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Police conduct searches

Times Staff Report

PIKEVILLE — No arrests were made but 15 federal search warrants, executed on Tuesday, netted 300 pounds of marijuana and over \$450,000 in cash. The warrants were executed in Letcher and Pike counties and were the result of a coordinated effort by several law enforcement agencies.

Participating were the Drug Enforcement Administration, Kentucky State Police Drug Enforcement Section II, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Unlawful Narcotic Investigation, Treatment and Education, Appalachia High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area and the Letcher County Sheriff's Office.

The investigation continues in the case. The searches came two days after a UNITE effort with the Owsley County Sheriff's Office resulted in 36 indictments and arrests. U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers said, "Today we're sending a message that our communities have had enough."

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Today



High: 84 • Low: 65

Tomorrow



High: 84 • Low: 63

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Mine death lawsuit moved to Floyd

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A wrongful death case against a Floyd County mine and its subsidiaries will be heard in Floyd County, following the transfer of the case this week from Knott Circuit Court.

Angela Blair, of Prestonsburg, and Paul Douglas Blair, of Lower Twin Branch in Denver, filed suit against Cody Mining Company, Inc. its subsidiaries, employees,

and supervisors following the death of Paul Edward Blair on June 13, 2003.

Paul Edward Blair, 21, a drill helper, was fatally injured in a blast that morning in the company's Mine Number One at Hood's Fork in McDowell. He was Angela Blair's husband and Paul Douglas Blair's son. They are seeking compensation relating to the mental and physical pain, suffering, anguish, medical and funeral expenses, and punitive damages.

The suit, filed by Lexington attorney

Justin Morgan, also names Motts Branch Coal, Knott-Floyd Land Company, Tee Engineering Company, subsidiaries of Cody Mining, and Cody Mining owner Robert C. Ratliff, section foreman Eugene Conley, superintendent and drill operator Robert C. Ratliff Jr., who was seriously injured in the accident, shot firer Robert Delong and roof bolt operator Estill Lowe.

Six other employees, affiliated with the subsidiary companies, were also cited. They include M. Lynn Parrish, Jeffrey

Joyce, Thurman Barker, Shirley M. Ratliff, James L. Childers, Earl E. Roop and Don F. Blackburn.

The Department of Mines and Minerals completed an investigation into Blair's death last year, ultimately citing the company with 54 notices of noncompliance for various offenses.

The accident occurred where two cross cuts had been driven together, or off center

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First Commonwealth Bank president and CEO Greg Wilson spoke during a ceremony marking the financial institution's 100th birthday.

photo by Joyal Frazier

First Commonwealth Bank celebrates its first century

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — First Commonwealth Bank, one of the oldest businesses in Floyd County, celebrated its landmark 100th birthday Wednesday with a press conference and reception at its main branch headquarters.

The First Commonwealth Bank was established in 1904, and has reached a milestone in history with 100 years of service to Floyd County and Eastern Kentucky. The company maintains that its long-standing success is based on a legacy of excellent customer service, strong employee relations

and dedication to the surrounding communities.

The press conference opened with Burl Wells Spurlock, now chairman of the bank's board of directors, speaking of the history of the bank and the progress it has made through the years. He explained that the First Commonwealth Bank opened its doors for business on June 8, 1904, with the support of 21 original shareholders from throughout Floyd County. Those shareholders funded the startup of the bank. Among those original shareholders was Beriah M. Spurlock, uncle of former bank president Burl Spurlock.

Burl Wells Spurlock was Burl Spurlock's eldest son and became president and chief executive officer in 1976.

"First Commonwealth Bank is more than just a business to me. The bank is part of my family history, my father's legacy, and my own personal history," Spurlock said. "Prestonsburg, Floyd County and surrounding communities mean everything to me. This area is where my brothers, my sister and I grew up and it is where I later raised my own son.

"Though the times and the area have changed over the years, First

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Ref assault case comes to a close

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — The case against Terry and Nicholas Samons, both charged with assaulting sports official Mike Walker, was resolved Wednesday in Johnson District Court in Paintsville.

All parties involved were happy with the decision, which was settled in Johnson County in order to accommodate Judge Susan Mullins Johnson, who was scheduled to hear proceedings there.

"Terry Samons entered a 90-day sentence that was suspended and probated for two years," explained Floyd County

Attorney Keith Bartley. "The conditions of parole are that he have no criminal violations during that time and that he not attend any juvenile sporting events for two years."

The case against Nicholas Samons, who was the assistant coach for Allen Central High School, was dropped entirely.

"You have to give a nod to Mr. Bartley for getting to the truth of the matter," said Terry M. Jacobs, attorney for Nicholas Samons.

"I reviewed that tape at least 75 times and spoke to witnesses and nobody saw Nicholas do anything," Bartley said.

Jacobs was pleased with the

(See ASSAULT, page three)

Sex abuse case against England officially dropped

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A sexual abuse charge against the owner of an "unrated" video sales company at Harold was dismissed this week, more than seven months after he was released from custody.

District Judge Eric Hall entered an order Tuesday to dismiss a charge of first-degree sexual abuse against Ike Jason England, 34, of Harold.

The order came as a matter of routine, court officials said, after a grand jury failed to indict England in September on the charge, brought about by a female who claimed he sexually abused her after giving her a substance that rendered her physically helpless.

England, arrested in March 2003, was released from custody in October, court documents say.

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Agreement on state budget may be near

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — House Speaker Jody Richards said Thursday he would try to persuade Gov. Ernie Fletcher to quickly call the General Assembly back into session to pass a budget.

Kentucky will be without a budget after June 30 unless a new budget is enacted. The House and Senate adjourned April 13 without a budget, deadlocked over Fletcher's demand for changes in the tax code.

Richards, D-Bowling Green, said

much has changed since then, primarily a new revenue forecast that was \$305 million higher for the upcoming biennium.

The forecast "does take some of the pressure off to do tax reform," Richards told reporters. "Certainly it could wait six months," when the General Assembly would again be in regular session.

Administration officials this week interpreted the forecast differently - as proof of instability in the current tax code.

Fletcher presented a "revenue neutral" tax plan that balanced tax cuts, especially on corporate and individual income, with tax increases on tobacco, alcohol, telephone and television services and hotel rooms. He also wanted to extend the corporate income tax to more types of companies.

The Senate, controlled by Fletcher's Republican allies, incorporated the tax plan into its version of a budget bill. The House, under Democratic control, called it a tax increase and refused to vote on it.

Richards and other House Democratic

leaders huddled Thursday at the Capitol to work on a new proposal. The others deferred to Richards, who declined to disclose details but said: "We've made some concessions. I would hope that the other side will make some concessions. ... We have to have compromise if we're going to have a budget."

It was unclear whether Senate Republicans would go along. Fletcher, who planned to be in Washington, D.C., through Friday, has said he would not call a special session until there was an agreement between the chambers.

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Odds & Ends

■ **SALT LAKE CITY** — EurEEKa! Just what the world needs: another mouse.

A tiny creature with a long tail, two sets of whiskers and powerful jaws may be the newest species of mouse, found on a Philippine island by researchers that included a Utah man.

Eric Rickart, the Utah Museum of Natural History's curator of vertebrates, said the rodent with a 4-inch tail and strong, sharp toes is unlike any other mouse found on any Philippine island.

"We were lucky to catch it," he said.

After a month of study ending in late May, the researchers caught the mouse in a lowland forest on south-central Luzon Island, about 50 miles from Manila.

Rickart said the mouse may have wandered down from a higher spot in the forest canopy. Depending on the light, it can appear to be bright orange, said Rickart, who has been studying mammals in the Philippines for 15 years.

Besides whiskers on its snout, it has other long whiskers that grow from behind each eye.

"We've never seen any-

thing like it," Rickart said.

Researchers hope to catch more of the rodents.

The yet-to-be-named mouse, which may also be a new genus, lived in the remnants of a tropical forest.

The tiny mice may have floated to their new homes on fallen logs and thrived on the island, Rickart said.

■ **RACINE, Wis.** — Joe Clazmer lost 100 pounds, and gained nearly \$11,000 for local schools.

Clazmer, who now weighs in at 371 pounds, turned his weight loss into a fund-raiser in January, raising \$106.83 for each pound lost.

By dropping 100 pounds, he raised \$10,683 for the Racine Educational Alternative Learning School or REAL, where he teaches math, and St. Catherine's High School, his alma mater.

"The number's one thing, but I'll tell you, I just feel better," Clazmer said.

Willie Maryland, one of REAL's co-directors, said the schools will split the money.

"It was just a win-win situation for everybody," Maryland said. "I think it was an awesome thing."

He said the charter school would likely use the money in the next school year to help kids who can't afford field trips, and for clubs, student government, the yearbook, the school newspaper and a possible scholarship.

Clazmer's Monday weigh-in marked the end of the fundraiser but he wants to keep losing.

"If I had to pick a goal, and people have been asking me that lately, another 100 pounds and I'm sure I would be very comfortable at that."

■ **BREMEN, Germany** — Not since those gruesome movies in driver's ed class has there been this much blood on the highway.

A truck hauling pig blood on the autobahn from the Netherlands for disposal was pulling onto the autobahn near Sittensen from a rest stop when it was rear-ended by another truck Wednesday, police spokesman Klaus-Dieter Kroll said.

Police closed a stretch of superhighway for hours after the truck spilled 9,000 gallons of pig's blood. The entire load of blood mixed with heavy rain and formed a large slick,

causing another truck to crash, Kroll said.

The highway shutdown created traffic jams 13 miles long on either side.

The driver of the truck that crashed into the truck hauling the blood suffered minor injuries. Damage was estimated at \$221,000, Kroll said.

■ **DULUTH, Minn.** — Civil War veteran Albert Woolson has regained some dignity.

Years of pigeon and gull droppings were scrubbed off

the head and body of his statue Wednesday, and he got a new home.

Woolson was recognized as the last surviving member of the Union Army. He died in Duluth on Aug. 6, 1956, at 109.

A bronze statue of Woolson had been on display in Canal Park on the Lake Superior waterfront since 1983.

On Wednesday morning, crews loaded the larger-than-life likeness onto a truck and hauled it to the Depot, also known as St. Louis County

Heritage and Arts Center, the train station that houses the county historical society and other groups.

Woolson now faces a large American flag that flaps with lake breezes outside the Duluth Public Library on the other side of the street.

"The nice thing about having him here instead of Canal Park is no pigeons," said Ken Buehler, executive director of the Depot. "This move was long overdue. I think he's going to look just great in his new home."

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 11, the 163rd day of 2004. There are 203 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On June 11, 1776, the Continental Congress formed a committee to draft a Declaration of Independence from Britain.

On this date:

■ In 1509, England's King Henry VIII married Catherine of Aragon.

■ In 1919, Sir Barton won the Belmont Stakes, becoming horse racing's first Triple Crown winner.

■ In 1942, the United States and the Soviet Union signed a lend-lease agreement to aid the Soviet war effort in World War II.

■ In 1947, the government announced the end of household and institutional sugar rationing, to take effect the next day.

■ In 1963, Buddhist monk Quang Duc immolated himself

on a Saigon street to protest the government of South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem.

■ In 1970, the United States presence in Libya came to an end as the last detachment left Wheelus Air Base.

■ In 1977, Seattle Slew won the Belmont Stakes, capturing the Triple Crown.

■ In 1978, Joseph Freeman Jr. became the first black priest ordained in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

■ In 1979, actor John Wayne died at age 72.

■ In 2001, Timothy McVeigh executed by injection at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind., for the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 people

Ten years ago:

The United States, South Korea and Japan agreed to seek punitive steps against North Korea over its nuclear program. A car bomb blew up outside a luxury hotel in Guadalajara, Mexico, killing five people in an apparently drug-related attack.

Tabasco Cat won the Belmont Stakes.

Five years ago:

The FBI was seeking the creator of Worm.Explore.Zip, a file-destroying computer virus which had hit some of the nation's biggest corporations. Actor DeForest Kelley of "Star Trek" fame died in Woodland Hills, Calif., at age 79.

One year ago:

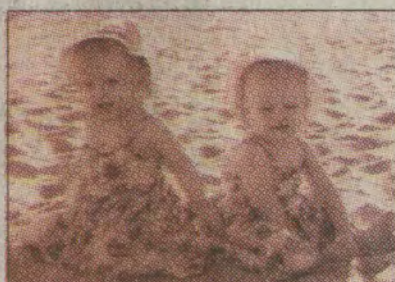
A suicide bomber killed 17 people in a Jerusalem bus blast; two Israeli rocket strikes against Hamas fugitives killed 11 Palestinians in Gaza City. Houston's Roy Oswalt, Pete Munro, Kirk Saarloos, Brad Lidge, Octavio Dotel and Billy Wagner combined for the first no-hitter against the New York Yankees in 45 years, winning 8-0. Pioneering broadcast journalist David Brinkley died in Houston at age 82.

Today's Birthdays:

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Bank



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First Commonwealth Bank board members and employees joined president and CEO Greg Wilson, left, and board chair Burl Wells Spurlock, right, outside for the release of 100 balloons — one for each year the bank has been in service.

Commonwealth Bank has been the one constant entity throughout my life. It has been my honor and privilege to serve my hometown and home county at our bank.

Following the press conference, Spurlock spoke zealously about the beginning days of the bank.

"Going through all the years, someone had to direct it and make decisions, sound decisions, to keep the bank open..." Spurlock said. As he talked about the changes, he said with a laugh, "A lot of the risk is gone today, but there still needs to be some gray heads around to help."

When asked how much longer he would be involved with the bank, Spurlock said, "As long as I feel I am contributing something, I'll be here."

Following Spurlock was the bank's current president and CEO, Greg Wilson. He spoke of the great legacy of the bank and the wonderful examples that he had to follow.

Wilson thanked the customers for their business and support and said, "It is our intention to make every customer feel special and valued. We pride ourselves on being able to provide a personal touch to our customer service. We are very fortunate to operate a successful community bank in this day and age where we provide our customers with quality products, knowledgeable employees and local service. Knowing your customer is a key advantage to having a local bank."

Leigh Ann Maynard, sales coordinator and marketing assistant, explained the privilege she feels to be an employee of First

Commonwealth Bank.

"As an employee, I feel very honored to be here," Maynard said. "This is a very family-oriented business and because they put our families first, I have a great deal of respect for this business..."

"We have something here that large businesses do not have and that is personalized service. When our customers call and need something they are speaking with someone right here in Prestonsburg, not someone in another state. The customers and community are our first priority."

First Commonwealth Bank focuses daily on a mission statement that includes exceeding its customers' expectations, as well as remaining a locally-owned community bank.

Lawsuit

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rather than parallel, as required by state regulations. The drilled holes had been tamped with "an excessive and unlawful" amount of explosives, the report says, a statement supported by the affidavit of Robert Delong, shot firer who claimed he was ordered to "use extra powder" by his supervisor Robert C. Ratliff Jr., the superintendent and drill operator who was also injured in the blast.

The report, which includes affidavits from several employees on the site that day, charges the company for using a non-permissible coal drill and buggy, a practice utilized extensively at the site, according to affidavits. Investigators also claim that a pre-shift examination was not completed at the mine that morning, that drill holes were unlawfully blasted simultaneously, that no air movement or curtains were being used, and that the drill crew and shot firer worked under an unsupported roof.

The Department also accused foreman Eugene Conley of tampering with the evidence at the scene for ordering the removal of the non-permissible equip-

ment from the site, an allegation he denied in his affidavit.

While investigating the scene, the Department of Mines and Minerals found smoking articles at the site including two packs of cigarettes, two lighters and a bag of marijuana in a scoop bucket. Several individuals testified that they did not witness smoking underground or drug use at the mine. However, roof bolter operator Billy Adams claimed in his affidavit that he saw Robert Ratliff Jr. and Paul Blair "snorting pills" underground two months before the accident occurred.

"They would crush the pills and then snort them through a copper thing that was used to splice cables together," he testified. "They did this before a place that they had drilled was tamped and shot. I tried talking to them to get them to stop. I don't think the accident would have happened had it not been for the drugs."

Owner Robert C. Ratliff Sr. testified that he did not require drug screening at the mine.

Special Judge Samuel T. Wright III entered an agreed order in Knott County earlier

this month to transfer the case because several defendants filed motions of dismissal or change of venue.

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Assault

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outcome and explained that Terry Samons held no grudge against Walker and was only responding to the sight of his other son, a player for Allen Central, being swarmed by the crowd as the buzzer sounded. Jacobs also pointed out that Nicholas was merely trying to get the referee's attention to find out if their were still a few seconds of play left to complete.

Bartley speculated that the confusion generated by the crowd may have contributed to the mistaken impression that Nicholas had struck Walker.

The videotape was reviewed by all parties involved and none

of them saw any reason to pursue charges against Nicholas Samons.

Walker did not attend the proceedings.

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Pharmacist Harold Cooley, left, is this year's recipient of the prestigious "Bowl of Hygeia" award. Associate Gary Bailey was honored by the staff at Cooley Medical Equipment with a hand-crafted guitar by craftsman Hank Clubb, of Beattyville.

Pharmacist receives distinguished award

by TOM DOTY
 STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Harold Cooley, of Cooley Medical Equipment, has been chosen to receive "Bowl of Hygeia" Award for his excellence as a pharmacist and a community leader.

The award, which is sponsored by the A.H. Robbins Company, has been a tradition in the pharmaceutical community since 1958. Each recipient of the award is chosen by the pharmaceutical association of his or her state on his or her merits as a pharmacist and level of community service. Cooley was chosen out of roughly 10,000 pharma-

cists across the state.

The staff at CME celebrated with a dinner for Cooley that was held Thursday night at a private banquet room at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn.

The staff at CME also chipped in for a special award for Cooley's associate, Gary Bailey. In a moving tribute from staff member and artist/musician John Trusty, the entire staff presented Bailey with a University of Kentucky Wildcats-embossed guitar.

The instrument was fashioned by Hank Clubb, of Beattyville, who has designed a limited series of 200 UK guitars, of which this was the very first.

Perkins Center grads to make history

by TOM DOTY
 STAFF WRITER

THELMA — Next Friday, at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, two Floyd County students will make history as they graduate from their program along with, as of now, 109 other students.

Keesha Newsome and Eva Hackworth will mark a national first at the ceremony because they will be the first two deaf individuals to complete the

External Diploma Program. The program awards a high school diploma to adults who have achieved many of the skills learned in high school from life experiences.

The diplomas will be awarded through the Paintsville school system.

Newsome is also scheduled to speak at the event.

The ceremony will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 18. The event, which will be held at the center, is open to the public. A reception will follow.

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■ To report damages to county roads, bridges and culverts, call the Floyd County Road Department at (606) 452-1001 or (606) 478-1001.

■ County residents with damages to private property, including homes and other structures, private bridges and private roadways, are being asked to call the Floyd County Emergency Management Office at (606) 886-0498 or (800) 279-3191.

■ Prestonsburg residents with damages to public property including city roads, bridges and culverts to report should call the city's Department of Public Works at (606) 886-3537.

■ Prestonsburg residents who suffered private property damage are being asked to call Fire Marshal Bobby Carpenter at (606) 886-2335 to report damages are request assistance with cleanup.

