Kay Blankenship, 32, Paintsville; fugitive.
Jeremy Todd Sexton, 26, Littcarr; burglary.
Robert Dean Delong, 31, Van Lear; DUI, suspended license, obstruction, open alcohol container, attempted escape, disorderly conduct, terroristic threatening.

units hard to spot, proper hair restraints not in use, waste containers in food prep area uncovered, lights not shielded in walk-in. Score: 86.
Pappy's Mart, Teaberry, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all refrigerator units, food items stored on floor, restroom door not self closing, restroom wall not complete, lighting in display refrigerator not adequate. Score: 93.
Red Top Market, Hueysville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Easily seen thermometers not present in every refrigerator unit, wiping cloth use not restricted, restroom doesn't have self-closing door, lights in food prep area improperly shielded. Score: Food 94, retail 97.
Reno's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Ice scoop improperly stored, hand sink in food prep area has no hot water, many floor tiles missing. Score: 87.

Property Transfers

Larry Kiser to Irene Kiser, property location not listed.
The City of Prestonsburg to Randall B. Chaffin and Anita Chaffin, property located, West Porter Street.
Harry Dale Lawson to Hubert Gene Lawson, property located, Route 2030.
Charles A. Slone and Rose Ann Slone to Sabrina Carol Harris, property location not listed.
Grace Akers to Steve Spears and Elizabeth Spears, property location not listed.
Amanda Bryant to Jessica Johnson, property location not listed.
Ilene Castle, Imogene Shepherd and Tramble Shepherd, Racine Miller and Lonnie Miller, Sindy Shepherd and Thurmae Shepherd to Pamela Lynn Martin, property located, Salt Lick.
Krystal Byers to Carl and Toni Mead, property location not listed.

Obituaries

Oliver Hall

Oliver Hall, age 74, of Stanton, formerly of Grethel, husband of the late Elsa Howell Hall, passed away, Wednesday, April 21, 2004, in Stanton.
He was born June 23, 1930, in Grethel, the son of the late Willie Hall and Florence Hall. He was a retired mechanic.
He is survived by three sons: Auddie Hall of McDowell, and Marty Hall and Oliver Hall Jr., both of Stanton; three daughters: Deborah Hall, Elizabeth Collins, and Sheila Hall, all of Stanton; six brothers: Tom Hall, Otis Hall, and O.C. Hall, all of Grethel, Phil Hall and Nicky Hall, both of Lorain, Ohio, and

Forrest Hall of Johnson County; two sisters: Ruby Keathley of Betsy Layne, and Shirley Hall of Paramount, California, 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Oliver Hall will be conducted Saturday, April 24, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Akers Cemetery, at Grethel, under the care of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Melpha Newsome Tackett

Melpha Newsome Tackett, age 93, of Waverly, Ohio, formerly of Martin, wife of the late Emmett Tackett, passed away, Wednesday, April 21, 2004, in Waverly, Ohio.
She was born February 20, 1911, in Robinson Creek, the daughter of the late Robert Lee Newsome Jr., and Phena Hamilton Newsome. She was a faithful member of the New Life United Baptist Church. She was a devoted wife, and loving mother and grandmother. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.
Survivors include one daughter, Anna Lee (Lyman) Porter of Waverly, Ohio; one sister, Jean (Theron) Williamson of Tipton, Iowa; three granddaughters, Rhonda (Jeffery) Tutt, Carol (Randy) Vandagriff, and Cindy (Tom) Noirot, all of Dayton, Ohio; six great-grandchildren: Elijah Speer, David Speer, Toni Alig, Kristen Noirot, Lora Noirot and Travis Weisman; and one great-great-granddaughter, Nathalie Speer, all of Dayton, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Emmett, on December 31, 1984; one son, Ronald Gene Tackett; two infant children: James Carlos Tackett and Bonnie Faye Tackett; two infant granddaughters, Cecilia Porter and Alyce Lynn Porter; one grandson, Rory Stephen Tackett; one great-granddaughter, Kolyn Kindred; three brothers: Palmer, Orbie and Alonzo Newsome; six sisters: Myrtle Cox, Ethel Fitzgerald, Audrey Rainey, Edythe Luxmore, Leona Newsome, and Mary Newsome.

Funeral services for Melpha Newsome Tackett will be conducted Saturday, April 24, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home, at Martin.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, with the Hall Funeral Home, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Perry Ward

Perry Ward, 73, of Hi Hat, died Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born December 11, 1930, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Joe and Martha Thomsberry Ward. He was a former employee of the Big Sandy Community Action Program, and a U.S. Army Korean War veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Ann Hunter Ward.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Jill Bryant of Martin; two brothers: Brownloe Ward of Topmost, and Hasroe Ward of Wapakoneta, Ohio; three sisters: Lillie Little of Bypro, Virginia Bates of Somerset, and Ocie Robershaw of Columbiana, Alabama; and two grandchildren: Meghan Reece Bryant, and Emily Nicole Bryant.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Andy Ward, Will Ward, and Daniel Ward; and two sisters: Elizabeth Thompson, and Sarah Ellen Ward.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, April 23, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Military funeral will be conducted by the D.A.V. Chapter 128, of Garrett.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Charges Filed

Eddie Craft, 50, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.
Dennis Whitehead, 45, McDowell; alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, public intoxication, indecent exposure, criminal mischief.
Nikki Burton, 22, Columbus, Ohio; harassing communications.
Timmy Hall, 36, Galveston; alcohol intoxication, indecent exposure, disorderly conduct.
Lansing Delano Buckley Jr., 35, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.
Marian P. Risner, 41, Royalton; alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, fourth-degree assault.
Alexander H. Skeens, 20, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication, possession of marijuana.
Vernon Chad Slone, 27, Bypro; disorderly conduct, menacing, harassment.

Inspections

Holiday Inn, U.S. 23, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Some food items stored on floor, all waste containers not covered in food prep area, some ceiling tiles missing, some floor tiles in disrepair. Score: 92.
Giovanni's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to find all thermometers in refrigerator units, various food items not stored with covers, hair restraints not in use by all staff, baking pans not stored properly, waste container in food prep area uncovered. Score: 93.
El Azul Grande, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Dishwasher not meeting recommended temperature, all lights above food prep area need shields, men's restroom door has broken lock, all waste containers in food prep area must be covered. Score: 87.
Dave's Stop and Sip, Route 44, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all thermometers easy to spot, restroom sink not set up for handwashing. Score: Food 97, Retail 96.
Sam and Tonio's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers in refrigerator

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... He says he fears that any further delay might open the possibility of some Spanish troops being captured as hostages by Iraqi insurgents, and that to withdraw then, under those circumstances, would be perceived as capitulating to terrorists. But there is no way to avoid such a perception, now that Japan and Italy, two nations whose citizens were held hostage in Iraq, have refused to consider withdrawal.

It's true that Mr. Zapatero made his withdrawal pledge well before the March 11 terrorist bombings of a commuter train in Madrid. Thus, he could legitimately claim that the terrorists did not influence his policy. But that was then. Now, in his hurry to get the troops home, Mr. Zapatero is sending a very different, and disquieting, message.

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Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there. I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow, and the diamond glints upon the snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain, and the gentle, autumn rain. When you wake to morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft star-shine at night. So do not stand at my grave and weep. I did not die. I do not sleep.

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BY JOHN LEHTI

MONEY IN A FISH'S MOUTH!

ARABIC, THE LANGUAGE WHICH JESUS SPOKE, IS STILL USED IN PARTS OF SYRIA TODAY IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM WITH THE SAME IDIOMATIC PHRASES AND SLANG. ONE OLD EXPRESSION IS "YOU CAN FIND A SHEKEL IN THE MOUTH OF A FISH." MEANING: IF YOU CATCH A GOOD FISH YOU CAN ALWAYS SELL IT EASILY AT THE MARKET. IF A MAN SAID "THERE'S TWENTY SHEKELS IN THE HORN OF MY GOAT," NO ONE WOULD CUT OFF THE HORN LOOKING FOR THE TWENTY SHEKELS—EVERYONE KNEW HE MEANT THE GOAT'S WORTH WAS TWENTY SHEKELS. TODAY, IF A MAN SAYS, "I'VE GOT SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS TIED UP IN MY CAR," WE WOULDN'T SEARCH HIS CAR LOOKING FOR A TIED UP BUNDLE OF MONEY—WITHOUT ANY OTHER EXPLANATION, WE KNOW IT MEANS HE'S SPENT THAT MUCH MONEY ON HIS CAR FOR REPAIRS OR SOMETHING OF THE SORT...

WHEN JESUS WAS IN CAPEARNUM AND THE ROMAN TAX-COLLECTOR ASKED FOR THE HEAD TAX EVERYONE PAID TO ROMA (TWO SILVER COINS, WORTH A SHEKEL), JESUS TOLD PETER, WHO WAS A FISHERMAN, TO GO CATCH A FISH WHICH WOULD HAVE A PIECE OF MONEY IN ITS MOUTH (MATT. 17:27). MANY AUTHORITIES ARE AGREED HE WAS USING THE SLANG OF THE DAY—IN OTHER WORDS, TO CATCH A FISH GOOD ENOUGH TO SELL ON THE MARKET FOR A SHEKEL AND THUS PAY THEIR TAX. DURING THE 1ST CENTURY A.D., WHEN THE GREEKS WERE TRANSLATING THE GOSPELS INTO THEIR OWN LANGUAGE, THEY HAD NO UNDERSTANDING OF THE TRUE MEANING OF THESE ARABIC EXPRESSIONS AND SO THE STORY CAME OUT AS THOUGH PETER ACTUALLY CAUGHT A FISH SWIMMING AROUND WITH A PIECE OF MONEY IN ITS MOUTH—WHICH DOESN'T MEAN JESUS COULDN'T WORK A MIRACLE IN THIS CASE, FOR HE RAISED THE DEAD AND HEALED MANY WHO WERE BLIND, LAME, AND HALT—BUT IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE HE NEVER PERFORMED MIRACLES FOR HIS OWN COMFORT AND BENEFIT!

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Letters

and devotes nine paragraphs to the musings of Peter O. Samples. A former law enforcement official and Pendleton County resident, Mr. Samples is said to have "personally investigated 3,500 child sexual abuse cases." Sadly, there is no evidence that his knowledge or experience in this area extends beyond criminal investigation, but he did have lots of unpleasant things to say about "social workers" and was given nearly six paragraphs to do so.

Several of the statements in this diatribe were highly suspect, some were irrelevant, all were derogatory. No, social services workers are not "trained as criminal investigators," which might have something to do with the fact that they are actually not criminal investigators and are not responsible for conducting criminal investigations. Yes, "pedophiles" may behave in a passive manner when confronted by law enforcement personnel, but their demeanor during interviews with primarily female social services workers is likely to be very different, especially if they are domestic violence offenders. Any response to Mr. Samples' outlandish contention that he has never encountered an aggressive child sexual abuser would require a separate letter.

This "president and CEO" of a task force on child abuse reserves his harshest criticism for workers who fail to conduct proper investigations, resulting in "many, many cases where children are put back in abusive homes." Perhaps Ms. Music neglected to inform him that workers here are being criticized because they did not recommend return, and the results of the investigation were apparently compelling enough to convince a judge. Although Mr. Samples should be thrilled with such an outcome, several local community members were not and their negative comments have also received ample space in The Times. Folks are, of course, entitled to their opinions. However, more judicious use of them in print may have helped balance what emerged as a grossly unfair representation of social services workers.

Professionals involved in child protection cases do not have the time, inclination or latitude to pursue vendettas. These are not "evil ... horrible" people (Pastor Nelson's kind and, may I say, very Christian observation aside), just human beings with incredibly tough jobs. Frankly, I cannot imagine a job more demanding, dangerous or gut-wrenching, except law enforcement.

Like police officers, social services workers operate under strict statutory and agency guidelines. They incur huge liability and safety risks when

attempting to intervene with dysfunctional families, and are sometimes called upon to make life-altering decisions with inescapably negative consequences. Unlike police officers, they have little real authority and cannot simply walk away once a crisis has been resolved.

The suggestion that case-workers would bribe children to lie about sexual abuse or deliberately set out to destroy families is ludicrous. Perpetuation of these stereotypes will only render provision of these services and protection more difficult. Worse still, victims justifiably anxious about disclosure see that it's possible for their identities and circumstances to end up in the hands of anyone with 75 cents. So your reporter and editorial staff had no compunctions about re-traumatizing a child who has alleged sexual abuse, but the disgruntled former Cabinet employee gleefully impugning the ethics of coworkers and supervisors was granted anonymity. Interesting.

Raising children is a privilege, not an entitlement. Bottom line. There is a huge difference between bringing child after child into the world and doing what's necessary to maintain the emotional and physical health of each for the next 18 years. These parents have been neglectful and irresponsible, by their own admission. Instead of accepting the assistance that was extended for half a decade, they rejected it and persisted in behaviors that jeopardized their children's well-being.

The Hardys insist they are victims. The same individuals who have threatened and harassed others vociferously assert that their own rights have been violated. They accept only a small share of blame for their current situation. And they have acted in a spirit of outraged antagonism, not with the humility befitting those who recognize serious past mistakes and wish to atone.

Readers learned that the couple recently participated in "numerous parenting, domestic violence and other types of counseling." They are also said to have joined a church. This is wonderful, but it does not mitigate the damage already done. Nor does it lessen culpability. Despite your reporter's efforts to write one, this is not a story about parents who were failed by "the system." It's a story about parents who failed their children.

Stacy McQueen
Prestonsburg

Bush should come clean

I am concerned about what is happening in this country of

ours. Bob Woodward has raised a number of disturbing questions about the President's relationship with the Saudi royal family.

We now know that Bush has a secret deal with the Saudis to influence the November elections by manipulating gas prices — a deal that is costing Americans at the pump. If President Bush can make deals with OPEC nations to lower gas prices, why isn't he doing it now, while Americans face record prices at the pump, instead of using that influence to manipulate the election?

President Bush needs to answer other questions about his relationship with Saudi Arabia too, including why he revealed secret war plans to Saudi Prince Bandar before he showed Colin Powell.

It's time for President Bush to stop the stonewall and come clean about his relationship with the Saudi royal family and their plan to manipulate the elections.

It's time for us to stop this type of thing, don't you think?
David Reeves
146 West Main Street
Grayson

Debate

that Fletcher was going to cut funding for community colleges. In answering the question, he said he'd "fight" to see that the student received her education, an answer that resonated across the board with every candidate.

Stumbo said she supports "full funding" of education, particularly post-secondary education.

Allen said the problem could be solved when the government stopped giving "free rides to the rich."

In their closing statements, candidates gave an overview of their platforms.

Branham and Stumbo both touted Christian values, each detailing their abilities to provide moral character and values to the state representative's office.

Fitzpatrick and Meade took a down-home approach, with Fitzpatrick saying that he is "proud" to be a "hillbilly" and that he would fight to give Eastern Kentucky its fair share in funding regardless of people's individual social status. Meade, amid applause declared he was "Floyd County" from the top of his head to the bottom of his

feet. Hopkins said he'd work closely with local colleges and city and county governments to represent the people and provide possible solutions to pressing questions.

Allen, noting his employment history in the coal mines and as a former factory worker, stood on his ability as a CPA to "know how budgets work."

Following the debate, Stumbo told The Times that more women should be represented in the legislature.

"I think the issues discussed today focused more on education and health care, and when you look at the people who work in those areas, you see women filling more positions ..." Stumbo said. "In the government, that's reversed. Women need to be more competitive and focus on these issues."

Branham, noting that he felt the debate was "somewhat staged" said he hoped people could "decipher through the jargon" that was said to find real answers to the questions posed.

While all six Democrats attended the debate, Republican candidate Bobby Stumbo objected, saying he was not

invited. All seven candidates were requested to appear in the debate — via letters mailed to the addresses listed on their filing papers — and were asked to accept or reject the request by an April 1 deadline. Bobby Stumbo, however, said Wednesday afternoon that he did not receive the letter.

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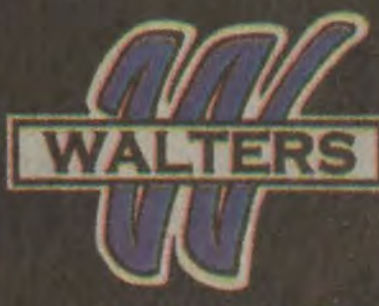
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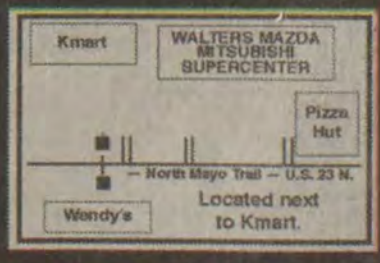


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NFL DRAFT — Jeremy Caudill is one of the former college football players hoping to get a call this weekend. NFL draft news appears inside today's edition.



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More than 16 years later, still enjoying sports

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

LOUISVILLE — On the night I began my journey as a writer, I went to my first game unaware I was covering it.

That's right. Perhaps I should take it as a hint. I backed my way into it and I'm sure many who flip to this page each Friday wish I'd back my way out of it.

But it's true. I started one night at Millard High School, where I served as the public address announcer as a way to make a little spending money while in college. I sat at the scorer's table microphone in hand, when one of the officials — who was largely out of breath — stumbled over to the scorer's table, leaned on it, and said, "I thought you were going to cover some games for me this year."



Rick Bentley

Turned out, it was Terry Spears. In addition to being sports editor, Terry was refereeing some games and was on the court that night.

I didn't have to think about a response. "I'll have this one on your desk in the morning."

Now, more than 16 years later, I'll have this one on the sports editor's desk in the morning too. The method has changed somewhat, as has the type of copy I submit, but I still try to dutifully meet deadlines, and this column should be no exception.

In that time, I've covered a lot of events, been a lot of places and met a lot of people. So how is it that two of the most meaningful events I've ever covered have occurred in the last six months?

It's true. After all those years, I really thought I was past getting excited about the things I cover.

And then came December 5, 2003. That day, I drove to the very town I'm in tonight and saw David Jones score an overtime touchdown from the one-yard line to give Belfry High School a state football championship.

It was one enjoyable experience. I know as a writer I'm not supposed to cheer, but on that cold afternoon it was impossible not to.

And then came last week.

I'd never been to a bowling tournament and really didn't know what to expect. My role was a little different than I'm used to — even as SID I "cover" events, but at this I was fortunate enough to be Ron Damron's "assistant," which got me right in the lanes with the coach and seven players.

It's a good thing they didn't call on me to pick up a spare. Turns out, the last thing they needed was my bowling advice.

So I stood back, kept our score and an eye on some of the other's and tried to use my access and humor to keep them loose as the tournament (and tension) progressed.

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McPeek leaving Lawrence County

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISA — Lawrence County High School will have a new football coach at the helm during the 2004 season. Gary McPeek met with current LCHS football players earlier this week at which time he let them know that he would not be returning as head coach of

the Bulldog grid program next season.

McPeek came to the LCHS football program in 2002 when he replaced Paintsville Chuke Williams, who at the time, had left to take the job of head football coach at Bourbon County High School. McPeek is currently an assistant of the Lexington Horsemen indoor football team where he coaches under

Bob Sphire. McPeek oversees the Horsemen offensive and defensive line-men.

McPeek was a four-year letterman for Morehead State University, where he was twice named to the All-Ohio Valley Conference team as an offensive

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Gary McPeek

FLOYD COUNTY SOFTBALL



photos by Jamie Howell

Allen Central sophomore Alanna Cline drifted off first base after reaching the bag during Wednesday's win over South Floyd. First baseman Brandy Anderson is pictured for South Floyd.

LADY REBELS SUSTAIN ROUGH START, DOWN SOUTH FLOYD

Mullins, Nelson combine to drive in 10 runs

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MINNIE — The traditional power in Floyd County high school softball is again flexing its muscles. Allen Central withstood a five-run first inning Wednesday at Minnie Park and rallied its way back

to a 13-11 win over host South Floyd.

Allen Central senior Terri Mullins connected on a base hit in the top half of the first inning and drove in two Lady Rebel baserunners to give the visiting team an early 2-0 lead.

Allen Central pitcher Jessica Isaac started out with control problems, walking four batters in the opening inning. In the first inning,

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Allen Central senior pitcher Jessica Isaac went the distance in the victory over South Floyd.

Jamerson claims three first-place finishes in track meet

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Senior Nicholas Jamerson finished first in the 110 meter hurdles, 300 meter hurdles and shot put events and Prestonsburg recorded 85 points Tuesday, finishing second to host Pikeville in a meet held at Bob Amos Park.

Jenkins finished first on the girls' side, recording 160 points. Pikeville finished second and Shelby Valley third. Pike County Central was fourth followed by a fifth-place Belfry team.

Also individually for Prestonsburg, Brandon Peters had a third-place finish in the triple jump.

Seth Moore finished fourth in the 110 meter hurdles and the 300 meter hurdles. Chayse Martin finished third in the 800 meter run. Peters also had a fourth-place finish in the 400-meter run.

The Prestonsburg girls finished

(See TRACK, page four)

Rebels blank Prestonsburg 9-0

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Allen Central scored three runs in the first inning and two in the second inning Tuesday en route to a 9-0 shutout win over host Prestonsburg. The win gave Prestonsburg its first 58th District victory of the season. Allen Central starting pitcher Tyler Turner went the complete seven innings, allowing just five Blackcat hits.



Turner

In his work on the mound, Turner recorded nine strikeouts and walked five Blackcat batters.

Prestonsburg had some woes on defense, committing five errors. Allen Central played error-free baseball.

Leading 5-0, Allen Central took an 8-0 lead after plating three runs in the

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Allen Central outlasts Betsy Layne, 17-16

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — In the end Tuesday evening, Allen Central made the bigger plays. The Lady Rebels went on the road to take on defending 57th District softball champ Betsy Layne. The two teams swapped leads frequently, with Allen Central playing from behind at times. Betsy Layne led 12-11 heading into the seventh inning, but the Lady Rebels would not be denied. Allen Central plated six runs in



Terri Mullins

(See GAME, page four)

Bobcats turn elusive triple play

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — A double play? Sure. But a triple play? In the sport of baseball, a triple play is rare. Betsy Layne pulled off a triple play Tuesday night when it caught the Pikeville Panthers off-guard.

In a 12-2 loss, the triple play was a bright spot for a Betsy

Layne team that has shown promise in the first month of the season.

Betsy Layne second baseman Brandon Thacker played a vital role in the triple play. Host Pikeville had the bases loaded in the bottom half of the second inning when the triple play was turned. Thacker caught a line-



Thacker

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photo by Jamie Howell

South Floyd High softball player Tasha Osborne reached base Monday during a win over Betsy Layne. More on the game appears inside today's edition.

Paintsville holds Raiders scoreless

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — Brian Fairchild and Adam Davis combined to pitch a six-hit shutout Tuesday evening and in the process scored a 5-0 win over visiting South Floyd. Fairchild made the start for the Tigers, pitching four innings en route to the win. Davis came on and pitched the final three innings. Each Paintsville pitcher recorded two strikeouts and allowed three hits.

Paintsville scored one run in the first inning and took a 3-0 lead into the third inning after scoring two runs in the second frame.

Senior Shane Simpkins had one of the most productive games for host Paintsville, singling in his

(See RAIDERS page four)

Reds' pen leaves much to be desired

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Before the first pitch was thrown to open the 2004 Major League Baseball season there was a lot of optimism in the Cincinnati Reds camp about the bullpen and it being the strength of this years team.

Cincinnati has been getting decent starting pitching thus far this season and surprisingly so, but the 'pen has had four blown saves this season and two of those belong to closer Danny Graves.

The Reds were just one out away from making it two straight over the Atlanta Braves

when Graves failed to retire Atlanta in the top of the ninth inning allowing the Braves to tie the game take a 6-5 lead and win 9-5.

Cory Lidle, Aaron Harang, Jose Acevedo have been very impressive through the first 14 games as well as Paul Wilson who is 2-0 early in the year.

Actually, Jimmy Haynes has pitched well in his first two outings but has gotten little run support.

The Reds bullpen was hit hard at Philadelphia and in three of four at Chicago even though the Reds did take two of four from the Central Division champions.

While the pitching continues to be a huge question for the Reds this season, the bats haven't been ringing out too many hits either. Outside of Sean Casey and Adam Dunn, it has been much of a hit parade of sorts for Cincinnati. Dunn has seven home runs but what's new? Dunn always has his best season in the first half, proven by his performances in the past two campaigns. Remember in 2002 he had 26 home runs and hit 24 of those before the all-star break then disappeared in the

second half. Ditto in 2003. Dunn hit 27 last season with 23 coming in the first half before Dunn was shut down with an injury the second half.

So with seven dingers so far, Dunn could very well be on his way to another good first half, but I expect a second half let down from the left fielder.

One has to wonder how long the Reds will stay with Barry Larkin at short and his anemic bat. Larkin was hitting under .200 earlier as was Austin Kearns. Ken Griffey, Jr. started well after missing the first two games of the 2004 season. But

he seems to still be favoring his shoulder that sidelined him for most of the 2003 season.

Catching is a weak spot for the Reds as is third base. I like Freel. I think if they will stay with him he will hit for them. Brandon Larson is hitting well at Triple A Louisville but he did that last year and the year before but could not hit major league pitching.

I suppose we should just be patient and see how the season runs the first half. If the pitching continues to hold up and the bats come around the Reds could very well have a .500 season or better.

MORRIS TO UK?

It is interesting to read the Georgia sports sections and their push in convincing Randolph Morris to sign with Georgia Tech. Morris, who has narrowed his choices to either Kentucky

or Tech, said a decision will not be forthcoming until May. But according to the media in Georgia, the decision has been made, only the official announcement will wait until

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Play

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drive up the middle, then tagged second, eliminating the baserunner, who was on that bag before throwing on to first base to teammate Brandon Kidd who then stepped on the initial bag, catching a Panther runner who had left to soon, thus completing the triple play.

More on the game appears on page three.

Kentucky Derby countdown is on

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The preps are over. The graded stakes earnings have been calculated. Time to sort out the field for the Kentucky Derby, right?

Not quite. Quintons Gold Rush won the Lexington Stakes at Keeneland on Saturday, becoming the latest 3-year-old on racing's all-important list: the top 20 graded-stakes earners.

The Derby field is limited to 20 starters, and with more than 30 horses still under consideration, graded stakes earnings will determine who's in and who's out.

By winning \$201,500 in the Grade 2 Lexington — the last of more than 50 Derby preps — Quintons Gold Rush advanced from 38th to 17th on the list with a total of \$258,500. The result dropped Preachinathebar from 20th to 21st.

In order for trainer Bob Baffert's colt to get back into the field, one horse ranked above him has to drop out. Other Derby hopefuls like Pro Prado (25th), Song of the Sword (24th), Eddington (28th) and Rock Hard Ten (29th) need a few more defections.

Horses currently in the top 20 but still not Derby definites include Castledale, Value Plus and St Averil.

The Lexington did not affect the status of Master David, the final No. 1 choice on this year's Derby Prospects list. The colt trained by Bobby

Frankel is 20th with \$208,000, thanks primarily to his runner-up finish to Tapit in the Grade 1 Wood Memorial two weeks ago.