■ St. Vincent Mission, at David, as food, clothing and cleaning supplies available for flood victims. Call (606) 886-2513 for information.

■ To obtain cleaning supplies, call (800) 696-3873

■ The Christian Appalachian Project Warehouse in West Prestonsburg is offering clothing, cleaning supplies and other materials for area flood victims. They are also accepting donations at this location. Call (606) 886-9718.

■ Cleaning supplies can be picked up at the Landmark Christian Church at Watergap and the Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church at Abbott Creek.

■ The Johnson County branch of the Salvation Army is offering shelter to those left homeless by the flood at the Paintsville Community Center. They have a canteen set up at that location to provide hot meals to those in need. Mobile can-

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The owner of "Sly Productions," England became the focus of a "sex slave" controversy in 2002 when he and Amanda Pinion (England) entered a slave contract in the Pike County Clerk's Office. Pinion agreed in the contract to be a "slave" to England, who was referred to as "master."

The couple later said that the contract was filed by mistake and that they did it "for fun."

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"It now costs more to amuse a child than it once did to educate his father."

— Vaughan Monroe

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Herald, Everett, Wash., on Ronald Reagan:

So much of Ronald Reagan's success could be credited to style. ...

In truth, our nation's 40th president was primarily about substance, even if he delivered his principled points of view with flair. He was a committed conservative, one who didn't compromise easily. He was a visionary, one who saw an America that was capable of much more than it was achieving when he took office in 1981. Perhaps most importantly, he was a fervent anti-communist whose strategy of peace through strength proved to be the final undoing of the Soviet Union, bringing a Cold War victory to the supporters of freedom. ...

Reagan's eternal optimism and message of hope was the right medicine at the right time. His ability to connect with Americans across the political spectrum frustrated his opponents, and created a class of voters known as Reagan Democrats - voters who helped propel him to two landslide victories.

At least part of the attraction Reagan held for such people must have been his civil approach to politics, one that allowed him to disagree without disrespect. It's an approach sadly lacking today, and one we hope this time of reflection on his life can rekindle. ...

Chicago Tribune, on the death of Ronald Reagan:

Like most of us, Ronald Reagan had no voice in choosing the moment of his death. But after appearing in 54 films, he surely appreciated that in matters that touch the heart — drama, tragedy, comedy — timing is as crucial as content. He'd likely have spent one last, luminous smile on the fact that, if he had to leave, his departure at 3 p.m. Chicago time Saturday could not have been a better scripted flourish.

Reagan died 60 years, almost to the hour, after the first Allied forces pushed off from England for the World War II invasion immortalized as D-Day. Those who fought that day, and who prevailed, wrote their own history in blood. It was a bravura performance no artist could equal. But no book, no film, no article has captured the essence of that longest day better than Reagan did in a speech at Pointe de Hoc in Normandy on June 6, 1984, the 40th anniversary of the landing. An excerpt appeared Sunday on the Tribune's Commentary page. And, throughout Sunday, as broadcast tributes evoked the courage of that day and repeated his

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Guest Column

Terrorists cast doubt on stability of largest oil supplier

by GEORGE GEDDA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The U.S. relationship with Saudi Arabia has been based on a disarmingly simple proposition: In exchange for cheap Saudi oil, the United States has guaranteed the kingdom's defense.

President Franklin Roosevelt asserted in 1943 that protecting the Arab nation, and its oil, was a vital U.S. economic interest. Although the two countries have no defense treaty, the substance of Roosevelt's policy remains intact and has served both sides well.

But now doubts are arising about the

stability of Saudi Arabia and the ability of the United States to come up with answers.

Islamic firebrands, apparently linked to al-Qaida, have been targeting of late Americans, other Westerners and Western interests in general as part of a campaign to overthrow the Saudi monarchy in power since the 1930s. They consider the Saudi establishment too hospitable to Americans and other foreign "infidels."

Former U.S. counterterrorism adviser Richard Clarke says the stakes in the struggle for Saudi Arabia are hard to exaggerate.

"The threat to the political and economic world posed by Saudi instability, I think, is greater than the threat that was posed by Iraq," he said.

The latest American victim of Saudi militancy was an American employee of Vinnell Corp., a U.S. defense contractor, who was shot to death Tuesday in eastern Riyadh.

On May 29, the militants attacked the Saudi oil center at Khobar, killing 22. Although only one of the dead was American, the attack has prompted many compatriots to consider leaving with their families.

On May 2, attackers killed two American engineers at a U.S. oil contractor's office in the western city of Yanbu. Also killed were two Britons, two Australians and a Saudi.

"Clearly, the terrorists have taken their operations to a new level," President Bush's counterterrorism chief, Fran Townsend, said in an interview Friday.

A new Islamic edict by Saudi Arabia's top religious authority, Sheik Abdul Aziz bin Abdullah Al al-Sheik, which brought average Saudis into the anti-terror fight, was "probably the single most extraordinary step that you can imagine in an Islamic country," she said.

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Letters

Bush's secret budget

Despite George W. Bush's campaign promises, the Bush White House has already instructed agencies across the federal government that they should expect major spending cuts in 2006 if Bush is elected, according to a secret memo unearthed by The Washington Post.

The memo states that federal agencies should use the proposed cuts in calculating their future budgets.

Under the Bush formula, after the election many vital areas of federal spending that Bush has promoted would face substantial reductions.

Bush's plan would:

- Cut \$910 million for the nation's 26.7 million veterans
- Cut \$1 billion for home-

land security needs

- Cut \$1.5 billion for education

- Cut 21,820 kids from Head Start

- Force 187,287 mothers out of the Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Plan

This must not be allowed to happen. Vote for John Kerry. Vote for Daniel Mongiardo as Kentucky's next U.S. Senator. The stakes are too high to leave things as they are. For more information on these specific cuts, visit the Media Corps Research Desk.

T. Mayo
Martin

Two great losses

In the span of just a few days the world was robbed of two very valuable people. They were persons who owned a piece of my life

through my respect and admiration. One was a national champion that will ever more be a hero of mine. One was a local servant who will be forever remembered as a friend.

President Ronald Reagan has always stood as my favorite president. He turned an ailing country back to national pride and dignity by reminding the Middle Eastern nations and the world at large that we are a country that will defend its own. Mr. Reagan was quoted many times and in his quips I began to see a man who was proud to be an American and he made me proud to be one too. But my all time favorite quote is "They counted on America to be passive. They counted wrong." I loved that and will always remember the toughness President Reagan brought to America and our military.

But I did not know President Reagan. I never

spoke with him about the things that truly mattered. I never pondered with him on how to reach out to the youth of Prestonsburg extending the hand of Jesus Christ. I didn't talk with him about the blunders of denominational "walls" that effectively hinder the true work of Christ that needs to be done in Prestonsburg and Floyd County. I did not converse with him about the way God used him in his long life or about the way he lead the truly needy to a relationship with the Lord Jesus. And though I have admired him greatly from a distance I never called Mr. Reagan my friend.

Though we did not speak every day Jerry Herrmann and I shared something unique in this world. We shared a love for Jesus Christ and the evangelistic work of introducing

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Entertainment Extra

At the Movies: The Stepford Wives

by **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Faith Hill's character in "The Stepford Wives," a beautiful Barbie doll of a suburban housewife, spins wildly out of control while square dancing at a Fourth of July celebration in the idyllic Connecticut town that gives the film its title.

Then she falls to the floor with a thud and twitches a few times as smoke and sparks spew from her head, indicating to newcomer Joanna Eberhart (Nicole Kidman) that maybe this woman, and the others in town, aren't as perfect as they seem — or even human.

The moment is an apt symbol for the film as a whole.

It begins promisingly enough as a fast and funny satirization of a lily-white, Lilly Pulitzer existence, and it looks great. The houses, clothes and cars are dead-on, and everything is bathed in a shimmering, picture-perfect light.

Then after about an hour, "The Stepford Wives" takes an abrupt turn to a darker tone, and the last half-hour feels hastily tacked-on. Ultimately, it also lands with a thud.

According to myriad, breath-



"The Stepford Wives," a Paramount Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for sexual content, thematic material and language.

Running time: 93 minutes. Two stars out of four.

less insider reports, fighting and re-shoots plagued this \$90 million, all-star production. (Besides Kidman and country singer Faith Hill, the cast includes Bette Midler, Matthew Broderick, Glenn Close and Christopher Walken.) Truly, who knows? We can, however, deduce that the film was edited clumsily, especially toward the end.

The real problem seems to have originated far earlier: Why remake "The Stepford Wives" in the first place?

The original 1975 film, based on Ira Levin's novel and starring Katharine Ross, was played straight as a horrifying caution-

ary tale during a time of burgeoning women's independence. The men in town replaced their wives with happy, homemaking robots; if you ran a white-gloved finger across it, you wouldn't find a speck of irony. And to this day, placing the word "Stepford" in front of anything immediately suggests obsessive rigidity and artificial idealism.

Here, director Frank Oz and screenwriter Paul Rudnick (who also collaborated on 1997's "In & Out") go for big, broad laughs — then they shift sharply and try to make heavy, meaty statements about society and gender roles.

The concept seems anachronistic, as did the premise of "Mona Lisa Smile," in which Julia Roberts taught the women of Wellesley in 1953 that it's OK to think for yourself.

Kidman serves as a the source of enlightenment this time as Joanna, a hard-driving TV network president who specializes in reality shows that, amusingly, don't look too different from current prime-time offerings. (One game show, which pits a husband and wife against each other with a button in between them, resembles "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" and even features its host, Meredith Vieira.)

After Joanna gets fired and suffers a nervous breakdown, her husband, Walter Kresby (Broderick), packs up her and their two kids and moves them from Manhattan to sunny Stepford, "Connecticut's family paradise."

On arrival, she's a little freaked out by her perfectly coifed neighbors; Claire Wellington (Close), who functions as the town's prom queen, leads the other women in giddy aerobic exercises based on household tasks.

But Walter likes that the women are beautiful and domestic. He also likes the men's association, an overgrown frat house where the guys sit around all day, smoking cigars, drinking whiskey and playing video games. (Walken, as Claire's husband, Mike, is their big kahuna.)

Joanna finds fellow skeptics in two other new neighbors: sarcastic writer Bobbie Markowitz (Midler) and flamboyant architect Roger Bannister (Roger Bart). One by one, though, they undergo Stepfordization, too. (Roger's partner, a gay Republican, uses the technology to turn him into a generic candidate for state office in a Brooks Brothers suit.)

This is where the tone changes irreparably. As Joanna investigates further, the film's misogyny and irrelevance become crystal clear — and attempts at dark humor from this point feel flatter than an undercooked soufflé.

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Rental Central

by **TOM DOTY**
STAFF WRITER

The second week of June shaped up as a great one for fans of NBC television.

First up is the debut season of "The A-Team." George Peppard stars as the leader of a covert ops team that includes Dirk Benedict ("Battlestar Galactica") and "Rocky III" villain Mr. T. Hard to believe this show was so popular but it sure featured a great theme song. You will be amazed at the thousands of rounds of bullets they shoot per episode and somehow never mortally wound anybody.

Next up is the first nine episodes of "SCTV." These are the 90-minute episodes that were made for NBC and featured sketch comedy from John Candy, Eugene Levy, Andrea Martin, Rick Moranis, Dave Thomas and Catherine O'Hara. These were spot-on deconstructions of television which took place at a fictional studio. The highlights here are John Candy's portrayal of sleazebag entertainer Johnny La Rue and the endless stream of commercial parodies. The set also includes hours of extras which focus on the making of the series and a spotlight on the cast's affection for the late John Candy.

"Quantum Leap" finally makes the jump to DVD with a boxed set that collects the first season's eight episodes. Dean Cain and Scott Bakula star in this unique show that followed the adventures of a scientist who could time travel throughout his own lifetime. Each week Bakula got to flex a different acting muscle as he portrayed everything from cabaret singers to Miss America contestants.

HBO steps up this week with the second season of "Six Feet Under," coinciding with the premiere of the series' fourth season this weekend. This dramatic series was a ratings giant for them and focuses on the problems of a family that runs a funeral parlor.

College students who take algebra this fall could get an entertaining tutorial from "The Standard Deviants." They are a talented bunch of comic performers who tackle college level course work with humor and provide great examples of how to remember tough concepts. The group had a whole host of releases this week to help students with everything from nutrition classes to English grammar and punctuation. The algebra edition features a clever bit that spoofs "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and features two sol-

diers of fortune who are looking for "X."

"Field of Dreams" (15th anniversary) is back with several extras that include deleted scenes and a documentary on Moonlight Graham, played by Burt Lancaster in the film.

The big rip-off of the week is MGM's "Robocop" trilogy. They are offering the inferior sequels separately but you can only see the exclusive director's cut of the original if you buy the whole set. It's a robbery, folks, and we all know what Robocop would do to those guys at MGM if caught them at it.

The big studio release of the week was "Mystic River." It comes in a standard form or you can get the collector's edition which has so many extras that it comes on three discs. The extras include making-of documen-

taries, talk show appearances by the cast and a tour of the film's Boston locations by author Dennis Lehane, who wrote the book from which the film was adapted. The film itself is top-notch and features intense Oscar-winning performances by Sean Penn, as a grieving dad, and Tim Robbins, as an adult tortured by memories of sexual abuse from his childhood. The direction by Clint Eastwood is taut and there isn't an ounce of fat in the whole movie.

Next week is shaping up as another good one for television fans with the DVD debut of Lynda Carter starring as "Wonder Woman" and the fourth season of "The Simpsons" while movie fans can look forward to the Civil War melodrama "Cold Mountain."

Three fired state parks workers file suit against department

The Associated Press

LONDON — Three laborers fired from the state Department of Parks have filed suit seeking at least \$16.4 million in damages and the return of their jobs.

Parks officials said the workers were fired last month for dress-code violations. All three — two single mothers and a Ford Motor Co. retiree — worked at General Burnside Island State Park near Somerset.

The suit was filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in London against the department and Commissioner George Ward. Plaintiffs are Bill Leslie, 61; Genell Roberts, 32; and Sandra Dale, 33.

They performed mostly menial tasks, including grass cutting and toilet cleaning, for \$6.32 per hour.

The suit claims their rights to free speech were violated by a newly enforced dress code that prohibited untucked shirts, long hair on men and visible tattoos and piercings. They also claimed they were fired without warning, violating their right to legal due process.

"This whole situation reeks of an arrogant administrator sitting in an air-conditioned office making up arbitrary rules at the expense of hardworking people toiling in the heat for \$6.32 an hour," said Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf, who filed the suit.

Ward, the commissioner,

took exception to such assertions this week in an open letter to department employees. Commerce Secretary Jim Host sent the letter to reporters and legislators as well.

In the letter, Ward protested a "misconception that I spend all my time in an air conditioned office and that I need to 'walk a mile in our employee's shoes.'"

"I was not appointed to this job as a political favor. I have worked in the hospitality industry since 1973 when I was 16," Ward wrote.

Ward said his jobs have run the gamut — washing dishes, waiting and clearing tables, cooking, cutting grass, working the "graveyard shift" at the front desk and being "tied up and robbed at gunpoint."

Parks Department spokesman Jim Carroll said Wednesday that he hadn't seen the suit and had no comment. But a legislator who has been critical of the parks rules said the fired workers could have a strong case.

"I think the state should be worried about the lawsuit. I think there's a good chance we have some exposure there in terms of liability," said Sen. Ernesto Scorsone, D-Lexington, who is a lawyer.

The suit also claims that the department's new policy, which forbids parks workers from staying as guests at the parks where they work, illegally denies them equal access to

public accommodations.

In his letter, Ward said the policy was an industry standard. "If employees are allowed to be overnight guests, it becomes hard to distinguish at what point they are an employee or a guest, a server or the person being served," Ward wrote.

There is no restriction on use of parks golf courses, swimming pools and other facilities, he said. The state parks system in neighboring Tennessee has the same restrictions, he said.

Leslie, Roberts and Dale admitted they violated the dress code because tucked-in shirts were impractical on their jobs. Leslie also had visible tattoos from service in the Navy. Dale said she had multiple ear piercings.

The workers were ordered fired May 19 by their park manager, Libbie Furlong. The supervisor who was told to carry out the firing, John Troxell, later resigned in protest.

In a May 18 e-mail to parks managers across the state, Ward acknowledged some employees were protesting the rules. The e-mail was included in the lawsuit.

"It is fair because it applies to all park employees at every park," Ward wrote in the e-mail. "It would be sad if a great employee quit due to this rule. Some may, but I wouldn't think too many."

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Amber Rene McCoy, 18, to Brian Carlos Collier, 21, both of Pikeville.

Rachel Lynn Cavins, 22, of Martin, to Jeffery Lee Case, 33, of Pikeville.

Pamela Denise Coleman, 38, to Mark Leslie Leon Kidd, 31, both of Pikeville.

Rebecca Greer, 33, of McDowell, to Harold D. Boyd, 46, of New London, Ohio.

Jamie Leigh Gullet, 22, to Norman Scott Howell, 22, both of Prestonsburg.

Civil Suits Filed

Melinda Cantrell vs. Eddie Shelton; complaint.

Perry D. Meade vs. Gregory K. Meade; petition for health care insurance.

Perry D. Meade vs. Sherry Jackson; petition for health care insurance.

Brenda S. Hall vs. Julie A. Willis; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Jamie Julian vs. James W. Spears; petition for health care insurance.

Mary Barnett vs. Ashley Barnett; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Barbara Jones vs. Donnie Jones; divorce.

Keith Webb vs. Kala Russell; petition for health care insurance.

Michelle Leigh Conn vs. James E. Conn; divorce.

Victoria R. Standifer vs. Garry Standifer; divorce.

Veronica Harris vs. Robert S. Boggs; complaint.

Barrie B. Handshoe vs. Shelia A. Adams; annulment.

Georgia Martin vs. Harold Bates; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Georgia Martin vs. Pamela Martin; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Jessica Spears vs. Matthew Davis; petition for child support and health care insurance.

First Resolution Investment Corporation; vs. Nancy Bentley; complaint.

Miranda Meade vs. Neil Kevin Meade; divorce.

Coleman Oil, Bayview Franchise Mortgage Acceptance, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank vs.

Morris Tackett, doing business as Tackett's BP; complaint.

Mary Speer and John Speer vs. Brendan M. McKenna M.D., Jack Kendrick M.D., Highlands Regional Medical Center; complaint.

Nora Akers vs. Vernon Cornett; complaint.

Karen Smith vs. Brent Allen and Community Trust Bank; complaint.

Cathy Johnson vs. Charles Johnson; petition for health care insurance.

Noah Randal Amburgey vs. Venessa Mae Slone; complaint.

Sherian Andueza vs. Eduardo Andueza; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Angela Blair and Paul Blair vs. Cody Mining, Motts Branch Coal, Knott-Floyd Land Company, Tee Engineering, Robert C. Ratliff, Shirley Ratliff, Eugene Conley, Robert C. Ratliff Jr., Robert Delong, Estill Lowe, Lynn Parrish, Jeffrey Joyce, Thurman Barker, James Childers, Earl Roop and Don Blackburn; complaint.

Benjamin Ferguson vs. Joyce Ferguson; annulment.