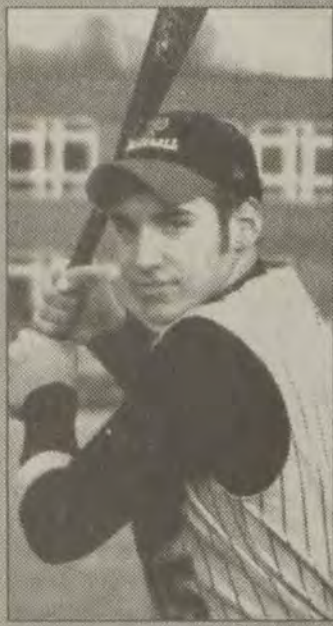
The chestnut colt has never been off the board in seven career starts, with two wins, four seconds and a third. His gutsy run along the rail in his Wood loss came off a two-month layoff, and Frankel's horse could be in peak form by Derby day, May 1.

Quintons Gold Rush, running for the first time under trainer Steve Asmussen, made the prospects list at No. 9. The colt was fourth in two previous starts, the Santa Anita Derby and San Rafael.

The Derby will be run without a horse trained by D.

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Thirty-four ASA teams storm Kentucky Speedway for open test

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTA — Thirty-four American Speed Association (ASA) National Tour drivers stormed Kentucky Speedway's 1.5-mile tri-oval at speeds up to 167 mph Friday in preparation for the May 7 running of "The BFGoodrich 125" on h Gregg Pole Night Presented by Coca-Cola.

Two-time and defending National Tour Champion Kevin Cywinski, three-time champion Butch Miller and 2003 Rookie-of-the-Year Reed Sorenson were among the drivers fine tuning their ASA machines. All predicted fans will see close, side-by-side racing when the series returns to the 1.5-mile tri-oval in 21 days.

"I've been looking forward to coming to these tracks, mainly just for the speed," the 18-year-old Sorenson said. "I think it's good everyone is here testing so we can get used to running out there with each other at these speeds. The track seems to be smooth and everything is working well. It's going to be hard for one car to pull away, so I think it will be exciting for everybody."

Cywinski stands 31 points behind tour leader Travis Kittleson after driving to a seventh-place finish in the season opening race at Lakeland, Fla. Cywinski encountered mechanical problems in the morning session, but was impressed with the facility during his limited practice laps.

"I think the cars are acting really well," Cywinski said. "I think the track is beautiful, the cars look stable on it and we're going to have a great race here. Our cars are conducive to side-by-side racing and we won't have to lift (from the throttle) much. It will be a little bit nerve wracking, but we'll see good side-by-side racing."

Miller, who has made two NASCAR Busch Series starts at Kentucky Speedway, was on hand to turn laps, mentor rookie teammates John Dalziel and Kyle Kriskoff, and get their cars ready for the move from short track to superspeedway racing.

"I've run a couple of Busch races here, so I have some experience on the track," Miller said.

"My main job here today is work with John and Kyle and take their cars out and get them balanced so they can have a good, safe run.

"So far the cars are pretty good. The biggest thing I noticed was the rack-and-pinion steering in these cars. They don't steer like a Busch car, these are very positive, kind of like an Indy car."

Miller said "The BFGoodrich 125" may remind Kentucky

Speedway fans of past NASCAR Busch Series at the track.

"The race will look very similar to the Busch race here," Miller added. "This is a great, great racetrack where you feel comfortable and can run side by side. I remember that from the Busch race and I see no reason why we won't have side-by-side racing in ASA. Just looking at the times today, I'd say there are 20 cars that can win this race."

June Buchanan School Rocket Team ties for state championship

JBS team qualifies for world's largest rocket contest

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — Fifteen students from the June Buchanan School will take part in the Team America Rocketry Challenge, the world's largest rocket contest, in Great Plains, Va. More than 7,000 students in 600 teams attempted to meet the rigorous requirements of the contest, but only the top 100 high school teams qualified in the national contest. The contest requires that students design, build and test a model that can fly as close to 1,250 feet as possible with a payload of two raw eggs and safely parachute the eggs back to the ground unbroken. The top 10 teams will share a prize of \$60,000.

Team supervisor, Roy Reynolds, Alice Lloyd College tutor, said designing and building the rocket required that the students learn aerodynamic concepts they would not normally encounter in physics class, such as how to compute trajectory and how to estimate drag. "It's 'real-world' physics," Reynolds said. "The kids are working as a team to build and test developmental rockets in a process very similar to the way the pros build rockets."

"The key to this project is learning how to build a rocket in a simulation program on the computer and learning how to set goals as a team, delegate tasks and make group decisions on design and test flights," said Reynolds. "Each member of the team is assigned a specific duty. "One puts together the finances for the team's expenses; another is responsible for testing; another for launching and another for production and so on."

Reynolds also said the team was looking for sponsors to help defray the cost of hotel and travel to Great Plains, Va.

Student members include seniors Zach Webb, Chris Yeary, Weston Childers, Tiffany Stephens, Chase Cornett, John McCracken, Derek Slone, Shah Ashfaq and Jessica Bailey; juniors Scott Howard and Samantha Sizemore; sophomores Travis Cook, Brad Gibson and Chris Workman and freshman Andrew Slagell. Two JBS middle school students, Luke Sode and Lewis Collins, are also involved with the club. All of the students are looking forward to the team's trip to the competition.

"The most difficult problem to overcome was staging the rocket so that the second engine would ignite," said one team member. "The best part about this contest is the excitement of a successful launch."

East Ridge to keep busy summer schedule

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LICK CREEK - Don't expect 15th Region champ East Ridge to shy away from a busy summer schedule. East Ridge and head coach James Hurley will play a busy summer schedule that'll consist of over 30 games.

The Warriors will host the East Ridge Summer Shootout June 7-8. On June 10, East Ridge will travel to Perry County Central. After that, June 13-15, the Warriors will travel to Lexington to Transylvania University for a team camp.

Many East Ridge Warriors will play in an AAU tournament in Lexington June 18-20. East Ridge is scheduled to conclude summer play with the Pike County Central Team Camp June 21-24.

"That is the average summer

for me, I like to play about 35 games in June and we do nothing in July," Hurley admitted.

"In the month of July, we allow our kids to play other sports, relax, and do other things."

South Floyd wins slugfest

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE - In a game that produced 37 runs, South Floyd was three runs better than host Betsy Layne, beating the home team 20-17.

The game was never short of

Derby

Wayne Lukas for just the second time in 24 years. The four-time Derby winning trainer's last hope - Race For Glory - was 13th in the Lexington.

The top 10:

1. Master David (Bobby Frankel, trainer; Alex Solis, jockey) - Never-give-up colt

may be ready for perfect trip that would give Frankel his first Derby win. ... Derby future wager odds (pool 3): 12-1.

2. Smarty Jones (John Servis, Stewart Elliott) - Pennsylvania-bred horse training at Keeneland before moving to Churchill Downs early next week. ... Arkansas Derby winner, 6-for-6, will be 18th undefeated horse to run in Derby - four have won. ... Odds: 10-1.

3. The Cliff's Edge (Nick Zito, Shane Sellers) - Likely Derby morning-line favorite off impressive Blue Grass win. ... 2-for-2 at Churchill Downs. ... Odds: 16-1.

4. Friends Lake (John Kimmel, Richard Migliore) - Worked five furlongs in very slow 1:03 at Payson Park in Florida on Saturday. ... Florida

Derby winner headed to Louisville in next few days. ... Odds: 22-1.

5. Tapit (Michael Dickinson, Ramon Dominguez) - Wood win looking even more impressive as days go by. ... Well-bred gray has overcome sore shins and lung infection to win three of four career starts. ... Odds: 23-1.

6. Borrego (Beau Greely, Victor Espinoza) - Comes into Derby off three runner-up finishes - to Smarty Jones (Arkansas Derby), Wimbledon (Louisiana Derby) and Master David (Sham). ... Odds: 16-1.

7. Imperialism (Kristin Mulhall, Kent Desormeaux) - San Rafael winner worked five furlongs in 1:01.20 at Hollywood Park last week. ... Desormeaux replaces Espinoza. ... Odds 15-1.

8. Read the Footnotes (Rick Violette Jr., Jerry Bailey) - Fountain of Youth winner worked a mile in 1:40 at Palm Meadows in Florida last week. ... Heads to Churchill Downs later this week. ... Hasn't raced since finishing fourth in Florida Derby. ... Odds: 17-1.

9. Quintons Gold Rush (Steve Asmussen, Bailey) - Asmussen replaced Mike Mitchell before Lexington win. ... Bailey has a choice to make. ... Odds: 76-1.

10. Lion Heart (Patrick Biancone, Mike Smith) - Lion Heart was 3-for-3 last year and has two runner-up finishes this year (in the Blue Grass and San Rafael). ... Odds: 16-1.

Keep in mind: Birdstone, Eddington, Minister Eric, Pollard's Vision, Wimbledon.

Kentucky Spring Football Game set for Saturday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - The University of Kentucky football program will hold its annual Blue/White Spring Football Game Saturday at 1 p.m. at Commonwealth Stadium.

Admission and parking are free to everyone and first-come, first-served.

Here's a few spring game reminders:

■ The Wildcat Refuge play area for children will open at 11 a.m. at its usual location outside Gate 9.

■ The UK Football Alumni will have their annual reunion with a cookout tonight.

■ The varsity will play all four quarters of the game. The alumni teams will play touch football during halftime of the varsity game.

■ WLAP Radio (630 on the AM dial) will have extensive coverage of the Blue/White Game. WLAP's broadcast will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the station also will have a post-game show, including a call-in segment for fans.

■ Live stats will be available online at www.ukathletics.com.

■ On the UK Athletics site, Extreme Access subscribers will be able to watch the game live on their computer.

offense.

South Floyd, coached by Susan Damron, wasted little time getting on the scoreboard in the first inning, scoring 11 runs in an offense-heavy half of the inning and taking an 11-0 advantage to begin the contest.

Betsy Layne answered in the bottom half of the inning with five runs of its own.

South Floyd scored the majority of its runs in the first two innings. The Lady Raiders had just two other runs after the second inning. In the second inning, South Floyd picked up right where it had left off, scoring seven runs.

The Lady Raiders led 18-12 at the end of the third inning. By plating the early runs, South Floyd never trailed. Four different Lady Raiders scored three times each.

South Floyd senior pitcher Megan Ousley recorded the win. Junior Kristen Smith started the game for Betsy Layne before giving way to Kim Clark.

The South Floyd defense tightened up in the final inning, holding Betsy Layne scoreless. Betsy Layne got two runs each in the fifth and sixth innings, mounting a mild comeback before falling short.

Pikeville 12, Betsy Layne 2

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - After losing to Paintsville the previous night, Pikeville rebounded Tuesday night, beating Betsy Layne 13-2 in five innings.

Lance Collins went to work on the mound and held Pikeville scoreless for an inning, before surrendering runs. Collins was replaced on the mound by fellow hurler Eric Rice.

Visiting Betsy Layne enjoyed a lead through the first inning after going ahead 1-0. Derek Case reached base and came around to score to give Betsy Layne its first run of the game in the opening inning. The Bobcats went down in order in the top half

of the second inning and gave way to Pikeville's potent offense, which woke up in the home half of the second frame.

Betsy Layne turned a rare triple play to get out of the second inning.

Pikeville scored three runs in the second inning and three more in the third inning to lead 6-1.

Betsy Layne got one run back in the fourth inning when after reaching base on a double, Patrick Stapleton scored.

Pikeville tacked on more runs in the fourth inning and put the game out of Betsy Layne's reach.

Brenton Hamilton recorded the win for Pikeville. Hamilton went the distance for the Panthers, allowing Betsy Layne just five hits.

Shelby Valley 1, Belfry 0

BELFRY - Shelby Valley clubbed five hits and scored one run, enough to beat Belfry 1-0. Belfry managed three hits and also committed three errors. Shelby Valley had one fielding miscue.

Patrick Smith was the winning pitcher for Shelby Valley.

Pikeville: Three All-MSA in softball; five honored academically



Neace



Daniels



Ratliff



Fields

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE - Three Pikeville College softball players were named first-team all-conference at the sport's banquet last night.

Juniors Amanda Fields and Sara Ratliff and freshman Kelley Neace received the honor of First-Team All-Mid-South Conference, while three others were named honorable mention all-league and five were selected as Academic All-Conference performers.

"I think we're well represented on the team," said Coach Robert Staggs, whose team won five games in the talented MSC after picking up only one a year

ago. "I'm happy for Sara, Amanda and Kelly.

"What really pleases me is having five players make academic all-conference. It says a lot about our team that such a high percentage of them would do this well in the classroom. We had eight eligible for this, and five got it. I'm very proud of that."

To be academic all-conference, a player must be in their second year at the school and have a grade-point average of at least 3.25.

Pikeville's academic all-conference players were Amanda Field, a junior majoring in communication; Jeannie Hamblin, a junior majoring in criminal jus-

tice; Randi Mullins, a senior business administration major emphasizing management and accounting; Sara Ratliff, a junior history major; and Teresa Westray, a senior majoring in secondary education/mathematics.

Fields, a shortstop from Church Hill, Tenn., was second on the team with a .331 batting average. She had 42 hits and six doubles while scoring 13 and driving in 17. Her on-base percentage was .377 and she stole nine bases in 11 attempts.

Ratliff, a centerfielder from Elkhorn City, led the team in nearly every offensive category. She hit .356 with 47 hits, including 14 doubles, three triples, five home runs and 19 RBIS and scored 31 runs. All of those were team highs. She also led the team in at-bats, slugging percentage, on-base percentage, stolen bases and walks.

She is among the leaders in the MSC in average, runs, hits, all three extra-base categories, walks and stolen bases.

Neace, a pitcher from Chavies, was 5-5 on the mound with a 2.94 ERA. In 12 appearances she pitched 66.2 innings, allowing 75 hits, 32 runs and 28 earned while striking out 27 and walking only eight.

The three honorable mention players were Hamblin, a third basemen/pitcher who hit .328 and had three wins; Whitney Broyles, a catcher who threw out 17 base runners and had a .942 fielding percentage; and Brianna Daniels, a pitcher who posted a 1.49 earned-run average in 11 appearances and 56.1 innings pitched.

The 2004 Mid-South Conference tournament is scheduled to conclude today in Jeffersonton.

STATE FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL POLL

- Owensboro Catholic
- Ballard
- Middlesboro
- Grayson County
- Christian County
- North Laurel
- Eastern
- Lafayette
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- North Hardin
- Allen County-Scottsville
- Madison Central
- Reidland
- Hopkins County Central
- Central Hardin
- Presentation
- Boone County
- Franklin County
- Elizabethtown
- Meade County
- South Laurel
- Manual
- Montgomery County
- Assumption
- Murray

Others receiving votes: Tates Creek, Calloway County, Henderson County, Dunbar, Male, Dixie Heights, Scott County, Bullitt Central, Trimble County, Heath, Bryan Station, St. Mary, Pulaski County, Hopkinsville, Franklin-Simpson, Hazard, Lexington Catholic, Butler, Lone Oak, Western Hills, Sacred Heart, George Rogers Clark, Apollo, Russell, LaRue County, Pleasure Ridge Park, Madisonville-North Hopkins, Breathitt County, Belfry, Ryle, Ballard Memorial, Fort Campbell, Whitley County, Southern.



Defender Meghan Banks (right) of the all-girl Trailblazers blocked the shot of Alyson Saylor of the Johnson County Raptors. The Trailblazers defeated the Raptors 2-1 on Saturday. East Kentucky Youth Soccer Association play continues.

New Muskie Chapter up and running

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD - A new Kentucky Chapter of Muskies, Inc. will hold its first business meeting and election Friday, May 7 at 7 p.m. in Morehead. All muskie anglers interested in participating in the development

of Chapter 52 of Muskies, Inc. are invited. The meeting will be held at the Minor Clark Fish Hatchery. The purpose of the meeting will be to nominate and elect officers and to vote for a chapter name. The Chapter currently has 90 men, women, and youth who regularly fish for muskellunge (muskies) in Cave Run Lake, Buckhorn Lake, Green River Lake and the several Kentucky streams with muskie fisheries.

Suggested Chapter names include Wildcat Muskie Hunters, Southern Muskie Hunters, Bluegrass Chapter, and Daniel Boone Chapter. Additional suggestions are encouraged. Chapter programs and goals will also be discussed.

Muskies, Inc. is an active, service-oriented, nonprofit organization for men, women and children with the single focus of improving the sport of muskie fishing everywhere the fish are found.

For further information, contact Larry Besant by phone at 606/784 3933 or email lbesant@adlephia.net

Directions to Minor Clark Fish Hatchery: Take Exit 133 off Interstate 64 onto Ky Rt. 801 (South toward Cave Run Lake). Stay on Rt. 801 past four way stop at Ky Rt. 60 and turn right off Rt. 801 into Hatchery grounds at sign about 1.3 miles past Ky. Rt. 60 intersection.

Kirk, Collins win Yatesville Tournament

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISA - On Sunday, the Johns Creek Bassmasters fishing club held its second tournament of the 2004 season. The tournament was held at Yatesville Lake. The club had 14 boats compete in the tournament. The lake was two feet above summer pool with lightly stained water from the dam to Little Blaine and muddy past that point and with a water temperature of 58 degrees. Most fish were caught on the main lake with a few caught in the first part of coves. The baits of choice were crankbait, tube, jig and spinnerbait. The club

brought 10 legal fish to the scales for a total of 24.07 pounds.

The top finishers follow.

- Jimmy Kirk And Donald Collins, 2 bass - 5.99 lbs. (Big Fish - 4.04 lbs)
- Stuart Halbert and Stephen Halbert, 2 bass - 5.38 lbs.
- Joe Collins and Brian Williamson, 2 bass - 4.40 lbs.
- Jeff Samons, 2bass - 4.01 lbs.
- Todd Mullins and Darren Gamble, 1 bass - 2.44 lbs.
- Dickie Tackett, 1 bass - 1.85 lbs.

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Braves 9, Reds 5, 10 innings

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Andruw Jones and Rafael Furcal homered in the 10th inning Wednesday night, rallying the Atlanta Braves to a 9-5 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

Marcus Giles tied it with a two-out single in the ninth, and Jones and Furcal provided the final disappointment for the Reds, who blew three leads in the late innings.

Jones led off the 10th against Brian Reith (0-1) with his second

homer, and Furcal added a three-run shot off Phil Norton. John Smoltz got the last three outs.

Until the ninth, Sean Casey had most of the game's important hits — and its most curious toss.

Casey hit a solo homer in the sixth, his first of the season, and a two-out, two-run shot off close friend Chris Reitsma (1-0) that put Cincinnati up 5-4 in the eighth.

It was a poignant moment for those two, who kept their heads down as Casey dutifully rounded the bases. Casey was so upset

when the Reds traded Reitsma to the Braves in the last week of spring training that he sat out an exhibition game.

Casey also had a run-scoring single, stole a base and angrily flipped a ball at catcher Eddie Perez after a rough-and-tumble play at the plate, setting the tone in a three-hit game that raised his average to .423.

Closer Danny Graves let Cincinnati's 5-4 lead slip away in the ninth, when Furcal singled, advanced on a groundout and came around on Giles' single up the middle. It was Graves' second blown save in nine chances.

The Reds had 40,000 Joe Nuxhall bobbleheads to give away, but sold only 29,472 tickets for a promotion commemorating the 60th anniversary of his historic debut. Nuxhall was 15 when he pitched in relief for the Reds in 1944, the youngest player to appear in the majors.

Casey got the crowd into the game with his exchange at the plate in the first inning.

Casey singled home a run and tried to score another from second on Jason LaRue's single to left. The throw home beat him easily, and he put his shoulder down as he went around Perez.

The catcher tagged him on the arm, and both of them tumbled in

the dirt. Perez got up, reached his mitt toward Casey and dropped the ball in his lap.

Casey tossed the ball at Perez and told plate umpire Jim Wolf, "He dropped the ball on me!"

Perez eventually turned and yelled at Casey, but the two were separated by teammates.

Players from both teams came on the field, but order was quickly restored. When he reached the

dugout, Perez laughed about it.

Notes: Atlanta LF Chipper Jones hit right-handed off a tee in the batting cage. Jones strained

(See BRAVES, page five)

Game

the top half of the seventh inning and held host Betsy Layne to four scores in home half to preserve a 17-16 win. The victory was the first win of the season for Allen Central and it also happened to be a district win.

"It felt good to get our first win," Allen Central Coach Mark Martin said, following his team's first victory of the season. "Both teams at this point are pretty much even. Defensively, we had our moments both good and bad, it is still early and hopefully, we can get better."

Allen Central, after begin-

Reds

May. It appears that Morris is head to Tech to play for the Yellowjackets. I guess we will just have to wait and see how this one develops.

Morris would be a big, big fish to land for coach Tubby Smith.

Until Sunday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Martin rewarded for hardwork

Morehead State presents all-sports awards at banquet

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — The Morehead State athletic department presented its annual team awards at the 19th All-Sport Banquet Tuesday night in the Laughlin Health Building. For the second straight year, each of the school's 18 intercollegiate programs, as well as athletic training and cheerleading, participated in the ceremony. With the exception of football, each group distributed their awards at the banquet. Since softball and baseball seasons are still underway, they did not give out all of their awards.

Prestonsburg High grad Ryan Martin was rewarded for his hard work and work ethic in the sport of golf, earning the ROY Award.

The award winners (including football) follow.

ATHLETIC TRAINING — Senior Awards: Dru Belli (Johnstown, Ohio); Joe Grigsby (Middletown, Ohio); Heather Lueke (Ft. Wright); Toni Wheeler (Salyersville).

BASEBALL — Senior Awards: Casey Campbell (Lexington); Luke Lockwood (Casselberry, Fla.); Matt Morris (Lexington); Chad Parsons (Casselberry, Fla.)

MEN'S BASKETBALL — Senior Awards: David Aliu (Liverpool, England); Craig

Lewis (Garland, Texas); Chez Marks (Paris); Ricky Minard (Mansfield, Ohio).

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL — Senior Awards: Haley Gilmore (Bowie, Texas)

La'Keta "Red" Wales (Louisville); Top Field Goal Percentage: Patti White (Cincinnati, Ohio); Unsung Hero Award: DeVonda Williams (Lexington); Intimidator Award: Shelly Johnson (Amherstburg, Ontario); Graduate Assistant Awards: Sara Larson (Bowling Green, Mo.) & Amy Spear (Glasgow); Freshman of the Year: Megan "Penny" Gearhart (Olive Hill); MVP: Kandi Brown (Olive Hill). **CHEERLEADING** — 110% Award: Casey McCown (Cynthiana); Mascot Award: Adam Rubman (Lakewood, N.J.). **MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK & FIELD** — Men's Cross Country Most Improved: James Clements (Waddy); Women's Cross Country Most Improved: Alessa Velez (Cincinnati, Ohio); Men's Cross Country MVP: Josh Sheets (Greenwood, W.Va.); Women's Cross Country MVP: Karen Lutes (Cynthiana); Men's Track and Field Most Improved: Josh Sheets (Greenwood, W.Va.); Women's Track and Field Most Improved: Taria Daugherty (Richmond); Men's Track and Field Top Newcomer: T.R. Hannan (Chesapeake, Ohio); Women's Track and Field Top Newcomer: Sarah McClellan (Englewood, Ohio); Men's Track Events MVP: Josh Sheets (Greenwood, W.Va.);

Women's Track Events MVP: Karen Lutes (Cynthiana); Men's Field Events MVP: Marcus Johnson (Louisville); Women's Field Events MVP: Debbie Criss (Ashland). **FOOTBALL** — Most Valuable Player: David Caudill (Van Buren, Ind.); 110% Award: Odi Anyanwu (Washington, D.C.); Steve Hamilton Award (Devotion to MSU): Ralph DeSardo (Pittsburgh, Pa.); Coaches Award: Ralph DeSardo (Pittsburgh, Pa.); Most Improved: Kwesi Williams (Louisville). **MEN'S GOLF** — Academic Excellence Award: Chad Carroll (Salyersville); ROY Award (hardest worker, work ethic): Ryan Martin (Prestonsburg); Leadership Award: Austin Hansford (Somerset); Freshman of the Year: Matt Gann (Pineville); Co-MVP: Kyle Litter (Chillicothe, Ohio) & Casey Wade (Jamestown). **MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RIFLE** — Career Award: Chip Tobbe (Louisville); Women's Most Improved Air Rifle: Emily Rhoades (Bradford, Ohio); Men's Most Improved Smallbore: Bobby Shropshire (New Market, Ala.); Women's Most Improved Smallbore: Megan Frey (Versailles, Ohio); Men's MVP: Chip Tobbe (Louisville); Women's MVP: Lindy Collins (South Range, Wis.). **WOMEN'S SOCCER** — Career Achievement Award: Christina Moore (St. Charles, Mo.); Players' Award: Alison Connley (Ft. Thomas). **SOFTBALL** — Senior Awards: Sara Hacker (Florence); Summer McGill (Wapello, Iowa). **MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS** — Senior Awards: Alejandro Hernandez (Puebla, Mexico); Sheenagh Stewart (Killara, Australia); Women's Scholar Athlete: Alex Becka (Rose Bay, Australia); Men's Scholar Athlete: Ian Smith (Markham, Ontario); Women's MVP: Sheenagh Stewart (Killara, Australia); Men's MVP: Greg Johnstone (St. Albans, England). **WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL** — Most Improved: Diana Zipp (Jeffersonville, Ind.); Eagle Award (Team Spirit): Charmian Craig (Alexandria); Defensive MVP: Cherelle Lampkins (Muncie, Ind.); Offensive MVP: Jennifer Kennedy (Alexandria).

first contest 21-17. MCA took the second frame 21-14. The Ladycat volleyball team took the third game 16-14.

The Betsy Layne A-team won in two straight sets, 21-6, 21-13.

The Ladycat A-team is now 9-1. Betsy Layne will play at Adams Tuesday and then finish the regular season on the road Thursday at Allen Central Middle School.

VOLLEYBALL: Betsy Layne sweeps MCA

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN — The Betsy Layne Elementary volleyball team traveled to Mountain Christian Academy Thursday night and was victorious in both the A- and B-team matches.

In the B-team match, the Ladycats took two of the three frames. The Betsy Layne volleyball B-team unit won the

McPeek

lineman. He has coached at four Kentucky high schools, and was named the Ashland Daily Independent Coach of the Year in 1993, 1994, and 2001. He was named 16th Region Coach of the Year in 2001 as well. McPeek is also an assistant principal at Lawrence County High School.

Nuxhall in spotlight again with bobblehead

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Joe Nuxhall carefully held the bobblehead doll and scrawled his name across the raised right leg, then handed it back to the delighted fan in the front row.

Once again, the "Old Left-hander" had the spotlight to himself.

The Cincinnati Reds gave away Nuxhall bobbleheads on Wednesday, commemorating his historic debut 60 years ago. Nuxhall, who grew up in nearby Hamilton, holds the distinction as the youngest player to appear in the majors.

He was only 15 years old when he pitched in relief for the Reds in 1944, when teams had trouble filling their rosters because players were fighting in World War II.

The bobblehead depicts

Nuxhall in a 1944 Reds uniform, his leg raised as he delivers a pitch. The Reds had a Nuxhall/Marty Brennaman bobblehead giveaway last season, but this was the first time he got his own doll.

"All these things that have gone on the last couple of years, there's no way I could have dreamed of them," Nuxhall said.

Nuxhall, 75, is in his 31st season broadcasting Reds games with Brennaman. He will work roughly half of the games, then retire after the season.

Nuxhall gets emotional at the thought of leaving the game. He patiently signed bobbleheads next to the Reds dugout before the game, talking to each fan.

"We'll miss you, buddy," one fan said.

Nuxhall handed back the signed bobblehead and said,

"Well, thank you," his voice tinged with emotion.