Traveler's Property Casualty vs. Mack Collins; complaint.

Remit Corporation vs. Craig Hicks; complaint.

Maggie Caudill and Solomon Caudill vs. Solomon Kilburn and Matilda Kilburn; complaint.

Small Claims Filings

Jenna Hamilton vs. Todd D. Hall, for damages.

James D. Moore vs. Debra Scutchfield, for damages.

Betty Puckett vs. Joe Wells, for damages.

Charges Filed

Todd E. Hamilton, 38, Stanville; theft, criminal mischief.

Jennifer B. Scott, 32, Warsaw, Ind.; possession of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, no insurance, DUI, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance prescription not in original container.

Larry Brian Bartram, 23, Martin; alcohol intoxication.

Fred Greer, 42, Ivel; alcohol intoxication.

Paul Wayne Barger, 30, Garrett; fourth-degree assault.

Ryan Thomas Fairchild, 23, Bowling Green; public intoxication.

Brian Clay Hale, 21, Wittensville; no expired registration plates, DUI, possession of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia.

Amanda Faith Carroll, 25, Langley; fourth-degree assault.

Illren A. Keller III, 18,

James S. Isom, 33, Raccoon; DUI, driving on a DUI-suspended license, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, no insurance, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to wear seat belt, failure to produce insurance card, theft.

James C. Bailey, 18, Langley; failure to illuminate headlights, improper lane usage, fleeing or evading the police, DUI, endangering the welfare of a minor, wanton endangerment, reckless driving, wanton endangerment, failure to wear seat belt, failure to wear seat belt, failure to wear seat belt, possession of alcohol by a minor.

Peter S. Hynes, 41, Hueysville; fugitive from another state.

Mary Ann Dotson, 28, Teaberry; theft.

Jeff Slone, no age listed, Prestonsburg; theft.

Michael K. Lowe, 32, Prestonsburg; burglary.

Gary J. Henson, 46, McDowell; operating ATV on roadway, operating ATV without headgear, no/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, no insurance, DUI, possession of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance prescription not in original container.

Jason Timothy Click, 21, Martin; fleeing or evading the police, wanton endangerment, wanton endangerment, wanton endangerment, DUI, reckless driving, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, fleeing or evading the police, wanton endangerment, wanton endangerment, reckless driving, failure to wear seat belts, resisting arrest, DUI.

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Prestonsburg; public intoxication, possession of marijuana.

Eddie Dean Shepherd, 29, David; fourth-degree assault.

Andy Hamilton, 36, Pierceton, Ind.; alcohol intoxication.

Virginia Faye Neace, 24, Hazard; alcohol intoxication.

Randy R. Hamilton, 50, Allen; alcohol intoxication.

Phillip Myron Slone, 34, Hazard; alcohol intoxication.

Matthew Douglas Moore, 24, Martin; alcohol intoxication.

Ronald James Hensley, 33, Salyersville; alcohol intoxication.

Clarissa Bailey, 42, David; alcohol intoxication.

Brandon Buckley Ford, 28, Fords Branch; alcohol intoxication.

Richard Clayton Short, 33, Garrett; alcohol intoxication, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle.

Caramel Hall Jr., 35, Weeksbury; operating on suspended license, fugitive from justice.

Shannon M. Clay, 33, Dwale; endangering the welfare of a minor, resisting arrest.

Jennifer D. Lafferty, 20, East Point; possession of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia.

Inspections

Fiesta Place, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food items stored on the floor of walk-in refrigerator, proper hair restraints not in use, food equipment stored on floor, restroom garbage can has no cover, floors in disrepair, wet mop head stored on floor. Score: 92.

Red Top Market, follow-up inspection. All violations corrected. Score: 100.

Property Transfers

Carrie L. Samons and David Samons Jr. to Philip West and Lisa West, property location not disclosed.

Catherine Akers Gravely and Fred Gravely to Randolph Akers and Nora Akers, property located at Branham's Creek.

Jeff Alex Goble to Robin Lynn Carver, acting as trustee for Jeffrey Austin Goble and Brandon Chase Goble, property located at Old John's Farm.

Inez Morrison to Marlin

Johnson, property located at Left Beaver.

Missouri Bentley to Marlin Johnson, property located at Buffalo Knob.

Bill Banks and Judy Banks to Marlin Johnson, property located at Jack's Creek.

James E. Goble and Marie Goble to Katherine Lynn Goble Schornak, Clifford Jerome Schornak, Ella Louise Goble McCray, Vernon Connelly

McCray and Charles Edward Goble, property located at Prestonsburg.

Lavonne Lafferty to Donald Parker and William Parker, property located at Left Beaver Creek.

Valerie Clark, James Clark, Belinda Newsome, Darrell Newsome, Shannon C. Robinette and Susie Robinette to Lydia Steele, property located at Harold.

Obituaries

Josephine H. Isaacs

Josephine H. Isaacs, age 89, of Teaberry, widow of Ruben Isaacs, passed away, Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

She was born March 16, 1915, in Craynor, the daughter of the late Joel Hamilton and Polly Hall Hamilton.

Survivors include three sons: Jonah Isaacs Jr., and Hurman Isaacs, both of Teaberry, and Ruben Isaacs Jr., of Jeffersonville; three daughters: Dorene Hutchinson of Woodhaven, Michigan, Charlotte Hamilton of Teaberry, and Charlene Nelson of Banner; one brother, Eugene Hamilton of Tennessee; two sisters: Oma Brown of Gibraltar, Michigan, and Mona Hall of Teaberry; 15 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons: Donny Isaacs and Danny Isaacs; two daughters: Lorene Newsome and Joann Isaacs; one brother, Bert Hamilton; three sisters: Alva Jean Newsome, Elsie Stanley and Nannie Newsome; one half-brother, Craig Hamilton; and two half-sisters: Mollie Moore and Olga Williamson.

Funeral services for Josephine Isaacs will be conducted Saturday, June 12, at noon, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Betty Sue (Smith) Branham

Betty Sue (Smith) Branham, 65, of Cleveland, Ohio, died Wednesday, June 2, 2004, at Metro Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.

Born April 30, 1939, in Pikeville, she was the daughter of the late Jesse and Trinnie Smith. She was a homemaker, and loving wife and mother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl R. Branham, on September 5, 2001.

Survivors include her children, Carl J. Branham of Staffordsville, Johnny W. Branham, Beverly, Chris, and Daniel Branham, Sandra Spears, Janet Federer and Billie Jo Branham, all of Cleveland, Ohio; her brothers, David Smith, Darrell Smith, and Lee Smith, all of Medina, Ohio, and Tom Smith and Dennis Smith, both of Cleveland, Ohio; one sister, Jo Ann Carroll of Holly, Michigan; 20 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two children: Jerry and Katherine.

Services were conducted Saturday, June 5, at 10 a.m., at Carey Funeral Home, with Darrell Smith officiating.

Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, (I 71 & Pearl Road), Section 15, Row 79, Grave 52, under the direction of Carey Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

Lawrence (Larry) Craft Jr.

Lawrence (Larry) Craft Jr., 27, of Auxier, died Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at his residence.

Born February 23, 1977, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of Lawrence Craft and Mary Josephine Sammons Craft, of Auxier. He was an automotive technician for Brad Hughes Toyota, in Prestonsburg.

He is survived by his wife, Nola Hamman Craft.

In addition to his wife and parents, survivors include three daughters: Hannah Elizabeth Craft, Lauren Abigail Craft, and Megan Leshae Craft, all of Auxier; three sisters: Mattie Rochella Sublett of Columbia, Constance Elaine Slone of Blue River; and Tamara Lynette Craft of Auxier.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, June 11, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Jerry Lee Castle Jr., and Pastor Jimmy Jennings officiating.

Interment will be at the Sammons Family Cemetery, in Auxier.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Hazel King Hunter

Hazel King Hunter, age 83, of Aberdeen, North Carolina, formerly of Floyd County, the widow of Robert Hunter, passed away, on Tuesday, June 8, 2004, in Aberdeen.

She was born April 18, 1921, in Jackson County, the daughter of the late Calven King and Fannie Holland. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church.

She is survived by three sons: Ira Hunter of Lexington, Robert Hunter of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and Roger Hunter of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin; three daughters: Jean Hinkle of Whispering Pines, North Carolina, Wilma Johnson of Warsaw, Indiana, and Chris Boris of Monroeville, Ohio; three sisters: Geneva Combs of Viper, Marcelline Freeman of Prestonsburg, and Jeanette Manns of Rock Hill, South Carolina, and 20 grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hunter will be conducted at 11 a.m., Friday, June 11, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Letters

people to him. I am a preacher and Sunday school teacher to a very few but Jerry Herrmann was a witness to many. Through sharing tales and testimonies I got to know Jerry and respect him highly. And like a true servant and agent of God he was not one to brag about his labor of love.

You see Jerry Herrmann was a quiet man as I knew him. He did not really want to be in a spotlight. In truth he probably did not want to be in the ministry. Jerry shared with me that his church was looking for someone to work in prison fellowship. After no one responded he felt compelled to inquire and like many who resist the call of Christ he took the job with some reluctance. As I understand it Jerry founded Dove House ministries, a labor of taking the gospel into the jails, prisons, and juvenile detentions in the area. Jerry told me he claimed no denominational ties and was merely there to do the work of Christ.

You may have known Jerry

from a distance. You may have known his public persona and demeanor. What you may not have known is he faithfully served a captive audience for 25 and one half years. Some where along the way Jerry stopped counting the souls that he helped lead to Christ. He estimated to me he may have aided 100's. I suspect maybe over a 1000 souls were reached in their search for Christ. To me that is a true hero. Like former President Reagan the world lost someone truly special this week in the loss of Jerry Herrmann. And I lost a friend, a confidant, and a fellow servant of Jesus Christ.

So I salute these two heroes of mine, one who took the national and international stage, the other who flew higher and took heavenly privileges by walking and talking the straight and narrow and I truly thank God for the both of them.

Randell Reno
Prestonsburg

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History

91. Actor-producer Richard Todd is 85. Author William Styron is 79. Actor Gene Wilder is 71. Actor Chad Everett is 67. Comedian Johnny Brown is 67. Former auto racer Jackie Stewart is 65. Singer Joey Dee is 64. Actress Adrienne Barbeau is 59. Rock musician Frank Beard (ZZ Top) is 55. Rock singer Donnie Van Zant (.38 Special) is 52. Actor Peter Bergman is 51. Football Hall of Famer Joe Montana is 48. Actor Hugh Laurie is 45. Country singer-

songwriter Bruce Robison is 38. Country musician Smilin' Jay McDowell is 35. Rock musician Dan Lavery (Tonic) is 35. Rock musician Tai Anderson (Third Day) is 28. Actor Joshua Jackson is 26. Actor Shia La Beouf ("Even Stevens") is 18.

Thought for Today:

"Forgetfulness is a form of freedom." — Khalil Gibran, American poet and artist (1883-1931).

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Fletcher says state payroll is 2,904 workers over cap

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration says the jobs of 2,904 state employees may be riding on Fletcher's ability to use an "executive spending plan" to suspend Kentucky laws.

Those laws include a statute that caps the state payroll at 33,000 workers. The actual number of employees was 2,904 higher as of Wednesday, according to Fletcher's staff.

The General Assembly routinely suspends the statutory cap through the budget law but did not pass a budget before adjourning April 13. The current budget expires June 30.

Fletcher is drawing up a spending plan to use beginning July 1. Attorney General Greg Stumbo is suing to prevent Fletcher from using the spending plan to suspend laws.

When the suit was filed, Fletcher said as many as 5,000 state employees might have to be laid off — well above the figure released Wednesday. Fletcher's budget director, Brad Cowgill, said the consequences of the court case still could be "fairly Draconian" — a reference to forced layoffs.

Stumbo contended executive branch employment was over the cap by 351 people, a number that could be accommodated through normal attrition without having to suspend the law.

The governor's office said Stumbo's total was only for employees covered by the state's main personnel system. Cowgill's deputy, Bill Hintze, said Stumbo's figure did not cover employees of Kentucky State police, local prosecutor and property-assessor offices, employees of the various state

retirement systems and the state's constitutional officers — Stumbo among them — a total of 2,553 people.

Assistant Deputy Attorney General Pierce Whites said Stumbo's figures came from

Fletcher's own Department of Personnel through the Open Records Act. "Sounds like they're trying to get that number up as high as they can ... purely for the scare factor," Whites said.

Help

teens are also set up throughout surrounding counties. Cleanup kits and water can also be picked up at the organization's Main Street location in Paintsville. Call (606) 789-2612 or (606) 788-8794.

■ The Red Cross currently has shelter available on U.S. 23 in the R.E. Michaels building. They are also offering water and cleanup kits for those in need. Call (606) 886-8330.

■ A food bank is currently available at the St. James Episcopal Church in

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Prestonsburg. ■ St. Martha's Catholic Church is offering clothing to families, based only on referrals from other agencies such as the Emergency Management Office. Call (606) 874-9526 or (606) 886-0498.

■ Families who plan to seek assistance through FEMA if and when it's available should contact the Emergency Management Office at (606) 886-0498.

View

words, Reagan — even in death — again trumped every other eulogist.

... Turning, masterfully, to the veterans gathered before him that day, he addressed them with devoted intimacy: "You were here to liberate, not to conquer, and so you and those oth-

ers did not doubt your cause. And you were right not to doubt."

On Saturday, then, as others prepared to revive his famous words, Ronald Reagan played out his final scene, and let the credits roll.

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Guest

The edict, or fatwa, told people "to inform on everyone planning or preparing an act of sabotage, to protect the people and the country from the devastating effects of these acts and to protect the planners from the results of their actions."

Since April, the United States has been warning U.S. nationals to defer travel to Saudi Arabia and is urging private American citizens in Saudi Arabia to leave.

The State Department has no information on how many have heeded the advice.

Former CIA official Robert Baer says American skills are needed to keep oil flowing in the kingdom. "If the Americans all left, it would be a catastrophe," he said.

This month, Saudi Arabia is producing 9.1 million barrels a day, more than 10 percent of the global total.

The Saudis have been reliable suppliers of oil, including during periods of crisis. They sharply escalated oil production during Operation Desert Storm in 1991 and following the Sept. 11 attacks a decade later.

Just last week, after a spike in prices induced by the Khobar attack, the Saudis used their clout in the OPEC oil cartel to win agreement on a price-calming production increase.

The United States has been a good defense partner for the Saudis; the American military commitment in the Persian Gulf War in 1991 and since was aimed partially at defending the "House of Saud," as the monarchy is known. Many of the operations, including air patrols to enforce a "no-fly zone" in southern Iraq, flew from bases in Saudi Arabia, although the Saudis allowed no offensive operations from its territory in last year's invasion of Iraq.

To reduce U.S. dependence on oil from Saudi Arabia and other Middle East countries, Bush's Democratic rival, John Kerry, says the United States should strive for energy independence in 10 years.

But James Phillips, Middle East expert at the Heritage Foundation, says he sees no alternative to the status quo for the short term.

"We're stuck with Middle East and Persian Gulf oil," he said.

Phillips worries about possible al-Qaida moles working in oil industry jobs Saudi Arabia. They would know, he says, where a well-placed bomb would have the

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best chance of disrupting oil output.

Bush believes the answer to extremism in Saudi Arabia and other Middle East countries is more democracy. But the Saudis, while taking some tentative action toward a more open society, have spurned the Bush proposal.

They turned down Bush's invitation to send a delegation to this week's G-8 summit at Sea Island, Ga., to discuss the idea.

Prince Bandar bin Sultan, the Saudi ambassador in Washington, recently publicly advocated all-out war against terrorists.

"War means war. ... It is a war that does not mean delicacy, but brutality," he wrote in a Saudi government daily.


If the nation merely asks the militants "to follow the path of righteousness, in hope that they will come to their senses, then we will lose this war, and this means that we will lose everything," Bandar said.

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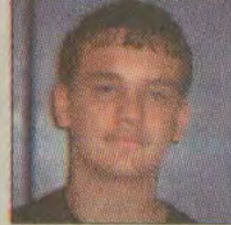

































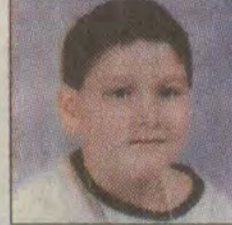



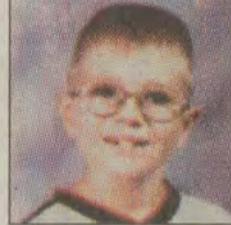




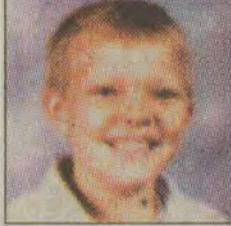
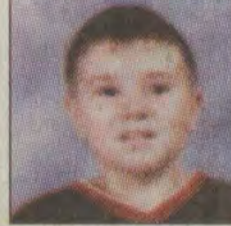






















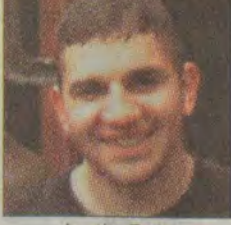
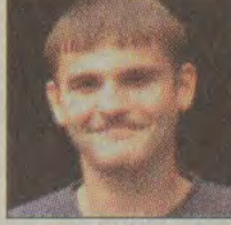


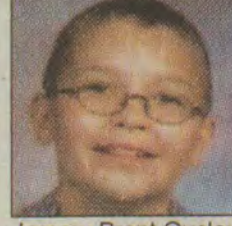

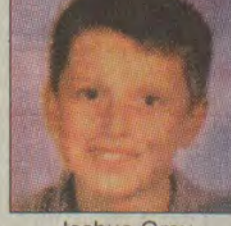






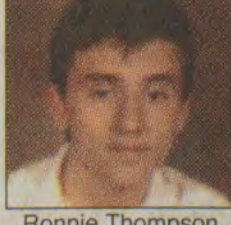



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High school baseball, softball enter home stretch

by RICK BENTLEY
 TIMES COLUMNIST

Is there any better way to start the last full weekend of spring than notes? I think not.

■ If the weather cooperated, Johnson Central was to begin play last night in the sectional tournament in Hindman, trying to win its way into the state tournament next weekend at Lexington's Applebee's Park.



Rick Bentley

It's quite a story what happened at Steve LeMaster's alma mater this year. One year ago they were replacing the legendary Mike Collins for reasons still somewhat unclear, rolling the dice after a three-decade career which saw him survive, among other things, coaching Jason Blanton.

But new coach Shawn Hall has done a wonderful job in his first season and got his team playing its best baseball as the tournament's rolled around. He is very respectful of Collins, saying last week that he'd recently stopped by Collins' office on the Central campus for a chat and maybe a little advice.

(See BENTLEY, page five)

Belfry returning to state fast pitch softball tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

OWENSBORO - The 2004 KHSAA Fast Pitch Softball State Tournament is set for today and Saturday at Jack C. Fisher Park. Independence Bank, along with the Owensboro Parks & Recreation, the Executive Inn Rivermont and the Owensboro/Daviess County Tourism Commission are local sponsors of the event.

Belfry is making a return trip to the state tourney as the champion out of the 15th Region.