GRAVES CLOSING IN: Danny Graves saved seven of the Reds' first eight wins, leaving him only 10 shy of John Franco's franchise record of 148 career saves.

It's a noteworthy record that Graves hasn't thought about very much.

"Maybe when it happens, I might have a different reaction," Graves said Wednesday. "Right now, with the way we're playing, I don't really want to get too caught up in anything."

Graves is in line to set the saves record even though the Reds moved him out of the bullpen and into the rotation last season, an experiment that failed. It hasn't taken him long to readjust to his old role.

"Everything's second-nature," he said. "It feels normal to me. It's what I've done my whole career, through the minors and college. It's all I've ever known how to do. It's like I never even left it, even though I was away from it for a year."

Graves has converted seven of his eight save chances so far, blowing a ninth-inning lead in Chicago last Friday when Sammy Sosa and Moises Alou hit consecutive homers.

Graves holds the team record for saves in April — he had 10 in 2002. The team record for the most in any month is 14 by Jeff Shaw in September 1997.

The Reds have had some accomplished relievers over the years, but Graves is in line to put his name at the top of the list.

"They've had a ton of good relievers," Graves said. "All they ever talk about here is the Nasty Boys (of 1990). It would definitely be an honor."

Baker to sign with Alice Lloyd

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HAZARD — Brittany Baker, a 5-10 post player from Perry County Central High School, has signed with Alice Lloyd College. Baker will sign to play basketball for first-year head coach David Adams. Adams recently signed Betsy Layne seniors Tabettha Witt and Whitney Lykens. Last week,

he inked Belfry senior Lyndsey Mahon.

At Perry Central, Baker was coached by Randy Napier.

Looking for teams

The Perry County Central High School girls' basketball program is looking for teams to take part in the 2004 Queen of the Mountains tipoff tournament. The format is double elimination and the tournament is scheduled to run Dec. 2-4. For more information, contact head coach Randy Napier.

Track

sixth.

Prestonsburg junior Chanel Music had a third-place finish in the 3200 meter run. Pam Slone finished fourth in the 1600 meter run.

Prestonsburg runners Amber Whitaker and Jackie Joseph finished fourth and sixth, respectively in the 400 meter run.

Pikeville High Track Meet Tuesday, April 20, Bob Amos Park

Boys' Team Rankings

1. PIKEVILLE 141
2. PRESTONSBURG 85
3. SHELBY VALLEY 76
3. JENKINS 76
5. PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL 74
6. SHELDON CLARK 71.50
7. PAINTSVILLE 64
8. BELFRY 42.50
9. JACKSON CITY 5
10. SOUTH FLOYD 0
10. BETSY LAYNE 0

Girls' Team Rankings

1. JENKINS 160
2. PIKEVILLE 149
3. SHELBY VALLEY 78
4. PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL 63
5. BELFRY 49
6. PRESTONSBURG 42
7. SHELDON CLARK 17
8. PAINTSVILLE 12

Barbour signs to play for Kentucky Reach

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ELIZABETHTOWN — Former Kentucky basketball player Antwain Barbour has signed to play with a minor-league team based in his hometown of

Raiders

first at-bat and smashing a double the second time up.

Paintsville scored its five runs on nine hits.

South Floyd connected and hit the Paintsville pitching, but couldn't come across with any runs.

Jonathan Mullins led South Floyd offensively with two hits in three plate appearances. Four other Raiders — Justin Slone, Scott Allen, T.J. Hall and Andrew Lafferty had one hit each.

Allen was tagged with the loss for South Floyd.

Elizabethtown. Barbour signed Wednesday to play for the Kentucky Reach of the World Basketball Association. The team will open its first season on April 30.

Barbour, a 6-5 swingman, started 10 games this season for Kentucky, which finished 27-5 and entered the NCAA tournament as the overall No. 1 seed before losing to Alabama-Birmingham in the second round of the tournament. Barbour averaged 5.0 points and 2.5 rebounds per game as a senior and scored a career-high 23 points in a win over Alabama.

Barbour led Elizabethtown to the 2000 high school state championship and was a key member of the Wabash Valley (Ill.) team that won the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I title in 2001.

Information from: The News-Enterprise, <http://www.newsenterpriseonline.com>



photo by Jamie Howell

Floyd County foes Adams and John M. Stumbo met on the volleyball court Wednesday. Left: The Adams bench looked on during a match.

First-round quarterbacks aren't sure things

by DAVE GOLDBERG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — This year's draft has three "can't miss" quarterbacks: Eli Manning, Ben Roethlisberger and Philip Rivers.

Buyer beware? Think of Ryan Leaf. And remember that Todd Marinovich and Dan (Mark's brother) McGwire were drafted ahead of a guy named Brett

Favre in 1991.

Leaf, of course, is not the only quarterback bust: Rick Mirer, Jim Druckenmiller, Akili Smith, Cade McNown, Dave Brown, Marinovich and McGwire are all long gone or at the end of some bench.

Yes, drafting is a guessing game as much as an exact science, especially when it comes to quarterbacks. How else to explain that two-time Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady went in

the sixth round in 2000, while two other current starters, Marc Bulger and Tim Rattay, were chosen in the sixth and seventh rounds.

"There's so much focus on the top two or three quarterbacks that a lot of people forget there are more than that who can play very well," St. Louis Rams coach Mike Martz says. "There are 10 of them in this year's bunch that I would really like to have."

Martz has some credibility on the subject.

In the summer of 2000, he remarked during a casual chat that New Orleans had "a kid named Bulger I really like." A few weeks later, the Saints obtained Aaron Brooks and eventually released Bulger, who ended up with the Rams and now starts.

This year's top three QBs would seem to have a better shot at success than most first rounders.

Manning comes with a great pedigree — brother Peyton was this year's co-MVP, and father Archie was an outstanding player stuck on a dismal team in New Orleans. But horse breeders can tell you that pedigrees are no guarantee against injury or simply failure.

The rap on Roethlisberger is that he needs work, while Rivers has a funky, semi-sidearm delivery that didn't keep him from completing 72 percent of his passes last season at North Carolina State. But the consensus is that all are future stars.

"I have fallen in love with these guys," Baltimore coach Brian Billick says of the trio.

Still, keep these quarterbacks in mind:

— In 1998, some teams thought Leaf would be better

than Peyton Manning. They brushed off reports (most recounted after the fact) that Leaf didn't get along with coaches or teammates and had no leadership skills.

— In 1999, Tim Couch was drafted first overall; Donovan McNabb second; Smith third; McNown 11th, and Daunte Culpepper 12th. McNabb and Culpepper are stars, but Couch is still struggling, and the other two are busts. Brooks, drafted in the fourth round by Green Bay before being traded to the Saints, is the third-best from that class.

— In 2000, Chad Pennington was the only quarterback taken in the first round and seems ready for stardom with the Jets. The next QBs chosen were Giovanni Carmazzi (San Francisco, third round); Chris Redman (Baltimore, third) and Tee Martin (Pittsburgh, fifth).

Then New Orleans took Bulger with the 168th overall pick, and New England got Brady at 199. The next round, the 49ers took Rattay, who almost immediately showed more promise than Carmazzi and probably will enter next season as San Francisco's starter.

"The thing about quarterbacks that nobody really knows

is work habits," says Gil Brandt, the NFL's chief draft consultant.

"You get some that are going to study tape and keep studying. There are others who are going to get big money and think they have it made."

Still, some bad picks are simply unexplainable. Some are the result of teams failing to uncover character flaws or worse in a player's background.

Ten years from now Manning, Roethlisberger and Rivers might very well be stars.

And so might one of the guys projected lower in the draft.

Among the candidates: J.P. Losman of Tulane (could Martz take him with the 26th overall pick?), Matt Schaub of Virginia; Josh Harris of Bowling Green; Matt Mauck of LSU; Cody Pickett of Washington; Jeff Smoker of Michigan State; John Navarre of Michigan; Bradlee Van Pelt of Colorado State, and 280-pound (or more) Jared Lorenzen of Kentucky.

It wouldn't be all that shocking if one of those players owns a Super Bowl ring five years from now.

Just look at Brady.

Bengals taking a back seat in draft this time

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Another bad Bengals tradition is about to crumble.

Instead of leading off the draft on Saturday, the Bengals will be near the back of the line, another sign of how much they've changed in one year under coach Marvin Lewis.

They've got the 24th overall pick in the first round. They haven't had to wait so long to take a player since 1989, when they were coming off their last Super Bowl appearance.

During their current 13-year run as the NFL's worst team, they've been more accustomed to

kicking off the first round. They've had three No. 1 overall picks during that span.

They've had a top-four pick in four of the last five years, a remarkable opportunity to add talented players and resurrect the franchise. Instead, they made their picks and kept on losing.

Lewis has changed the way the Bengals do just about everything since he took over a year ago, including the way they approach the draft. Instead of locking in on a player who might fill the team's biggest hole, Lewis is more interested in quality.

The old method didn't work. The Bengals often made a reach for a player in the early rounds — linebacker Reinard Wilson and

receiver Ron Dugans are good examples — in order to improve a specific position.

It was a disaster. "When you do that, you end up with a bag full of nothing," Lewis said.

Instead of focusing on one position, Lewis is trying to upgrade the roster by looking at general areas.

The overriding priority is the defense, and there are a lot of different ways he could go with that theme. The defense collapsed late in the season, dooming the Bengals to an 8-8 finish. It will be the main focus of their offseason moves in free agency and the draft.

"We've got to play better defense, all through the board," Lewis said. "Our defense is a little unsettled."

Dennis Weathersby's severe head injury in a car accident this month gives them even more reason to consider a comeback in a draft full of good ones. Comeback was one of the biggest problem areas last season.

They also need to strengthen a defensive line that got pushed around. They're thin at linebacker and wouldn't mind adding a safety, either.

They're also in the market for offensive linemen, particularly a center. Lewis is overhauling a line that needs an infusion of younger players. The Bengals also need a backup running back.

Lewis will have a lot of options for getting it done.

In another significant break with the franchise's past, Lewis is willing to trade picks. The Bengals got cornerback Deltha O'Neil and an extra fourth-round pick from Denver by moving down from 17th to 24th in the first round.

The team has rarely traded down to get extra picks.

"We made the decision that it was to our advantage to gain what we thought would be a starting player in Deltha and still be able to draft an eventual starter (at 24th) and hopefully an eventual starter with a fourth-round pick," Lewis said.

That's not all. Lewis got rid of his biggest headache by shipping disgruntled running back Corey Dillon to New England for a second-round pick.

The Bengals now have seven picks in the first four rounds — the 24th overall in the first round, then two picks in the second, third and fourth rounds.

They haven't had so many picks so early in the draft since 1986, another sign of how much things have changed. And Lewis might not be done dealing.

The extra picks give him leverage to try to trade for a better spot in the first round, something he's considering.

"It's harder to move around than people think, but you never know," he said.

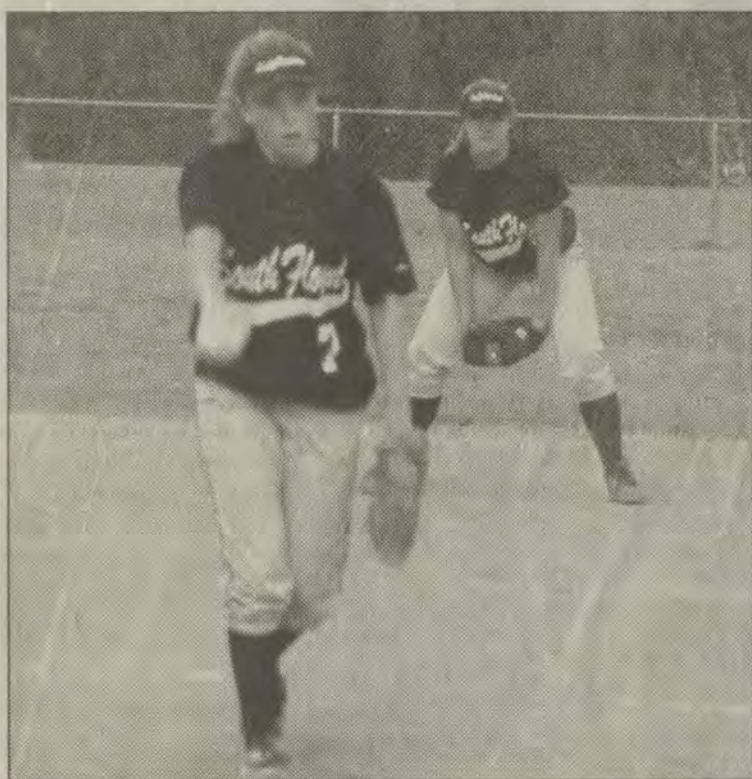


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South Floyd senior Megan Ousley got the call to pitch Wednesday when the Lady Raiders hosted Allen Central. Second baseman Carla Hall is pictured behind Ousley.

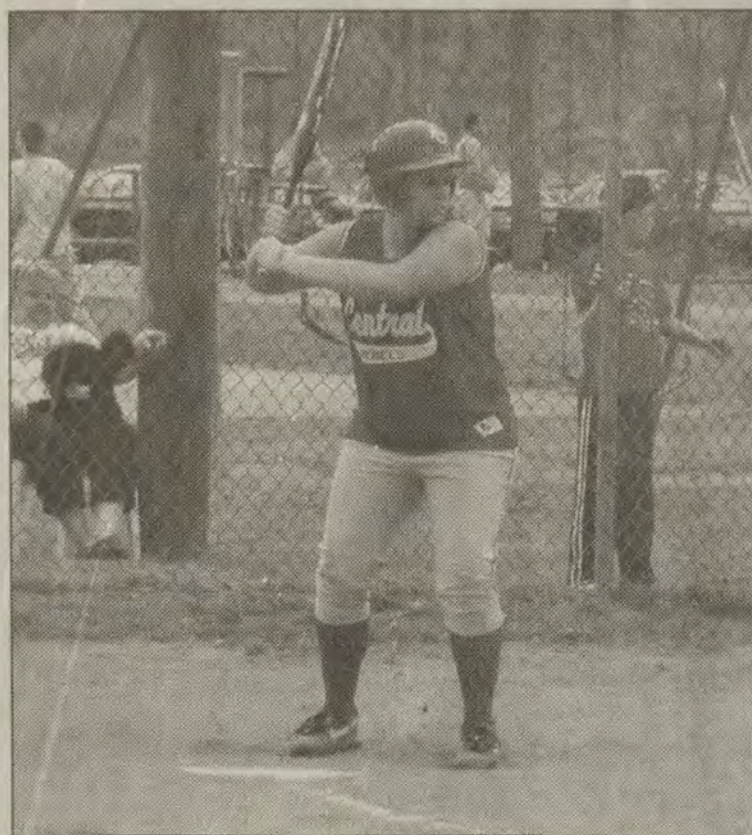


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Becky Thomas stood in against the South Floyd defense.



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Members of the John M. Stumbo volleyball team readied to return an Adams serve.

Sustain

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South Floyd sent 12 batters to the plate and came across with five runs.

The top five batters in the South Floyd batting order scored in the home half of the first inning as Megan Ousley, Carla Hall, Tasha Osborne, Tab Tackett and Brandy Anderson all crossed the plate.

South Floyd had a 11-7 lead going into the fifth inning when Allen Central's bats came alive. In the fifth inning, Allen Central sent nine batters to the plate. Senior Tab Caudill drew a base on balls with two outs and senior Terri Mullins came to the plate and proceeded to do some historical damage.

Rebels

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Mullins connected on what was her first career home run in fifth inning. She came through with a deep shot over the left-center fence. Mullins' two-run blast started a rally in which sophomore Samantha Nelson followed the home run with a triple. Eighth-grader Elizabeth Dingus then drove Nelson home with a solid shot to center. Dingus scored when junior Becky Thomas connected on a hard drive to the gap for what was her first double of the season. Allen Central tied the game up at 11 before South Floyd pitcher Megan Ousley retired the side.

Isaac settled down on the mound and received help from the defense behind her as Allen Central held South Floyd scoreless the last three innings.

South Floyd rallied in the bottom of the seventh inning and loaded the bases before Isaac struck out the next two batters. Mullins, from her shortstop position, had a putout to first base to end the game.

Mullins played a very key role in the Allen Central win, especially on offense, going three-for-five with four runs batted in.

"Mullins has had a big week both defensively, and at the plate," noted Allen Central Coach Mark Martin.

Nelson went a perfect three-for-three at the plate in five plate appearances. She drove in six runs and just missed hitting for the cycle, clubbing out a single, double and triple.

The win was Allen Central's second district/conference win in as many days. The Lady Rebels edged Betsy Layne one day earlier. Both wins came on the road.

"We have had a good week, getting two good district wins and seeing the improvements of the girls has given them some confidence," said Martin. "The seniors are leading the way. Terri's two-run blast was a big play. Jessica is getting better each day out on the mound and Tab along with the

underclassman are improving." Martin is looking toward a bigger picture with the district tournament now just over one month away.

"If we can continue to get better in the field to go along with Jessica, we should be ok by the time districts come around," said Martin.

"Districts, have not seen Prestonsburg play yet, seems as though a lot of teams are trying to replace veteran pitchers from last season. Tiffany Turner was the pitcher for the team last season, but Jessica has just stepped in and really done well. Hopefully, we can keep working and improving as the season goes along."

GAME NOTES

■ For South Floyd, Megan Ousley connected for a triple. Ousley, Carla Hall and Tasha Osborne each scored twice for South Floyd. Tab Tackett made an appearance on the mound for the Lady Raiders, coming on in relief of Ousley.

■ First-year Allen Central Coach Mark Martin is now 2-2 in his first season.

Braves

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his right hamstring Sunday and is expected to be sidelined for at least a week. "I felt it," Jones said. "It was not extremely painful. It's a step in the right direction." Jones hopes to take regular batting practice by the end of the week. ... Three mallard ducks landed in right field in the top of the second inning and settled on the warning track. Reds outfielder Austin Kearns repeatedly glanced at them over his shoulder. Four grounds crew members chased the ducks away after the third out. ... Casey has hit safely in 12 of the Reds' 14 games. He has seven multihit games. It was the fifth two-homer game of his career.

H.S. SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

Games from Tuesday
Allen Central 9, Prestonsburg 0
Ashland Blazer 6, Boyd County 4 (9 Innings)
Breathitt County 13, Magoffin County 2
Cawood 5, Bell County 3
Corbin 9, Lynn Camp 3
East Ridge 14, Phelps 6
Estill County 19, Bath County 9 (6 Innings)
Fleming County 9, Mason County 7
George Rogers Clark 9, Rowan County 7
Greenup County 4, East Carter 1
Hazard 6, Leslie County 3
Jackson County 8, Oneida Baptist Institute 7
Johnson Central 8, Sheldon Clark 3
Letcher 11, Jenkins 1
Middlesboro 23, Cumberland 10
Nicholas County 6, Powell County 4
Perry County Central 14, Buckhorn 5
Pikeville 12, Betsy Layne 2
Pulaski Southwestern 6, North Laurel 3
Shelby Valley 1, Belfry 0
South Laurel 8, Barbourville 7
West Carter 22, Elliott County 0 (5 Innings)
Whitesburg 17, Pike County Central 6

FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL

Games From Tuesday
Belfry 11, Phelps 1
Bell County 7, Williamsburg 6
Boyd County 18, Lawrence County 2 (4 Innings)
Boyd County 20, Lawrence County 3 (6 Innings)
Breathitt County 16, Lee County 1
Cawood 15, Pineville 0
Cumberland 13, Corbin 9
East Ridge 13, Magoffin County 1
Fairland, Ohio 1, Raceland 0
Fairview 7, West Carter 2
Hazard 3, Cordia 0
Letcher 8, Jenkins 0
Mason County 10, Fleming County 5
Middlesboro 5, Lee County, Va. 1
Owsley County 33, Buckhorn 1
Perry County Central 19, Knott County Central 9
Pike County Central 11, Paintsville 8
Pikeville 11, Fleming-Neon 0 (5 Innings)
Shelby Valley 2, Johnson Central 0
Sheldon Clark 21, Tug Valley, W.Va. 9 (5 Innings)
South Laurel 14, Boyle County 2
Whitesburg 16, Leslie County 0
Whitley County 22, Corbin 7 (6 Innings)

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THROUGH MY EYES

Callin' it as I see it

I know she's fast becoming America's latest sweetheart, and I have a daughter at home who thinks she's just the coolest thing going in today's entertainment, but I just can't help it - Jessica Simpson makes me choke on my Coke.

Oh, I have to admit, at first I was as sold as anyone. The stories of how poor Jessica was getting a raw deal from record and music video companies just



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Lifestyles editor

because she couldn't exude "sexy" in a believable enough manner due to being a virgin and all. "And all" referring to her Christian upbringing. The sweet story of how Jessica's dad presented her with a "promise" ring after they exchanged vows to each protect Jessie's virginity until marriage.

I listened as Jess' mom told of the early struggles in establishing

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POSTSCRIPT

A life: Part Two

As I wrote last week, after a tough, confining life, my cousin Pee wee was finally experiencing a kind of freedom. But as fate will have it sometimes, the good times were short-lived.



Pam Shingler
contributing writer

About three years ago, she suffered a significant heart attack, requiring several bypasses. In retrospect, the heart condition was not surprising because she had been diabetic for many years and was a smoker, a potentially lethal combination.

Her sister dropped everything back here and went up to Ohio to take care of her for a couple of months. When she seemed pretty

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Alpha Nu Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa inducts new members.

The Alpha Nu Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa inducted new members on Friday, March 19, 2004 at the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC). Dr. George Edwards, President of BSCTC welcomed the group of inductees who marched into the Pike Auditorium for the impressive

ceremony to commemorate their commitment to the ideals of honor and service exemplified by membership in Phi Theta Kappa.

The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa provides opportunity for the

development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence.

Dr. Nancy Johnson, BSCTC Provost, introduced the keynote speaker, Mary Fox, M.D. Dr. Fox enter-

tained the Alpha Nu Zeta members and their guests with stories about her experiences as a young woman doctor in eastern Kentucky. She told of challenges she faced 50 years ago and compared them to the exciting chal-

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

The beautiful dogwood tree blooms abundantly throughout Appalachia in the spring.

Invisible in McDowell

By Floyd Davis

The room is bathed in candle light, and the tables are dressed in red and white. The shop is filled with curiosities, books and comfortable chairs. The smell of spices and the scented candles perfume the air. The shop owners are both present, and they are familiar with almost all of their patrons, including Nancy and me. They move confidently and comfortably among us. The conversation floating from the tables is educated and cosmopolitan with tales of travel, vacations, professional children and, joy of joys, grandchildren. It is the sounds of the bookstores,

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coffee houses, and organic boutiques of university towns. But I know that I am only 12 miles from my home on Middle Creek, sitting in McDowell. McDowell sits on the Left Fork of

Beaver Creek, and was once a thriving coal camp. Thousands of men once worked the mines of Turner Elkhorn, Inland Steel, Koppers Coal and others; but all that remains is the

ARH Hospital (a successor to the union owned Miners Memorial Hospital Association) that opened in 1956 at the end of coal's golden age. Television specials and newspaper exposes have showcased the poverty of this place for decades: We are the quintessential "other America" of poverty, welfare, deprivation and exploitation, but here we sit among the dressed tables in starkest contrast to the images of want flickering on the television screen—yet we are as invisible as they.

I was only thirteen when Lyndon

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PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH

Things to ponder: Kids and Summertime

It is truly difficult to believe how soon the children's school term will be completed and summer time will be here, whether or not the adults are ready. When it comes to children and summertime, the typical mental image is usually a pleasant one - lazy days of playing outside, long days of fishing, and many days of doing whatever happens to come up. The Norman Rockwell type of pictures tends to bring to mind the American kid having wide-open spaces to roam, bright sunshine, and freedom. In contrast, there are

the working parents who cannot be at home to make peanut butter sandwiches and lemonade for the children, whenever the kids come in to rest. Where do you see yourself fitting into your kids' summer time routine? Do you see your family's upcoming summertime being a life of leisure or frustration?

For some families a loud shout will ring out, when school is over. They expect to have a relief from the stresses associated with academic issues. Just think, no more ups and downs with home-

work, after school activities, and getting projects done at the last minute. It just plain feels good to not have that seemingly never-ending schedule. However, summer can bring with it other sorts of stresses. There will be kids, such as those who are "hanging out around the house," that are apt to be lost without the structure and predictability that the school routine provided for their lives. It can be very unsettling. "I'm bored. There's nothing to do around here! Take me (here) and take me (there). Why can't Roger come over?"

You never want me to have any fun anymore."

Besides the kids feeling disjointed from the changes, like missing seeing special friends at school, working parents often have major concerns about how children will be taken care of and supervised. Sometimes family resources can be coordinated so that they all fit together without too much distress for everyone, such as grandparents and other family



Mable Rowe Lineberger,
Ph.D.

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School Happenings

■ April 23 - "Stop the Hurt Day," 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Big Sandy Community & Technical College. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the fun. Event sponsored in observance of Child Abuse Awareness Month.

■ April 23 - "Stop the Hurt Day," 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Archer Park. Sponsored by Community Based Services.

■ April 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," for parents, grandparents, guardians. To be held at the Mountain Arts Center, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, fun, door prizes, refreshments and FREE LUNCH!! Sponsored by Floyd County Family Resource and Youth Services Centers.

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

Nominations for parent representative for SBDM Council for the 2004-2005 school year are now being accepted. Nominations will be accepted until 3 p.m., April 30, in school office. Elections will be held Monday, May 3, at 6 p.m., at school.

■ April 28 - Fifth grade students from Clark and Prestonsburg Elementaries will visit the school.

■ May 4 - Parent Support Group meeting, 11:00 a.m., at school. Topic: "Relationships for Teens." Refreshments will be served.

■ May 3 thru 14 - CATS/CTB testing window.

■ 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

■ 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

Parent Organization members will be accepting nominations for parent members to the school's Site Based Decision Making Council until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, April 29. All nominations must be turned in to the front office. The election for parent representative will be held on Monday, May 3, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

■ 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.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

■ Apr. 29 - Health Dept. nurse in center.

■ Apr. 23 - Wear Blue Day.

■ Apr. 30 - KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parents must bring the following with them: Official copy of child's birth certificate; Kentucky immunization certificate; medical exam on KDE approved form; Kentucky Eye Examination form; and social security card.

■ 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.

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.

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:

■ 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.

MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

■ Apr. 23 - 10th Annual "Spring Fling" Gospel Sing, 7 p.m., in MCA gym. Call 285-5141 for more information.

■ Apr. 27, 28, 29 - CTBS testing.

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!*

■ 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

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McDowell

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Johnson announced the "War on Poverty" and the "Great Society." It was a challenge I took to heart: A call to arms I answered, and a dream for which I, and many of my generation have struggled to this very day. It was a social movement which shook Appalachia to its very foundations. It raised the standard of living and, more importantly, the aspirations of the whole region. Most of us were still in school when Lyndon Johnson's dreams of a Great Society collapsed in the conflagration of Viet Nam. Its accomplishments were obscured by the flames, as were we—it's greatest achievement. Thousands of us graduated from colleges and attended professional schools. Armed with proper "credentials," we became managers of the companies and energy conglomerates which had long been our masters. We

staffed hospitals, schools, welfare agencies, and government offices with our own numbers. For more than thirty years we have soldiered on; raising our own children in the material plenty and technological splendor of our present age. We have carved a new face within the old Coal Kingdom. We are Appalachian but we are modern Americans too; fully integrated, fully participating; yet invisible.