Defending champion Owensboro Catholic earned a return trip to the State Tournament with a 3-0 win over Grayson County in the Third Region Tournament. Calloway County (1st), Central Hardin (5th), and Breathitt County (14th) are making their first trip to the State Fast Pitch Softball Tournament.

(See BELFRY, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg High School head girls' basketball coach Jack Pack concluded his basketball camp Thursday morning. Each camper received a T-shirt. More photos from the camp appear inside.

Rebels to scrimmage Letcher

A final preseason tuneup for the Allen Central High School football team will come in the form of a contest against Letcher on Saturday, Aug. 13. Following its first season of junior varsity football, Letcher is expected to play a limited grid schedule in 2004 before consolidating with Whitesburg and Fleming-Neon to form Letcher County Central. Jeremy Hall is set to enter his second season as head coach of the Allen Central High football program.



photo by David Allio

Prestonsburg Late Model racer Steve Blackburn will not race at Lonesome Pine Raceway during this weekend's UARA STARS race. Blackburn is currently in the hunt for a Lonesome Pine Raceway track championship.

UARA STARS set to invade Lonesome Pine

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

COEBURN, Va. - The exciting UARA STARS (United Auto Racing Association) STARS (Southern Touring Asphalt Racing Series) will return to action Saturday night at Lonesome Pine Raceway with the W & L construction 150 presented by Advance Auto Parts.

With the growth of UARA in 2004, the pre-entry list already has a full field of cars and more are expected before the green flag drops Saturday night.

UARA fans have already enjoyed competitive racing action. After five races there has been five different winners and it looks as if a sixth different winner may

(See UARA, page three)



photos by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg junior-to-be Dave Shaffer aired out a pass during warmups Wednesday morning.

BLACKCATS TO COMPETE IN UK PASSING TOURNAMENT

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - The Blackcats are ready to get back on the road again. The Prestonsburg High football team will participate in Saturday's passing tournament at the University of Kentucky, an event in which the Blackcats are quite familiar.

The Kentucky Football Camp's 7-on-7 Passing Tournament will be conducted Saturday. In conjunction with the 7-on-7 Passing Tournament, the Kentucky Football Camp will again be offering the Big Man Challenge, an

(See BLACKCATS, page four)



New Johnson Central High head football coach Jim Matney (right) looked on attentively during a passing game against Whitesburg.

Johnson Central to host rules clinics

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - Johnson Central High School will host three upcoming Kentucky High School Athletic Association rules clinics. The first of the three clinics, the cross country rules clinic, has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 27. A volleyball rules clinic will be held in Paintsville at JCHS on Tuesday, Aug. 3.

The football rules clinic will be

held on Wednesday, Aug. 11. Make-up dates are available for all three clinics. However, those who have to attend a make-up clinic will be assessed a \$75 fine. All make-up clinics will be held in Lexington at the KHSAA office.

Coaches from as many as three different regions are expected to attend the three rules clinics hosted by Johnson Central.

It is an Association requirement that each licensed official and head

coach attend a rules interpretation clinic conducted by the KHSAA (ByLaw 26, Sec. 2). All track officials are required to attend a clinic every other year. Officials who have not met the requirement will not be permitted to officiate any postseason contests. Coaches who have not met the requirement will not be permitted to coach any postseason contest. Currently, attendance by swimming coaches at clinics is not mandatory.

OUTDOORS

2003 was record year for trophy whitetail bucks, deer harvest in Kentucky

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT - No matter how you measure it, in 2003-04, Kentucky hunters had the most successful deer-hunting season ever recorded.

The number of whitetails taken last season set a single-season record for Kentucky, with 116,450 reported to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR).

Likewise, a phenomenal 43 hunter-taken trophy bucks that qualified for listing in the Boone & Crockett Club trophy records were reported taken from the Bluegrass State from last season. The highest number of trophy bucks from a single season before

(See HARVEST, page two)

Hunting seasons undergo changes

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT - The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission has increased hunting opportunity for geese and squirrels this fall through action taken at its quarterly meeting June 4 in Frankfort. The Commission recommends hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly and approves all expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR).

The September goose season will be extended four more days for 2004, and run from September 4-12. Season bag limits remain the same. Kentucky's fall squirrel season was lengthened by a month, and will now run from the third Saturday in August (August 21 this year) through the end of February each year.

The Commission named the KDFWR-owned buffer zone around Cedar Creek Lake in Lincoln County as the Cedar Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

Crossbow and bow deer hunting will be permitted on this WMA for the 2004-05 deer seasons. The new Dix River WMA, also in Lincoln County, will be open to statewide seasons for squirrels and furbearers. Rabbit and quail seasons will be November 1 through December 31, and grouse season will run October 1 through December 31 on Dix River WMA.

Hunters who just want to hunt coyotes, groundhogs or wild hogs during the modern gun deer season will no longer have to buy a deer permit to take these species during the modern gun deer season. The Commission abolished this regulation to simplify hunting laws, and allow the taking of these species at any

(See SEASONS, page four)

Century 21 American Way Realty to sponsor local home run derby competition for area youth

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN - Century 21 American Way Realty will sponsor the local Century 21 Junior Home Run Derby competition for area children on Saturday, July 17 at Stumbo Park. Boys and girls ages 9-14 from around the area can register for the day-long contest and compete with their peers for the coveted local Century 21 Home Run Derby title, and other prizes, including the chance to participate in the second annual Century 21 Kentucky Junior Home Run Derby finals at the Louisville Bats Stadium later in the summer on Aug. 14.

"We are proud to sponsor our second local home run derby competition, and give the children in our community and their families a chance to enjoy a fun day at Stumbo Park," said

(See DERBY, page three)

Harvest

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2003 was 30. Countless bow hunters that qualified for listing in the Pope & Young Club trophy records also took other high quality whitetail bucks. The Boone & Crockett and Pope & Young clubs are the two most prestigious and respected big game record-keeping organizations in the world. Harvesting game animals that qualify is rare. Less than one percent of the whitetail buck population harvested carries the quality-size antlers that it takes to gain this recognition. Kentucky's herd quality is truly among the elite in the world.

In the past five deer seasons alone, Kentucky has yielded 141 white-tailed bucks that qualified for Boone & Crockett Club listing and were reported to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR). It is likely others were taken and not reported, or remain unmeasured. The highest scoring typical and non-typical bucks in Kentucky ever recorded were harvested in the last five years. They were Robert Smith's 2000-season buck from Pendleton County that scored 204 2/8 typical, and Ben Brogle's nontypical that scored 262 1/8 from Garrard

County in 2002. Kentucky's typical state record whitetail currently ranks among the top 10 whitetail typicals in the world.

This suggests Kentucky's deer management plan has been highly effective in keeping the state's herd balanced and healthy. Opportunities for hunters to take a deer in the commonwealth, and have a higher than average chance of encountering a trophy class buck, continues to be a very real possibility.

"One of the most beneficial things about how our approach has worked is that now, more than ever, the average deer hunter who's just out there hunting for any deer or buck, has as good a chance as the experienced trophy-gearer to see a high quality buck of a lifetime," said KDFWR Big Game Coordinator Jonathan Day.

"There are some places better suited with good deer habitat than others, but we've seen record-book deer come from every corner of Kentucky, and the truth is, one could show up anywhere right now and that excites us for the hunting public," said Day.

"It is the hunter who has

helped mold our herd quality," Day continued, "and the hunter's role in management is critical to the continued success of our program."

Last season alone, 25 different counties were represented on the Kentucky trophy deer list, and multiple record-book bucks were taken in some counties. Even Kentucky's most urban county, Jefferson, now has a Boone & Crockett Club trophy whitetail to its credit. Since the 1999-2000 season, well over half (68) of Kentucky's counties have produced a Boone & Crockett-class buck.

Belfry

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General Admission tickets to the event will be \$6 each per session. As in the past, there will be three sessions to the two-day event. An all-session ticket will also be available at \$12 each. Children under six will be admitted free and Gates will open one hour prior to play. Fans are reminded they are invited to bring their own lawn chairs; however, coolers will not be permitted inside the park.

Tickets - \$6 per session.

Session I - begins today at 9 a.m.
 Session II - begins today at 2:30 p.m.
 Session III - Saturday's play (all day)

Residents of Kentucky required to have a hunting license can deer hunt for \$40 and take two deer. Non-residents can take two deer in Kentucky for \$140. Resident and nonresident hunters under 16 can hunt deer for less than \$25 in license fees. Resident landowners in Kentucky hunt free and seniors for only \$5. Kentucky license rates are very comparable with surrounding states, and the recent boon in trophy buck production makes the Bluegrass State an excellent choice for hunters nationwide when selecting a hunting trip destination.

Following are first round region vs. region matchups: (TIMES ARE CENTRAL)

Today

9 a.m. games - South Laurel vs. Belfry (F1); Hopkins Co. Central vs. Montgomery Co. (F2); Calloway Co. vs. Mercy (F3); Lafayette vs. Central Hardin (F4).

11 a.m. games - Shelby Co. vs. Butler (F1); Russell vs. Middlesboro (F2); Breathitt Co. vs. Allen Co.-Scottsville (F3); Dixie Heights vs. Owensboro Catholic (F4).

Play continues through 7 p.m. Central Time on Friday. Saturday's action begins at 9 a.m. locally with the championship game scheduled for 5 p.m.

KDFWR deer resource managers would like to see the state's deer harvest continue to increase in future years. Increasing the harvest, especially of does, is one key to maintaining the high quality buck reputation Kentucky has earned in the last decade.

"We know, though, that a significant majority of hunters have only been taking one deer, regardless of what equipment they can use or how long they can use it," said Day.

"Many also have the opportunity, but choose not to take any animal for various reasons.

"We have more than 200,000 deer hunters in Kentucky, and our harvest was just above half that number last season," Day

said, "and as our herd continues to expand in some areas, we would like to see the harvest expand as well."

For it's landmass, few other states have kept pace with Kentucky in trophy deer production. Kentucky wildlife managers have earned the right to be proud of that fact, and they encourage state hunters to help keep the commonwealth at the top of the list.

Deer hunting in Kentucky has an economic impact of more than \$400 million annually.

The value of the deer resource continues to play an incredibly important role in Kentucky for its citizens and businesses.

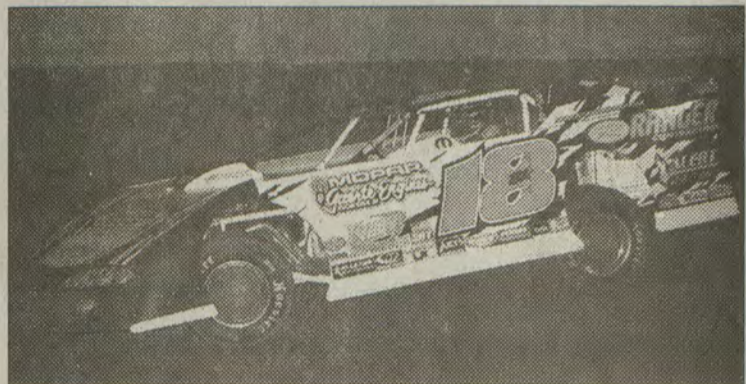


photo courtesy of Brandon Kinzer Motorsports
 Brandon Kinzer and the entire Brandon Kinzer Motorsports team is eyeing THE DREAM, a \$100,000-to-win race to be held this weekend at historic Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio.

DRIFT OFF TO DREAM: BK MOTORSPORTS PREPARES FOR THE DREAM

ALLEN - Less than a week after rolling his JB Performance Modified around the track at Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio, 26-year-old dirt track racer Brandon Kinzer will return to the Buckeye race track known as the "Big E" and in the process try to make "the big race" in the feature event.

The Brandon Kinzer Motorsports team is headed to the "Big E" for The Dream race June 11-12, making the trip to the "Big E" for a second consecutive weekend. The Friday-Saturday event will see the Floyd County, Ky. race team race against hundreds of other Late Model teams.

The "big" race at Eldora Speedway will be the first time on the track for the Kinzer Drilling, Ranger Contracting, Eastco Supply, Gaerte Engines, GRT No. 18 Dodge Late Model in close to two weeks. At the tail end of a week in which he joined forces with dirt track legend Barry Wright, becoming the driver for a Barry Wright house car, the 26-year-old Kinzer drove to a Late Model win at 201 Speedway on Saturday, May 29, taking a \$1500 first-place prize.

Up for grabs at The Dream race is a \$100,000-to-win payout. The Brandon Kinzer Motorsports pilot, Brandon Kinzer, himself, took advantage of racing at the Ohio track on Saturday, June 5 in a Modified event. From past Eldora races,

the Allen, Ky. native has grown to know the track, gaining knowledge and learning more and more about the track each time out.

"I think anytime you make laps at Eldora, it's beneficial," said Kinzer. "You can always pick up and learn new things about the track. Everyone at the race shop has been working extremely hard and we're looking forward to heading back to Eldora for The Dream."

The Brandon Kinzer Motorsports team ran into some turbulence during the 2003 Dream race and didn't make the feature. However, Brandon Kinzer made The Dream feature race in 2002, driving in an inverted field and finishing 23rd.

Following the Dream race, Brandon Kinzer Motorsports will meet up with Wright and begin making plans for future races.

"Depending on how everything goes next week will determine whether we race or just test," Kinzer noted. "Everyone is very excited about beginning work with Barry (Wright)."

Darrell Lannigan, Union, Ky., won the 2003 Dream race.

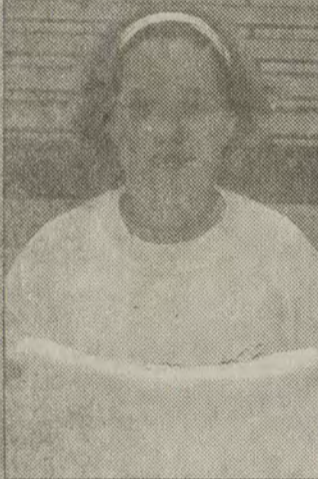
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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Cory Conley, Johnson Central High School, 15th Region Baseball Tournament MVP



Alexis DeRossett, Basketball Camp multi-award winner

Whiz kid turns NASCAR team owner

by DICK BRINSTER ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dressed in a T-shirt, jeans and sneakers, his cap on backward, Alex Meshkin bears little resemblance to other NASCAR team owners.

That's what Larry McReynolds thought when the former crew chief was approached last spring by Meshkin and asked to join Bang Racing, now a fledgling team in the Craftsman Truck series.

"I asked him, 'Where's your dad at? Your dad must be the one who's going to do this deal,'" McReynolds recalled.

Little did he know this was a 23-year-old whiz kid who six years earlier took some money his parents put aside for college and made a few million sitting at his computer trading stocks.

"I was able to (turn) it into a little bit of wealth and start my own company," said Meshkin, whose Bang Technology Software affiliate is based in Bombay, India.

He also heads a merchandising company and Nutzz.com, which rewards consumers for the use of products in a manner similar to retailers giving frequent flyer miles.

The two-truck team is costing Meshkin nearly \$15 million a year, and he expects the operation to be profitable by 2007. That's the fast lane in a sport where sponsorship can be tough to maintain.

But super salesman Meshkin isn't concerned. His teams, with series champion Travis Kvapil and former Cup driver and Craftsman champion Mike Skinner, are backed by Toyota and eBay among others.

Meshkin laughs when asked about his attempt to become a racer.

"I always wanted to be involved in racing since I was a little kid," said Meshkin, who briefly campaigned a formula car. "I prefer the ownership side. I think I'll just stick with what I do

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201 Speedway 2004 Remaining Schedule

June 12 - Regular Show. Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four Cylinders, Super Street Fours.
 June 19 - Double Purse for Road Hogs, Plus Regular Show. Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Street Stock Four Cylinders, Super Street Fours.
 June 26 - Regular Show. Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four Cylinders, Super Street Fours.
 July 3 - Return of BATTLE OF THE BLUEGRASS - STARS STRIPES, AND SPEED AT SITKA. Other classes to be announced.
 July 10 - Regular Show. Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four Cylinders, Super Street Fours.
 July 17 - Regular Show. Late

Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four Cylinders, Super Street Fours.
 July 24 - Regular Show. Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four Cylinders, Super Street Fours.
 Aug. 7 - FAN APPRECIATION NIGHT. Plus Regular Show. Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four Cylinders, Super Street Fours.
 Aug. 14 - Double Purse for BOMBERS. Plus Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four Cylinders, Super Street Fours.
 Aug. 21 - Regular Show. Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four Cylinders, Super Street Fours.
 Aug. 28 - Regular Show. Late

Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four Cylinders, Super Street Fours.
 Sept. 4 - Mule Race. Plus late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four Cylinders, Super Street Fours.
 Sept. 11 - Regular Show. Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four Cylinders, Super Street Fours.
 Sept. 18 - Regular Show. Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four Cylinders, Super Street Fours.
 Sept. 25 - Regular Show. Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four Cylinders, Super Street Fours.
 Oct. 2 - Demolition Derby. \$500 to win. Four Wheeler Jamborie.
 All shows subject to change.

Top quartet of Busch teams test at Kentucky Speedway

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTA — The top four drivers in the NASCAR Busch Series points standings were among 10 teams turning test laps at Kentucky Speedway on Wednesday during a dress rehearsal for the June 19 The Meijer 300 Presented by Oreo.

Series leader Kyle Busch, Martin Truex, Jr., David Green and Michael Waltrip joined Clint Bowyer, Stuart Kirby, Jamie Mosely, Billy "Catfish" Parker, Jay Sauter and Kenny Hendricks during the one-day test. Waltrip practiced his NASCAR Nextel Cup Series No. 15 NAPA Chevrolet.

Busch will roll into this Saturday's race at Nashville, Tenn., looking to extend his

string of top-10 finishes to 11 races. He has finished in the top-five in four of his last five outings, including wins at Richmond and Charlotte.

While he expected to perform well in the series this season with Hendrick Motorsports equipment, he is somewhat surprised to be atop the standings entering Race 15.

"Honestly, I didn't expect this," Busch said. "We were just hoping to be in the top-10 by now because we had a couple of bad runs in the beginning of the year. They weren't necessarily terrible, but they just weren't finishes that we wanted or necessarily deserved. Once we got through Bristol and finished third, we've been on a tear finishing second, winning a couple races, and finishing in the top-five, top-10. That's all you need to do in order to run for the championship."

He also is enjoying his tight points battle with Truex, Jr., and is looking forward to returning to the site of his 2003 ARCA RE/MAX Series win next week.

"Truex and I are trying to mix it up to get an awesome points race going," Busch said. "It's pretty fun to be the young guys out there doing well and hopefully our Lowe's Chevrolet will continue to run well every week. We just want to keep capitalizing on all the good finishes and all the good efforts and keep it going through the rest of the year."

"You are always looking forward to going to any race-track, especially one you've won at before. Returning to a track where you've won helps you a lot because you have that experience underneath your belt and you're able to come in with a confidence knowing that you can run well. Knowing that you have a great team behind you that's going to give you an awesome car

just brings that confidence up. We look forward to the race here and hopefully we can get a good enough feel for the car and racetrack today so we can be pretty fast when we come back. It will be a lot of fun, especially with all the great Kentucky fans."

Green, an Owensboro native, has delivered five top-five and 10 top-10 finishes through 14 starts this season.