There is another Appalachia. Never let anyone deny it. It is a place of poverty; of economic exploitation; and of numbing hopelessness born of intergenerational prejudice, discrimination, and want. All must search their souls to find the keys that will free these brethren from the yoke they have carried too long; but there are other souls moving among the hills, and we are Appalachians too.

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Announcements



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Children of the late Russell and Eve May, Janie, Rusty and Kathy, returned to their hometown a few weeks ago to conduct the business of closing out their parents art gallery, The Russell May Art Gallery, located for many years on South Lake Drive, in Prestonsburg. The siblings all expressed sadness in regard to the closing of the gallery, but plan to remain in touch with their hometown family and friends. They also plan to hold another close-out sale event in the coming weeks.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. During this month, each class will collect pennies to be donated to CASA.

■ Apr. 29 - "Safe Families, Safe Communities," 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Mt. Arts Center. This is a training program concerning family violence.

■ June 14- July 22 - UK Dental School will offer services at the Floyd County Health Dept., in Prestonsburg. Call 886-2788, ext. 221 for an appointment.

■ 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

Eyes

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a singing career for her daughter. "We covered her in big, loose jackets...we just did everything to hide those big boobs of hers," her mother said while remembering early auditions and how the family tried so very hard to get Jessica noticed, not for her beauty and "big boobs," but for her vocal talent.

The tales of how all the other girls in school were jealous and openly sniggered and made rude comments when things seemed to be falling apart and it appeared that Jessica just wasn't going to make it after all.

I listened as the story was told of how Jessica and boyfriend Nick Lachey (now her husband), the handsome and sexy lead singer for boy band 98°, split up because the demands of a romantic relationship were just too stressful for sugary sweet Jessie.

Yes, it was just too sad that a young, healthy, talented singer couldn't get the recognition she deserved just because she wanted to adhere to a moral Christian standard that the industry just couldn't accept.

Jessica had fallen through the cracks.

But, not for long. Before we knew it, Jess was fast rising to the top, just like cream from

milk. Her voice was being heard loud and strong over the airwaves. She said, "Yes" to Mr. Lachey and even had the marriage union documented on an MTV reality series, "The Newlyweds: Nick and Jessica."

Now, I don't know exactly what happened, or when, but somewhere along the line, the "Saint" Jessica image began to disappear. And now, as far as I'm concerned, it has completely dissipated.

It began when Jessica appeared at husband Nick's birthday party, jumping out of a cake scantily clad in suggestive lingerie in front of a few hundred people, give or take a few. Not very saintly, do you think?

Then, I began to notice that in magazines and at televised premieres, Jessica kept showing up with those "big boobs" (remember, now these are her mother's words I keep repeating) not "hidden" at all, but rather, popped right out there for everyone to get a big eyeful of. So much for all that "talent," huh?

Then the announcement came for a new line of Jessica endorsed beauty products - called "Dessert." The premise being that not only did the products look good, but they tasted

good as well.

So, okay. I can deal with kissable lip gloss and products that make a girl smell good and look soft. But what I can't deal with is the advertising campaign that's been set up on the Dessert website, "www.dessertbeauty.com."

Check it out, see what I'm talking about.

Immediately, Jessica pops up onscreen, or rather, so do her lips and chest. Shortly followed by an array of sultry images and phrases like, "You wear it...then share it," and "The key to good taste...is to taste good." Dessert products, we are told, are "creamy...juicy...dreamy" and "Dessert girls," we are told, "aren't afraid to heat it up, shake it up, be a flirt, put it out there and flaunt it." Oh, yes, and that's not all - "Dessert girls" also "don't mind getting their hair a little messed up in the name of seduction," they are "full of sweetness and desire...warm and golden...luscious and radiant...tempting and decadent."

Tempting and decadent? Seems like I sorta recall the preacher relating those two words in reference to things not so Bible-friendly as Jess and her (cough, cough) Christian parents.

I know, I know, I'm cynical, I'm jaded, love-starved and gettin' older every day, but I just can't help it, hypocrisy is hypocrisy no matter how prettily it's packaged.

And, speaking of packaging, the Dessert website has a little "gift package" for your teen daughter as a way of saying thanks for her order - it's a pair of those teeny, tiny "boy shorts" that so many of our young girls are sporting nowadays. This particular pair, referred to on the site as "the icing on the cake," is emblazoned with the words, "Sexy girls have Dessert," all along the front (or back, I can't tell) of the shorts. The word "Dessert" is encased in a circle along with a pair of puckering lips. "Dessert girls love to get goodies!" the ad tells us, along with the closing words, "Dessert, with a cherry on top."

I don't know, but I have a feeling more moms than just me are going to reconsider just how great a role model Jessica Simpson really is for our teenage daughters.

I'm not saying that Jessica and her parents don't have good hearts, morals or beliefs, but gosh, I do think that what they're doing is not going very far toward helping our own daughters believe that their own virginity is something worth protecting as well.

Ponder

members that are willing to provide appropriate childcare. As with other childcare situations, it is very important to clarify that the adults of the family want to and/or are physically able to keep up with pre-school and school-aged children. An equally important issue is that the kids have consistent rules and consequences, regardless of who is supervising. Wild stories have been reported by youngsters about situations, where they have had little adult attention. Adults would be shocked to hear what types of activities took place. Other times, families have additional stress from the added expenses of summer time child-care.

As with other distressful situations in life, the problem is known, but it is the solution - plan and follow through - that is needed. Don't think it is new

knowledge for everyone, but it is good to remember that a healthy child or teen needs appropriate activities, physical and mental ones. Summer time is a great time for learning things about life that cannot be learned within classroom walls. One suggestion is, whether or not parents are working, children typically benefit from being involved with a "day camp." An expectation is that a day camp allows the kids to spend many hours playing with same-aged children and/or doing crafts with appropriate supervision. Often such day camps will have "field trips" and special activities at least one day per week.

"Week long" or "over-night" camps are usually a very good learning experience for older school-aged children. A most important accomplishment

often is the child learning to be independent of their parents and be confident that he can interact with other adults and children to get his needs met. A "good" camp experience has chances to learn new activities, improve social skills, be able to make new friends, and follow rules, wherever one is. There are also camps that have to do with a specific topic and children have a great opportunity to learn even more with a chance to spend intense time on a hobby or subject, such as playing a musical instrument. Research has shown that kids who go to camp do better in school. The camp experience can leave a lasting positive imprint on their character and helps them learn skills for becoming better prepared for later life. Supposedly, an ancient philosopher's opinion was, "A child educated only in school is an uneducated child."

If the parents require assistance with childcare during the summer time, they need to be actively involved in deciding how the child's day will be, no matter what the arrangements are. When children stay with family members, mom or dad can help plan the next day's activities and arrange for supplies. If the child is going to a camp, day or for the week, the adults involved with the camp need to be investigated before registering your child and paying the fee.

Members

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lenges that await this generation of graduates in a world forever changed by technology. She encouraged the students to dream about possibilities and pursue goals made possible by advances she had only glimpsed in science fiction movies. She congratulated the group on their accomplishments and charged them to be their best in future studies and

personal endeavors. Dr. Bill Loftus and Hassan Saffari, advisors for the Alpha Nu Zeta Chapter, congratulated the inductees and recognized special efforts and chapter awards for this year. An uplifting candle ceremony followed with members pledging their commitment to truth, diligence and achievements as members of Phi Theta Kappa.



Family Medicine

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



Most cases of coccidiomycosis mild, but can be deadly

Q I am looking for information on a disease called Coccidiomycosis. My child's father has this and I want to know about it. Can my son catch it from him? What is the cause? What are the symptoms? Is there a cure?

A Coccidiomycosis is an infection caused by the spores of the fungus, *Coccidioides immitis*. This is the second most common fungal infection encountered in the United States. It is most frequently seen in desert regions,

such as the southwestern part of the United States as well as northern Mexico. It is also called San Joaquin Valley fever or Valley fever because it is widespread (endemic) to that area. The spores become airborne when the dust is disturbed, and they are then inhaled.

It is not spread from human to human or animals to humans. Therefore, you son can't catch it from his father.

About 60 percent of coccidiomycosis infections cause no symptoms. In fact, many people don't know they have even had the infection until they have a posi-

tive skin test. In these cases, doctors would refer to this as a "benign, asymptomatic lung infection."

In cases where symptoms are present (symptomatic illness), however, the illness can range from mild to severe. People who are immune-compromised, such as those with AIDS or systemic cancer, are at greater risk for having severe, disseminated cases of coccidiomycosis. There is a chronic form of coccidiomycosis which is diagnosed many years after an initial infection. In many cases it may not have been recognized, diagnosed, or treated at the time of the original infection. A disseminated disease, where the infection has spread to the bones, liver, brain, skin and heart may occur, but is not common.

Symptoms of coccidiomycosis may be cough, fever, chills, night sweats, headache, muscle aches, joint pain and

other flu-like symptoms. In more severe forms, there can also be blood-tinged sputum, loss of appetite, weight loss, painful red rash on the legs, and change in mental status.

Arthritis with painful, swollen joints may also occur.

The diagnosis of coccidiomycosis is made by positive sputum cultures, chest X-ray, and a positive blood test. This test is called a coccidiomycosis complement fixation titer.

The acute, symptomatic illness often resolves without treatment in two to eight weeks. Bed rest and treatment of the symptoms are usually sufficient. When there is severe infection, or disseminated infection, antifungal medication should be prescribed. Complications such as meningitis and extensive lung damage can occur. In the most severe form,

there is a 50 percent mortality rate.

There is research being done on a possible vaccine for coccidiomycosis. This would be very helpful in preventing this disease in the southwestern by of the country, where it's very widespread.

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 email to readerquestions@familymedicineneeds.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.familymedicineneeds.org.

School

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. 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

John M. Stumbo Elementary PTO will accept nominations for parent members of the school's SBDM Council until 3:30 p.m., Friday, April 23. All nominations must be turned in to Tristan Parsons or Anita Tackett in the Family Resource Youth Services Center. Election for parent members will be held Friday, April 30, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., in school cafeteria. Contact Donna Hamilton at 587-2212 or Brenda Osborne at 587-1297 for more information.**

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

April 29 - SBDM Council parent representative election, 7 a.m. until 4 p.m., in Family Resource Center, and then again at 6 p.m., also in the FRC.

"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. 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.

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*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.

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Birthdays

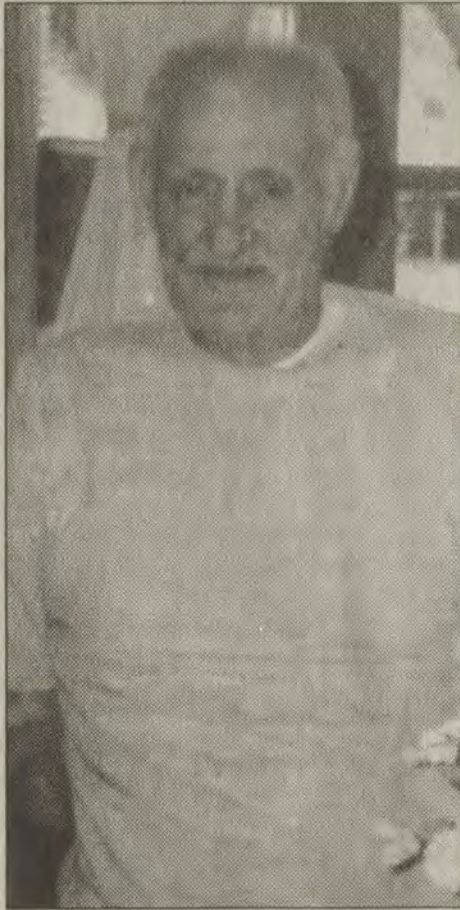
Happy 85th!

Elsie Lawson celebrated her 85th birthday on March 3, 2004, with family and friends at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Elsie enjoyed a day filled with love and laughter, lots of birthday cake and refreshments, and many special gifts. Elsie has been a resident of the center for one and a half years. Center staff enjoy having her be a part of their family.



Happy 68th!

John Ratliff celebrated his 68th birthday on March 22, 2004, with family members and friends at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Pizza, cupcakes and other refreshments were enjoyed by everyone at John's birthday celebration. Mr. Ratliff has been a resident of the health care center for the past year, where the staff all say that they are happy to make John a part of their family.



Weddings



Watts-Horn

Gina Maria Watts, the daughter of Jerry and Diane Watts, of Hueysville, and Harrison Walker Horn Jr., the son of Harrison Horn and the late Linda Horn, were united in marriage on March 29, 2004, at The Sandals Royal Caribbean Resort, on the island of Jamaica.

New Arrivals

HRMC New Arrivals

April 8, 2004

April 7, 2004
A daughter, Amber LeShay Castle, to Roberta & William Spence, to Patricia & Charles Spence

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A son, Braxton Cole Spence, to Patricia & Charles Spence

April 11, 2004
A son, Dewayne Randall Perry, to Hope Marie Rose

April 8, 2004

A son, Darren Michael LeRoy Hall, to Jackie Lynn & Joshua Darren Hall

April 11, 2004
A son, James Jason Perry, to Hope Marie Rose

April 8, 2004

A son, Rene Noah Martinez, to Ashley Elizabeth Gillum

April 12, 2004
A daughter, Xandra LaShae Dawson, to Jessica & Rick Dawson

April 8, 2004

A daughter, Corianna Frances Chauncy, to Elizabeth & Daniel Chauncy

April 13, 2004
A daughter, Haleigh Brooke Lowe, to Irene Wallen

April 13, 2004
A daughter, Tineka Nicole Cumberledge, to Jessica Lynn Cumberledge

April 13, 2004
A daughter, Kayle Marie Morris, to Amy Sue & Thomas Walter Morris

April 14, 2004
A son, Christopher Dalton Michael Dean York, to Laurie Marie Ferrell

April 14, 2004
A daughter, Hannah Elizabeth McGinns, to Jody McGinns

April 15, 2004
A son, Taylor Michael Fultz, to Crystal & Michael Fultz

April 16, 2004
A daughter, Destiny Kathleen Spears, to Anna & Ronald Spears

April 16, 2004
A son, Kai Thongsa Mann, to Sommaly & Darin Mann

April 16, 2004
A son, Landon Tyler Chaffins, to Shonia Michelle & David Chaffins

Postscript

well mended. Peewee tried to take up the good life she had recently begun. But, her legs began to swell and she couldn't stand for long periods, and she had to quit her job.