He hopes to improve on last season's eighth-place Kentucky Speedway finish with his Kentucky-based BREWCO Motorsports team.

"This has been a pretty good track for me," Green said. "I just haven't had the results that I wanted or my teams wanted. We had a pretty good run with my Timber Wolf team and slipped there at the end. We'd like to redeem our-

selves this year. There's a little extra pressure in coming here because it's home base for the team. You try not think about it too much, but it's there so we'd like to do well here."

"We had a tremendous year last year and started out on track this year. We're getting finishes that are better than last year's, which is what you strive for. We've had two races where a little mechanical glitch set us back from the top-three finishes we had going. You'll have some of that. We switched over to the Chevrolet Monte Carlo and that was a little more of a transition than we thought it might be. That kind of stepped us back, but we're right there with a solid top-15 every week. I'm proud of my guys for having the enthusiasm they had last year after disappointment of losing the championship by basically three positions. We gave it a good ole Kentucky try, you might

say, and we hope to try to redeem ourselves this year."

Green also is happy with the stability teammate Johnny Sauter has brought to the No. 27 Kleenex Chevrolet after drivers transitioned in and out of the seat during the 2003 campaign.

"I think our team is stronger and a little more solid now with Johnny Sauter and Newt Moore, who got on board as crew chief there. Johnny has done well and Kleenex has added a lot of support to our team along with Timber Wolf. We feel like we do have a one-two punch now. I don't know that we've utilized it 100 percent quite yet because Johnny's had a lot of bad luck. In the big picture, it's going to be a plus for our team."

Waltrip, who will defend the NASCAR Busch Series title he won in April at

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Mark Martin returns to roots

by CARYN ROUSSEAU ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Mark Martin's love of racing and cars took him away from his Arkansas hometown.

Now it's brought him back. He opened a car dealership in Batesville, about 100 miles northeast of Little Rock, that eventually will include a racing museum and plans to build a home on the banks of the White River.

"Cars have been part of my life since I was just a kid, I mean an important part, not just a part," Martin said. "I have an enthusiasm and a passion for that that I haven't had for anything other than racing."

With 34 career wins, Martin is tied for 17th on NASCAR's all-time victories list. He ended his 72-race losing streak last weekend by winning the MBNA 400 at Dover International Speedway, and he was 13th in the points standings heading into Sunday's race at Pocono.

Martin had wanted to open a dealership in his hometown for seven years but couldn't find time until now. So he and business partner Lance Landers

bought an existing Ford dealership and spruced it up, even putting one of his race cars in the showroom.

"I had influences that were interested in me being a part of a dealership in big cities where it would stand to be more successful, a bigger draw, and I wasn't interested," Martin said. "I was only interested in the one in Batesville."

When it opened in April, some 3,000 fans waited for hours in the rain to get the racing star's autograph and snap photos of him. Winston Cup Champion Matt Kenseth and NASCAR owner Jack Roush also came to support Martin.

"The community is really excited by what's going on," said Landers, who runs the dealership in Martin's absence. "They've been really involved in helping us, anything we need."

During the next three years, Martin plans to add memorabilia from his three-decade long racing career.

"In the showroom we'll make a display of all my race car col-

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well."

To McReynolds, who owns a small share of the team, Meshkin stands out because of his "passion" for the sport.

"Every other business I've been involved in, the excitement to me was when I could sell it to make money," Meshkin said. "For this, I don't care how much they offer me, I wouldn't sell it."

In fact, he plans to expand to the Busch series and eventually to Nextel Cup. The truck teams are just the foundation of his racing program.

Meshkin knew he wouldn't have much credibility without bringing aboard a high-profile racing figure. So he targeted McReynolds, and was persistent when first rebuffed.

"I wasn't really interested in talking to him," said McReynolds, Dale Earnhardt's former crew chief and a TV racing analyst. "Since I stepped off the pit box at the end of 2000, I've had 30 or 40 people come at me."

"I always had the feeling that they were looking for someone with a magic wand in their back pocket to wave over the race team and try to fix it."

"Even though I won 23 Cup races as a crew chief, I lost 447.

So, obviously, I don't have a magic wand."

Finally, Meshkin sold McReynolds on the team and then sold him a piece of it.

"He's an awfully good salesman," McReynolds said. "And he knows how to go out and get those sponsors."

With McReynolds as vice president of racing, Meshkin is able to concentrate almost solely on the business side of the operation. Part of that is pairing sponsors and trucks.

Skinner's effort is backed by Toyota and Kvapil's chief sponsor is Line-X, a spray-on bedliner for pickup trucks. Meshkin secured them and is confident his acumen as a salesman will eventually allow Bang to field about a half-dozen teams spread through NASCAR's top three divisions.

"Our goal is to be the best and the biggest," Meshkin said. "We're not modest here."

Fruition of his plan would put Bang at the level of Hendrick Motorsports or Roush Racing, the biggest operations in the sport. Meshkin believes that's attainable because he expects to hold sponsorship by giving backers a fair return on their investment.

"That's why sponsors come into the sport and are gone in a

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be on the horizon. Local favorite would have to be Grundy Va. driver Keith Stiltner. Stiltner has several laps at the Pine and got off to a great start in 2004. He has had a couple of bad races, but their luck should turn and have a shot at the win. Another local team to pre-enter this weekend's event is 2003 Limited Rookie Brad Housewright, driving Kirby Gobble's Late Model.

Prestonsburg Late Model driver Steve Blackburn has chosen not to compete in the UARA event. He is expected to return to action at Lonesome Pine the following week.

Jason York will enter into Saturday's event with an 11-point lead over Jamie Yelton, the most recent winner in the UARA. York, Terry Allison, Jamey Caudill, Robert Elliott,

Josh Adams, Stiltner, Steve Wallace (son of NEXTEL Cup driver Rusty Wallace), Alex Yontz, Andy Johnson, and Nick Hutchins have all lead laps, qualified up front but have yet to win a UARA event. As strong and tough as the competition is, any of the aforementioned drivers have a chance to win.

The UARA STARS is planning a tailgate party for today at the Food City in Coeburn, Va. from 4-6 p.m. A practice at Lonesome Pine Raceway from 7-10 p.m. will follow the tailgate party.

Racing action will begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday night, with qualifying beginning at 5 p.m. for the UARA STARS Late Models. Other divisions include a national event for the Pro Challenge, Legends and Lonesome Pine Pure Fours.

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Late Model Stock Twin 50 No. 1

- 22 Steve Blackburn
- 19 Wayne Hale
- 26 Michael Kidd
- 88 Kirby Gobble
- 00 Buddy Talbot
- 62 Steve Treadway
- 7 Steve Wright
- 9 Will McKnight
- 8 Larry McKnight
- 48 Joe White
- 25 Jeremy Pike

Late Model Stock Twin 50 No. 2

- 22 Steve Blackburn
- 19 Wayne Hale
- 26 Michael Kidd
- 00 Buddy Talbot
- 7 Steve Wright
- 62 Steve Treadway
- 8 Larry McKnight
- 48 Joe White
- 9 Will McKnight
- 88 Kirby Gobble

Limited Sportsman

- 29 Caleb Holman
- 22 Roger Neece
- 40 Brian Blevins
- 3 Jeff Woodward
- 90 Joey Owens
- 71 Chuck Crigger
- 48 Paul Shull
- 6 Chris Tunnell

Grand Stock

- 22 Roger Neece
- 25 Rob Austin
- 3 Kirby Gobble
- 07 Tony Vance
- 86 Jason McCauley
- 7 Alan Woodruff
- 88 Josh Hale
- 30 Mike Mays
- 33 Matt Smith
- 49 Gene Bentley
- 8 Alton Satterfield
- 17 David Brown
- 6 Chris Tunnell
- 03 Terry Stone
- 27 Bobby Hill
- 4 Darrell Hurlley
- 43 Scottie Baker
- 2 Russell Duty

Pure Stock 4

- 94 Randall Davis
- 23 Mike Holtsclaw
- 41 Carl Lawson
- 85 Bill Davis
- 9 Jeff Bobo
- 8 Jackie Rittenberry
- 00 Bobby Buckles
- 71 Wade Belcher
- 13 Bryan Young
- 0 Chris Castle
- 97 Randy Sturgill
- 4 Tony Casteel
- 28 Roy Baker
- 18 Tom Hodges
- 5 Coby Rasnick
- 07 Aaron Mullins
- 50 Larry Hedrick

Modified 4

- 16 Freddie Taylor, Jr.
- 44 Jody Bostic
- 45 Dave Watson
- 8 Brian Fritz
- 77 Lindsey Holman
- 5 Danny Duncan
- 18 Freddie Taylor, Sr.
- 9 Hershell Robinette
- 21 Roger Holtsclaw
- 88 Kirby Gobble

Legends

- 71 Jay Young
- 64 Greg Turner
- 7 Ron Humble
- 1 Steve Mitchell
- 69 Shawn Blackburn
- 62 Steven Bryant
- 44 Matt DiBenedetto
- 9 Steve Dawson
- 6 Lynn Wagner

Derby

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Little Leaguers can enter slogan contest

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

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All Little League Baseball and Softball players up to the age of 14 that are, or were, on a roster for an affiliated Little League Baseball program in the United States for the 2004 season are eligible for the award. The prize will be presented to the individual Little League

Baseball or Softball player who best demonstrates knowledge about the consequences of using spit tobacco.

The National Spit Tobacco Education Program will award the winner a paid trip for two for one night including airfare, hotel accommodations and ground transportation to the Little League Baseball World Series in Williamsport, Pa. (Note: The World Series is Aug. 20-29. The winner must be able to travel during this period.)

The prize is valued at up to \$500. Additionally, the winner's local Little League program will receive \$500 from NSTEP.

Entrants are to create an original slogan that effectively describes the hazards of using spit tobacco. Slogans should indicate what is bad about using spit tobacco.

The slogan should be directed toward children between the ages of 8 and 14. The slogan should not exceed 12 words in length.

A maximum of three entries per person will be accepted. The first three entries received will be the entries of record. All entries received from an individual thereafter will not be considered.

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Entries must be received by June 28.

Winner will be announced and notified on or before July 20.

Each entry should be submitted on its own separate page using the attached entry form. Entries also can be sent on 8 1/2-by-11-inch paper, or may be faxed or e-mailed, and should include the following elements:

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time during the year without additional license requirements. It is further consistent with the direction in recent years taken by the KDFWR to increase small game and furbearer hunting opportunities as much as possible, including having those seasons open at the same time deer hunting with firearms is permitted. In other wildlife-related business, the following items were passed: Skunks, raccoons and wild canids such as foxes and coyotes may no longer be imported into Kentucky from out-of-state to reduce the spread of rabies into Kentucky.

Anyone who picks up elk

antlers with the skull or skull plate attached must report the find to KDFWR law enforcement within 24 hours. This does not pertain to sheds.

Lastly, after the opening day of dove season, shooting hours on private lands will be lengthened to one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

The starting of shooting hours for KDFWR private land dove lease fields, WMA dove fields and the opening day of the season (September 1) on private land remains 11 a.m.

The next Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday, August 27 at the Game Farm off U.S. 60 in Frankfort.

Persons interested in addressing the Commission must notify the KDFWR Commissioner's office in writing at least 30 days in advance to be considered for placement on the meeting agenda. People who are hearing impaired and plan to attend the meeting should contact the KDFWR at least 10 days in advance and the agency will provide a translator. To request to address the commission, write to KDFWR, Commissioner Tom Bennett, #1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601.

Larkin has lower abdominal strain

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CINCINNATI — Reds shortstop Barry Larkin has a lower abdominal strain in his left side, an MRI revealed Wednesday.

Larkin returned to Cincinnati and was examined by team physician Dr. Timothy Kremchek after he was injured Tuesday night in Oakland. The 40-year-old went to his knees after fielding an infield

single in the fourth inning, but was able to walk off the field.

Larkin, in his 19th season with the Reds, was to receive treatment Thursday and will be re-examined on Friday before his status is determined for a weekend series in Cleveland.

Larkin had been sidelined recently because of sore abdominal muscles. Tuesday's game was only his second start in a week.

Agent says Browns to release Couch once grievance dropped

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — The agent for quarterback Tim Couch said Thursday a grievance filed against the Cleveland Browns is in the process of being dropped, which is expected to result in the Browns releasing the former No. 1 overall draft pick.

Couch filed a grievance through the National Football League Players Association after the Browns banned him from working out at their training facility. Tom Condon, Couch's agent, said the NFLPA still has to agree to drop the grievance.

"I would anticipate we would complete that today (Thursday)," Condon said.

A message was left Thursday for NFLPA spokesman Carl Francis.

Condon said he has an agreement with Browns coach Butch Davis that Couch, who has two years left on his contract, will be released once he clears waivers.

The Browns had no immediate comment. Davis was expected to talk Thursday about Couch during a break in the team's quarterback

school practice.

Condon has had ongoing talks for the past two months with the Green Bay Packers about Couch joining them to be Brett Favre's backup.

"There is not any deal done with Green Bay, although they certainly have expressed an interest," Condon said. "He's interested in going to a situation he thinks would be appropriate, and Green Bay is an attractive place."

Couch was the franchise's first selection as an expansion team. Couch has passed for 11,131 yards and 64 touchdowns in 59 starts since the Browns tabbed the former Kentucky star as the first overall selection in 1999.

Following a 2003 season in which he lost his starting job to Kelly Holcomb in training camp, Couch's future with the Browns became uncertain.

The club talked with Couch about restructuring his contract — \$15.6 million for 2004 and 2005 — but when he refused to take a nearly 60 percent pay cut, the Browns decided to sign former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Jeff Garcia.

Kearns on DL

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Outfielder Austin Kearns went on the 15-day disabled list Tuesday with a sore thumb, the second time this season that the Cincinnati Reds outfielder has been sidelined by injury.

The Reds called up left-hander Jung Keun Bong from Triple-A Louisville to start against Oakland on Tuesday.

Kearns was out of the lineup for nine consecutive games after developing a sore on his right thumb. He was placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to June 2.

Kearns also cracked a bone when he was hit on the forearm by Ryan Vogelsong's pitch on April 26. He went on the disabled list until May 19, and hit .278 with one homer in 11 games after he returned.

Overall, Kearns is batting .195 with three homers.

Bong replaces Aaron Harang, who went on the disabled list last week with a sore right elbow. Bong, one of two young pitchers obtained from Atlanta for reliever Chris Reitsma during spring training, went 4-4 with a 4.89 ERA in 10 starts for Louisville.

Blackcats

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opportunity for linemen to face other teams in a "strongest man" competition. Tug of war, tire tosses, rep tests and weighted relays are a few of the tests in the Big Man event.

The University of Kentucky is currently conducting passing and linemen camps. Prestonsburg has spent the week passing against other area teams, including home exhibitions Wednesday against visitors

Whitesburg and Johnson Central.

Prestonsburg has got in several passing workouts against Johnson Central and new head coach Jim Matney.

"We enjoy attending and competing in the UK passing tournament," admitted Prestonsburg High head coach John DeRossett. "Our backs and receivers get plenty of time on the field and our linemen get to

work and compete in the Big Man Challenge."

Prestonsburg will open the 2004 football season on Saturday, Aug. 21 in the Pike County Bowl against host Pikeville. Pre-season scrimmages will pit the Blackcats against Paintsville and Boone County, a foe from Northern Kentucky.

Wildcat Camp: June 20-22
 Day \$175 / Overnight \$200

Marshall softball program to host July camps

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — The Marshall University softball program will be hosting its fourth annual all skills and pitching camps from July 12-16 at Dot Hicks Field for players of all ages.

The all skills camp is a three-day event from July 12-14. All aspects of the fastpitch game will be covered, with morning sessions concentrating on hitting and the afternoon sessions

focused on defense. The cost for the all skills camp is \$140.

The pitching camp runs from July 15-16 and costs \$50. Proper techniques and mechanics of the position are a major component of the pitching camp.

Players can attend both camps for only \$165. Lunch will be provided to all campers as well as a T-shirt. Contact the MU softball office at 304/696-4370 or use the link above to acquire a camp brochure.

The University of Kentucky's overnight football camp is available to athletes at least 14 years of age and those who have finished the eleventh (11th) grade of high school and have not begun the senior year. Day campers are welcome at the Wildcat Camp. This camp provides instruction for all offensive and defensive positions. The Kentucky football staff will teach the basic fundamentals and emphasize individual techniques in order to develop better overall players and those that fit within the team concept. Each camper will select an offensive and defensive position and split times of instruction for a well-rounded experience.

Roots

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lection, all my trophies, all the great history of my career," said Martin, who drives for Rousch Racing. "Because I have that stuff collected now in a private place where no one is able to see and enjoy it."

He said the dealership is a first step toward returning to the Arkansas community and supporting the people who helped him through his years in NASCAR.

Martin has a home with his family in Daytona Beach, Fla., but he is building another house on five acres they recently bought along the White River. He anticipates spending more time in Arkansas because of the dealership.

"I'm there every couple weeks and I talk to them on the phone every single day," Martin said. "I really have a passion for it."

That passion stems, of course, from racing, which he has done for 30 of his 45 years. Martin said the increased popularity and sponsorship dollars that have attracted more fans to NASCAR in the past few years have had negative and positive effects on the sport.

"The growth has made so many opportunities for people who want to work in racing," Martin said. "There's so many more employees with these teams. It's made it wonderful. Nowadays you can go to school and get an engineering education at NASCAR technical schools and get out of school and get a job, whereas there weren't that many jobs 10 years ago. There are probably 10 times as many jobs."

The downside, he said, is the increasing amount of time need-

ed to keep up.

"Demands on your time are much more great," Martin said. "It's an increasingly demanding job now and that takes away from any kind of personal life."

Even so, Martin, who has been racing since he was 15, isn't looking toward retirement.

"I've devoted every ounce of my life to racing and I definitely do look forward to the day when I get to slow down the pace," he said, "but that's not anytime soon."

Rusty Wallace fastest in Infineon test session

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

2003.

SONOMA, Calif. — Rusty Wallace posted the fastest lap Tuesday during a NASCAR Nextel Cup test session at Infineon Raceway. The NASCAR Nextel Cup Series will visit the scenic Sonoma Valley later this month for the Dodge/Save Mart 350.

Wallace, a two-time winner at Infineon Raceway in 1990 and 1996, recorded the fastest lap of the five NASCAR drivers at the one-day test session on the newly repaved 10-turn, 1.99-mile road course. Wallace turned the track at 1 minute, 15.5 seconds. Road-course specialist Boris Said holds the official track record of 1:16.522, set in

Robby Gordon, defending champion at Infineon Raceway, was second-fast at 1:16.27. Terry Labonte at 1:17.14; Jim Inglebright at 1:17.20; and Brian Vickers at 1:17.67 rounded out the quintet. Wallace was in qualifying trim, while the four other drivers were in race trim. All times were supplied by the race teams.

"We always look forward to coming out here," Wallace said. "I heard they repaved the whole track so we thought it would be a good idea to come out here and test. We always feel like we've got a chance to win here and the test went good. The track's got a lot of grip."

"The track is a little bit faster than it was last year," added Gordon. "It should make for a pretty exciting race when all 43 cars are out there."

Inglebright, who has won three of the last four events at Infineon Raceway for the NASCAR AutoZone Elite Division, Southwest Series, is a resident of nearby Vacaville and will replace rookie driver Johnny Sauter in the No. 30 AOL Chevrolet for Richard Childress Racing for the road-course race at Sonoma.

"I'm looking forward to this race quite a bit," Inglebright said. "I've done well in the Southwest Series here and I'm hoping I can perform well for Richard Childress Racing."

Brothers Dazney, Jo Jo and Michael Newsome (pictured in no particular order) competed in Special Olympics running events.



Floyd County Special Olympics athletes and volunteers mingled with Eastern Kentucky University President Joanne Glasser during the annual State Summer Games held last weekend.



Athletics 17, Reds 8

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OAKLAND, Calif. — Damian Miller hit a grand slam and the Oakland Athletics had a season-high 22 hits in a 17-8 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday night.

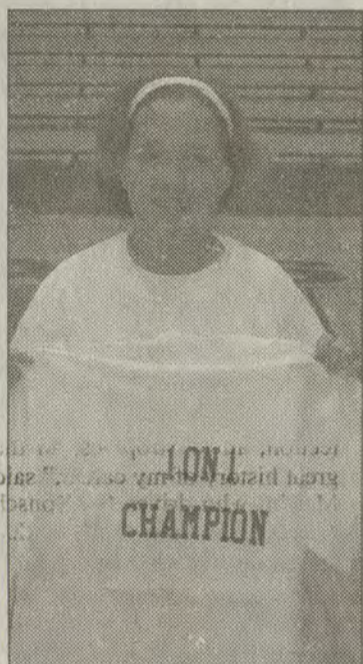
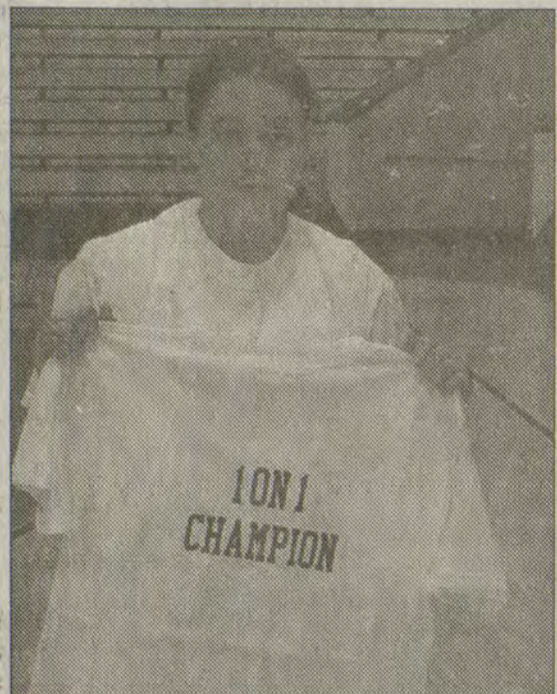
Ken Griffey Jr. failed to homer for the Reds and remains two shy of becoming the 20th player to hit 500 for his career. He didn't homer as the Reds were swept in the three-game

series.

Oakland won its fifth straight and moved into first place in the AL West, a game ahead of Anaheim, which lost to Milwaukee. The Athletics improved to 16-0 against the NL Central since interleague play began — 6-0 versus Cincinnati.

The A's scored eight runs off Jose Acevedo (3-5) in the first three innings, highlighted by Miller's fifth career grand slam in the third.

Blackcat Basketball Camp



campers competed in free throw, 1-on-1 and 3-on-3 events as part of the basketball camp put on by Prestonsburg High School girls' basketball coach Jack Pack. Alexis DeRossett was both a free throw champion and a 1-on-1 champion.

photos by Jamie Howell

Bentley

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Also, it was nice seeing Collins taking in part of the tournament from behind the Central dugout. He clearly realizes that neither Hall nor these players were responsible for his departure and is doing the right thing by supporting the school to which his name is still synonymous.

Many times, losing a legend from the coaching staff can be devastating to a program. We aren't ready to proclaim Hall a legend — and neither, certainly, is he — but his tenure has gotten off on the right foot.

I usually leave the NASCAR writing to the experts, but it sure was good to see Mark Martin make his way to victory lane last weekend in Dover.

I'm a total novice when it comes to car racing and have very little desire to expand my knowledge (I have nothing against it; I just enjoy other sports more), but I can remember the days when Martin chased Dale Earnhardt all season long in the race for the

Winston Cup.

He always handled himself well, understanding that he was competing against a legend and that they weren't necessarily booing him, just their man's top challenger.

I don't know about the rest of you, but I can't think of many people I'd like to see finding their way to the checkered flag as the season progresses.

Speaking of Mark Martin, has East Ridge hired a girls' basketball coach yet?

I sit here typing this on Wednesday night with the television playing just beyond the monitor. On it, the A's are laying waste to the Reds for a third straight night.

Apparently somebody forgot to tell Seinfeld creator Larry David or whoever manages Oakland these days that the Reds are the best team in the National League and their pitchers are getting it done with smoke and mirrors. During this series, the Athletics have been less than impressed.

Busch

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Nashville this weekend, has engineered three top-five and eight top-10 Busch Series finishes to date. He set the record straight regarding his plans for the remainder of the 2004 Busch Series schedule.

"We're going to run Nashville this weekend and Kentucky the next and then we'll skip Milwaukee, Pikes Peak and maybe a couple other races," Waltrip said. "We've signed up for something I don't think we were really prepared for. Our team wasn't able to improve week to week because we were just so busy loading up and showing up that it put us behind a little bit. It kind of disgusts me that I put us in that position so we've got to bail out and get everything fixed up so we can go back to running up front."

We're talking about one of the alltime great collapses ever in a single series. Three straight nights of double-figure runs allowed by a first-place team is seldom seen.

Hopefully they'll be able to get it back together in Cleveland this weekend and maintain their spot atop the Central Division.

Then they'll just have to hope it isn't Oakland they play when they get to the Fall Classic.

They say winning is contagious; that being the case, it has reached epidemic proportions on Pond Creek.

Bill Bevins and his Lady Pirates begin play in the state softball tournament this morning, and you'll have to pardon the girls if some of them yawn their way through pregame introductions. For two, this is their fourth state tournament appearance (two in volleyball, two in softball) in two years.

One of the good things

about these last couple of years for me has been meeting Coach Bevins at these tournaments and signings and getting to know him. He's a nice guy who is in this for all the right reasons. He took over a potentially volatile situation at Belfry, replacing James Runyon in midstream, and handled it all beautifully.

He gives the praise to the proper person, be them his predecessor or his players. Rarely does he leave any for himself.

And while many people (blush) focused their attention on the rugged 58th District with East Ridge, Pikeville and Shelby Valley battling it out, Bevins and the Lady Bucs laid low, enjoyed their time out of the spotlight and went to Mouthcard ready to play last week.

I'm sure I join many folks from around our region in wishing them luck today in the state tournament. They're a good group and deserve the success they've had.

Here's hoping there's a little more waiting on them in Owensboro.

Zito, Ewing to be featured on Kenny and Kenny

LEXINGTON — Nick Zito, the trainer of Birdstone, upset winner over Smarty Jones in the Belmont Stakes, will join Kenny Rice and Kenny Walker for their weekly syndicated radio show, Kenny and Kenny Sports Show Plus.

Also, Patrick Ewing, voted one of the 50 Greatest NBA Players, will talk about the game today. The Kenny and Kenny Sports Show Plus airs Sunday 7-8 p.m. on WQHY-FM.

Here go the Reds - again!

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Could 2004 be 2003 all over again? Last year the Reds had most of their multimillion dollar ball players on the disabled list and it appears they are trying to repeat again in 2004.

The strong side of this year's edition of Cincinnati Reds baseball has been good health and quality starts almost every time out. All that has went south on the West Coast where the Reds played the hot Oakland A's in a three-game series that the A's scored 40 runs and collected 51 hits in taking all three games and put the Reds in a virtual tie for first place with St. Louis in the National League Central.

Cory Lidle, Jung Bong and Jose Acevado were the victims of the hot bats of the A's who were almost impossible to stop on the base paths. The Reds added outfielder Austin Kearns to the disabled list where he joins Aaron Harang. Look for Barry Larkin to join the list after getting hurt in Tuesday night's contest. So if Larkin goes on the DL he will be

in the company of Juan Castro, Harang and Kearns.

So the 2004 Reds baseball team is starting to shape much like last year's team when it comes to making the disabled list. I hesitate to say anything concerning Ken Griffey, Jr., who normally is the first to arrive on the listing.

The hot St. Louis team has made the biggest jump of late and is playing the best baseball in the National League Central. The Cardinals are going to be hard to handle the rest of the way. Look out for the Astros as well and the Cubs will be contenders once they get their pitching in order.

Cincinnati has a problem that goes beyond having quality starting pitching. Only Griffey, Sean Casey and Adam Dunn have really shown any consistency this season and they are the major contributors in the RBI department. However, when one or maybe two hits a slump, as Casey has of late, then the Reds are in trouble.

If the Red ownership is the least bit interested in competing

this season (which I don't believe they are) then they must go looking for a quality starter, a type of pitcher who can be a stopper for them. They will have to deal away a quality position player in order to swing a deal but pitching is the urgent need now.

Kearns is expendable. Dunn would be a tempting trade as would Brandon Larson. When Reds General Manager is questioned on any of the aforementioned issues, he has a way to side step the issues, meaning the Reds are not serious about building a winning team this season or next.

How much more patience must Reds fans show? I think their patience is getting a little thin and it will start to show at the turnstiles following the All-Star game.

Well, it is on to Cleveland for a three-game set with the Indians. Could the losing streak reach six games? Stay tuned. Until Sunday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Floyd Special Olympics athletes return triumphant

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Four athletes from Floyd County Special Olympics attended the State Summer Games in Richmond last weekend. And what a weekend it was. Finding and seeing old friends, making new friends and the high caliber of competition resulted in a great atmosphere. The host for the 10th straight year, Eastern Kentucky University, welcomed 1500 athletes and coaches from all over the state.

Joseph "Jo Jo" Newsome started the competition by plac-

ing third in the 50 meter dash. He then went on to win the gold in a very tight competition in the softball throw. Chris Meadows, had a fierce competition in the 16-21 year old softball, throw and came away with a silver medal. In the 100-meter wheelchair race, Meadows had three other racers, but came away with the gold pulling away at the end. Brothers Jo Jo, Dazney and Michael Newsome competed in the same heat in the 50-meter dash with Dazney laying claim to the gold medal and Michael finishing fifth. Michael then went on to win the 100-

meter dash bringing home the gold. Dazney finished second in his 100-meter dash claiming silver. Each athlete had one gold medal. Floyd County was well represented by these fine young athletes.

Some of the highlights at the Summer Games was the Opening Ceremonies on Friday evening. The host, Brian Milam of WKYT-TV Sports, spent a lot of time with the four athletes and was very proud that the Mountains of Eastern Kentucky were well represented. The athletes also got to meet and have their picture taken with Joanne Glasser, President of Eastern Kentucky University. They also met David Kurschner, President of Special Olympics Kentucky. Meadows was interviewed by WKYT-TV and the program was jointly aired on their station and WYMT on Friday evening. Olympic Town was a big draw for the athletes on Friday afternoon and as spent several hours there playing games and enjoying various other activities. Saturday evening was the closing ceremonies followed by a dance for all the athletes and everyone enjoyed dancing and just relieving a lot of the tension from the days competition. On the return to Floyd County, the athletes were able to visit Q95FM and be on the Mountain Sports Leader radio show and talk about their experience with John DeRossett.

Athletes are already looking forward to the State Bowling Tournament in December.

For more information, contact men's head basketball coach Gary Gibson at 606/368-6127 (Office) or 606/633-2651 (Home).

The girls camp will take place from June 28-July 2 and is for grades two through 12. For more information, contact new women's head basketball coach David Adams at 606/642-3299.

The camps will take place at the Grady Nutt Athletic Center on the campus of Alice Lloyd College.

Alice Lloyd College summer basketball camps scheduled

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — The dates for the Alice Lloyd College summer basketball camps for both boys and girls are looming. The camps will include both group and individual instruction, 5-on-5 play and a variety of competitions. Each participant will receive a certificate, t-shirt and camp basketball.

The boys camp will take place from June 21-June 25 and is for grades one through eight.

Kentucky's Smith honored by state National Guard

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky National Guard on Wednesday presented Kentucky basketball coach Tubby Smith with its highest civilian award, citing Smith's support of the nation's military members and their families.

Smith received the Kentucky Distinguished Service Medal, which was presented by Col. Ron Turner on behalf of Major Gen. Don Storm.

Smith, who has coached at Kentucky since 1997, is the son of a World War II veteran. He has appeared in a handful of public service announcements for the Kentucky National Guard, including one filmed Wednesday for Kentucky soldiers in Iraq.

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THROUGH MY EYES

His will

I didn't think I would write a column this week. The past couple of days have just been too hard.

My mother was transported to the emergency room on Monday evening, from the nursing home at which she is a resident. Shortly after the both of us arrived, I was told that my mother may not live through the night.



Kathy Prater
 Lifestyles editor

Her stomach was badly distended, her kidneys were not active and her blood pressure was dangerously low.

In the two days that followed, I was over-

whelmed - both with information, some positive, some negative, and with my mother's deteriorating condition. To make matters worse, each of my siblings live hours away in other states.

Soon, I was faced with a dilemma. My mother needed surgery, said one doctor. She won't live through it, said another. Topics such as quality of life and life support and resuscitation

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POSTSCRIPT

That's show biz

What can you say about show folk, especially show folk in the mountains?



Pam Shingler
 contributing writer

We'll, for starters, they're resilient. That old saying, The show must go on, certainly applies to the show folk at Jenny Wiley Theatre.

Despite having literally to dig out of the mud and mire and despite losing up to \$75,000 worth of equipment and assorted "stuff" in the recent flash flood, the shows are going on.

JWT managing director Marty

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JWT to host teacher workshop

Jenny Wiley Theatre will host "A Day of Drama, A Day of Dance" 12 hours of Professional Development for educators K through 12, presented by Jenny Robinson. Ms. Robinson has taught in the Arts and Humanities area

for over 20 years and receives rave reviews for her workshops.

This workshop will feature drama and dance activities for use in classrooms from kindergarten through high school. Activities meet KERA Core

Content requirements in Arts and Humanities, and participants will receive a manual and a CD or tape of the music needed for activities.

Date: Wednesday, July 14 and Thursday, July 15, 8:30 AM - 4:00

PM. Limited to 25 participants. Cost: \$100 for 12 hours/two days; \$65 for one day only. Location: Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center at Jenny

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Painting by Mable Martin Davidson.

MAC Art Gallery Proudly Presents An Art Exhibit By Mabel Martin Davidson of Three Links, Kentucky

June 1 Through June 28, 2004

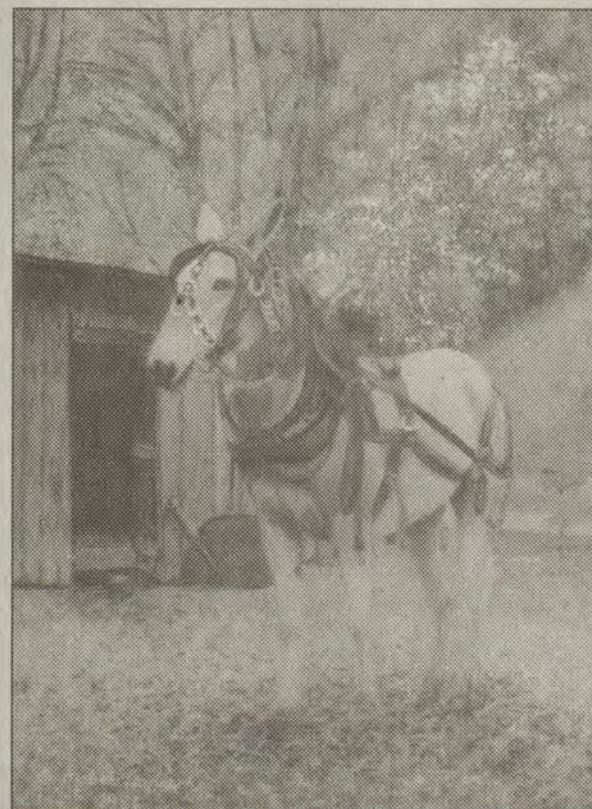
Mabel Martin Davidson lives on a farm in the beautiful hills of Three Links, not far from where she was born, the fourth of five children. The farm is located on the Old Wilderness Trail blazed by Daniel Boone and his men. This road went from Cumberland Gap to Boonesborough, and was traveled by soldiers during the Civil War. Stagecoach Inns were located along the route that provided food and lodging for travelers and their horses. Davidson, a descendant of one of Boone's men and her husband, Arnel, live on a farm on this historic route. After marriage, she dreamed for years of becoming an artist while she did pencil sketches as she did bookkeeping and accounting to help supplement the family income.

Because of her love for farm life and the beauty of nature, Eastern Kentucky's majestic hills and valleys, old homesteads and things that relate to our Kentucky mountain heritage are depicted in most of her paintings. Painting only part time since

1981, she has painted more than eighty oil and acrylic paintings and has nine signed and numbered prints.

With Davidson, art is more than canvas, paint and brushes...it is something she feels inside with great urgency to be expressed on canvas to be shared with others. She says there are many other scenes in her mind patiently waiting to be painted.

Davidson, commissioned by individuals to do paintings, has exhibited in local, area, state, and regional exhibitions. She has participated in group exhibitions in galleries in New York, Washington D.C., Wisconsin, Indiana and Massachusetts. Ten of her paintings are published in the ENCYCLOPEDIA OF LIVING ARTISTS IN AMERICA. One painting is published in the Printice Hall High School Literature Series, TIMELESS VOICES, TIMELESS THEMES, with the first print run being over 40,000 for sale to schools all over the U.S. And one is published in the INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CONTEMPORARY ART 1999/2000 in Ferrara, Italy.



"Old Blondie." Painting by Mable Martin Davidson.

PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH

Things to ponder: 'Stress comes quickly, can stay forever

You wake up to realize that you forgot to set the alarm clock! You are 20 minutes late for work. You jab your spouse awake as you fly to the bathroom. There are four kids- 7 and 5 years old, a toddler, 16 months old, and an infant, 6 months old- to get up, fed, and dressed for school and daycare. You have a meeting at work but what you'd really like to do is crawl back into bed. Finding out that you have a medical condition that becomes worse with increased stress, on top of feeling depressed, anxious, angry, and irritable all of the time, doesn't motivate you to stay calm. All of this further adds to the pres-

sure as you wait for the driver in front of you to miss the green turn signal AGAIN! STRESS!!! We have all experienced it but what is it really? How does it creep into our daily lives and begin to wreck such havoc on our emotions, as well as our mental and physical abilities?