About a year and a half ago, she sold her home and moved back here to live with her sister. They worked in the garden, broke up green beans, fussed over the yard, cooked old-time mountain meals for lots of family members, and doted on a little black dog.

About six months ago, Peewee began to have difficulty swallowing, finally having to stand up to eat. She thought the problem was a side effect of a drug she was taking for osteoporosis. It was not.

The problem, it turned out, was a rapidly growing, cancerous mass in her esophagus. By the time of diagnosis, it had spread into other organs. Treatment options narrowed.

Another sister and a niece took her to Lexington to see if a stint could be put into her food tube to allow passage of food to

sustain her for a year or so.

The option didn't pan out. When she came back, she noted the irony, "I'm 66 years old, and Thursday night was the first time I ever stayed overnight in a motel, and it'll be the last."

Her sisters and I who heard her were jolted. We knew her life had been filled with barriers, but we never knew the extent. Silently, we all regretted the places we could have gone with her, but didn't.

At this writing, Peewee lies in a hospital bed in her sister's family room. She has not eaten in more than two weeks. The food cannot go down.

She barely manages to swallow the liquid pain medicine. I use the word "swallow" lightly. Her sister can only pour the medicine into her mouth and hope it manages to trickle downward.

She had to have a catheter inserted because she did not have the strength to get to the portable potty, even with help.

Despite the liquid medicine and morphine patches, the pain

is apparently overwhelming.

Last Saturday I was going to put some lotion on her arm where the skin is badly flaked. "No," she begged, "it hurts too much to be touched."

Hospice nurses come to see her three times a week. They bathe her and try to soothe the bed sores, and she moans loudly. Her sister told me, "I want to go outside and scream, but I can't because I have to be here to get whatever the nurse needs."

When Peewee is awake, her reality is tangled. Sunday I held the phone for her while she talked to her brother Randal who called from Texas to see about her. Our cousin Michael had been there earlier. She told Randal, "Michael was here to see me and he dug two wells." Yes, he had been there, but he did not dig any wells and has no connection to wells. The brain is a strange thing.

It's hard not to ask why. Why is this happening to someone who has known such sorrow, someone to whom happiness had been so fleeting?

Celebrations



'50s day at Prestonsburg Health Care Center

The staff and residents of the Prestonsburg Health Care Center enjoyed a day of '50s fun on April 3 when they celebrated the 1950s with special music from the era and special "Soda Shop" treats like root beer floats, banana splits, milkshakes and ice cream cones. Special thanks to those that volunteered to make the day a special one for all: Bob Wireman, Wade Martin, Dawn Reed, Matthew Reed, Jessica Reed, Elizabeth Miller, Sue Joyce, and Ann Blanton.

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AUTOMOTIVE

130-Cars

For Sale 2000 Toyota Avolon in excellent condition, low miles one owner, call 791-1716

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210-Job Listings

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Federal Employment

Recruiting for Program Support Assistant at the Prestonsburg Primary Care Clinic to assist in clerical support to patient care. For details see www.usa.jobs.opm.gov. on how to apply. See information under the VA Medical Center located at Huntington Wv. EOE

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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 quad-

rangle 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, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this

application. All comments, objections, and/or requests for a permit conference, must be received within 30 days of today's date.

NOTICE OF 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 Phase 1 bond release 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 \$13,400.00. 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, or requests for a permit 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.

This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections, and/or requests for a permit conference, must be received within 30 days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

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, Debord, 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 Pocahontas 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.

This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections, and/or requests for a permit conference, must be received within 30 days of today's date.

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 proposed 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, Gomer Adkins, Donald P. and George Ann Adkins, Norman and Mae Martin, Herman Conn, James Johnson, Bailey Crum, Mexico Spears, Jim and Gertrude Sammons, Mousie Dingsu, Allan Conn, Fred Presley, Brice Conn Estate, Kenneth Spears, Emmin and Cynthia Akers, Jr., John D. and Emodel A. Boyd, James and Bertha Williams, George Newsome, Turner Elkhorn Mining Company, Jimmy Akers, Harry and Ruth Crum, Richard Sammons, Edward Halbert, James Ervin Halbert, Bernard P. and Fron McKinney, John A. Salisbury, David May, Bee and Ola Halbert, James W. Martin, James & Lizzie Spears, 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.

(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, 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, Omer Bentley, Fair Bentley Estate, Claude and Mae Ryan, Leonard and Susan Akers, Hezzie Sammons, T.E. Hamilton, Jr., John Delong, Lum Click, Tina Meade, Harry and Nadine Stephens, Leonard Conn and Turner Elkhorn Mining Company.

(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, 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, Omer Bentley, Fair Bentley Estate, Claude and Mae Ryan, Leonard and Susan Akers, Hezzie Sammons, T.E. Hamilton, Jr., John Delong, Lum Click, Tina Meade, Harry and Nadine Stephens, Leonard Conn and Turner Elkhorn Mining Company.

(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, 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.



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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5377, Renewal

(1) In accordance with 350.055, notice is hereby given that FDCD 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.

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 Jervis, 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.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 03-CI-1396 COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. DBA AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER PLAINTIFF VS. JOHN D. ROSE JUDY F. ROSE AKA JUDY ROSE AKA JUDY BLACKBURN ROSE DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 10th day of March, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$57,279.41, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 29th day of April, 2004, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 99 Clark Branch Road, Endicott, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows: Being certain real property located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and beginning at the mouth of Clark Branch, Buffalo creek, a distance of 77 (seven seven) feet to a culvert; thence

with road 140 (one hundred forty) feet to a Cement Stone; thence turning left 280 (two hundred eighty) feet with fence to a Cement Stone; thence turning right 55 (fifty five) feet to another Cement Stone at road; thence back down the right side to the bar 160 (one hundred sixty) feet running with Ronnie Joe Burchett's road to Ronnie Joe Burchett's line; thence down the embankment to Buffalo Creek; thence up Buffalo Creek to the point of beginning. Being the same property conveyed to Judy Blackburn Rose and John D. Rose, her husband, dated May 28, 1997, recorded in Deed Book 406, Page 238, and further conveyed by Quit-Claim Deed from Inez Collins, et al., to Judy Blackburn Rose and John D. Rose, her husband, dated June 5, 1998, recorded in Deed Book 419, Page 499, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2004, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale, take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY: Hon. John R. Cummins Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480 513/241-3100

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number

898-4138, Renewal No. 4 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Landmark Mining Company, Inc., P.O. Box 460, Shelbyana, Kentucky 41562, has applied for a renewal of a permit to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 4.0 miles west of Robinson Creek, and is situated in both Pike and Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 29.24 surface acres, and will underlie 2,027.50 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 2,056.74 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 2.0 miles west from Bear Fork Road's junction with KY 610, and located 0.4 mile north of Sam Hall Branch.

The proposed operation is located on the Pikeville/McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Thomas Ratliff. The operation will underlie land owned by Thomas Ratliff, Andy Hamilton, Clifford and Sadie Hamilton, Homer and Wanda Hamilton, Ellis Little, Harvey and Jewellene Tackett, Rose Belcher, Emery and Tilda Ray, Walter and Oma Keathley, Turner Elkhorn Mining Company, Stephen Hamilton, Dora Keathley, Ray and Kelly Slone, Edgar and Myreda Howell, John D. and Millie Hamilton, Rhonda Hall and Grant Newsome, Alma Land Company, Louise Spears, Melinda J. Martin, Verniece H. Akers, Edward Hall, Ansel Hall, Russell and Joyce Brewer, James W. and Madge Keathley, Bennie and Sola Tackett, Charles Frasure, Dewey L. and Fay Hall, Eliza Jane Rogers Estate, Casey and Dakota Newsome, Estill Hall, Alex and Liddie Hall, Donnie Hall, Diana Kirkwood, Helen Hall, Curt and Geraldine Blankenship, Estill and Wade Hamilton, et al., Jenna R. Hamilton, Emery and Tilda Kiser, Appalachian Land Company, Vernon K. and Ray Slone, Elmer Hall, and Hubert Hall.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5306 Renewal #4 In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that MATT/CO, INC., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 0.5 miles north of Emma

in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 8.05 surface acres and will underlie 1837.14 acres for the total area within the permit boundary will be 1845.19 acres.

The operation is located 0.5 miles northeast of Emma in Floyd County. The operation is located approximately 0.25 miles north from KY Route 1428's junction with KY Route 194 and located 0.3 miles northeast of the Levisa Fork. The latitude is 37° 38' 30" and the longitude is 82°41'45."

The proposed operation is located on the U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Peachie Merritt. The operation will underlie land owned by Sandra Barkan, Roland Blackburn, Clyde Burchett, Forest Burchett, Gale Burchett, Joe Burchett, Landon and Nellie Charles, Ed and Bertha Cline, Leonard Goble, Floyd and Ona Harris, Irvin Hunt, William Jarrell, Columbus Jervis, Gardie Jervis, Ed Leslie Estate, Peachie Merritt, James and Mary Wells, Troy Whitt and Rosie Woods Estate.

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 of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS FROM PROVIDERS OF TRANSPORTATION OF NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Floyd County Fiscal Court requests and will accept applications until Thursday, April 29, 2004, at the hour of 4:00 p.m. for the following: APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS FROM PROVIDERS OF TRANSPORTATION OF NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Applications will be accepted at the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, 2nd floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, [Telephone: (606) 886-9193], during regular business hours, between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court has the right to accept and/or reject any or all applications.

Paul Hunt Thompson, Floyd County Judge/Executive

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF BOND RESOLUTION

The Fiscal Court of the County of Floyd, Kentucky, gave reading to and adopted the Resolution below at a regular meeting held on April 16, 2004, in the Fiscal Courtroom of the Floyd County Courthouse, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

A Resolution of the County of Floyd, Kentucky, directing the Floyd County, Kentucky, Public Properties Corporation to take certain formal actions as the agency and instrumentality and as the constituted authority of the County of Floyd, Kentucky; specifically directing the issuance of and authorizing and approving \$2,415,000 (plus or minus ten percent) of Floyd County, Kentucky, Public Properties Corporation First Mortgage Lease Revenue Bond Anticipation Renewal Notes, series 2004 ("The Notes"); directing the public properties corporation to solicit bids and sell the notes on a private, negotiated basis; authorizing and approving a Mortgage Deed of Trust, Lease Agreement; and to take such other actions as may be necessary or required with respect to the issuance and authorization of the notes.

This resolution authorizes the issuance by the Floyd County, Kentucky, Public Properties Corporation (the "Corporation") acting as agency, instrumentality and constituted authority of the County of Floyd, Kentucky, of \$2,415,000 Floyd County, Kentucky, Public Properties Corporation First Mortgage Lease Revenue Bond Anticipation Renewal Notes, Series 2004 (the "Bonds") to

finance the costs of retiring and refunding, in full, the Series 1999 Renewal Notes, the proceeds of which were used to retire, in full, the Series 1993 Notes, the proceeds of which were used for the acquisition, construction and equipping of a fairgrounds and related facilities to be located within the jurisdiction of the County (the "Project"), and to finance the cost of issuance of the bonds. The Bonds are being issued in accordance with Kentucky Revised Statutes and are to be retired directly or indirectly from lease payments to be made pursuant to a Lease Agreement dated as of April 29, 2004, between the Corporation and the County. The Bonds will be secured pursuant to a Mortgage Deed of Trust (the "Mortgage") dated as of the date of the Bonds from the Corporation to the Trustee. The Bonds will be sold in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes. The maximum amount of bonds to be outstanding at any one time is \$2,415,000.

This Resolution also authorizes the execution, on behalf of the county, of various financing documents involved in the transaction, including the Lease and the Mortgage. A copy of the Resolution described above is on file with the Clerk of Floyd County in the Floyd County Courthouse, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. This summary has been prepared by Cox Bowling & Johnson, PLLC, Lexington, Kentucky, Bond Counsel.

/s/ Floyd Fiscal Court Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE The Housing Authority of Martin will be accepting proposals on 26 new

computers. The proposal should include warranty, service, set-up price and proximity. Must be received by 2:00 p.m., April 30, 2004. (606) 285-3260 or (606) 285-3681, if you have questions.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The County Clerk, Chris Waugh, announces that the absentee voting machine will be available for voters to vote, who will not be in the County on Election Day, May 18, 2004. The voting machine will be located at the Floyd County Clerk's office during the hours of Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Chris Waugh
Floyd County Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

Prestonsburg Health Care Center, Prestonsburg, Ky., is licensed in the state of Kentucky as a Nursing Facility. All persons qualifying for nursing care shall be admitted to this facility regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, handicapping

condition, age, or religious preference.

Elaine Hunter
Administrator
Prestonsburg Health Care Center

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Fletcher Gayheart, Box 165, Eastern Ky 41622, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct one separate earthen fills and subsequent construction of commercial and/or residential structures within the 100 Year Floodplain. The project sites is located along the north side of Route 80 and along the north bank of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek, in the community of Eastern in Floyd County, the latitude is 37d 30m 50s; the longitude is 82d 48m 47s. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to The Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone (502) 564-3410.

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Apr. 26 South Floyd
 Apr. 29 Pike County Central
 Apr. 30 Montgomery County
 (Montgomery County Invitational)
 May 1 Campbell County
 (at Montgomery County Invitational)
 May 4 Paintsville
 May 6 Betsy Layne
 May 11 Allen Central
 May 13 South Floyd
 May 18 Lawrence County
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