One mother recently found out that, besides the emotional difficulties she has been experiencing, she has other more serious indications that she is overloaded, overwhelmed, and definitely not coping so well. After her family doctor ruled out conditions, such as thyroid disease, the conclusion was that her hair "falling out

in handfuls" related to her high level of stress. She also reported that she had headaches and stomach cramps all of the time. She recalled starting to have chest pains about three weeks. Mom was very annoyed that she no longer had any energy. In addition to these physical symptoms, stress can affect various parts of our bodies - muscles, tissues, blood vessels, and organs. Stressful reactions can speed up the heart rate and respirations, increase blood pressure and body temperature, and interfere with other bodily actions such as appetite, digestion, sexuality, fertility, and sleep. It can make us fat. It can also

slow down hormone levels, lowering a man's creation of testosterone. Stress can hamper our immune system. If the stress is not corrected, it can contribute to several life-threatening conditions, like multiple sclerosis, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, osteoporosis, cancer, diabetes, and heart disease.

A researcher at the National Institute of Mental Health has found much support from research results that maintain his conclusion about the significant negative impact of chronic stress upon the human



Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

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School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year to assist students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center at 886-9812 for more information 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

■ July 6 - FREE sports physicals for the Allen Central area, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Martin Family Health Center.

■ July 28 - "Back to School Health Fair," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Allen Central High 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, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's

Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.

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

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

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

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

DUFF ELEMENTARY

■ 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. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start 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

■ 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 postpartum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

■ June 12 - 9th Annual Horse Show, 5 p.m., Archer Park.

■ June 29 - Entrance exams for new students for the 2004-2005 school year, 9:00 a.m. For more information, call 285-5141.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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

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

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Walking track open to public.

■ 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

■ 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

■ 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

■ For information about Adult Education class schedules, contact the David School at 886-8374. All classes and materials free of charge.

Please, keep 'em coming!

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

Postscript

Childers tells me, "There has been no change in the schedule. We will go on as planned."

The revue and tribute to Frank Sinatra is already up and running and the other shows will follow - on schedule. Those other shows make up an exciting season - Peter Pan, Into the Woods, and, returning, The Legend of Jenny Wiley.

If you haven't already made plans to see all of these shows, now's the time. Every year, rain or shine, we need to support this regional treasure.

And, in addition to our tickets, our extra monetary support is needed now more than ever, as the theatre crew and board try to make up for this unbudgeted loss.

That said, here's a story we all can benefit from. It was emailed to me from a friend. It's titled "A carrot, an egg, and a cup of coffee."

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen, where she filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire.

Soon the water in the pots came to boil. In the first, the mother placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and

boil, without saying a word.

In about 20 minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me, what do you see?"

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," the daughter replied.

Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma.

The daughter then asked, "What does it mean, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity - boiling water, but each reacted differently.

The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak.

The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened.

The ground coffee beans were unique, however.

After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

Think of this: Which am I?

Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity, do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength?

Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and hardened heart?

Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you.

When the hour is the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate yourself to another level? How do you handle adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?

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Eyes

measures were examined and re-examined. My mother, I was told, was going to die without surgery, and with it, her chances of survival were very slim. What did I want to do?

That was the million-dollar question.

What should I do, I asked myself over and over again. My mind flip-flopped time and again. Just as I thought I was coming to a decision, a new piece of information would come in making me question and re-think that decision.

I don't believe I've ever spent a more harrowing 3 days in my entire life.

To make a very long story

short, my mother had surgery late Wednesday afternoon. All went well and so far, so good, but we still have a long, long way to go.

As the ICU staff at Highlands Regional prepared my mother for surgery, I paused by her bedside and I realized how so very, very much I did not want to let her go. I didn't want to lose her. But, I also did not want her to hurt.

I asked God to protect her and I resolved that, in the end, it would be His will that would be done. One last kiss on the forehead, and, blinded by tears, I made my way to the waiting room, feeling most sure that I

would never see my mother alive again.

At this writing, I am joyous that she is still with us.

And, I am thankful. To God, to the nurses and staff of the HRMC surgical team and ICU, to the surgeon who took care of her, and to the wonderful friends and family who came to my side and bore this traumatic ordeal with me.

Life is precious - and fragile.

Tell all those you love just how much you do.

And, stop for a moment and remember my mother in your prayers. She still has a tough battle ahead.

New Arrivals

HRMC New Arrivals

May 12, 2004

A son, Trenton Alexander White, to Olivia Johnson

May 13, 2004

A son, Vicente Daniel Hernandez, to Annabel and Arnulfo Hernandez

May 13, 2004

A daughter, Hannah LaShea Amburgery, to Susan and Teddy Amburgery

May 13, 2004

A son, Pauton Todd

Hansford, to Karen and Todd Hansford

May 13, 2004

A son, Landon Alexander Howard, to Stacy and Kelton Howard

May 14, 2004

A son, Dustin Thomas Edward Tackett, to Marianne and Thomas Tackett

May 14, 2004

A daughter, Jeannie Ann Arnett, to Regina Arnett

May 14, 2004

A son, Dominick Andrew Auxier, to Mary Lou and Macy Auxier

May 15, 2004

A son, Devin Kyle Lee Sword, to April Dawn and Scott Lee Sword

May 19, 2004

A daughter, Trinity Alexis Lynn Jarrell, to Michelle and Joseph Jarrell

May 19, 2004

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Ponder

body. "If the body doesn't have a chance to recuperate, the effects of stress compound, with a longer-lasting and more harmful effect on our health." The National Institute considers it a fact that chronic stress, meaning ongoing worries that continue over several months or longer, might shorten life expectancy by 15 to 20 years.

The benefits of stress are often helpful and help us escape the "wolves" of life. The actual stress response begins in the hypothalamus, a section of the brain that regulates blood pressure, body temperature, respiration, sleep-wake cycles, hunger, and sexual function. Another important function of the hypothalamus is to keep check on our environment for danger and prepare us for the good-old "fight or flee" reaction. The process is as follows: the hypothalamus shoots out a warning to the adrenal glands that allow adrenaline to dump into the bloodstream; our heart rates speed up so that blood is sent to muscles, and extra oxygen is sent to our brains to help us stay aware of

what is going on and keep us alert; in the meanwhile, the brain whirls out the natural painkillers, endorphins, so that we can hold up to any injuries we might get along the way; and the hypothalamus also sends messages to the pituitary gland in the brain to make up the stress hormone cortisol, releasing glucose and fatty acids for extra energy. It is so difficult to believe that this scenario happens in only a brief, few seconds. However, these are very important happenings and are extremely valuable in life-and-death situations. A person surely needs this flood of adrenaline to accomplish "peak performances," when there is a need to quickly get a child away from danger. Unlike animals, humans have psychological stressors that stimulate the stress hormones to suddenly come to assist us. If our inner switch is working OK, our adrenals get a report to the hypothalamus to stop pumping out the excessive cortisol and adrenaline, so a down time comes with relief. BUT, when we are over-

whelmed by stress, this circuit of hormonal flow does not stop. In turn, a good thing becomes too much and creates a bad situation so that these chemicals react like a venom, attacking our health.

Similar to being too close to the trees to see the forest, it is not likely one would stop, feel, look, and assess the dangerous impact of chronic stress, when in the midst of it all. Perhaps, a support for the higher rate of Americans who are obese is the profound effect stress is prone to have on our appetites. Although stress might decrease the appetite at first, our desire for food increases as cortisol levels rise. This is usually when the cortisol stimulates the body to seek high-energy foods and thus begins the craving for sugary, carbohydrate-rich and fatty foods. These foods don't solve the problem of course, but they have been found to chemically dull the stress response. "Once we've stuffed ourselves, the fat cells send signals back to the brain telling it that we've refueled and the

brain stops producing stress hormones, which relaxes us temporarily." It has been found that, if the stress is chronic, our cortisol level spikes and raises our appetite again, as soon as the fat deposits are burned off. The cortisol remains high for hours after the stress has decreased and our appetites still stay heightened for a very long time. As they say, it is a "no-brainer" in that "we eat when we're really not hungry and we get fat." There is even a night-eating syndrome, where individuals eat one-third or more of their calories after supper, sometimes getting up once or twice to raid the fridge.

There are several other well-known physical conditions related to stress. One example is the connection between stress and cardiovascular disease, with the idea that the stress hormone adrenaline increases the heart rate, then creates a rise in blood pressure, which damages the blood vessels and sometimes leads to heart attacks in healthy people. Sudden severe stress might

increase the risk of sudden cardiac death. Some women experiencing stress will have less estrogen and stop menstruating. As stress hormones and chemicals are dumped into the body, our immune cells never get a chance to recover from the overload of cortisol. This probably is what happens when we have a cold or the flu when we are having a mega amount of stress and the immune cells are less effective to fight off the bad germs. Researchers found that chronic stress can delay wound healing from 24 to 40 percent. As with too much of anything, chronic multiple stressors can produce burnout, so that we are unable to react to the slightest stress. When this happens, the immune system begins attacking itself and is likely to make us more susceptible to inflammatory and autoimmune disorders, such as rheumatoid arthritis, fibromyalgia, and lupus.

Is your cup of stress overflowing? Are you aware of the stress you are experiencing and what might you do about it?

Stay tuned for next week's tidbits and tips about fighting stress. Life does not need to be stressful!

(This is a summary of an excellent Special Report, The Stressed-out American Family, "How Stress Makes You Sick," in the Ladies' Home Journal, 4/04. Some books on the topic: The Balance Within: The Science Connecting Health and Emotions; The End of Stress as We Know It.)

JWT

Wiley State Resort Park in Prestonsburg.

To register or for more information, call Lois locally (606) 886-9274 or toll free at (877) CALL-JWT.

All Jenny Wiley Theatre educational programs are underwritten in part by East Kentucky Cardiology Services of Prestonsburg and the Kentucky Arts Council.

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Family Medicine

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



Reader's insomnia could be due to depression

Q I have trouble sleeping at night. I get to sleep easily, but I wake up in the middle of the night and can't get back to sleep. This has been going on for a couple of months now. It doesn't happen every night, but it happens more nights than not. What is causing this and what can I do about it?

A It sounds like you have insomnia. From a medical standpoint, insomnia is a rather broad term that covers both difficulty in initiating sleep and in maintaining sleep. Specifically, a person with insomnia frequently suffers from at least one of the following: trouble falling asleep, difficulty getting back to sleep after waking up during the night

or too early in the morning, and unrefreshing sleep.

Insomnia can be either primary or secondary. Primary insomnia is not caused by any other health problem or condition. Secondary insomnia is caused some other factor. This might include health conditions such as emphysema, a bout with poison ivy or clinical depression. It could also be as a result of the treatment for another health condition; a common example of this is a medication that has insomnia as a side effect. Or, secondary insomnia can be simply the result of some bad habit like drinking too many caffeinated beverages, consuming too much alcohol, or exercising too close to bedtime.

Acute insomnia — which lasts less

than three weeks — is often the result of current "life situations." In these cases the insomnia usually goes away by itself when the stressful situation is resolved. If it lasts longer than that or comes and goes over a long period of time, you may have chronic insomnia. This can be a symptom of depression or can be related to another health condition like menopause.

You need to see your doctor, but in the meantime here are a few self-help measures you can try:

- Avoid caffeine and nicotine — they are stimulants and can keep you awake;
- Avoid alcohol — it might help you fall asleep, but it can wake you up in the middle of the night;
- Give yourself at least three hours between exercise and bedtime;
- Try to go to sleep and wake up at the same time every day — even on the weekend; and

■ If you aren't able to sleep after a reasonable length of time, get out of bed until you begin to feel drowsy.

It's also important to create a good sleep environment. This means not only a comfortable mattress and pillow but also a cool temperature, a relatively dark room and a lack of distracting noise. Some noise — like the sound of raindrops, ocean surf, or so-called "white noise" — can help induce sleep. Machines that simulate these sounds are available.

You need to see your doctor to find out if an underlying medical condition is causing your insomnia. One of the first things that he or she will want to consider is the possibility that you are depressed. If so, successful treatment of the depression — often with medication — will resolve the insomnia. If you aren't depressed, there are other drugs that can be used to help you sleep, but most aren't good for

long-term use. If your doctor recommends behavioral therapy — such things as relaxation techniques or reconditioning — be patient. It may take up to a month before you see results.

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Linda's Carousel Daycare participates in Charlie Company 206th Family Day

On Sunday, May 2, Charlie Company unit Family Readiness Group sponsored Family Day for their troops. The troops are to be deployed the first of June. Linda's Carousel Daycare, Inc., of Martin, participated by providing free gifts for the troops' families. Pictured left to right, are: Mary Skeens, Family Readiness Group treasurer; CPL Joshua D. Barker; Linda Sallsbury, owner/director of Linda's Carousel Daycare, Inc.; SPC Roy M. Reynolds; Laura Beth Meade, teacher, Linda's Carousel Daycare; and, SPC Clifton J. Estes. A wonderful dinner and good time was enjoyed by all. Linda's Carousel Daycare was very honored to be invited to participate in this very special event. The teachers, staff and students at the center send love and prayers to the troops.

deGuzman accepted into future leaders summit

Nicholas deGuzman, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Anthony deGuzman, of Paintsville, will join a select group of students chosen to represent their schools, communities, and states as a "People to People" student leader. deGuzman has been accepted into a "People to People Future Leaders Summit on Medicine and Healthcare," to be held in Baltimore, MD, June 14-23. Students accepted into the "People to People" program must meet rigorous academic and leadership requirements. deGuzman was nominated and accepted for the honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential.

People to People Future Leaders Summits on law, medicine and health care, or leadership, bring together outstanding student leaders from across the United States to focus on leadership, team building, college

admissions, and professional aspirations. Students can choose to build their courtroom skills, focus on how to enter the medical profession, or work on an action plan to make a difference in their community. The summits allow students the opportunity to develop skills to help them lead tomorrow's world, while earning academic or service-learning credit.

Each summit has a strong focus on college admissions; students will have the opportunity to meet with admissions officers and gain valuable advice for navigating the college application process. In some locations, students will have the opportunity to tour several area universities.

Participants also gain insights to help guide their educational and professional careers. Through workshops, presentations, excursions and discussions, student leaders

attain a clear advantage as they pursue and fine-tune their selected fields of interest. They prepare for community leadership as well, as they learn how to put their ideas into action to create a better world.

2004 People to People student leaders will convene in Washington, D.C.; in Baltimore, Md.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Orlando, Fla.; and Fort Collins, Colo., at prestigious institutions like Georgetown University, Johns Hopkins University, and University of California, Los Angeles.

The program is coordinated by People to People Ambassador Programs to fulfill the vision President Dwight D. Eisenhower had for fostering world citizenship when he founded People to People during his presidency in 1956. For additional information, please visit www.futureleaderssummit.org.

Arrivals

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A son, Tristen Dale Short, to Kristi and Ricky Short

May 19, 2004

A son, Jaxson Blaize Goble, to Charla and Matthew Goble

May 20, 2004

A son, Steven Axl Greene, to Kimberly Ann Blair

May 20, 2004

A son, Logan Bailey Ousley, to Rachel Leanne Johnson

May 21, 2004

A son, Ashton Clay Pinks, to Rikki Erin Slone

May 21, 2004

A son, Darrell Lee Robinson II, to Kimberly and Darrell Robinson

May 24, 2004

A son, Nicholas Chase Tucker, to Leslie and Todd Tucker

May 24, 2004

A son, Dalton Blake Castle, to Cindy and Michael Castle

May 25, 2004

A son, Ethan Dakota Fletcher, to Myria Mullins

May 25, 2004

A son, Logan Eugene Slone, to Reba Ann Jacobs

May 26, 2004

A daughter, Amanda Renee Lee Keeton, to Jeanette Gasparac

May 26, 2004

A son, Michael Alexander Cheek, to Jessica and Billy Cheek

May 26, 2004

A daughter, Autumn Cheyenne Shepherd, to Sherry and John Shepherd

May 26, 2004

A son, John Blake Shepherd, to Sherry and John Shepherd

May 27, 2004

A daughter, Jasmine Thornsby, to Crystal and Doug Thornsby

May 27, 2004

A daughter, Emily Grace Russell, to Kristi and Darrell Russell

May 27, 2004

A son, Shawn Mason Reynolds, to Joanie and Shawn Reynolds

May 28, 2004

A son, Colin Ray Horn, to Mary L. and James Horn

May 29, 2004

A son, Zackery Crumwell Boone, to Melissa and Jack Boone

Caldwell named recipient of FCCD scholarship

The Floyd County Conservation District has named Jordan Brown Caldwell as the 2004 Conservation Scholarship Recipient. This scholarship is given to a student who plans on majoring in Agriculture/Conservation of Natural Resources. The student must have at least a 3.0 GPA.

Jordan Caldwell is the son of Kenny and Wanda Caldwell, and resides in Prestonsburg. He graduated 9th in his class at Prestonsburg High School in May, 2004. While at Prestonsburg High School, he was involved in the National Honor Society, Honor Choir, Peer Mediation, Co-Captain of the Football Team, Mentor Program, member of Fellow Christian Athletes, First Baptist Church, and Cow Creek Volunteer Fire Department, as well as the host of the Cats Paws

Weekly radio program. He is registered for classes at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College for this fall and plans to major in Mining Engineering with an emphasis on Reclamation. Jordan commented, "I feel intense concentration on adequate reclaiming of stripped mountain tops is the only way to prevent excess erosion of the soil and also prevent flooding of the valleys." He continued, "Recent years have seen too much flash flooding from runoff from the top of the hills that have resulted in bottomlands flooding and valuable topsoil washing down the river. This runoff also takes trees and other vegetation with it. With proper reclamation procedures, hopefully, this depletion of our natural resources can be stopped."

The board members and staff



Jordan Brown Caldwell

of the Floyd County Conservation District congratulate Jordan Brown Caldwell and wish him the best on his endeavors to conserve our natural resources.

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HUNGRY? THIRSTY? HOW ABOUT HEALTHY?



Apple-Licious Smoothies

APPLE HEALTHY SNACKS FOR HIGH ENERGY KIDS

The call goes out many times a day. Kids always seem to be hungry, and they're always asking for a snack. But, high-energy kids need healthy snacks that keep them up and at 'em — all day long.

Easier said than done, you say? It doesn't have to be!

Take apples, apple sauce and apple juice, for example. We've all heard the age-old saying that "an apple a day keeps the doctor away." But, research collected by Mott's is now helping define exactly why apple products are so healthy. As it turns out, apples and apple products have multiple nutrients: fiber, vitamin C, potassium and antioxidants. Consuming these nutrients can work toward achieving whole body health. What's more, 1/2 cup of apple sauce or 6 ounces of 100% apple juice count as fruit servings, which makes 5 A Day a much easier goal for kids.

Another piece of good news is that the fiber and water in apples and apple products help give a feeling of satiety or fullness. With childhood obesity a growing concern, helping to curb children's appetites can help them avoid eating more calories than their bodies need to stay healthy.

So the next time your kids call out that they are hungry or thirsty — give them an apple healthy snack that not only tastes great, but is good for them too!

MIX IT UP!

When kids can mix up their own snacks, it's double the fun. Let them try these easy ideas:

- Freeze individual-size Mott's Original or Healthy Harvest apple sauce cups. Use the frozen cups to help keep lunch boxes cold, then they can be eaten just like an ice cream cup.
- Fill ice cube trays with apple juice instead of water, giving a cool apple twist to favorite drinks.
- Mix about 1 tablespoon each peanuts, toasted coconut and raisins into 1/2 cup Mott's Original apple sauce for a trail mix-flavored treat.
- Mix equal parts (about 1-1/2 cups each) low-fat fruit-flavored yogurt with Mott's Original apple sauce. Use to fill a prepared graham cracker pie crust. Freeze and serve like ice cream pie.
- Blend about 1 cup fruit-flavored frozen yogurt, 1/2 cup apple juice and 1/2 cup fresh fruit in a blender for a fruity smoothie.

For more apple information and recipe ideas, visit www.getapplehealthy.com.

The Big Dipper

- 1/2 cup Mott's Healthy Harvest country berry apple sauce
- 1/2 cup low-fat vanilla or plain yogurt
- 2 cups fresh fruit chunks
- 8 bamboo skewers

To prepare dip, blend apple sauce with yogurt in small bowl until thoroughly combined. Divide fruit chunks evenly and place on skewers to form fruit kabobs. Place kabobs on serving plate with dip alongside. Cover and chill until ready to serve.

Makes 8 servings

Nutrition Information per Serving: 35 calories, 0g fat, 0mg cholesterol, 15mg sodium, 8g carbohydrate, <1g fiber, 1g protein

Apple Sauce Splits

- 1 medium banana, peeled and split lengthwise
- 2 tablespoons low-fat whipped cream cheese
- 1/4 cup berries or diced fresh fruit
- 1/4 cup Mott's chunky style apple sauce
- Chocolate syrup, optional

Place split banana in shallow bowl or plate. Dollop with cream cheese. Sprinkle berries or fruit over cream cheese. Top with apple sauce. Drizzle with chocolate syrup, if desired.

Makes 1 serving

Nutrition Information per Serving: 210 calories, 4g fat, 10mg cholesterol, 60mg sodium, 43g carbohydrate, 6g fiber, 4g protein

Fruity Parfaits

- 2 cups low-fat fruit-flavored yogurt
- 1/2 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 2 cups diced fresh fruit
- 2 cups Mott's natural apple sauce

Divide 1 cup yogurt evenly between 6 parfait glasses. Sprinkle 2 teaspoons graham cracker crumbs over yogurt in each glass. Divide 1 cup diced fruit evenly between glasses, layering evenly over crumbs. Divide 1 cup apple sauce evenly between glasses, layering evenly over fruit. Repeat layers. Cover and chill until ready to serve.

Makes 6 servings

Nutrition Information per Serving: 200 calories, 2g fat, 5mg cholesterol, 100mg sodium, 40g carbohydrate, 2g fiber, 5g protein

Kaleidoscope Pops

- 2 cups diced colorful fruit
- 2 cups Mott's apple juice
- 6 (6- to 8-ounce) paper cups
- 6 craft sticks

Divide diced fruit between cups. Fill evenly with apple juice (1/3 cup each). Place cups on level surface in freezer. Freeze until partially frozen, approximately 1 hour. Insert craft stick into center of each pop. Freeze until firm.

Makes 6 servings

Nutrition Information per Serving: 60 calories, 0g fat, 0mg cholesterol, 0mg sodium, 16g carbohydrate, 1g fiber, 1g protein

Apple-Licious Smoothies

- 4 (1/2 cup) containers Mott's Healthy Harvest summer strawberry apple sauce
- 2 cups Mott's apple juice
- 2 cups low-fat vanilla yogurt

In small pitcher, combine all ingredients and mix until thoroughly combined. Cover and chill until ready to serve.

Makes 6 servings

Nutrition Information per Serving: 140 calories, 1g fat, 5mg cholesterol, 55mg sodium, 30g carbohydrate, <1g fiber, 4g protein

Tip: Kids can make individual smoothies themselves. Use 1 container apple sauce, then use the container to measure the apple juice and yogurt. Stir together right in the glass!

Kaleidoscope Pops



Apple Sauce Splits

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JUDAS ISCARIOT, THE BETRAYER OF JESUS, WAS THE ONLY MAN AMONG THE ORIGINAL TWELVE DISCIPLES WHO DID NOT HAIL FROM GALILEE. THAT HE WAS STRONGLY DISLIKED FROM THE OUTSET BY THE OTHERS IS APPARENT FROM THE VERY WORDS OF JOHN (JOHN 12:6). JUDAS WAS THE TREASURER OF THE GROUP—HOLDING THE BAGS WAS THE EXPRESSION THEY USED—DENOTING THAT HE RECEIVED ALL GIFTS AND MONEY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC, PAID FOR ANYTHING THE GROUP MIGHT NEED (FOOD, CLOTHING, ETC.), AND DISPENSED MONEY TO THE POOR, ALL IN JESUS' NAME. BUT JOHN SPOKE FOR ALL OF THEM WHEN HE SAID JUDAS WAS A THIEF WHO DIDN'T CARE FOR THE POOR AT ALL, BUT CARRIED THE BAG OUT OF HIS LOVE FOR THE MONEY THAT WAS IN IT AND THE SENSE OF POWER AND IMPORTANCE IT GAVE HIM!



WHY HE BETRAYED JESUS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A CONJECTURE OPEN TO LENGTHY DISCUSSION. SOME HAVE SAID IT WAS PURELY HIS GREED FOR THE THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER, OTHERS MAINTAIN IT WAS OUT OF ANGER AT THE REBUKE HE RECEIVED FROM JESUS... (JOHN 12:1-8). ANOTHER THEORY IS THAT JUDAS, ALWAYS ANXIOUS AS TREASURER TO GET MORE MONEY, SAW AN EASY CHANCE TO ENLARGE THE TREASURY WITH NO REAL DANGER TO JESUS—FOR HE REASONED THAT THE SON OF GOD COULD COMMAND LEGIONS OF ANGELS TO RESCUE HIM WHENEVER HE WISHED! BE THAT AS IT MAY, ONCE THE DEED WAS DONE AND THE COLD LIGHT OF TRASON REVEALED TO JUDAS THE ENORMITY OF HIS CRIME, HE REPENTED IN A FRENZY OF DISPAIR, HURLED THE BLOOD MONEY BACK AT THE PRIESTS AND RUSHED OUT AND HANGED HIMSELF!



LEGEND SAYS THAT THE TREE ON WHICH JUDAS HANGED HIMSELF (SINCE CALLED THE JUDAS TREE) WAS THE LOVELY REDBUD TREE, A FLOWERING ORNAMENTAL SHRUB WHICH CAN ATTAIN HEIGHTS OF FORTY FEET!

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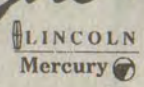
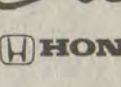
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290-Work Wanted
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MERCHANDISE

410-Animals

For Sale 1 year old Small Malé Cocker Spaniel, Blonde with papers asking \$100.00 please call 606-886-8648

445-Furniture

RAY'S BARGAIN CENTER
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460-Yard Sale

Huge Sale 50 Fifty Moms Sale 25% to 75% off, Begin Fri. 6-11 to 6-18, starting 11am to 5 pm, old Allen Post office clothes shoes and furniture kids, mens and women plus size clothing name brand clothing

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Moving Sale in Langley 285-5081
For Sale house in Langley 2 1/2 acres. 285-5081

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480-Miscellaneous

Steel Buildings Summer Clearance on Factory Seconds and Freight damaged 25x42, 30x36 PRICE TO SELL with financing No reasonable offer refused! 800-405-7501

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 Hundreds of Patterns of Wallpaper & Borders All under \$10.00. Open Tues - Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Sun. & Mon. 606-789-8584.

REAL ESTATE

510-Comm. Property

For Rent: Beauty shop equipped with 3 stations, and tanning bed. located 1 mile south of Martin on Route. 122. or would consider remodeling for office space Call 606-285-4826 or 606-285-9112.

530-Houses

House and Land for sale 36 1/2 acres, 6 miles south of Wayland, Ky. on Route 7, in Knot Co. call 606-358-9318

For Sale or Lease 5 bed room 3 bath at Lancer, located 319 South Cardinal Drive call 606-358-4163

For Sale 3 bed room House, living room, Kitchen, Utility room 513 7th street, Paintsville open house Sat., Sun. from 1pm to 4 pm call 789-9942

House for Sale Cave Run Lake area, new 2 bed room house with full basement / garage, city water selling furnished \$49,000.00 call 606-478-9901

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 Our Lady of the Way Hospital

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST/ MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

 Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Inc. has an opening for a Medical Technologist/Medical Laboratory Technician in the Laboratory Department. 80 hours per pay period, 11 p.m.-7 a.m. shift.
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 Deadline for applications: June 20, 2004.
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550-Land & Lots
2 grave plots for sale at Gethsemane Gardens. Together give \$1500, will take \$1000. Call 452-2413.

570 - Mobile Home

1991, 2 Bed Room 2 Bath Room mobile home for sale excellent condition **606-889-0971** or **606-886-9349**

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For Sale 28 x 56, 3 bed room, 2 bath Mobile home with fireplace and glamour bath. Appliances including washer and dryer, fully furnished. Located across from Allen Elementary with fenced yard, Serious inquires only. Call 794-8821 (cell) or 874-8143 after 5:00 pm

For Rent quite, clean, Trailer lot, couples or widows only new or late model, 4 1/2 mile from Mac on parkway call 886-2288

For Sale 1999 Clayton Double wide and Land 3 bed room, 2 bath, large kitchen large living room, front porch and more located at Finance Hollow in Martin call 606-285-3661

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610-Apartments

Apts. for rent like new in downtown Martin good location, call 606-285-3025 between 9am to 5 pm

For Rent 2 bed room central Heat and Air with washer and dryer hook ups excellent condition located 1 mile north of Prestonsburg on U.S. 23 No Pets. call 886-9007 or 889-9747

Extremely nice apartment Near college (University Drive). References, lease & security deposit required. No pets. Call 886-3565.

New Townhouse Apartment for rent: 2 Bed room stove, refrigerator, d/w central h/a, w/d hook up, city limits at US 23 & 80. \$550.00 mo. + utilities and \$350 deposit, 1 year lease, no pets. Call 606-886-7237 or 606-237-4758, available June 21st

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630-Houses
House for rent at Williams Motel, on Lake Road in Prestonsburg, \$450. per month plus \$450. deposit, available July 1 call 704-824-2034

HOUSE FOR RENT on Left Fork of Little Paint, in Martin County. Asking \$550 per mo. + deposit. 615-366-2140 or 615-943-8002.

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House For Rent 3 bed room 2 bath new home. Down town Prestonsburg, zoned residential or professional, starting at \$650.00 call 606-297-6136 or 321-481-1791

640-Land/Lots

For Sale by owner, beautiful Lot less than 1/2 mile from Route 23 inside city limits. Located on Big Branch of Abbott, just before Cedar Trace. Look for Yellow signs call 704-658-0227 after 6pm

Trailer lot for rent on old U.S. 23 between Prestonsburg and Paintsville call 606-886-9007 or 889 9747

650-Mobile Homes

For Rent in Prestonsburg 2 bed room 2 bath, mobile home NO PETS, with yard and storage building, reference required call 606-886-0226

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 Applications will be accepted at:
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 138 College Street, Pikeville, KY 41501
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660-Miscellaneous

Historic Darnell May House in Prestonsburg with parking and Kitchette is available for weddings, Receptions, business meetings and Social Events call Sam Hatcher, phone 606-432-3528

670-Comm. Property

For Sale or Lease Large Building Great for offices spaces call

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812-Free

FREE PALLETS: Can be picked up behind The Floyd County Times.

900-Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 436-5181, Renewal

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(2) The operation is approximately 1.0 mile southeast of KY RT 80's junction with Goose Creek Road, and located along Goose Creek.

(3) The operation is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The disturbed surface area is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The operation underlies lands owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Bill Allen et al., Kenneth & Velva Hall, James E. Patton, Willie Jr. & Rebecca Conley, George Ousley, Coal-Mac., Inc., and Lafayette Gayheart.

(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, 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, KY 40601.

NOTICE OF

INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5274, 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 mile southeast of Grethel, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 4.97 surface acres, and will underlie 1397.29 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1402.26 acres.

2. The proposed operation is approximately 1.5 mile southeast from Rt. 979's junction with Branham Creek Road, and located 0.2 mile east of Branham Creek. The latitude is 37°28'24". The longitude is 82°37'55".

3. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by K.C. Rogers. The operation will underlie land owned by Sadie Martin, Darrin & Roy Kidd, Oliver & Mildred Newman, Oliver Newman, Jake Akers, Oscar & Vallie King, Leonard & Mildred Kidd, Mary Newman, William & Martha Newsome, Paul Parsons, Joseph Deal, Lois Rose, Donnie Deal, Jerry Martin, Allie McKinney, Banner McKinney, Ollie McKinney, Martha Akers, Oscar & Viola Akers, Albert King, Randall & Loene Lawson, Larry & Lois Kidd, Joseph Deal, Jerry Martin, Jackie Martin, Elvin & Goldie Adkins, Berry & Lexie Akers, Eugene & Lulabelle Akers, Bill & Lillian Hall, Kingsley Perry, Kenneth C. & Georgia Wallace, Pearl Justice, Kinnis Tackett, Ira B. Stephens, K.C. Rogers, Dean Akers, Lee & Lizzie Alley, Jessie Stephens, Lizzie McKinney and Jack & Patsy King.

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 836-5461, Transfer

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that AEP Kentucky Coal, L.L.C., P.O. Box 270, 248 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, intends to transfer Permit Number 836-5431 to CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky 41839. The new permit number will be 836-5461. The operation disturbs approximately 18.4 surface acres, and overlies approximately 551.0 acres, for a total of 569.4 acres. The retransfer affects no new acreage.

The operation is located approximately 0.5 mile northeast of Hippo, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.5 mile northeast from State Route 850's junction with Brush Creek County Road, and located north of Hicks Fork of Brush Creek. The operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37°32' 22" and longitude 82°51'52".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments or objections, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections, must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE PHASE III

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 10:040, notice is hereby given that Coal-Mac, Inc., P.O. Box 436, Williamson, WV 25661, intends to apply for a bond

release on Permit Number 836-0229, Inc. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 22, which was last issued on 8-20-1992. The application covers an area of approximately 583.58 acres, located 1.2 mile southwest of Teaberry, in Floyd County.

The permit is approximately 0.7 mile northwest from KY 979's junction with Tackett Fork Road, and located 0.2 mile west of Mitchell Branch. The latitude is 37°24'55". The longitude is 82°39'50". The total bond now in effect is a surety bond for Inc. 1, \$25,200; Inc. 2, \$12,500; Inc. 3, \$17,000; Inc. 4, \$7,100; Inc. 5, \$12,100; Inc. 6, \$19,200; Inc. 7, \$14,500; Inc. 8, \$14,300; Inc. 9, \$23,000; Inc. 10, \$16,000; Inc. 11, \$20,800; Inc. 12, \$14,500; Inc. 14, \$28,900; Inc. 15, \$15,400; Inc. 16, \$32,900; Inc. 17, \$11,500; Inc. 18, \$4,600; Inc. 22, \$5,400, of which 100% is to be released, which would constitute a phase III release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes backfilling, final grading, seeding, and mulching, completed in Fall 1996. Results achieved include growth of vegetation as per the revegetation plan, and the establishment of the post mining land use.

Written comments, objections, or requests for a public hearing, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601, by 30 days from the last advertisement, which will be July 19, 2004.

A public hearing has been scheduled for July 20, 2004, at the Department of Surface Mining Reclamation Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky, 41653, at 9:00 a.m. The hearing will be cancelled if the Department does not receive any public request within the time frame stated above.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Floyd County Fiscal Court, until Thursday, June 17th, 2004, at the

hour of 4:00 p.m., for the following:

1. Heavy equipment with operators hourly rates.
2. The placement of concrete, steel, forming, and decking, per cubic yard, in the construction of concrete bridges.
3. The grade and placement of concrete slabs and footers per yard.
4. Diesel fuel.
5. Bridge material
6. Custodial/cleaning supplies.
7. Gravel
8. Double walled plastic.
9. Pipe and gabion baskets
10. Food.
11. Asphalt and/or placement of asphalt
12. Fuel filters, oil and grease.

Detailed specification can be picked up at the office of the Judge/Executive of the Floyd County Courthouse, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Ky., Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The bid will be awarded to lowest and/or best bidder and the Regular Fiscal Court Meeting on Friday June 18th, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. Floyd County Fiscal Court has the right to accept/and or reject and/or all bids.

Paul Hunt
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Floyd County
Judge/Executive

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Prestonsburg, Ky. will accept bids for a Diesel Farm Tractor w/Mower using an online bidding process on Tuesday, June 29, 2004, 10 a.m., EDT in accordance with the specification and procedures available either with Ecuty or The City of Prestonsburg. Specifications and procedures are available at 200 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653, or by registering as a supplier with Equity at <http://www.ecuity.com>, and then requesting a bid package at http://www.ecuity.com/asp/contact_us.asp.

Bidding information, other than pricing and including exceptions to the buyer's specifications, must be submitted in writing no later than Tuesday,

June 22, 2004, 4 p.m. This information may be evaluated to determine those bidders qualified to participate in the online bidding event.

The City of Prestonsburg may (1) reject any, any part of, or all bids or proposals to fulfill requirements, (ii) waive informalities and technicalities, (iii) negotiate directly with any party submitting a bid or proposal, or (iv) accept the bid or proposal which City of Prestonsburg deems to be in its best interest, whether or not it is the lowest dollar proposal.

All bid questions and information regarding this bid are available as follows:

Bid Package Questions:
Peggy Bailey
Clerk
City of Prestonsburg
Phone: (606) 886-2335
Fax: (606) 886-0563

INVITATION TO BID

SOFT DRINK MACHINE VENDING, SNACK MACHINE VENDING, AND SOFT DRINK AND SNACK DISCOUNTED PRICING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Floyd County Board of Education will receive sealed bids for the items and/or services listed herein. You are invited to submit a sealed bid, subject to the terms and conditions of this invitation to bid.

Bids must be mailed or delivered to Matthew C. Wireman, Director of Finance/Treasurer/Cl O at 106 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Bids will be accepted until 12:55 p.m., EST of Thursday, June 24, 2004, and will be opened on this day at 1 p.m. All envelopes must be marked on the outside of the envelope, "BID: S O F T

DRINK/SNACK BID." Copies of this invitation to bid may be obtained in the Finance Department, at the above address, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or on the internet at <http://www.floyd.k12ky.us/financebidnotice.html> prior to the time and date specified for bid opening. The Floyd County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Ronnie Adkins, P.O. Box 1, Tram, Ky., has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct Fill in flood plain area, 463 S. Main St., Tram, Ky., 1.5 mile from U.S. 23, Tug Fork Big Sandy, 15 miles S. of Prestonsburg, Ky. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone (502) 564-3410.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5453, Operator Change In accordance with KRS 8:010, notice is hereby given that The

Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, intends to revise permit number 836-5453, to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the the permit is The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The new operator will be Big Dog Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 39, Banner, KY 41603.

(2) The operation is located 0.5 mile northwest of Craynor, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 1.3 mile southwest of KY 979's junction with the Mink Branch Road, and is 0.7 mile south of Hamilton Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

(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 Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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